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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



Nikki Thomas

Demonstration - Shuang Li

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Deadline is the first Wednesday of the
 month. If you have an event that takes
 place in the first half of the month - be
 sure to get it in the month before.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

Watching Dale Boeck's wonderful presentation of the paintings and life of John Bohnenberger at our last meeting got me thinking about the transcendence of our work as artists. The beautiful creations that perhaps capture a place and/or try to tell a story, later, to others ... and how much that matters.

Indeed our artwork may live on, but, in the end, everything will be taken from us. The only thing that will be "ours" to keep, the only thing we ever really "own" in this life, will be our stories and our friendships. No one inherits those

Mel Peters is working up a date for the 2024 Masters In The Park for next Spring. We'll keep you posted!

The Organization really needs a volunteer to be our Scholarship Liaison: to help select deserving student winners and to find worthy schools for the money. If you'd like to help, MVAL sure needs someone. Kate McDaniel can fill you in on the details of what the position entails.

The Board would like to thank Pam McGuern, with assistance from Julie Crouch, for putting together and editing our new Directory. Copies will soon be available.

A magnificent watercolor painter, Shuang Li, will be our demonstrator for November. Her website is www.shuangliwatercolors.com. Tune in if you're able; it's sure to be a real treat.

Here's to sharing artwork and hearing stories.

Best regards,

John Byram
MVAL President

MEETING DATES

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

November 15th, 2023 - 7:30 PM
 Church of the Good Shepherd
 400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

December 6th, 2023 - 7:00 PM
 Virtual Meeting via Zoom._

SHUANG LI

Shuang Li

Born, raised and classically trained in China, Shuang Li received her BA Degree in Graphic Design and Master Degree in Art History. After moving to the United States, Shuang Li received her MFA (Master of Fine Art) Degree from The Department of Art, University of Oregon in 1991.



Following the traditional "En Plein Air" Impressionism approach, Shuang paints watercolor both on locations and in her studio, portrays the extraordinary variety of life with her unique perspective. With masterful classic and contemporary techniques, Shuang recreates nature's beauty in her paintings by capturing moods and moments of light and color with her singular poetic expression.

A signature member of National Watercolor Society, American Impressionist Society, American Society of Marine Artists, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, San Diego Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, and an Elected Artist Member of California Art Club, Shuang Li's watercolor paintings have long been favored by collectors, also regularly exhibited in national and international galleries and group shows, with many honorable awards. With her extensive teaching background, Shuang has been regularly invited by art organizations for her popular plein air painting demonstrations, art workshops and classes. She also frequently serves as an invited juror for art competitions and art exhibitions. Shuang Li lives with her husband in Escondido, California.



ZOOM MEETING

For those preferring to stay home. You will receive an email before the meeting telling you how to log on ZOOM to attend. The meeting will be open for log-in starting around 7pm.

IN PERSON MEETING

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ART OF THE MONTH

Art of the Month is going back to being in person, at the meeting only.

Work may be framed or matted so that it can be displayed on an easel.

If you have an easel, floor or table style, PLEASE bring it. Our old wire easels became a tragedy of covid and are no longer with us.

There will be no categories this month. You may consider a fall theme if it suits you, but bring anything you want to share.

- **Nikki Thomas**
Artist of the month Chairman

ON THE COVER

The lovely fall lake scene was painted by **Nikki Thomas**.

I need cover art!

Art does not need to be full paintings, sketches and workshop work is welcome.

Send your images to janunamaker@verizon.net and help me collect a folder full of images to use!

Thank you,

Joyce Nunamaker
Editor, Art and the Artist

GREAT THINGS COMING UP!

Things are a little slow for MVAL at the moment, but we have all our big events coming up next year!

Saturday in the Park with the Masters is tentatively scheduled for May 4th.

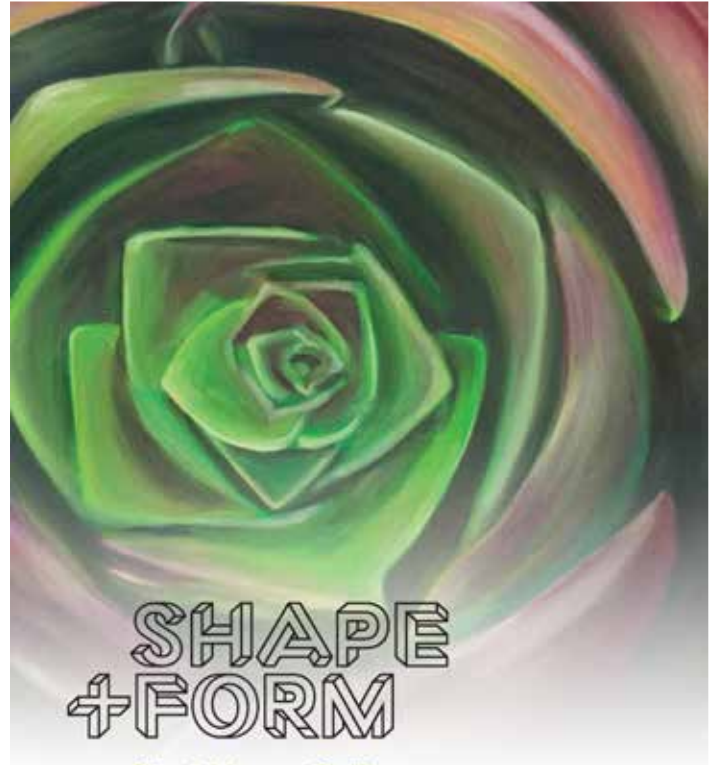
We are looking into returning our **Member's Show** to a live show.

Plans are already in the works for our annual **Scholarship Auction**.

Information for a **Workshop** next spring will be released soon.

ARTIST'S NEWS

Several MVAL members are involved in this show.



Sturt Haaga Gallery
Oct. 28, 2023–Jan. 28, 2024



Artwork: Red Succulent, Kelli Kunkle-Day



www.artspirationforall.org

WESTMINSTER GARDENS
1420 Santo Domingo Ave Duarte CA 91010

PAINTED MOSAICS WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, November 18, 2023
10 am-2pm

Inspired by her recent trip to Europe, Cris Gordy has designed a workshop for sketch artists and drawing aficionados of all levels. Using any dry or water media on paper, you will copy or create original pieces with the help of visual aides, step-by-step guides, and demos. Supply list sent after registration. Cost: \$65, Check, Paypal, Venmo.

INFO & REGISTRATION

www.artspirationforall.org
(Click Workshops)

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THURSDAYS IN PLEIN AIR

To confirm or ask questions Call Lynne Fearman (626) 355-7562 cell: (626) 487-6566
Bring lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy.

If you are on Facebook, join the "Thursdays in Plein Air" Facebook Page.
The Facebook page will keep you updated on any changes and connected with the other painters!

Meet at the designated location at 9:00am and paint till 12:00.

At noon we gather for lunch and sharing of sketches and paintings. After lunch is the critique/share.

The critiques are informative and instructional. In the event of rain the paint-out will be canceled.

We have done our best to give accurate directions. Since we are based in San Gabriel, our directions stem from there.
It is each person's responsibility to carry a map, GPS, or double check direction.

Bring a folding chair, hat, bug spray, and umbrella if you have one.

We will cancel in case of rain or very high heat.

NOV 9th - VERDUGO PARK GLENDALE

Take the 134 to the 2 Fwy North, exit at Mountain. Make a left at the light and continue past Glendale College. Make a right at Canada Blvd.. Park will be on you left.

NOV 16th - LINCOLN PARK, LINCOLN HEIGHTS

3501 Valley Blvd. Park on Valley Blvd
The parking lot is too far away from the lake.

NOV 23rd - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

If you want to paint we could go to Eaton Canyon.
But most everyone is going to be busy!

NOV 30th - TRAVEL TOWN IN GRIFFITH PARK

Take the 134 fwy to the Forest Lawn exit.
Follow signs
to the park.

DEC 7th - BIG TUJUNGA CANYON, SUNLAND

11950 Big Tujunga Canyon Rd. Take the 210 Freeway West to Sunland Blvd exit. Continue onto Foothill Blvd.
Take a left onto Ora Vista Ave.
2 miles to the parking lot on the left.

DEC 14th - LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM

301 North Baldwin, Arcadia. Meet for lunch and sharing at the Peacock Café.

DEC 21st - FALLEN LEAF FARM, AT THE HOME OF MICHELL LOFTHOUSE.

1145 Orange Avenue in Monrovia Christmas Potluck!
Bring a dish of your choice. Enjoy the Festive Holiday spirit of this house.

DEC 28th - OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES

Some of us like to take the train in because it's right across the street from Union Station. We usually have lunch there before getting back on the train.

DEMONSTRATIONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

2023

December 20: 2 MVAL members demos -

2024

January 17: Catherine Tirr - Acrylic Abstract

February 21: Daniel Van/Bun Sakashita - Comic book storyboard

March 20: Tentative Carol Carter and workshop - Watercolor

April 17: Randy Hale - Watercolor

May 15: Jeanne Hyland - Watercolor

June 19: Undecided

September 18: Ruth Ellen Hoag - Acrylic/Watercolor

October 16: Justine Parish - Procreate/Drawing live model or photograph directly onto computer