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Art & the Artist

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Newsletter for the Mid-Valley Arts League



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**Demonstration by Pete Morris
Happy Holidays!**

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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,

Shorter days and grayer evenings are an invitation to rest and snuggle between the reds, greens, purples, golds and blues – the colors of the season. Whether the colors speak to the décor of your home and hearth or to your palette, reassure yourself that colors bring intentionality to your thoughts and musings and it is up to you to rejoice in your practice embraced in the hazy December sunshine, painting, singing or otherwise creatively engaged.

Monica Homer inspired us at the last meeting with music as the muse for our brush work; and the winners of the art of the month, Jo Ann Formia and Elana Goldheimer, shared their artistic prowess of color and formations. And it was no surprise that The Dance of Line and Color with Virginia Hein reminded us, once again, of the possibilities of creating three-dimensional work on a flat piece of paper. As Mary Gilman said – you look at certain pieces of art and say – I wish I had made that. Challenge yourself to use the colors of the season and create something emotional and share it with us at the coming meeting on December 18th.

Our demonstrator for December 18th is the renowned “subway Da Vinci,” Pete Morris. We look forward to hearing about his insightful journey. Whether he is sketching with a ball point pen or an array of watercolors, Pete is deeply engrossed in capturing visual stories. Art is cheaper than therapy, they say, unless you go to the art supply store; so chase away the blues with your simple or unique supplies sitting at your easel, and create your own stories.

Join the holiday celebration with food, raffles and artistic inspiration. Hope to see all/ many of you at the meeting!

Sincerely,
Dilmit Singh
MVAL President

MEETING DATES

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

IN PERSON and ZOOM MEETING

December 18th, 2024 - 7:30 PM
Church of the Good Shepherd
400 W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007-6819

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY - JANUARY 2ND, 2025 - 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

DECEMBER DEMONSTRATION

PETE MORRIS

Pete Morris is passionate about watercolor and has been painting for 30 years. About 14 years ago, he decided to try to sketch or paint every day, and he has followed through on that to the present.

Watercolor sketchbooks have been the starting point and center of his work since 2010, and that will be the main subject of our December Mid Valley demo.

He is perhaps best known for his extensive sketching of people on the Metro Trains, which was recorded on a YouTube Video entitled Pete Morris, The Metro Da Vinci. He also can be seen drawing and painting in some other YouTube videos. If you go to Google and type in Pete Morris, you will find links to the videos, his website and images of some of his paintings.

Pete's work can regularly be seen on Facebook and Instagram

Pete teaches at least 5 watercolor classes a week at Creative Arts Group in Si era Madre, on Zoom and at plein air locations.

To find out specifics, contact Pete at petemorrisart@yahoo.com



Metro Sketches



IN PERSON MEETING

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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.

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.
WINNER RECEIVES A RIBBON!

All subjects are welcome.

Nikki Thomas
Art of the Month Chair



November 1st place
Joanne Formia



November 2nd place
Elana Goldheimer

ON THE COVER

Cover Art by **Mary Archibald.**

NEW MEMBERS

Carol Mickle
Pasadena, CA

Carol paints in watercolor.

Mary G Talwar
Sierra Madre, CA

Mary paints mostly in watercolor but has also worked in Acrylic. She likes making greeting cards. She has been a member of MVAL before. She is returning after many years in VHAA

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

We are going to restart a monthly scholarship raffle. The Scholarship committee has several donated paintings by Daryl Brian and Peter McDonald. There will be tickets available at the meetings - \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and a painting will be raffled off at the general meeting. The possibility of getting a beautiful painting for \$1 should be a great incentive for you to come to the meeting IN PERSON!

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.

DEC 5th - CHINA TOWN, LOS ANGELES

DEC 12th - EAST FORK OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER, AZUSA.

Take the 210 to Azusa Ave. after leaving the city proper keep going up the canyon (approx.. 6.7 miles) look for the bridge on your right. Bathrooms and picnic tables. Great overlook of the river.

DEC 19th - CLAREMONT TRAIN STATION.

ARTIST NEWS

John Byram's painting students are going to exhibit their paintings.

Jan. 28 - Feb. 1 7-9

Brand Library

1601 W. Mountain St. Glendale, CA 91201

NOVEMBER DEMO VIRGINIA HEIM



“Winter Wonderland”

Online Workshop with David R. Smith, AWS, NWS

January 28, 30, & February 1, 2025

There is something magical about a Winter Wonderland covered in a fresh blanket of light snow. Snow-laden landscapes are one of David's favorite subjects to paint, and he can't wait to share his passion and techniques with you.

In this 3-day workshop, you will learn multiple approaches to painting snowy landscapes. The Live sessions will be interactive. You will receive reference photos, drawing guides, and outlines by e-mail prior to the workshop, so you can prepare beforehand, and we can maximize our painting time together.

After each step, David will provide some painting time and he will answer questions. He will end each 5-hour session with more Q & A and a sharing time/critique. Recordings will be available for 60 days beyond the workshop.





**We'll be painting, at a minimum,
these FOUR paintings in the workshop!**

**3 days: January 28, 30, & February 1, 2025
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Pacific time)**

Cost: \$315

**To register for this online workshop, please go directly to
David R. Smith's website:**

<https://www.dsmithfineart.com/page/42572/january-zoom-workshop>

Further info about the workshop is available on David's website.

Questions: Feel free to email David at:

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