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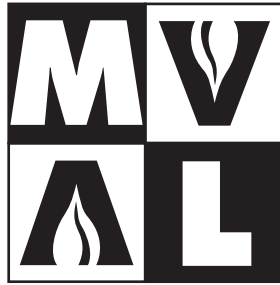
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This special time of year gives us an opportunity to reflect on all the gifts we have been blessed with.

As artists we have been given the gift of observation and the ability to translate what we observe into our own unique work of art.

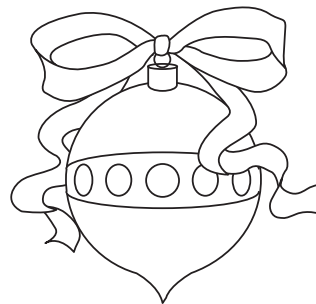
I encourage you to continue to develop your individual gifts and to share them with as many people as possible.

As members of MVAL, we are able to do just that by watching the monthly demonstration artist, attending and supporting the MVAL sponsored workshops and exhibiting in our annual MVAL Exhibition.

The next workshop will be given by Al Setton, January 15-17. Don't miss this opportunity, register NOW.

Wishing you the gift of good health this coming year!

**Mark Wood** *President*



**DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

The December General Meeting will be held:  
Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 PM  
Arcadia Presbyterian Church - 121 Alice St. Arcadia

**JANUARY BOARD MEETING**

The January Board Meeting will be held:  
Wednesday, January 7, at 7:30 PM  
Live Oak Park

**Membership in MVAL:**

Membership is open to artists and art lovers of all levels. If you're interested in membership call: John Goodno 626-351-9189

**WEBSITE:**

midvalleyartsleague.org  
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**Art & the Artist**

All articles and announcements to be included in the Art & the Artist may be sent to:

253 Windsong Court  
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(626) 334-1646 - phone and FAX  
E-mail: janunamaker@verizon.net  
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.

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## DECEMBER PROGRAM

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# BERNARD VIANNEY FALLON

## Pastels

Some of you may remember when we had Bernard Fallon demonstrate for us - it has been quite a few years...

We are pleased to have him return to re-inspire us to pull those pastels out of the drawer and explore this beautiful medium.

Bernard Fallon grew up in England and graduated from the Liverpool College of Art and Leicester University's School of Photography. a keen interest in the visual world has taken him to many places to create pictures - from the Aran Islands to the Sahara, Jerusalem to Singapore.

Fallon is a member of the California Art Club, and has demonstrated his painting to art organizations all over Southern California. He has taught many pastel and watercolor workshops, including UC Riverside Extension, and the Palos Verdes Art Center, California.

His work is held in collections here and abroad. In 1999-200 he contributed to "Strength from Unity; Expressions on Cancer from the Island of Ireland and the United States", which exhibited in Belfast, Dublin and the Rotunda, Washington DC.

### Artist Statement

To work from life is to work before nature as a student with a great Master.

To stand in front of a mountain swirling with clouds is to see energy and movement in a constantly changing series of patterns.

To observe such a drama is also to observe light and lines, colour and shadows.

To feel these elements is to reflect upon our won human qualities.

What part of this ethereal scene is to be harvested? It's energy? It's beauty? It's emotion?

The camera may record a fraction of it, in the blink of an eye, but may miss the point.

Stand there again with humility and let the paint take over to reveal the real moment.

This is the state of revelation; of actuality, of spirit expressed in cool reds, warm blues and glorious shadows.

It is elusive, and challenging to create, but it's the essence of being - a moment of passion and connection,

Simply put - it's the experience of a mystery.

**-Bernard Fallon**

**Saralyn Lowenstein**  
*Program Chairman*



## COLORFUL ELEPHANT TABLE

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Bring your unwanted art books and supplies - we will continue our "Colorful Elephant" Table at our October meeting. Remember also - if you have a larger item, like a drawing table, chairs, taboret, or other studio fixtures you need to get rid of - bring a photo! You just may find someone who is willing to come and get that item out of your way!!!

## ART OF THE MONTH

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This is our regular monthly sharing of artwork done by MVAL members.

If your bringing a painting, try to get to the meeting a little early so that it can be hung in time for everyone to enjoy.

The theme this month is "Renewal" you may interpret the theme in any manner you wish!

**Chet Specht**

*Art of the Month Chairman*

## INSPIRATION

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These are the "inspirers" for the coming months.

December and January: open; February, Dotty Davis; March, Lynne Fearman; April, Jean Tanhauser; May and June, open.

If you would be interested in providing Inspiration for one of MVAL General Meetings, contact Shirley Manning.

## SHOWS & EVENTS

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### LIVE OAK GALLERY - Temple City Community Center

In the gallery this month we are showing Oils, Watercolor, Pastels and Acrylic paintings by Gail Holl. Be sure to stop by Live Oak Community Center in Temple City - November 6th - January 7th to view her work.

**WALTER MCNALL's** art work has been selected for the "On going Exhibition" at the *California Art Club Gallery* at the Old Mill. Starting October 21, will be there for 4 months. Art reception will Oct. 23,08 5:30 P.M.

**VICKI THOMAS** will exhibit her art at the Willow Bridge Book Store located in the Raley's Shopping Center in Oakhurst, CA., opening on December 13th and ending January 10th, 2009. She will demonstrate her watercolor painting technique and talk about her career as an artist on Saturday, December 13th from noon to 4:00.

Also, Vicki will be part of the Annual Yosemite Western Artist's exhibit at the United Security Bank located in the Von's Shopping Center, next to the Oakhurst Post Office, which opens Dec. 8th and closes after the Holidays. The YWA group will be displaying winter scenes and cheerful Christmas theme paintings. For more information, contact Vicki at (209)-966-2071.

**ALAN MARRIOTT** is exhibiting examples of his work in the narthex of the First Christian Church in Glendora.

## ARTIST'S NEWS

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**FEALING LIN** received the **Bill Peregrin Memorial Award** at the *Watercolor West 40th Annual Juried Exhibition, 2008*. The show is currently at City of Brea Art Gallery until the 19th of December, 2008.

## ABOUT THE COVER

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While on a trip to Tucson I found this courtyard. On this very hot day the open doors seemed to say "Come in and enjoy the coolness. You're welcome here!" It is my favorite of the many doors I sketched on that trip.

- Joan Taylor



## **THURSDAY'S IN PLEIN AIR - paint out**

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Meet at 9:A.M., Break for lunch around 12:15 and share in a friendly critique.  
Bring a lunch or take a chance there will be a place to buy lunch.  
Walter & Martha McNall (626) 446-1066, cell (626) 664-0397  
FEEL FREE TO CALL AND CONFIRM LOCATION

### **DECEMBER 11th, OLVERA STREET, LOS ANGELES**

Leave at 8:30 a.m. on the Gold Line train from the Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena (Located at Halstead St. and Foothill). Parking lot fills early. We'll take the Gold Line to Union Station. It is a short walk across the street to Olvera St. Bring a lunch or visit one of the many restaurants including famous Felipe's (dip sandwich).

### **DECEMBER 18th, HOME OF BRENDA & MIKE SWENSON**

514 El Centro St., South Pasadena. Take Fair Oaks or Orange Grove to Mission St, west on Mission St., left on Palm, right on El Centro St.  
Paint around old town South Pasadena, Meridian Iron works, Rialto or at Brenda's home. Wherever you decide to paint be at Brenda's house by 12:00 for our annual Christmas Gathering.

### **DECEMBER 25th, MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### **JANUARY 1st, HAPPY NEW YEAR**

### **JANUARY 8th, E. WARD RANCH, SIERRA MADRE**

273 E. Highland Ave. Go North on Baldwin, right on Highland. Bring lunch.

### **JANUARY 15th, FISH CANYON. AZUSA**

(Lario San Gabriel River Rim Trail Park) 210 Fwy, exit Irwindale, go north to Foothill, make left, go approx.2 blocks, look for "dirt like" driveway make a right and go past bridge to "park"?

### **JANUARY 22nd, ARBORETUM, ARCADIA**

301 N. Baldwin Ave. traveling east or west on the 210 Fwy take the Baldwin Ave exit and go south. Arboretum is on west side of the street. There is a small entrance fee to gardens. Paint anywhere. Meet at 12:15 at the Peacock Café it is the only place where food is allowed.

### **JANUARY 29th, RETURN TO THE ARBORETUM, ARCADIA**

Finish last weeks painting or start a new one.

### **FEBRUARY 1st, COURT OF APPEALS, PASADENA**

125 S. Grand Avenue. Originally the Vista del Arroyo Hotel which was built in 1903. Exit fwy at Orange Grove, south to Maylin St, and turn right, S. Grand turn right. Can park across the street from building there is a large parking. We do not have permission to be painting on the grounds (Government Property) we will be painting from the East side on S. Grand Ave.





## CALL TO ARTISTS

### Local Elementary School is starting a Visiting Artists Program.

Highland Oaks Elementary School in Arcadia is reconstructing its PTSA sponsored Foundations in Art program and introducing an opportunity to bring practicing local artists onto campus during the lunch periods to paint on location and provide inspiration and opportunity to engage with about 700 future artists of our community.

Our first scheduled date will be Thursday, December 4, from 11:15 – 1:15. This time window will span both lunch periods to include all students in this creative experience. We would love to have many artists representing a variety of mediums set up around the lunch area and the perimeter of the playfield, where there are wonderful views of the foothills, to capture the interest of the students, grades K – 5. If interested and/or to rsvp please contact Kay Fox at 626-256-6245 or via HYPERLINK “mailto:kay@kayfoxart.com” kay@kayfoxart.com.

We will be announcing the event and introducing the participating artists with a school-wide flyer the week of the event. Highland Oaks is located at the corner of North Santa Anita Ave. and Virginia Ave., about 4 blocks north of Foothill Blvd.

## WIN A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION!

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST MAGAZINE has given us the opportunity to participate in a free subscription program. One subscription will be given for each month we have a newsletter. Fill out the entry form and bring it to the next general meeting, drop it in the box on the front table when you pick up your name badge.. We will draw one name to receive a subscription.

The box will be emptied each month - so bring in a new form each month.  
One winner per name, MVAL members only.

Winner in September was Tom Fong

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