

## VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

THE PURPOSE OF THE VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IS TO PROMOTE INTEREST, KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF WATERMEDIA THROUGH MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.

**April 2020**

### CALENDAR

#### Next General Meeting:

Peter McDonald,  
guest artist  
Thurs, April 9, 2020, 7-9pm  
**CANCELLED**

#### Next Workshop:

[Peter McDonald](#), 1 day;  
Sun, April 19, 2020  
**POSTPONED TO  
SUN, FEB 21, 2021**  
9am-4pm  
\$70 VWS members  
\$90 non-members

#### Meeting & Workshop location:

[SFVACC](#), 18312 Oxnard St.,  
Tarzana, CA 91356  
**CLOSED TILL FURTHER  
NOTICE**

#### Paint-outs:

Westlake Village Inn  
Wed, April 15, 2020  
**CANCELLED**

**We hope our VWS members are healthy and safe. Due to the present health situation, the San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center has closed, therefore our April meeting, demo and workshop by Peter McDonald are cancelled. The paint out is also cancelled.**



**Peter McDonald** was scheduled to be demonstrating at our general meeting Thursday, April 9, 2020 and holding a 1-day workshop Sunday, April 19, 2020 from 9-4.  
**BOTH EVENTS ARE CANCELLED.**

Visit Peter's website:

[www.pasadenasocietyofartists.org/artists/mcdonald/bio.html](http://www.pasadenasocietyofartists.org/artists/mcdonald/bio.html)

### President's Message



**Hello everyone,**

As you all know, at this point in time we are not able to congregate in large groups due to state dictates; also the SFVACC gallery has been closed until further notice. We need to bite the bullet and stay calm and positive. I feel this will all pass sooner than later. Think positive.

Our March 12<sup>th</sup> demo by Catherin Tirr went very well. Our show had a great opening reception March 8<sup>th</sup> and sales were very good. I received numerous comments about the quality of the art work being the best they had seen. So keep up the good work. Hopefully we will be back on schedule in May. We will keep you informed.

We received \$ 350 for our abused children fund which the club will match. Good job everyone. Remember: stay positive, relax, and stay healthy.

**John Chapin, VWS President**

## 2020 Annual Exhibit Reception



Peter McDonald, 1<sup>st</sup> Place



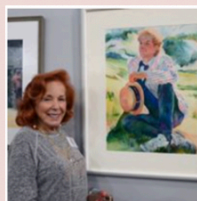
Gregory Radionov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Fatemeh Kian, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place



This year's juror was **Timothy Kitz**. Thank you to everyone who attended the opening reception for our 2020 Annual Exhibit on Sunday, March 8th. For those who weren't able to make it, see the entire exhibit online: [OnlineJuriedShows.com](http://OnlineJuriedShows.com). See reception pictures on our Facebook page.



Marietta Petrini



Spencer Mackay



John Detrick



Janis Elias



Deborah Swan-McDonald



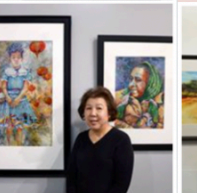
Janis Elias



Veronica Stensby, Liz Blum, Pat Ralston



Dorothy Lee



John Chapin



Susie Gesundheit



Marietta Petrini



Karen Holly



Debra Reynolds



Bob Hernandez



Patrick Ralson



Lori Pollack



Gary Friedman



David Deyell



Spencer Mackay

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make take-in and hanging so much easier than ever and more fun! If I have omitted anyone, please forgive me for the oversight:

*Micheline Laski, Marie Burdick, Norma Derr, Selina Cheng, Susan Gesundheit, Debbi Saunders, Paula Diggs, Pat Dlonga, Sandra McDuffie, Peter McDonald, Janis Elias, Veronica Stensby, Marietta Petrini, Susie Tse, Pam Markam, Mardilan Georgio, Jennifer Zapp, Pat Ralston, Don Ferre, John Chapin.*



Special thanks to Sam Crosbie and the significant others who pitched in. Much appreciated are the extra racks that were loaned to us for the bin art. And of course, nothing would be possible without Pat Bates and Ken Ronney of the SFVACC. We are grateful to have their help.

VWS is also grateful to the following for supporting the Annual Exhibit with their donations: Carter Sexton, Golden West Artist Colors, Holbein, Strathmore, Graphaids. – **Sylvia Crosbie**



## 2020 Annual Exhibit Award Winners

### TOP HONORS



**Peter McDonald, 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
"Turning Point"



**Gregory Radionov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
"Redhead"

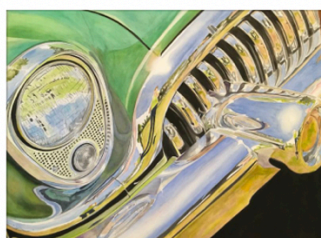


**Fatemeh Kian, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
"Stay Strong"

### SPECIAL HONORS



**John Detrick**  
"No Fishing from Ramp"



**Janis Elias**  
"The Grill and I"



**Susan Gesundheit**  
"Arezzo"

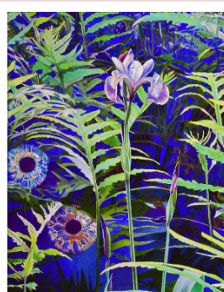
### HONORABLE MENTIONS



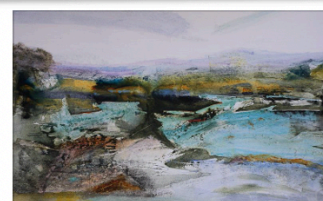
**Karen Holly**  
"Amber Reflections"



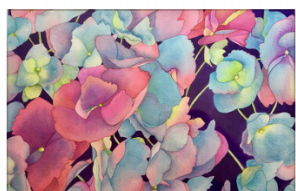
**Marietta Petrini**  
"Todd"



**Debra Reynolds**  
"Wild Irises"



**Patrick Ralston**  
"Geo"



**Lori Pollack**  
"Hydrangea #2"



**Bob Hernandez**  
"Ballerina 2"



**Lori Pollack**  
"Urban Nest"



**David Deyell**  
"Red Arch"



**Gary Friedman**  
"Splash"



**Spencer Mackay**  
"Zuma Winter"



## March Meeting Highlights



Catherine Tirr Demo. Susie Tse won her donated watercolor Demo!

Welcome new member, Tina Mahdavina!

## Society Show Winners

**Remember to bring your entry for the May Society Show....!** The **Society Show** is an opportunity for all members to show a painting at the General Meeting. Each month our guest artist selects four winners plus the Plein air winner if there are Plein air entries.

[See more about the society show on the VWS website.](#)

**Gary Friedman won 1<sup>st</sup> Place!**



**Congratulations to all of our March Society Show winners!**

**From left to right: Don Ferre – Honorable Mention; Pam McDonald – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Gary Friedman – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; John Chapin – Honorable Mention; Meressa Naftulin – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.**

## Member News

*Member news is comprised of member submissions. We want to feature YOU here! Please send your news and photographs! See our Guidelines for Submissions at the end of this newsletter.*

**Phyllis Solcyk** has lots of wood frames and framing parts for sale, some gently used, some never been used. Please contact her if interested and for a price list, [phisol91311@yahoo.com](mailto:phisol91311@yahoo.com) (747) 300-7148 cell.



## Classes taught by VWS Members: note online courses

There is a [Teachers page](#) on the VWS website for VWS members who conduct classes, hold workshops, or teach private lessons. If you'd like to be listed, just send an email to [Kiran@valleywatercolorssociety.org](mailto:Kiran@valleywatercolorssociety.org) with your details.

Please check with teachers below to find out if they are presently meeting. Some may have an online option.

In Fatemeh Kian's words, Online classes are "a new way of having watercolor classes that is proven to be more effective and time-efficient, and you can participate in the class from the comfort of your home. Especially, in the wake of this horrible pandemic, when we are all asked to stay home for our safety and others, what is better than being busy with watercolor classes?"

**Fatemeh Kian** has announced that her Online (WhatsApp) Watercolor Classes start on **Monday, March 30**. Here

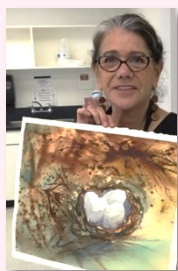


is the good news, the first week of the class (March 30 to April 6) is **100% FREE**. If you like the class and decide to continue, the class fee would be \$50 per month. You may pay the class fee at the beginning of your 4-week classes by Check, Paypal, or Venmo (details will be sent to you). For more information please send a message to: +1 (310) 497-7643 (Fatemeh Kian), or email her at [kian14fam@gmail.com](mailto:kian14fam@gmail.com).

**Joe Cibere Online workshops:** <https://www.facebook.com/joe.cibere.7> - Facebook

- **Back Country watermedia 9 minute video featuring acrylic inks**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk-3wLcqyug> - Part 1-3
- **NW Coast Watermedia Demo:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8MY1rFfh9Y> - Part 1-3
- **See more of Joe's online workshops here:** <https://www.joeciberewatercolors.com>

**Selina Cheng** is teaching Artist Co-op 7 Watercolor classes with Jeanne Hahn at SFVACC, Tuesdays, 10-12:30, April 21-June 23. Registration is now open at [www.sfvacc.org](http://www.sfvacc.org).



### Online Watercolor and Sketching Classes by Cris Gordy

Inspired by Debra Abshear's demo done with acrylics at the February VWS meeting, Cris Gordy demonstrated her own version with watercolors and watercolor inks at John Byram's class. Cris offers online classes at affordable rates. Please visit her website [www.artspirationforall.com](http://www.artspirationforall.com) for information and to follow her free step-by-step lessons for beginners and intermediate levels viz Zoom. Register by phone 213-200-9398, or by email, [crisgordy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crisgordy@sbcglobal.net)

**David Deyell**, AIA Emeritus, retired Member University of California (805) 494-1700. Watercolor classes; continuous. Oak Park Wednesday Evenings 6:30 to 8:30pm & Agoura Hills Tuesdays noon to 3pm. Contact David at [watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto:watercolorists@netzero.net) for more information.

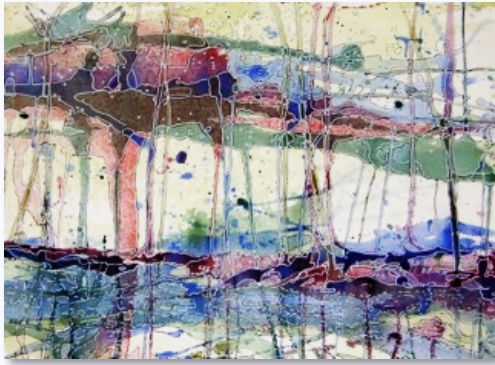
**Helene Jukoff** teaches a weekly public class on Wednesday Mornings 8:45-11:10am at the LA Parks Wilkinson Center at Vanalden, just south of Nordhoff. The cost is \$5 plus \$2 for use of the terrific space. She also does private classes at her home in Northridge between 1-4pm. Interested people should call Helene at (818) 349-7933 or email her at [rteachr@att.net](mailto:rteachr@att.net)

**Deborah Swan-McDonald** teaches watercolor at Otis College of Art and Design through the extension program and classes are on Saturday. She also teaches Absolute Beginners Watercolor on Wednesdays and Mixed Water Media on Tuesdays at the Calabasas Senior Center.

**Pam McDonald** is teaching 3 watercolor classes at the Betsy Lueke Creative Art Center in Burbank. Two are intermediate and advanced and the new one is very beginning watercolor. Contact Pam at [zisk8r@charter.net](mailto:zisk8r@charter.net)



## VWS Workshop Schedule



Peter McDonald



Lian Quan Zhen

### 2020 Workshops

Workshops are held for one or three days from 9am – 4pm with a break in the middle for lunch. There is a refrigerator for a packed lunch, and shops and restaurants a short drive away.

#### Upcoming workshops:

[Peter McDonald](#) - ~~Apr 19, 2020~~ - 1 day **Rescheduled for Feb 21, 2021**

[Lian Quan Zhen](#) - May 15-17, 2020 - 3 days [[register](#)]

June - No Workshop

#### Location:

San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center, 18312 Oxnard St., Tarzana, CA 91356

**Workshop Policy:** The workshop fee includes a 10% non-refundable cancellation fee if a cancellation is made more than 30 days prior to the workshop. A 50% non-refundable fee if cancellation is made between 30 or 7 days. No refund will be made for a NO SHOW or a cancellation with less than 7 days of notice prior to the workshop. The workshop may be cancelled at the discretion of the Workshop Chair and the President if any of the following occur: there are less than 10 participants, the workshop is not at a financial breakeven point, or the demonstrator or location cancels. In this case, FULL refunds will be given. If for any reason your check or credit card payment is rejected by your bank, VWS will ask you for a reimbursement if any fine or charge is assessed by your bank to VWS. After two incidents, membership will be revoked.

Enroll in workshops by bringing your check to any meeting, or enroll online at <http://valleywatercolorsociety.org/events>. Just select the desired workshop and scroll down to the "Register Now" button.



## Upcoming Paint-Outs



### Paintout at Westlake Village Inn, Wed. April 15, 2020 **CANCELLED**

After getting written approvals for our annual scheduled plein air events, we need to cancel until we receive government approval to have outdoor social gatherings. I will let you know when we hear that our paint outs may continue.

Thank you, David Deyell

[watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto:watercolorists@netzero.net)

## Events Around Town



### Upcoming Exhibits at SFV Arts & Cultural Center – [WWW.SFVACC.ORG](http://WWW.SFVACC.ORG)

18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356 / 818.697.5525

Please visit website for events, classes and more. **GALLERY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### Many Museums are offering online viewing and listening, see below:

- **NORTON SIMON MUSEUM** <https://www.nortonsimon.org/learn/museum-from-home/> While the Museum is temporarily closed, we have assembled some of our digital resources to help you stay connected with our community. We hope that you also share with us how you are spending your time, your Museum-inspired art projects, or works from our collection that you wish to learn more about, by emailing us at [events@nortonsimon.org](mailto:events@nortonsimon.org) or tagging us [#NortonSimon](https://twitter.com/NortonSimon).
- **LACMA** <https://www.lacma.org> On our redesigned homepage you will find links to free enriching and inspiring content for you to Watch, Listen, Learn, Read, and Browse at home. Content will be added by the staff throughout the museum's temporary closure. Check back often and follow @lacma on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Sign up to receive email updates every Monday.
- **HAMMER MUSEUM** <https://hammer.ucla.edu> While the Hammer is temporarily closed, we are sharing some of our favorite artworks, programs, and artist profiles for your enjoyment at home. Stay tuned for highlights delivered to your inbox once a week, and follow us @hammer\_museum for even more.
- **GETTY MUSEUM** <https://blogs.getty.edu/iris/explore-getty-art-resources-closed-coronavirus/> Online kit of Getty's art, downloadable books and videos
- **MOCA** <https://www.moca.org> Virtual exhibitions and videos.

## Spread the Word Campaign

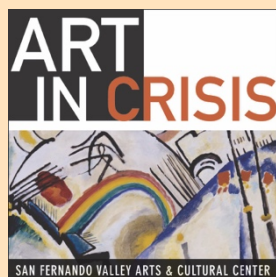
This is a special "shout out" to businesses who have agreed to support our Spread the Word campaign by displaying our postcards. Please express your thanks on behalf of the VWS by supporting them with your business.

– **Norma Derr**

<b>ASAP ART FRAMING</b> 21101 Osborne St. Canoga Park, CA 818-718-1022	<b>CARTER SEXTON</b> 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-763-5050	<b>DRG</b> 5900 Kester Ave Van Nuys, CA 818-908-0100	<b>FRAME STORE</b> 11911 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 310-471-1195	
<b>PICTURE PERFECT</b> 19323 Vanowen St. Reseda, CA 818-342-4997	<b>RENEE'S FINE ART STUDIO</b> 20531 Devonshire St Chatsworth, CA 818-701-9887	<b>SHERMAN OAKS CUSTOM FRAMING</b> 13938 Ventura Blvd Sherman Oaks, CA 818-788-8352	<b>U-FRAME IT GALLERY</b> 6203 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-781-4500	<b>U-FRAME IT GALLERY</b> 18954 Ventura Blvd. Tarzana, CA 818-344-4033



## Calls for Entries



Make a statement, show your strength and create something that reflects your feelings about our global plight. Our “Art in Crisis” virtual exhibit will commence April 1, 2020 for submissions by high resolution jpgs. Selected works will be uploaded onto our exhibition page on a weekly basis. This should give artists time to create something new and inspiring. Look for our online registration page to submit your art. A mini-prospectus will appear on our website very soon.

■ The SFVACC Board of Directors, [www.sfvacc.org](http://www.sfvacc.org)

### [San Diego Watercolor Society 40<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition October 1-20, 2020.](#)

Online entry only, deadline May 5, 2020. Juror: Michael Reardon. Register at [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org). Log in as a member or create an account to register.

Check Online Juried Shows [www.onlinejuriedshows.com](http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com) and CaFÉ [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org) for other local and national calls for entry.

**The International Watercolor Society (IWS), USA Chapter in Southern California** A unique opportunity to see demos by international masters of watercolor. If interested please email our member Cris Gordy, IWS USA District Coordinator, for help signing up, [crisgordy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crisgordy@sbcglobal.net) Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/IWSUSACHapter/>

## Member Websites

Trisha Bennett — [ArtbyTrishaBennett.etsy.com](http://ArtbyTrishaBennett.etsy.com)  
 Selina Cheng — [selinachengart.com](http://selinachengart.com)  
 Sylvia Crosbie — [SylviaKCrosbie.com](http://SylviaKCrosbie.com)  
 Judy Dekel — [judydekel.com](http://judydekel.com)  
 Jan Evans — [janevansstudio.com](http://janevansstudio.com)  
 Gary Friedman — [garyfriedmanart.com](http://garyfriedmanart.com)  
 Mardilan Lee Georgio — [mardilanleegeorgio.com](http://mardilanleegeorgio.com)  
 Susan Gesundheit — [susangesundheit.com](http://susangesundheit.com)  
 Dafna Gilboa — [dafnasart.com](http://dafnasart.com)  
 Jan Godachy — [jangodachy.com](http://jangodachy.com)  
 Sylvia Goulden — [artspan.com](http://artspan.com)  
 Judy Heimlich — [judysartstudio.com](http://judysartstudio.com)

Karen Holly — [karenholly.com](http://karenholly.com)  
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 Phyllis Solcyk — [phyllissolcyk.com](http://phyllissolcyk.com)  
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*If you'd like to have your website listed in the newsletter, just email [newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org).*

## Membership update

Hi, Members!

If you have had any change in your contact information (email, address, phone, etc) please notify the Membership Chair at [normaok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:normaok@sbcglobal.net) to update your profile.

## Connect with VWS

### Social Media:

Visit the [Valley Watercolor Society](#) website. Here you can see the latest announcements, renew your membership, or register for workshops online. Check out our new membership area.

Like, follow, comment, and share your paintings on our [Facebook Page](#).

Catch up on previous communications here:

[Newsletter Archive](#) / [Newsblast Archive](#) (announcements between newsletters)

## Newsletter Submission Guidelines

Did you get into an exhibit? Do you have a show coming up? Are you teaching a workshop, giving a demo, or have you published a book? Maybe you're hosting a local sketching outing or a trip to a tropical island for outdoor painting. Did you just win a Golden Lion at the Venice Biennale? Or maybe you just want your website to appear here.

Email your news to [newsletter@valleywatercolorociety.org](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorociety.org) by the 20th of April for inclusion in May's newsletter.

### Submission Guidelines

#### Deadlines:

- Submissions received by the deadline each month will be included in the upcoming newsletter
- Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following month's newsletter

#### Photographs:

- Photographs should be high-resolution images of at least 600 pixels across.
- You may submit photographs as email attachments, in a \*.zip file, or via [WeTransfer](#).
- Photographs sent directly by email **must be submitted as attachments, not within the body of the email**.
- On a Mac and unsure how? Go to <https://www.lifewire.com/os-x-mail-conventional-attachments-1172730>

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