

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.

February 2019

Calendar

Next General Meeting:

Thomas Schaller guest artist
Thu, Feb 14, 2019, 7-9pm
6:30 meet & greet
[Former VWS member Marilyn Haber memorial mini-show](#)

Next Workshop:

Thomas Schaller, 3 days:
Fri-Sun, Feb 15-17, 2019,
\$270 members, \$330 non-members.

Meeting & Workshop

location:

[SFVACC](#), 18312 Oxnard St., Tarzana, CA 91356

Paint-outs:

Wed, Feb 20, 10 am
Rancho Simi Community Park
1765 Royal Ave
Simi Valley CA 93065



Thomas Schaller will be demonstrating in our general meeting, Thursday, February 14, 2019 and holding a 3-day workshop from Friday-Sunday, February 15-17 from 9-4.

Thomas W. Schaller is an award-winning artist, architect, and author based in Los Angeles. As a renowned architectural artist, he received a **Graham Foundation Grant** and was a two-time recipient of the **Hugh Ferris Memorial Prize**. He has authored three books; the best-selling, and **AIA** award winner, *Architecture in Watercolor* (VNR – McGraw Hill) *The Art of Architectural Drawing* (J.Wiley and Sons), and *Thomas W. Schaller, Architect of Light : Watercolor Paintings by a Master* - a retrospective of his recent artwork released by **North Light Books**

/ **F+W Media** in 2018. He is in demand worldwide as a speaker, exhibitor, author, instructor, and juror: recently; **International Prize "Marche d'Acqua" Fabriano** , **Architecture in Perspective 33**, **The 2nd International Watercolor Biennial, Greece**, **Northwest Watercolor Society**, **Northeast Watercolor Society**, **International Watercolor Society, Istanbul**, **The International Competition of Architectural Graphics, Moscow**, **Plen-Air Artist**, **The Florida Watercolor Society**. **Artist Network Television** has produced two best-selling series of instructional **Videos** and **DVDs** of his technique.

His website is at <https://thomasschaller.com/>

President's Message



John Chapin
VWS President

Hello again everyone,

Hope all is well and hope you all enjoyed our annual pot luck dinner and meeting. The food was great and the company was better. It was a good for people to actually have time talk with each other. Our guest Artist John Byram had good ideas and demonstrated interesting techniques. Also I need to remind you of our annual exhibit as it is coming up very soon. It is hard for me to understand why more of you are not signing up to exhibit your art. One would think with all the talented people in our group more of you would take the plunge and sign up. I know the fear of rejection as I have been rejected more than I have been accepted. The art is water color any style you want as long as it is in good taste. Everyone has their own style and techniques and we all see art differently. Don't feel rejected if your art is not accepted for the show: everyone who applies is eligible to include bin art for sale as long as your work is matted and placed in plastic bags. There will food drink and music. Also there will be several awards besides the usual 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Our next guest artist is Thomas Schaller, well known in the art world. So get inspired and keep working it can only get better.

Remember practice makes perfect.

John

2019 Annual Exhibit Reminder

Entries for this year's annual exhibit close February 3!

Visit www.onlinejuriedshows.com to download the prospectus and submit your work.

This year's Juror will be [Joseph Stoddard](#) whose work has been especially revered by those who know Pasadena. His work is in the permanent collection of Azusa Pacific University, the Pasadena Museum of History, countless homes and offices and has been featured in many publications here and abroad.

Prizes:

Top Honors:

- * First Place \$300.00
- * Second Place \$250.00
- * Third Place \$200.00

Special Honors: Gift certificates or merchandise.

Honorable Mention: Gift certificates or merchandise.

Entries open: December 1, 2018

Entry deadline: February 3, 2019 midnight

Acceptance notification begins: February 10, 2019

Take-In: March 4, 2019 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Show opens: March 5, 2019

Reception and Awards Presentation: March 10, 2019 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.

Show closes: March 30, 2019

Pick-Up: March 30, 2019 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

New Members

Helen Frank joined VWS in January.
Welcome Helen!



Raffle

David Miller won a painting by John Byram in the raffle:



Society Show

The Society Show is an opportunity for all members to show a painting at the General Meeting. Our guest artist selects four winners plus the plein air winner if there are plein air entries.

January's First Place Painting by John Chapin:



And the rest of our winners:



From left to right: Don Ferré, John Chapin, Jeff Sage, Fatima Azar Kian

The winners:

- 1st place - John Chapin
- 2nd place - Fatima Azar Kian
- 3rd place - Jeff Sage
- Honorable Mention - Don Ferré

Congratulations, everybody!

January Highlights

John Byram visited VWS on January 10th and gave a demo:

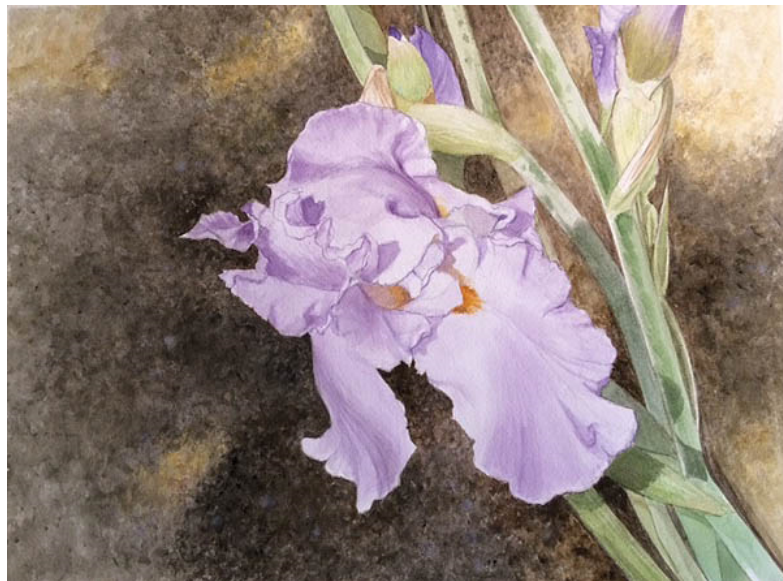


He also held a one-day workshop on January 19th:



Member News

Two of **Michelene Laski's** watercolors have been accepted into the Women Painters West "New Beginnings" show at the Topanga gallery. Aunt Betty, from a 1911 photo, and Madonna of the Laundromat, Mich's granddaughter and her baby



Ben Levin has paintings in the upcoming Art Across the Valley Show which takes place at both SFVACC and Galleria Gitana. At left is "Iris" at the Gitana.

Jan Godachy has been awarded "Artist of the Year" for the fifth year in a row at the Pacific Art Guild (based on points earned in the monthly mini shows). She has one piece selected into the juried exhibition NWS: Southern California Inspirations, Past and Present at the Oceanside Museum of Art. (Reception February 23rd, 2019. The show is open now through April 21st.) And she has also been accepted to Aquarius 2019, CCWS (Central Coast Watercolor Society's) annual exhibition juried this year by David Lobenberg. Show opens and reception is February 23rd, 2019 in Morro Bay, CA.

Paula Diggs received a third place watercolor "black hole" at Westlake village art guild members show.

David Deyell, AIA Emeritus won 1st place in the WVAG 50th annual members show.

Congratulations everybody!

Upcoming Paint-Outs



[Rancho Simi Community Park](#)

Wednesday, Feb 20, 2019, 10am

1765 Royal Ave

Simi Valley CA 93065

This was the first community park built in Simi Valley, also known as the "Duck Pond Park".

Take 118 freeway to Erringer and go south. Park is at the corner of Erringer and Royal Avenue. Walk downhill at restrooms and meet at the lake near waterfall.

Let David know if you can attend: watercolorists (at) netzero (dot) net. He will look for you. If you are beginning plein air David can suggest what to bring with you.

[Paramount Ranch](#)

Wed, March 20, 9am

Paramount Ranch offers several miles of easy to moderate scenic hikes through chaparral, riparian, and valley oak savannah plant communities. Equestrians and mountain bikers may access these multi-use trails. Wildlife sightings might include red-tailed hawks, acorn woodpeckers, blue heron and deer. The Ranch has been significantly damaged by the Woolsey fire. Look for David. If you email David in advance at watercolorists (at) netzero (dot) net, he will look for you.



Other upcoming paint-outs:

Wed, April 21, 9 am – Westlake Village Inn – tentative

Events Around Town



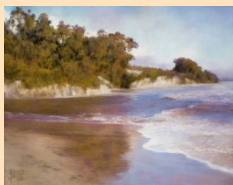
Upcoming Exhibits at SFV Arts & Cultural Center

18312 Oxnard Street

Tarzana, CA 91356

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www.sfvacc.org



- [Gerald Brommer, a Lifetime Journey Through Art](#) - February 5 through March 2.
- **Jannene Morison Behl will demonstrate Pastel Painting** for the San Fernando Valley Art Club on Tuesday, February 5. The meeting for members and visitors starts at 6:30 P.M. at the SFVACC. Jannene's beautiful pastel technique is done on a watercolor painting base. She will also give a workshop on her techniques on Saturday February 23, 2019. (See picture at left)
- **Our own VWS Annual Exhibit is coming up March 5-30, 2019**

Classes Around Town

VWS Teachers

David Deyell, AIA Emeritus, retired Member University of California (805) 494-1700. Watercolor classes; continuous. Oak Park Wednesday Evening 6:30 to 8:30 PM & Agoura Hills Tuesdays noon to 3 pm.

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 teachr@att.net

VWS Workshop Schedule



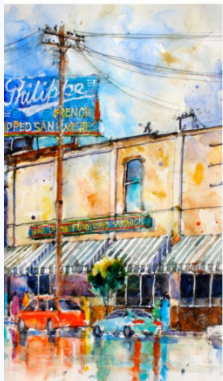
2019 Workshops

Workshops are held 1-3 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. Remaining workshops this year:

[Thomas Schaller](#) - Feb 15-17, 2019 - 3 days
[Linda Kemp](#) - Mar 15-17, 2019 - 3 days
[Cathy Quiel](#) - Apr 12, 2018 - 1 day
[Joseph Stoddard](#) - May 11-12, 2018 - 2 days

Location:

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



2018-2019 Workshop Artists
 Clockwise from top left: Peter Morris,
 Dave Lobenberg, John Byram,
 Thomas Schaller, Linda Kemp,
 Cathy Quiel, Joseph Stoddard



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

Member Websites

Find out about your fellow members' work at their home pages:

Trisha Bennett — www.ArtbyTrishaBennett.etsy.com
 Selina Cheng — <http://selinachengart.com>
 Sylvia Crosbie — www.SylviaKCrosbie.com
 Jan Evans — www.janevansstudio.com
 Gary Friedman — www.garyfriedmanart.com
 Susan Gesundheit — www.susangesundheit.com
 Sylvia Goulden - <http://www.shgoulden.artspan.com>
 Judy Heimlich— <http://judysartstudio.com>

Karen Holly — <http://karenholly.com>
 Harriet Kahn — harri-ette.com
 Claudia Kazachinsky — <http://claudiakazachinsky.com>
 Michelene Laski — <http://michreedlaski.artspan.com>
 Charlotte Mullich — <http://charlotttemullich.com>
 Cheryl Scheer — www.cherylscheer.com
 Joette Snyder — <http://www.joettesgallery.com>
 Phyllis Solcyk — <http://www.phyllissolcyk.com>
 Brenda Swenson — <http://www.swensonsart.net>

If you'd like to have your website listed in the newsletter, just email newsletter@valleywatercolorssociety.org.

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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.

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Catch up on previous communications here:

[Newsletter Archive](#)

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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@valleywatercolorsociety.org by the 20th of this month for inclusion in next month'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.**