



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.

CALENDAR

General Meeting:

Thu, Nov 14, 2019, 7-9pm
(6:30pm meet & greet)

Guest Artist: Debbie Abshear

Workshop:

[Debbie Abshear](#), 1 day

Fri, Nov 15, 2019

9am-4pm

\$70 VWS members

\$90 non-members

Meeting & Workshop

location:

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

Paint-outs:

Wed, Nov 20, 9am

[Agoura Hills Recreation &
Events Center](#)

29900 Ladyface Court,
Agoura Hills CA 91301

Wed, Dec 4, 9am

[Rancho Sierra](#)

[Vista/Satwiwa](#)

Via Goleta & Lynn Road

2020 Juried Annual

Membership Exhibit

March 3-28, 2020

Reception & Awards:

Sun, March 8, 5:30-7:30pm

[Online Juried Shows Entries](#)

Opens: Sun, Dec 1, 2019

Deadline: Sun, Feb 2, 2020,
midnight

November 2019

Debbie Abshear will be demonstrating at our general meeting, Thursday, November 14, 2019 and holding a 1-day workshop Friday, November 14, from 9am-4pm.

Debbie Abshear is an artist specializing in Plein Air landscapes and abstracts. Her chosen medium is watercolor but is known to use acrylics and inks in her work.

She has exhibited at the National Watercolor Society, Santa Paula Museum of Art, Oceanside Museum of Art, Fallbrook Art Center, California State University of Dominguez Hills, Muckenthaler Cultural Arts Center and at the Watercolor West Exhibition held in the City of Brea. She is currently exhibiting paintings at Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles.

Debbie was honored to be selected by the State Department to exhibit two of her watercolors to exhibit in the American Embassy in Mumbai through the 'Artist in Embassies' program. The watercolors are on loan to the embassy for two years. Debbie earned her Signature Membership in the Watercolor West organization and was honored to be included in the Northlight Publishers book, 'Splash 15', featuring the best 100 watercolor artists of the year.



Debbie holds membership in the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, South Bay Watercolor Society, Torrance Artists Guild, Pacific Art Guild, and the Palos Verdes Art Group.

Debbie regularly teaches watercolor workshops and offers artist demonstrations to art associations around the Southern California. She regularly paints Plein-air in and around her home in Southern California as well as daily studio painting.

Debbie's website is debbieabshear.com

President's Message



Hello everyone, another month has gone by and I might add gone by very quickly. I hope everyone survived the seasonal winds and fire. Now is the time to concentrate on working to improve your watercolor skills. Our October meeting artist, **Dale Laitinen**, was very instructive and done with humor. The demo and workshop was well attended. The month of November brings **Debra Abshear**, another very accomplished outstanding watercolorist. She will be doing a one-day workshop and a demo. We should once again feel honored to have another outstanding artist to learn from. I hope we will have a good turnout. I know you will not be disappointed.

Selina Cheng and **Debbi McDonald** are doing a great job bringing us some of the best watercolorists in the country, so take advantage of the opportunity provided to you to learn from the best.

Hope to see you all at our November 14th meeting.

John Chapin, VWS President

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. This list is growing! – **Norma Derr**

PICTURE PERFECT 19323 Vanowen St. Reseda ,CA 818-342-4997		CARTER SEXTON 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-763-5050	ASAP ART FRAMING 21101 Osborne St. Canoga Park, CA 818-718-1022	
U-FRAME IT GALLERY 6203 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-781-4500	U-FRAME IT GALLERY 18954 Ventura Blvd. Tarzana CA 818-344-4033	RENEE’S FINE ART STUDIO 20531 Devonshire St Chatsworth, CA 91311 818-701-9887		FRAME STORE 11911 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90049 310-471-1195

2020 Annual Juried Exhibit Info

<p>This year's Juror is Timothy Kitz, an award-winning watercolorist whose plein air and studio work reflects a creative journey producing landscape, seascape, and urban scenes of a distinctive style, freshness and fluidity. His interpretation of our local environment is influenced by the California Scene movement and the early coastal impressionists. Kitz studied at the Toledo School of Design and Herron School of Art of Indiana University. He is on the faculty of the Brentwood Art Center in Santa Monica and is active with the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore.</p>	<p>Please consider volunteering. We especially need help soliciting prizes (contact list provided), at take-in and hanging; with bin art sales; food and hospitality for the reception; sitters and greeters. You do not have to be in the exhibit to volunteer.</p> <p>Contact sylvia_crosbie@excite.com and include your email address and telephone. Our 2019 exhibit was lovely and we sold quite a few paintings. With your support 2020 will be even better! –Sylvia Crosbie, Exhibits</p> <p>Prizes:</p> <p>Top Honors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * First Place \$300.00 * Second Place \$250.00 * Third Place \$200.00 <p>Special Honors:</p> <p>Gift certificates or merchandise.</p> <p>Honorable Mention:</p> <p>Gift certificates or merchandise.</p>	<p>Exhibit Calendar:</p> <p>Entries open: December 1, 2019</p> <p>Entry deadline: February 2, 2020 midnight</p> <p>Notification of Acceptance: February 10, 2020</p> <p>Take-In: March 2, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00pm</p> <p>Show opens: March 3, 2020</p> <p>Reception and Awards Presentation: March 8, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00pm</p> <p>Show closes: March 28, 2020</p> <p>Pick-Up: March 28, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00pm</p> <p>Prospectus now available at Onlinejuriedshows.com</p>
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October Meeting Highlights



Watercolor Demo at October meeting by **Dale Laitinen**.

Susan Gesundheit won **Dale's** DVD in the raffle!



This month we welcome new members, **Jennifer Zapp** and **Carmen Daugherty** to **VWS**!



Jennifer Zapp



Carmen Daugherty

Society Show Winners

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.



Congratulations to all of our October Society Show winners!

From left to right: **Gary Friedman**, 1st Place; **Julie Ramirez**, 3rd Place; **Gail Green**, Honorable mention; **Fatemeh Kian**, 2nd Place.
[See more about the society show on the VWS website.](#)

VWS Announcements

There is a new [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@valleywatercolorsociety.org with your details.

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.



Photo by David Deyel of Chris and his wife Caroline at Lone Pine, 2013.

Chris Van Winkle, "A New View", Oct 21-Nov 21

An exhibition of Chris's Watercolor Paintings, never shown before, will be presented at the Citrus College Visual Arts Gallery, through November 21st, 2019. Four collections will be presented: Studio Paintings, the California Scene, Trip Paintings, and the Fun Zone. The exhibition paintings will be available for purchase and donations will benefit the Chris Van Winkle Memorial Scholarship Fund, Citrus College Foundation. An additional large selection of unframed paintings will be available for purchase on the weekends. Chris taught watercolor at Citrus College for over thirty years and was a signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Location: Citrus College, 1000 W Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA, 91741. The Visual Arts Gallery is located across from the Citrus College Theater. Enter off Citrus Ave. and park near the theater. Walk into the plaza and the visual Arts Building will be on your right. Parking is free on weekends. Parking permits available at the Police Gate are required on weekdays.

Weekend Events:

Sat. and Sun. Nov. 2nd, 3rd, additional unframed watercolors of Southern California will be available.

Sat. and Sun. Nov. 16th, 17th, Chris's sketchbooks will be shared and available for purchase.

Dates and Time: Weekdays, Mon. through Fri. 9am – 4pm, Weekends, Sat. and Sun. Nov. 2nd, 3rd, Nov. 16th, 17th, 11am - 4pm



Nicqui Pearl Indics has an exhibit at Madrid Theatre performing & visual arts venue which continues through the end of 2019. Located at 21622 Sherman Way, Canoga Park 91303. For hours call 818-347-9419. She will continue displays at Nat's Cafes & Coffee Shops throughout the valley. For information call Nicqui

at 818-347-1053. A video of Nicqui's latest exhibit is now on YouTube

at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqBuGkrSgrQ> or simply search on YouTube "Nicqui Pearl Indics".



Ben Levin has six paintings in "All Creatures Great & Small", Oct 26-Nov 22, at La Galleria Gitana, 120 N. Maclay Ave Suite E, San Fernando, CA 91340

Liz Blum has work in the Thousand Oaks Art Association Membership Show, "Artists' Showcase" November 2 – November 25, 2019, Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park 91320

Upcoming Paint-Outs

Our October paint out was on a hot day everywhere but in Ventura!



INFO FOR EVERY PAINT OUT: Look for David. If you email David in advance at watercolorists@netzero.net, he will look for you. Everybody is invited. We will help beginners. Artists are welcome to come out and see what they might need to bring next time.

If for whatever reason you don't paint outdoors, consider visiting the plein air paint outs with just your camera and sketchbook. Where do you get inspiration and subject matter to paint? Our plein air locations are good places for this. Artists SEE and RETAIN more subject matter. Visit with other artists, check out their setups, discuss possible interpretations of the scene, value plans, and colors. Consider joining in for lunch afterwards.

Agoura Hills Recreation & Events Center – Wed, Nov 20th, 2019, 9am PAINTOUT

The grounds of this location offer stunning views of Agoura Hills and the surrounding area as well as the adjacent Santa Monica Mountains.



Court.

29900 Ladyface Court,
Agoura Hills CA 91301:
From the South: Take US 101 North, exit Reyes Adobe Road. Turn left onto Reyes Adobe Road, then left on Agoura Road and right on Ladyface

[Visit their website.](#)

Events Around Town

SFV Arts & Cultural Center - www.sfvacc.org

18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356, 818.697.5525

Women Painters West – “Falling into Place” – Oct 29-Nov 23, 2019, Reception: Nov 2, 5-7pm

Uncommon Threads – Nov 26-Dec 21, 2019, Reception: Dec 8, 4-7pm



Watercolor West

51st International Juried Exhibition, Oct 12-Dec 15, 2019



National Watercolor Society 2019 International Open Exhibition, On through November 17, 2019

Calls for Entry

“Shutterbug”, a photography exhibit at SFVACC is open for entries, deadline Dec 1, 2019, at www.onlinejuriedshows.com

Check www.onlinejuriedshows.com for other calls for entry.



The International Watercolor Society (IWS), USA Chapter in Southern California is a wonderful group of volunteers who promote international watercolor events to all US residents. Watercolor artists are invited via the Facebook page to discover opportunities and submit their work to competitions in about 80 countries! Membership is free to all US residents via Facebook. There are events in Mexico, Costa Rica, and several cities in Italy, including Fabriano2020. A unique opportunity to see demos by the international masters of watercolor. If you are interested please email our member Cris Gordy, IWS USA District Coordinator, for help signing up, crisgordy@sbcglobal.net or see her at our monthly meetings. She will need to keep records and report to IWS, so please let her know if you sign up using this

link: <https://www.facebook.com/IWSUSACHapter/>

Photo: Fabriano In Acquerello 2019. C. Gordy

Classes taught by VWS Members

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

(CLASSES CONTINUED NEXT PAGE)

Cris Gordy's Valley Watercolor Painting Club: Fall Schedule Thurs 1-4pm

If you are looking for painting practice with friends, please join **Cris Gordy's** watercolor painting club at her cozy studio in Winnetka (near Pierce College) with plenty of natural light, tea, and art discussions, **on Thursdays, 1-4pm**. You are encouraged to bring your own projects. For inspiration, Cris will provide photo references or arrange a still life. The club will also organize plein air outings in the area. All levels welcome! Email crisgordy@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Website: www.artspirationforall.org

VWS Workshop Schedule

Debbie Abshear



Julie Crouch



Andy Evansen



Catherine Turr



Peter McDonald



Lian Quan Zhen

2019-2020 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:

[Debbie Abshear](#) - Nov 15, 2019 - 1 day [[register](#)]

Dec - No Workshop

[Julie Crouch](#) - Jan 19, 2020 - 1 day [[register](#)]

[Andy Evansen](#) - Feb 14-16, 2020 - 3 days [[register](#)]

[Catherine Turr](#) - Mar 22, 2020 - 1 day [[register](#)]

[Peter McDonald](#) - Apr 19, 2020 - 1 day [[register](#)]

[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.

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

Trisha Bennett — ArtbyTrishaBennett.etsy.com

Selina Cheng — selinachengart.com

Sylvia Crosbie — SylviaKCrosbie.com

Judy Dekel — judydekel.com

Jan Evans — janevansstudio.com

Gary Friedman — garyfriedmanart.com

Susan Gesundheit — susangesundheit.com

Dafna Gilboa — dafnasart.com

Sylvia Goulden — artspan.com

Judy Heimlich — judysartstudio.com

Karen Holly — karenholly.com

Nicqui Pearl Indics — nicqui-pearl.jalbum.net/Portfolio/

Harriette Kahn — harri-ette.com

Claudia Kazachinsky — claudiakazachinsky.com

Micheline Laski — michreedlaski.artspan.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Charlottte Mullich — charlottemullich.com

Greg Radionov — gregoryradionov.ru.gg

Cheryl Scheer — cascheer.myportfolio.com

Joette Snyder — joettesgallery.com

Phyllis Solcyk — phyllissolcyk.com

Brenda Swenson — swensonsart.net

If you'd like to have your website listed in the newsletter, just email 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 normaak@sbcglobal.net to update your profile. -Norma Derr

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@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**. On a Mac and unsure how? Go to <https://www.lifewire.com/os-x-mail-conventional-attachments-1172730>

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