

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

No general meeting demo, or workshop in December. Happy holidays!

REMEMBER: OUR MEETING JANUARY 9TH WILL BE A POTLUCK!

January meeting:

Thu, Jan 9, 2020, 7-9pm
(6:30pm meet & greet)

Guest Artist: Julie Crouch

Workshop:

[Julie Crouch](#), 1 day

Sun, Jan 19, 2020

9am-4pm

\$70 VWS members

\$90 non-members

Meeting & Workshop

location:

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

Paint-out:

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

[OnlineJuriedShows Entries](#)

Opens: Sun, Dec 1, 2019

Deadline: Sun, Feb 2, 2020

December 2019

President's Message



Hello everyone,

I hope all is well and we survive the rain. Happy holidays! Remember, the January 9th meeting is pot luck, so come early and eat drink and be merry... also Julie Crouch will be our guest artist.

See you all in January!
Have a happy holiday,

John Chapin, VWS President

2020 Juried Annual Membership Exhibit Reminder

Entries open TODAY, December 1, 2019 for next year's annual exhibit!

Visit www.onlinejuriedshows.com to download the prospectus and submit your work. See the regular exhibit section of the newsletter on page 2 for more details.

Special Announcement



Just a reminder that there is no general meeting or workshop in December. Have a wonderful Holiday and we'll see you at our potluck meeting in January!

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. 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: Top Honors: * First Place \$300.00 * Second Place \$250.00 * Third Place \$200.00</p> <p>Special Honors: Gift certificates or merchandise. Honorable Mention: Gift certificates or merchandise.</p>	<p>Exhibit Calendar: Entries open: December 1, 2019 Entry deadline: February 2, 2020 midnight Notification of Acceptance: February 10, 2020 Take-In: March 2, 2020, 1:30 – 3:00pm Show opens: March 3, 2020 Reception and Awards Presentation: March 8, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00pm Show closes: March 28, 2020 Pick-Up: March 28, 2020, 5:00 – 7:00pm</p> <p>Prospectus now available at Onlinejuriedshows.com</p>
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November Meeting Highlights



Susie Tse won **Debbie's** watercolor in the raffle!

Watercolor Demo at November meeting by **Debbie Abshear**.

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 November Society Show winners!

From left to right: Don Ferré -Honorable Mention, Pat Ralston-1st Place, Selina Cheng-2nd Place, Fatemeh Kian-3rd Place.

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



Pat Ralston

New Members

This month we welcome four new members to VWS! Congratulations!



Alene Adler



Marta Hofmann



Garo Ourfalian



Gayle Levant Richards

VWS Announcements

OREN COOPER, OUR PAST VWS PRESIDENT, REMEMBERED BY HIS SON ERIC COOPER

Oren Cooper, September 21, Niagara Falls, NY Cooper Sign Brooklyn's Pratt was interrupted as the Battle of Fourth Grade a Bronze star, Conspicuous

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He enjoyed 35 California during night school and

Oren was Valley Artists'

Society, Signature Member of both the San Diego Watercolor Society & Watercolor West, and a member of the California Art Club where he was awarded a Gold Medal. He won 3 additional Gold Medals with the Valley Artists' Guild. In addition, Oren did watercolor demonstrations and juried exhibits for various art organizations. He was legendary among his friends and family for his annual Christmas card which was a reproduction of one of his beautiful watercolor paintings. This tradition has been ongoing for almost 40 years and will continue in his honor His paintings are in several collections in Switzerland, Brazil, Northern Ireland and Scotland. He is listed in "Who's Who in California." His ceramic bear sculpture was selected to be on display in the New York State Building exhibit at the 1939 World's Fair.

Oren was preceded in death by his sisters Lilian and Kathleen as well as his brother Wayne. Oren is survived by his loving wife Norma of 65 years and his son Eric as well and his brothers Harold and Jerry Cooper and long time family friend Linda Shockley.



who had a long and happy life, went to be with his Lord 2019. He was just shy of 99 years old. Oren grew up in and his first job was at his parent's (Carl and Margaret) Company which is still in operation. He attended Institute and the Art Institute of Buffalo but his education by World War II. He was at Normandy D Day + 1 as well the Bulge. Army Sergeant Oren Cooper was a Technical Draftsman in the 38th Infantry Regiment and was awarded Good Conduct Medal by our government as well as a Service Cross from the Governor of NY.

Oren graduated from Yale School of Fine Arts. He taught at Quinnipiac University in CT. He managed a postcard Maine before joining IBM in 1954. He had a long career of and fine arts as Art Director for IBM for 30 years. During worked with legendary designers Charles Eames and Paul organize IBM's annual 100% clubs working with celebrities Price, Bob Newhart and Wild Kingdom's Jim Fowler. years of retirement in the San Fernando Valley of which he traveled extensively, golfed, learned Spanish at followed his true passion of painting watercolors. President of both the Valley Watercolor Society & the Guild, second Vice President of the National Watercolor

JASON LI RECEIVES WATERCOLOR WEST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ART ASSOCIATION AWARD

VWS made a cash contribution to Watercolor West for their annual exhibit and Jason Li is the winner of that award this year. Congratulations Jason!

*It's my honor to receive
The Watercolor West ~ Southern
California Art Associations Award.*

*Thank you for making
this award happen.*

Sincerely

Jason Li

10/2019



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.



Santa Monica, by Gayle Roski, Watercolor, 23x40"

Gayle Garner Roski is currently showcasing her work in *The Gift of Los Angeles*, a solo exhibition at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. On view through March 10, 2020, the display spotlights 38 paintings from her "Los Angeles Millennium" series, which she has been developing for nearly two decades. Roski considers the opportunity to live in Los Angeles one of the greatest gifts she has received in her life and was compelled to preserve her native city's history in paintings. Each work tells stories from her life – of both fond memories and the special people she has had the honor to meet.

Location: Providence Saint John's Health Center, 2121 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401



Liz Covington had two paintings juried into the Louisiana Watercolor Society. One painting, "Abstract Woman II", received an Award of Excellence. The reception was Nov 9 in Covington, LA



Ying Liu's watercolor painting, "Britney", is currently showing at the Watercolor West 2019 International Juried Exhibition at City of Brea Art Gallery through December 15, 2019. She also participated in a painting trip to Lake Como and Venice with a group of painters led by watercolorist Gary Tucker last September.



Gary Friedman won a 1st place in Master's category at SCAA Art Classic 30-year anniversary Nov. 1st. He also demoed watercolor in the morning and performed jazz in the evening. He's resting now!

Claudia Kazachinsky has two paintings on display at the lobby of the Armstrong Theater in City of Torrance Cultural Center where they will remain till January 2020. She also had two paintings in October at a CA 101 show in Redondo Beach; this is an international show that attracts a lot of interest.



Upcoming Paint-Outs



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.

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Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa – Wed, Dec 4th, 2019, 9am PAINTOUT

Two threads of local history intertwine to establish the identity of Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa. Ranch structures and introduced grasses represent over a century of ranching, while native plants reflect an environment that Chumash Indians lived in for thousands of years. The gentle slopes yield trails that picnickers, hikers, bikers, and equestrians enjoy during every season. Big Sycamore Canyon Trail descends from Satwiwa to the Pacific Ocean along a historic Chumash trade route. Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa, Via Goleta and Lynn Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320 [Click here to visit the Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa website.](#)

Events Around Town

SFV Arts & Cultural Center - www.sfvacc.org

18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356, 818.697.5525

Now Showing: Uncommon Threads – Nov 26-Dec 21, 2019, **Reception:** Dec 8, 4-7pm and SFVACC 5th Anniversary

Please visit website for more events, classes and more



Watercolor West (John Byram Watercolor Demo 1-5 Dec. 15)

Brea Art Gallery, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821

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



Getty Center, Manet and Modern Beauty, thru January 12, 2020

Calls for Entries

[The SFVACC Open Art Exhibit](#) an art exhibit at SFVACC is open for entries, deadline Jan 12, 2020, Juror: Adria Becker www.onlinejuriedshows.com (check OJS for other calls for entry)



The International Watercolor Society (IWS), USA Chapter in Southern California promotes 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. Sign up using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/IWSUSACChapter/> The next FabrianoInAquarello dates are May 25-31, 2020, in Fabriano, Italy. Here are the links to this international watercolor event. To find application forms, catalogue, demonstrations, and participating artists visit www.inartefabriano.it. The event is also on Facebook and more information here: www.fabrianoinaquarello.blogspot.com. Plan your trip early!

Photo: Fabriano In Acquerello 2019. C. Gordy

Classes taught by VWS Members

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@valleywatercolorists.org with your details.

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.

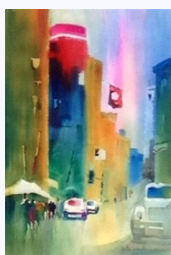
Helene Jukoff teaches a weekly public class on Wednesday Mornings 8:45-11:10am at the LA Parks Wilkinson Center at Vanalden, just south of Nordhoff. The cost is \$5 plus \$2 for use of the terrific space. She also does private classes at her home in Northridge between 1-4pm. Interested people should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

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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

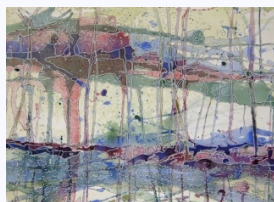
Julie Crouch



Andy Evansen



Catherine Tirr



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:

Dec - No Workshop

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

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

[Catherine Tirr](#) - 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

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Sylvia Goulden — artspan.com

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Karen Holly — karenholly.com

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

Harriette Kahn — harri-ette.com

Claudia Kazachinsky — claudiakazachinsky.com

Micheline Laski — michreedlaski.artspan.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Charlotte Mullich — charlottesmullich.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 normaack@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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