

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.

January 2020

CALENDAR

Next General Meeting:

Julie Crouch, guest artist
Thursday, Jan 9, 2020, 7-9pm

REMEMBER:

Our first meeting in 2020 will be a Potluck! Bring a dish or a dessert to share for our 6:30pm EAT and Greet!

Next 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-outs:

Wed, Jan 22, 10am
[Oak Canyon Community Park](#)

Meet in parking lot for 1000 Kanan Road, Oak Park, and walk downhill.

2020 Juried Annual Membership Exhibit

March 3-28, 2020
Reception & Awards:
Sun, March 8, 5:30-7:30pm
[Online Juried Shows Entries](#)
Deadline: Sun, Feb 2, 2020, midnight

Julie Crouch will be demonstrating at our general meeting, Thursday, January 9, 2020 and holding a 1-day workshop Sunday, January 19, from 9am-4pm.

Julie Crouch is a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School. When she retired from practicing law in 2002, she started taking watercolor classes and hasn't put her brushes down since. She has studied with Gerald Brommer, Frank Eber, Tom Fong, Frank Francese, Fealing Lin, Barbara Nechis, Carl Purcell, Brenda Swenson, Mel Stabin, Joseph Stoddard, Christine Sullivan, Chris Van Winkle and other local artists.

Julie teaches watercolor weekly at the City of San Gabriel Community Services Department and at Creative Arts Group in Sierra Madre, CA.

She is currently on the Boards of Watercolor West and Mid-Valley Arts League and has also served on the Board of National Watercolor Society.



She is a Signature Member of Watercolor West and Western Colorado Watercolor Society. Her work has been juried into several national exhibitions and she received the Valley Watercolor Society Top Honors Award in their 2012 and 2015 juried exhibitions. Julie lives in Southern California with her husband of over 35 years, Chuck Crouch.

Visit Julie on her [website](#)

President's Message



Happy New Year!

Hope all is well with you... we have a great year coming up with a full schedule of great artists lined up for demos and workshops. Remember to bring pot luck to our January meeting. Julie Crouch will be doing the demo... she is an excellent artist.

See you all January 9, 2020.

John Chapin, VWS President

2020 Juried Annual Membership Exhibit Reminder

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

Deadline: Sunday, February 2, 2020, at midnight. See the regular exhibit section of the newsletter below for more details.

December Highlights

Since there was no December meeting, there aren't any Highlights nor Society Show Winners to report this month. Remember to bring your entry for the January 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.](#)

Condolences

We are very sad to relate the recent passing of **Judy Meyer**, a long time VWS member, late in November.

The telephone number for anyone to express their sympathy is: (818) 259-3727.

Our condolences to family and friends of Judy.

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	

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.

Pat Ralston is offering a Holiday special through January for the "Artist light kit" for purchase. See the flyer at this link, Lustra50.com

2020 Annual Juried Exhibit Info

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.

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

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.

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

Prospectus now available at Onlinejuriedshows.com

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.

Oak Canyon Community Park – Wed, January 22, 2020, 10am PAINTOUT



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If you email David Deyel in advance at watercolorists@netzero.net, he will look for you.

Events Around Town



Upcoming Exhibits at SFV Arts & Cultural Center - www.sfvacc.org

18312 Oxnard Street, Tarzana, CA 91356

818.697.5525 Please visit website for more events, classes and more

Shutterbug, SFVACC Photo Exhibit, Jan 7-Feb 1, 2020, Reception Sat, Jan 18, 5-7 pm



Getty Center, [Manet and Modern Beauty](#), thru January 12, 2020

Calls for Entry

[The SFVACC Open 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. 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/IWSUSACHapter/> 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@valleywatercolorssociety.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.

Ying Liu teaches an on-going Portrait Workshop at Los Alamitos Community Center.

The next term will start on January 18, 2020. For details, please visit her website:

<https://yingliufineart.com/workshop/2616/saturday-portrait-workshop-with-ying-liu-ongoing>

and register at <https://cityoflosalamitos.org/recreation/>



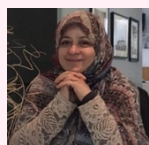
Cris Gordy's Valley Watercolor Painting Club: Fall Schedule Thurs 1-4pm

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.

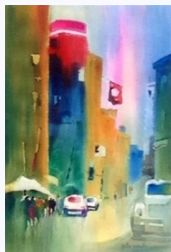
Website: www.artspirationforall.org



Fatemeh Kian is starting her "WhatsApp Watercolor Class" which is a very creative, and WAY more effective way of having online classes. There is a special offer (25% off) if someone starts the class by end of January 2020. For more information please send a message to +1 (310) 497-7643 (Fateme Kian), or email her at kian14fam@gmail.com.

Susan Gesundheit & Dafna Gilboa, Artist Co-op 7 Instructors, Watercolor Painting, at SFV Arts & Cultural Center, starting Tuesdays, Jan 14-Mar 17, 2020. Topics include introduction to watercolor, recognition and execution of good design and composition, right-brain techniques, and reinforcement of creative imagination. [Register Here](#)

VWS Workshop Schedule



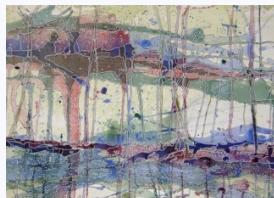
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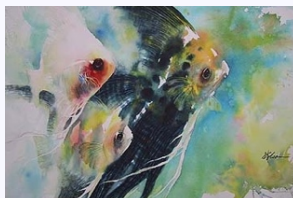
Andy Evansen



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

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

Michelene Laski — michreedlaski.artspan.com

Ying Liu — yingliufineart.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 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 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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