

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 2020

CALENDAR

Next General Meeting:

Andy Evansen, guest artist
Thursday, Feb 13, 2020,
7-9pm

**REMEMBER to bring your
society show painting!**

Next Workshop:

[Andy Evansen](#), 3 days;
Fri, Feb 14 – Sun, Feb 16, 2020
9am-4pm
\$270 VWS members
\$330 non-members

Meeting & Workshop

location:

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

Paint-outs:

Wed, Feb 19, 10am
[Rancho Simi Community
Park](#)
1765 Royal Ave.,
Simi Valley, CA 93065

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**

Andy Evansen will be demonstrating at our general meeting, Thursday, February 13, 2020 and holding a 3-day workshop Friday, February 14 to Sunday, February 16, from 9am-4pm.



Andy Evansen's interest in art started in childhood, as he can't recall a time when he wasn't drawing. He began painting watercolors in the mid 1990s as a change of pace from his career as a medical illustrator. Choosing a 'style' was not difficult, as Andy was always inspired by the watercolor paintings of British artists Trevor Chamberlain, David Curtis, Ed Seago and Edward Wesson, among others.

He found himself attempting to capture the landscape with the same economy of brushstroke, taking advantage of the luminosity of watercolors done in just a few washes. In addition, he was impressed with the way those artists seemed to capture everyday scenes in such a way that revealed a hidden beauty, subjects that many would simply pass by.

His work gained recognition after winning an international watercolor competition through

American Artist magazine, appearing on their cover in 2005. He's been featured in numerous other publications since, and has become a sought-after workshop instructor who paints and teaches internationally. He became a signature member of the prestigious Plein Air Painters of America (PAPA) in 2012 and served as their President from 2015-2017. His paintings have won numerous awards, including the Bronze and High Winds Medals from the American Watercolor Society, and he was their demonstration artist for the 2018 Exhibition. His love of painting on location also led to him being a featured presenter at the 2014 and 2016 Plein Air Conventions and inclusion in the 2017 Qingdao International Masters Watercolor Plein Air Event. He is a Signature Member of AWS, PAPA, RRWS, TWSA.

Visit Andy on his [website](#)

President's Message



Hello Artists,

Hope everyone is busy creating. Our January meeting was well attended. Our demo was done by **Julie Crouch** and it was excellent. We also had an abundance of food provided by the members for our holiday potluck. Everything was good and the company was great. **Andy Evansen** will be our Feb 13 guest demonstrator. He is a world-renowned artist. You can check his web site and You Tube for more information. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

John Chapin, VWS President

2020 Annual Juried Exhibit Deadline Feb 2ND at midnight

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.

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:

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

Announcements

February starts our fundraising campaign! We will be collecting money to donate to "Free Arts for Abused Children". VWS will match its members' donations for the first \$500 collected. So please bring some extra cash or your checkbooks. We will be collecting at the February & March meetings only. If you want to donate by mail please send a check made out to Free Arts to :

Debbi Saunders
 3333 Alana Drive
 Sherman Oaks, Ca 91403.

January Meeting Highlights



Julie Crouch Demo at January meeting. Her raffle donation was won by Susie Gesundheit!

POT LUCK !!!



Peter McDonald & Julie Crouch /



Janis Elias & Norma K Derr



Cindy Shumaker & Carrie Gaston

Society Show Winners

Remember to bring your entry for the February 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.

Congratulations to all of our January Society Show winners! From left to right: Ben Levin, Honorable Mention; John Chapin, 3rd Place; Pat Ralston, 1st Place; Norma Kurkjian, Honorable Mention; Fatima Kian, 2nd Place



Pat Ralston, 1st Place Winner

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

New Members

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



Rosemary Altshuler



Jody Church

Condolences



LAURA LONG

May 28, 1928 – January 15, 2020

It is with a saddened heart that we inform you of Laura Long's passing on Wednesday, **January 15, 2020**. She was surrounded by family members at Kaiser Hospital in Woodland Hills. Laura was an accomplished and passionate artist. She loved painting with both oil and watercolor, and she was a member of the Valley Watercolor Society for over 40 years, serving as president from 2001-2003. In the early 1990's, Laura founded a group of artists called Studio 10, who met every Wednesday morning to paint, share their techniques and laugh together. She met many of her friends through her art connections, and she shared her talents as a judge at several art shows in the area. For those who would like to donate in Laura Long's honor, they can do so online [here](#) or via check to: Louisville High School Attn: Teresa McMenamin/Advancement 22300 Mulholland Drive Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Laura's memorial will be held: February 15, 2020 (Saturday) at 11:00 am, St. Mel's Catholic Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, Luncheon will follow, Rosary will be Friday, February 14, at 6:30 pm

Please pass this information to others you may know.



JANET RANDOLPH DOOHAN-MEYER

November 29, 1928 – November 23, 2019

Our beautiful and talented "Mummie" lived a full life, filled with love, laughter and family.

As a single mom, Judy wore many career hats, including becoming a Realtor and an artist for Disney. In 1985, she picked up the paintbrush again and attended every artist workshop she could find. Judy was a talented author and artist and continued to paint until her passing. Every Christmas she had over a hundred original mini paintings printed and gifted them to her friends and family. She joined the Valley Watercolor Society and won first place for several of her paintings. A highlight of her life was when her children's book, "Who Lives in Your Backyard" was published in 2016. Her family held a Celebration of Life on January 5th in Southern California, where many of her original paintings, sculptures and books were featured. She will be greatly missed.

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.



Bennett Levin is exhibiting at the Artist Alley, Calabasas Tennis and Swim Club, 23400 Park Sorrento, Calabasas, January 13 to February 21, 2020.

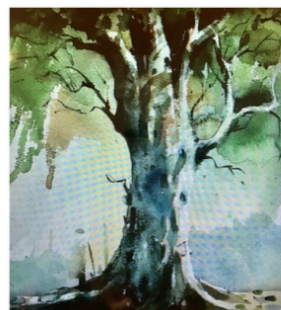
Michelene Laski has been invited to be a juror at the 2020 Santa Paula Art and Photography Exhibit in March.



Gayle Garner Roski is one of the exhibiting artists in the Masters of the American West Exhibition and Sale at the Autry Museum, on view February 8-March 22. Her works in this year's display, now in its 23rd year, feature images of Kachina dolls, the delightful figures carved out of wood by the Hopi to teach young girls about the spirits that are central to their way of life. With two of her paintings for the Masters, Gayle continues a personal

tradition of incorporating a small treasure, a memento that provided inspiration during her creative process. Treasures that have been affixed to the frames of previous works include Italian pottery, Indian jewelry, Zulu baskets, Chinese calligraphy brushes and Chinese snuff bottles. The Kachina dolls adorning watercolor paintings for the 2020 Masters Exhibition are "Tawa," the Sunface that represents the spirit of the sun, and "Kwahu" – the Eagle – the messenger between the people and their spirit guides. Location: Autry Museum of the American West, 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Paula Diggs announced she will have two paintings in the February SFVACC Open Art Exhibit at the Cultural Center in Tarzana February 4-29. VWS members Also in the exhibit: From Left: **Paula Diggs** "Spring Sings" / **Judy Heimlich** "Tree of Life" / **Mimi Manners** "Water" / **Gregory Radinov** "Flatiron Building in the Morning" Reception: Saturday, February 22, 2020 5:00 – 7:00 pm.





VWS long time signature member **David Deyell**, AIA Emeritus won 1st place in the Westlake Village Art Guild 2020 members show. This is the second consecutive year David was selected for this award. In 2019 David also won 1st place at the Ventura County Fair Professional Arts watercolor.

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.

[Rancho Simi Community Park](#) – Wed, February 19, 2020, 10am PAINTOUT



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.

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

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

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

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@valleywatercolorociety.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

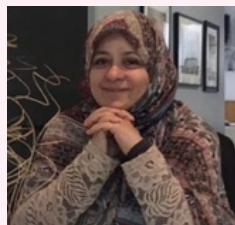
Deborah Swan-McDonald teaches watercolor at Otis College of Art and Design through the extension program and classes are on Saturday. She also teaches Absolute Beginners Watercolor on Wednesdays and Mixed Water Media on Tuesdays at the Calabasas Senior Center.



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

Cris Gordy's watercolor painting club is at her cozy studio in Winnetka (near Pierce College) with plenty of natural light, tea, and art discussions, **on Thursdays, 1-4pm**. Bring your own projects. 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. 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. For more information please send a message to +1 (310) 497-7643 (Fatemeh Kian), or email her at kian14fam@gmail.com.

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 .

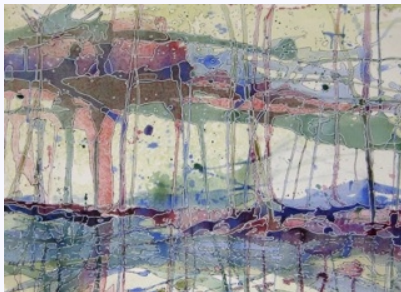
VWS Workshop Schedule



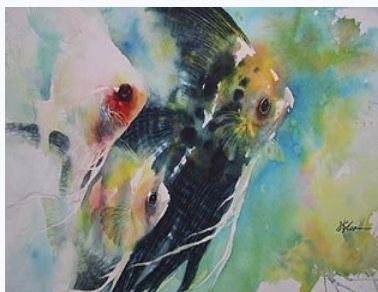
Andy Evansen



Catherine Tirr



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:

[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://valleywatercolorssociety.org/events>. Just select the desired workshop and scroll down to the "Register Now" button.

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

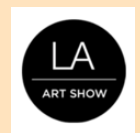
The SFVACC Open Art Exhibit, Feb 4-29, 2020,

Reception: Feb 22, 5-7 pm



With Pleasure: Pattern and Decoration in American Art 1972-1985,

at MOCA Grand, thru May 11, 2020. www.MOCA.org Admission now free.



LA ART SHOW, FEB 6-9, LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER,

www.laartshow.com

Calls for Entry

California Art League “Change” International Open Spring Exhibit March 1, 2020, Juror: Preston Craig

www.onlinejuriedshows.com (check OJS for other 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 or see her at our monthly meetings. Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/IWSUSACHapter/> The next FabrianoInAquarello dates are May 25-31, 2020, in Fabriano, Italy. 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*

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

Charlotte 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@valleywatercolorociety.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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