

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.

May 2020

CALENDAR

To comply with the governor's stay-at-home order, our meeting and workshop venue at the SFVACC remains closed. Here is our revised VWS meeting and workshop schedule:

General Meetings and Demos:

NO MEETING: Thurs, May 14, 2020

Meeting and Demo with Virginia Hein:

Thurs, June 11, 2020, 7-9pm

Meeting and Demo with Lian Quan Zhen:

Thurs, July 23, 2020, 7-9pm (replaces May 14 meeting)

3-Day Workshop with Lian Quan Zhen

RESCHEDULED TO

Fri-Sun, July 24-26, 2020, 9am-4pm

\$270 VWS members

\$330 non-members

Meeting & Workshop location:

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

CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Paint-outs:

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

President's Message



Greetings,

Hopefully everyone is staying healthy. We cancelled our May meeting and pushed it to July.

The general meeting will now be on July 23rd with Lian Quan Zhen as our demonstrator and his workshop will be on July 24, 25, and 26. He is an excellent artist and well worth seeing.

Our June meeting with Virginia Hein as our guest artist is still scheduled, but we will notify you as soon as we find out for sure if it's going to happen.

Take care, keep painting and stay positive.

John Chapin, VWS President

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.



“SAM” watercolor and ink, 15 x 19

Paula Diggs will have two paintings in the “Hollywood comes to San Fernando” show at Galeria Gitana July 11-Aug 21, 2020.



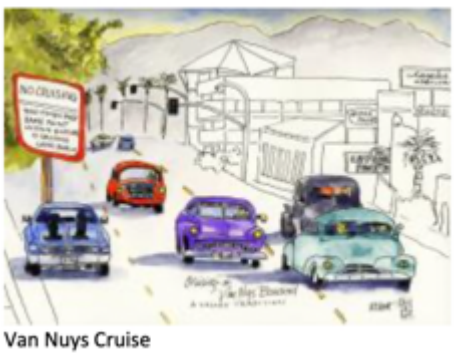
Watercolor done by **Debra Reynolds** during the second half of March, 2020. 14" wide x 10" high.



Jennifer Zapp, new member, did a 14-day Isolation Art Challenge sponsored by Art Tutor. Here are a few of the small paintings she made.



Japanese garden



Van Nuys Cruise

My artist friend Judi Nyerges, who lives on Whidbey Island in Washington State, started a Facebook page called "Art in the Time of Self Quarantine." She subtitled it "Home is where my heART is," and her idea was to provide a series of prompts about home towns that we would all illustrate and post on the page.

I was able to separate out my small section of the Valley (Lake Balboa/Van Nuys), do some research into its history, and come up with some fun posting ideas. Most of the prompts lent themselves to an "urban sketching" style; my favorites so far from among my sketches were the Japanese Garden at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant, and "cruising" Van Nuys Boulevard in classic cars.

Please visit my blog at <https://theslipcover.blogspot.com>. (The entries are interspersed with other art I've been doing, so you will have to scroll through a few pages. The entries go back to March 18 and an illustration of Isaac Newton Van Nuys.) And *definitely* go on Facebook and check out "Art in the Time of Self Quarantine" to see the many charming and imaginative drawings of everyone else's home towns as well! -- **Melissa Elliott**

Classes taught by VWS Members: note online courses

There is a [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.

Please check with teachers below to find out if they are presently meeting. Many now offer classes online.

In Fatemeh Kian's words, Online classes are "a new way of having watercolor classes that is proven to be more effective and time-efficient, and you can participate in the class from the comfort of your home. Especially, in the wake of this horrible pandemic, when we are all asked to stay home for our safety and others, what is better than being busy with watercolor classes?"



Fatemeh Kian has announced her Online (WhatsApp) Watercolor Classes.

The class fee would be \$50 per month. You may pay the class fee at the beginning of your 4-week classes by Check, Paypal, or Venmo (details will be sent to you).

For more information please send a message to: +1 (310) 497-7643 (Fatemeh Kian), or email her at kian14fam@gmail.com.

Joe Cibere Online workshop demos: <https://www.facebook.com/joe.cibere.7> - Facebook

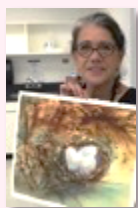
■ **Back Country watermedia 9 minute video featuring acrylic inks**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk-3wLcqyug> - Part 1-3

■ **NW Coast Watermedia Demo:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8MY1rFfh9Y> – Part 1-3

■ **See more of Joe's online workshop demos here:** <https://www.joeciberewatercolors.com>



Online Watercolor and Sketching Classes by Cris Gordy

Inspired by Debra Abshear's demo done with acrylics at the February VWS meeting, Cris Gordy demonstrated her own version with watercolors and watercolor inks at John Byram's class.

Cris offers online classes at affordable rates. Please visit her website www.artspirationforall.com for information and to follow her free step-by-step lessons for beginners and intermediate levels viz Zoom. Register by phone 213-200-9398, or by email, crisgordy@sbcglobal.net

David Deyell, AIA Emeritus, retired Member University of California (805) 494-1700. Watercolor classes; continuous. Oak Park Wednesday Evenings 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.

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



Lian Quan Zhen



Joe Cibere



David R. Smith

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:

[Lian Quan Zhen](#) - 3 days [[register](#)] **Rescheduled to July 24-26, 2020**

June - No Workshop

September - TBD

[Joe Cibere](#) – October 17-18, 2020 – 2 days [[register](#)]

[David R. Smith](#) – November 13-15 2020 – 3 days [[register](#)]

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.

Upcoming Paint-Outs

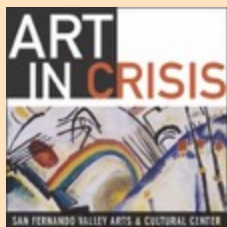


After getting written approvals for our annual scheduled plein air events, we need to cancel all paintouts until we receive government approval to have outdoor social gatherings. I will let you know when we hear that our paint outs may continue.

Thank you, David Deyell

watercolorists@netzero.net

Calls for Entries



[“Art in Crisis”, San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center](#)

Make a statement, show your strength and create something that reflects your feelings about our global plight. Our “Art in Crisis” virtual exhibit will commence April 1, 2020 for submissions by high resolution jpgs. Selected works will be uploaded onto our exhibition page on a weekly basis. This should give artists time to create something new and inspiring. Prospectus and exhibit are on our website and registration page now, www.sfvacc.org SUBMIT ENTRIES AT <https://sanfernandovalleyartsandculturalcenter.wildapricot.org/event-3794400>

[San Diego Watercolor Society 40th International Exhibition October 1-20, 2020](#)

Online entry only, deadline May 5, 2020. Juror: Michael Reardon. Register at www.sdws.org. Log in as a member or create an account to register.

Check Online Juried Shows www.onlinejuriedshows.com and CaFÉ www.callforentry.org for local and national calls for entry.

1st Annual Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition (This will be an online only competition.)

Women in Watercolor (WW) has partnered with the **International Watercolor Society (IWS)** to offer a chance to participate in this international juried competition. **Entry opened April 1 and deadline is June 8, 2020.** Chris Krupinsky, Lana Privitera and Linda Kemp are among the judges. Visit www.womeninwatercolor.com for the prospectus. First entry \$35, second is \$15; on a variety of subjects and media, including gouache and inks. I hope you give it a try. I wish you all good luck. Cris Gordy, co-representative of IWS Southern California. You may enter once per category: Still Life/Floral, Animal/Wildlife, Portrait/Figure, Landscape/Water, Abstract.

Submit entries at onlinejuriedshows.com.

National Watercolor Society Centennial Exhibit of the 100th International Open.

Exhibition Dates: Oct 1 -Dec 20, 2020. **The extended deadline for entries is May 22, 2020.**

The show may still open in the NWS Gallery in San Pedro. That decision will be announced at a later date when we have more information regarding gatherings and social distancing. Regardless, the exhibit will be online as well.

We sincerely hope we will be able to have an opening at the gallery, as we were so looking forward to a very special celebration of the 100th with special events. Update to follow mid summer. In the meantime, please enter, as the show will go on and awards will be given.

Entries accepted at www.CallForEntry.org Prospectus at www.nationalwatercolorssociety.org

Brand 48: Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, deadline: 5/18/20

Exhibition Dates: September 12 through October 30, 2020,

The Brand Library & Art Center in Glendale, California announces its 48th Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper. Cash awards sponsored by **Brand Associates** total over \$4,000 including a Juror's Award.

Our juror this year is Dan McCleary. www.associatesofbrand.org

Events Around Town



Upcoming Exhibits at SFV Arts & Cultural Center – WWW.SFVACC.ORG

Our online exhibit is live! "[Art in Crisis](#)" which is free to enter and a way to share our work and vision of the world whilst isolated. Artists may enter up to two images of their work weekly here:

[Art in Crisis - an Online Exhibit](#)

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Many Museums are offering online viewing and listening while they are closed, see below:

- **NORTON SIMON MUSEUM** <https://www.nortonsimon.org/learn/museum-from-home/> [events@nortonsimon.org](https://www.nortonsimon.org/events@nortonsimon.org) or tagging us [#NortonSimon](https://twitter.com/NortonSimon).
- **LACMA** <https://www.lacma.org> [homepage](#) links to free enriching and inspiring content for you to Watch, Listen, Learn, Read, and Browse at home. Check back often and follow @lacma on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). [Sign up](#) to receive email updates every Monday.
- **HAMMER MUSEUM** <https://hammer.ucla.edu> Stay tuned for highlights delivered to your inbox once a week, and follow us @hammer_museum for even more.
- **GETTY MUSEUM** <https://blogs.getty.edu/iris/explore-getty-art-resources-closed-coronavirus/> Online kit of Getty's art, downloadable books and videos
- **MOCA** <https://www.moca.org> Virtual exhibitions and videos.

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

ASAP ART FRAMING 21101 Osborne St. Canoga Park, CA 818-718-1022	CARTER SEXTON 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-763-5050	DRG 5900 Kester Ave Van Nuys, CA 818-908-0100	FRAME STORE 11911 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 310-471-1195
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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](http://www.valleywatercolor.com) 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@valleywatercolor.com by the 20th of April for inclusion in May'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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