

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.

July 2020

CALENDAR

Meeting & Workshop location:

WWW.SFVACC.ORG

18312 Oxnard St.,
Tarzana, CA 91356

**CENTER CLOSED,
WEBSITE ACTIVE**

YouTube Live Demo with David R. Smith:

Wed, July 15, 2020, 4pm,

<https://youtu.be/oeKTr1Uf93s>

(only active July 15) No charge

Meeting and Demo with Lian Quan

Zhen: RESCHEDULED TO:

Thurs, March 11, 2021

3-Day Workshop with Lian Quan

Zhen: RESCHEDULED TO:

Sat-Mon, March 20-22, 2021,

9am-4pm

\$270 VWS members,

\$330 non-members

Joe Cibere Demo, Zoom

Wed, Aug 12, 2020, 4 pm,

No charge, Link provided later.

ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT

MARCH 3-27, 2021

PAINT-OUTS:

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



**Free On-line Live Demo on YouTube with David R. Smith, AWS, NWS,
Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 4PM. Link: <https://youtu.be/oeKTr1Uf93s>**

The Watercolor Journey

David enjoys the challenge of working in harmony with a fluid medium. By providing the proper environment, surrendering some control, and working *with* the medium, the most beautiful results oftentimes occur naturally. To keep the paintings from getting too precise, and instead, to convey a feeling of aliveness, David utilizes a number of techniques such as working wet into wet, glazing, pouring, spattering, and spraying. These techniques not only keep the painting fresh, but produce exciting interminglings and textures effortlessly. David's favorite subjects tend to be found in nature and he loves to

travel abroad as well as explore state and national parks for inspiration. Depicting a subject in great light, capitalizing on the contrast developed by light and shadow, while showcasing the assortment of jewels that happen naturally through the fluid medium keeps David eager to paint his next creation.

David has studied under numerous instructors in the states and in China. He has displayed his work in galleries and museums across the United States and his work has been awarded at the state and national level. David has received Signature Membership with the American Watercolor Society, and others.

David R. Smith Fine Art

E-mail: david@dsmithfineart.com

President's Message



Greetings to everyone,

We are very sorry to report that our meeting and workshop venue, SFVACC, has closed its doors due to the pandemic. We will miss our home we loved. They will continue their online presence with classes and exhibitions. VWS remains strong, membership is up.

I hope most of you watched the Zoom demonstration by Virginia Hein in June. It was excellent. The next Zoom demo will be held July 15th with David R. Smith, another exceptional artist; also the demo is free. Keep checking VWS blasts for upcoming events. Thanks to Selena Cheng and Debi McDonald, demos and workshops for VWS have been lined up thru 2021. Please note new schedules. Hope to see you in the near future,

John Chapin, VWS President

Membership renewal for next year

The end of our membership year is approaching. The new membership year runs July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021. [Renew your membership online](https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/join/#join) to enjoy the programming for the coming year. <https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/join/#join> or mail your check for \$40 to Valley Watercolor Society Membership, 3333 Alana Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

Welcome New Members!

This month we welcome three new members to VWS:

Linda Ericson, Anne Lacson, Ann Maurizi

Congratulations!



Anne Lacson

Member News



"Smoochin' in the Barn"

Accepted by Yosemite Western Artists for a show at United Security Bank in Oakhurst, CA.
Mardilan Lee Georgio, SCAA
Gallery Chair



"Pismo Beach at Dusk"

Debra Reynolds
11"x14", watercolor



"Mime", watercolor

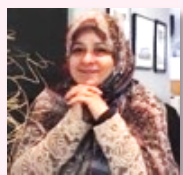
Ben Levin has 5 paintings accepted into Gitana's Hollywood show scheduled to open in July.
Two watercolors and three acrylics.

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@valleywatercolorssociety.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?"



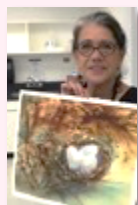
Fatemeh Kian has announced her Online (WhatsApp) Watercolor Classes.

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

<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.

INSTRUCTOR: Watercolor Art Classes * Ages 18+

Beginners through advanced artists will learn methods of creating bright, colorful, and interesting watercolors. Learn drawing, design, color use, and painting techniques through demonstrations. Paint your own paintings based on the demonstration and receive individual help with your paintings. First time students will be provided with a beginners material list.

Classes are through City of Agoura Hill Recreation and Events Center.

#9634 1 PM TO 3 PM TUESDAYS 7/7/20 to 7/28/20 \$40.00 Drop in's \$13.00 per class

#9635 1 PM TO 3 PM TUESDAYS 8/4/20 to 8/25/20 \$40.00 Drop in's \$13.00 per class

Register at www.agourahillsrec.org Go to register and then search for WATERCOLOR CLASS. Follow instructions.

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

Artist Co-op 7 Online Zoom Art Classes:

Selina Cheng and Debbi Saunders, [Watercolor Painting – TUESDAYS](#) 8 sessions – Jul 14-Sep 22, 2020 (No class Jul 28 & Sep 8).

Debbi Saunders, [Painting and Drawing – THURSDAYS](#) 9 sessions – Jul 16-Sep 24, 2020 (No class 7/30 & 9/10)

Register at WWW.SFVACC.ORG San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center

Annual Juried Exhibit March 3-27, 2021

Our next Annual Juried Exhibit will be held in March 2021. Linda Doll, a past president of National Watercolor Society, will be our juror. See details

<https://valleywatercolorociety.org/exhibit/>

Entries open Dec 1, 2020 (stand by for Online Juried Shows link). Entries close at midnight, Feb 2, 2021. Our past 2020 exhibit is now posted on our website under exhibitions.

VWS Workshop Schedule



2020 Workshops

Workshops are held for one or three days, 9am – 4pm

Upcoming workshops:

- [Lian Quan Zhen](#) — (RESCHEDULED TO 3/20-22, 2021) 3 days [[register](#)]
- September - TBD
- [Joe Cibere](#) – October 17-18, 2020 – 2 days [[register](#)]
- [David R. Smith](#) – November 13-15, 2020 (CANCELLED)

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

Upcoming Paint-Outs



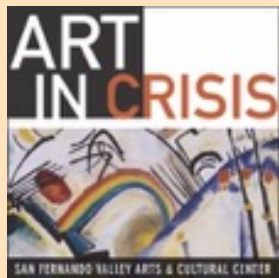
After getting written approvals for our annual scheduled plein air events, we need to cancel all paintouts until we receive government approval to have outdoor social gatherings.

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](#)

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*

WWW.SFVACC.ORG Please visit website for events, classes and more.

CENTER CLOSED, WEBSITE ACTIVE

SUBMIT ENTRIES AT

<https://sanfernandovalleyartsandculturalcenter.wildapricot.org/event-3794400>

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

DICK BLICK WATERCOLOR CHALLENGE: Submit your original watercolor art for a chance to win a prize pack worth more than \$500. Make a splash with watercolor! This July, we're celebrating World Watercolor Month with a contest. Painters of all skill levels are welcome! Between 7/1 - 7/31 submit a photo of your original watercolor painting, and you'll be entered for the chance to win a prize pack worth more than \$500! Go to DickBlick.com for more information.

Events Around Town



Women in Watercolor

1st Annual Women in Watercolor International Juried Competition, Online only

See award winners online at <https://womeninwatercolor.com/2020-award-winners/>

Was a huge success with 1200 entries from over 50 countries!



“IN FULL VIEW”, ARTIST CO-OP 7 ONLINE EXHIBIT on WWW.SFVACC.ORG WEBSITE

See the exhibit online from July 7 - August 1, 2020. Includes VWS artists: Rosemary Altshuler, Selina Cheng, Jody Church, Susan Gesundheit, Dafna Gilboa, Debbi Saunders

- **NORTON SIMON MUSEUM** <https://www.nortonsimon.org/learn/museum-from-home/>
- **LACMA** <https://www.lacma.org> links to free enriching and inspiring content for you to Watch, Listen, Learn, Read, and Browse at home.
- **HAMMER MUSEUM** www.hammer.ucla.edu While the Hammer is temporarily closed, we are sharing some of our favorite artworks, programs, and artist profiles for your enjoyment at home.
- **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.

DVD LIBRARY

VWS maintains a lending library for members consisting of professional instructional videos from various watercolor and water media artists and recordings of previous VWS guest artist demonstrations.

Contact Susie Tse: sytse3@verizon.net

(May not be available during Covid) Links to lists of DVDS available are on our Website:

<https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/dvd-library/>

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	
PICTURE PERFECT 19323 Vanowen St. Reseda, CA 818-342-4997	RENEE'S FINE ART STUDIO 20531 Devonshire St Chatsworth, CA 818-701-9887	SHERMAN OAKS CUSTOM FRAMING 13938 Ventura Blvd Sherman Oaks, CA 818-788-8352	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

Member Websites

Trisha Bennett — [ArtbyTrishaBennett.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/ArtbyTrishaBennett)

Selina Cheng — [selinachengart.com](https://www.selinachengart.com)

Sylvia Crosbie — [SylviaKCrosbie.com](https://www.sylviakcrosbie.com)

Judy Dekel — [judydekel.com](https://www.judydekel.com)

Jan Evans — [janevansstudio.com](https://www.janevansstudio.com)

Gary Friedman — [garyfriedmanart.com](https://www.garyfriedmanart.com)

Mardilan Lee Georgio — [mardilanleegeorgio.com](https://www.mardilanleegeorgio.com)

Susan Gesundheit — [susangesundheit.com](https://www.susangesundheit.com)

Dafna Gilboa — [dafnasart.com](https://www.dafnasart.com)

Jan Godachy — [jangodachy.com](https://www.jangodachy.com)

Sylvia Goulden — [artspan.com](https://www.artspan.com)

Judy Heimlich — [judysartstudio.com](https://www.judysartstudio.com)

Karen Holly — [karenholly.com](https://www.karenholly.com)

If you'd like to have your website listed in the newsletter, just email newsletter@valleywatercolorssociety.org.

Nicqui Pearl Indics — [nicqui-pearl.jalbum.net/Portfolio/](https://www.nicqui-pearl.jalbum.net/Portfolio/)

Harriette Kahn — [harri-ette.com](https://www.harri-ette.com)

Claudia Kazachinsky — [claudiakazachinsky.com](https://www.claudiakazachinsky.com)

Michelene Laski — [michreedlaski.artspan.com](https://www.michreedlaski.artspan.com)

Deborah Swan-McDonald — [deborahswan-mcdonald.com](https://www.deborahswan-mcdonald.com)

Charllotte Mullich — [charlottesmullich.com](https://www.charlottesmullich.com)

Greg Radionov — [gregoryradionov.ru.gg](https://www.gregoryradionov.ru.gg)

Cheryl Scheer — [cascheer.myportfolio.com](https://www.cascheer.myportfolio.com)

Joette Snyder — [joettesgallery.com](https://www.joettesgallery.com)

Phyllis Solcyk — [phyllissolcyk.com](https://www.phyllissolcyk.com)

Brenda Swenson — [swensonsart.net](https://www.swensonsart.net)

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@valleywatercolorssociety.org 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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