

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.

October 2020

CALENDAR

General Meeting & Workshop location:

Until we find a new location and can meet safely, meetings with demos and workshops are by Zoom.

A new link will be provided for each event.

We are presently searching a new venue for next year, and welcome suggestions.

2020-2021 General Meetings & Demos, Thursdays, 7-9 PM PST

Joe Cibere – Oct 8, 2020

David R. Smith – Nov 12, 2020

Shuang Li – Jan 14, 2021

Lian Quan Zhen – March 11, 2021

2020-2021 Workshops

Joe Cibere – Sat-Sun, Oct 17-18, 2020

– 2-days [[register](#)]

David R. Smith – Nov 13-15, 2020

– 3-days [[register](#)]

Shuang Li – Jan 15-17, 2021

– 3-days [[register](#)]

Lian Quan Zhen – Mar 20-22, 2021

– 3-days [[register](#)]

ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT MAR 3-27, 2021

Entries open Dec 1, 2020.

Entries close at midnight, PST Feb 2, 2021.

Prospectus at Onlinejuriedshows.com

PAINT-OUTS:

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



General Meeting & Demo with Joe Cibere

Thursday, October 8, 7-9 PM PST Online by Zoom (link is below)

Joe Cibere is signature member of the [National Watercolor Society](http://NationalWatercolorSociety.com) and his painting style demonstrates his love of nature and wilderness. His "abstract realism" paintings integrate strong design and balance with a sense of illusion. He has appeared in "Watercolor Magazine" and in the International Artists book "The Watercolor Sky and Cloud Techniques of 23 International Artists". He is also in the new book "Splash 20" and the 2019 February issue of "Watercolor Artist" magazine. His studio is at Studio Channel Islands, Room R5 in Old Town Camarillo, CA. "The challenge is to know when to stop and let the medium take over. That's why the most

successful paintings seem almost effortless," Joe asserts. "I always look forward to interacting with art patrons and other artists for feedback about the creative process and affirm that visual expression is one of life's greatest joys.

www.joeciberewatercolors.com

www.joecibere.faso.com

HERE IS YOUR ZOOM LINK FOR THE GENERAL MEETING & DEMO OCT. 8th

Topic: VWS General Meeting & Demo Oct 8, 2020

Time: Oct 8, 2020, 7:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5147061851?pwd=VEITR2d0Q1VnbzFQRGdWk0IHU9wdz09>

Meeting ID: **514 706 1851**

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President's Message



Hello everyone,

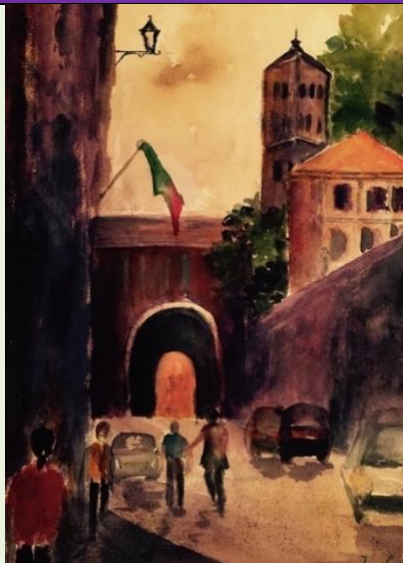
Don't let the smoke get in your eyes. Our last zoom meeting with Ken Saunders was very informative. Remember light is the key. Our October guest artist is Joe Cibere. He is very creative and entertaining. Something to think about if you are getting cabin fever, head for the eastern Sierras, the October light is fantastic,

John Chapin, VWS President

Membership renewal for 2020-2021

The new membership year has begun.. [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

Member News



Streets of Italy, watercolor, by Zony Gordon

Zony Gordon has been accepted in the "Chasing Autumn" show of the La Galleria Gitana in San Fernando with 3 Watercolor art pieces : "Signs of Autumn", "Leaves of Gold" and "Church by the Tree" starting October 31. Also in the current online exhibition of Women Painters West "Art of Coping", which will move to a "live" art exhibition in Colorado at the Loveland Museum in January with art piece "Standing Brave", watercolor. She is in the SCAA (Santa Clarita Artists Association) "Art Classic" online exhibit on October 17 with (3) Collage and Mixed media entries.



Flowers for Mother, watercolor, by Zony Gordon



Open Meadows, collage, by Zony Gordon



Sandra McDuffie with her watercolors at SFVACC.

Paula Diggs has three paintings in the current show at La Galleria Gitana in San Fernando, "Hollywood comes to San Fernando". Her painting, "Play it again Sam" received third place. She will have two paintings in the "Chasing Autumn" show 10/31-12/13.



Play it again Sam, watercolor, by Paula Diggs,

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 Newsletter@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> - <https://www.joeciberewatercolors.com>

Chris Gordy Online Classes: "Tea and Art Paint-Along" – Zoom Event We meet weekly on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Sundays, 3-5pm via Zoom**, depending on our other commitments. Everyone welcome! A theme is suggested, and a reference photo sent by email, but you are free to paint your own project, or simply chat and have a beverage. It is just another chance to connect with painters and meet new people. Join any time by sending an email to crisgordy@sbcglobal.net. Limited to 6 participants. Call or write if you need help with Zoom.

David Deyell is teaching virtual watercolor classes for the City of Agoura Hills, Department of Community Services, Park & Recreation. The classes are on Tuesdays from 1 pm to 3 pm. This is a chance to paint with David without traveling. Cost of classes are \$40.00 for the month (only \$10.00 each) and drop in cost is \$13.00 per class. David will paint an interpretation landscape from a photo and explain design, composition, color and brush strokes while painting. Students will then paint at home and show paintings for comments and suggestions. Time permitting David will paint a second painting wet into wet. Students work not completed can be shown the following week along with homework paintings. Classes have been scheduled monthly through December 2020.

agourahillsrec@agoura-hills.ca.us Register at www.agourahillsrec.org

Also note that David is available for art organization demonstrations done virtually. Contact David at watercolorists@netzero.net for scheduling and more details.

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: Enroll Now for Next Session October 5-Dec 3, 2020
Register at WWW.SFVACC.ORG San Fernando Valley Arts and Cultural Center

September Meeting Society Show

Ken Saunders, presenter at at our September Zoom General meeting, selected winners from paintings submitted to our Society Show by e-mail.

Congratulations to the prize winners!

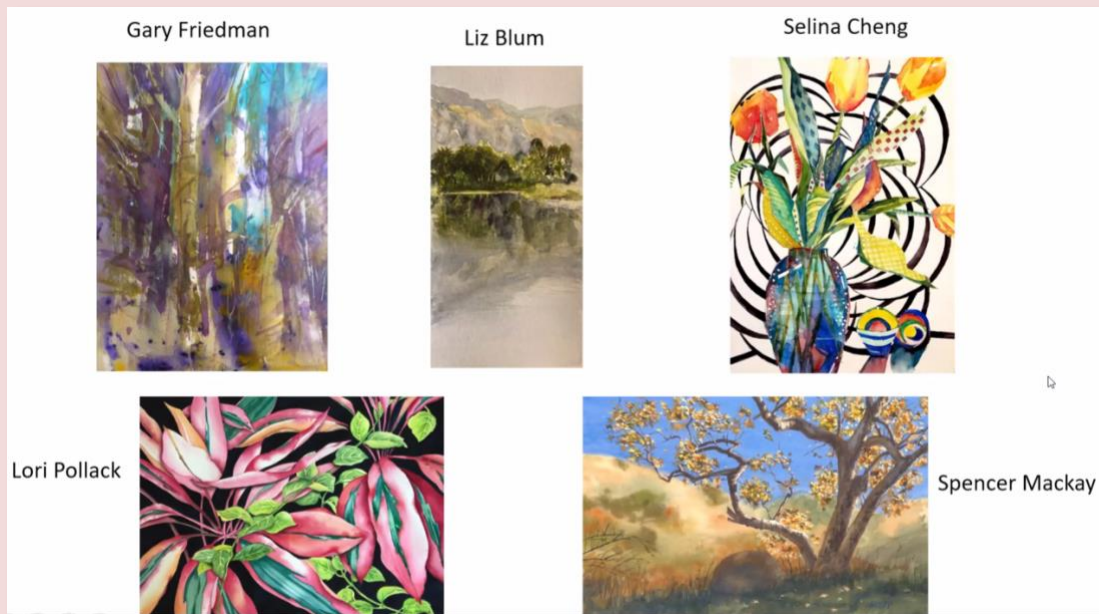
GARY FRIEDMAN, 1ST PLACE

SELINA CHENG,, 2ND PLACE

LORI POLLACK, 3RD PLACE

LIZ BLUM, HONORABLE MENTION

SPENCER MACKAY, HONORABLE MENTION



Welcome New Members!



We are pleased to welcome new member

Kathryn Malta

Congratulations!

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

VWS Workshop Schedule



Joe Cibere



David R. Smith



Shuang Li



Lian Quan Zhen

Upcoming 2020-2021 Workshops:

[Joe Cibere](#) – Sat-Sun, October 17-18, 2020 – 2-day On-line Workshop on Zoom [[register](#)] \$60 for VWS members, \$70 for non-members

[David R. Smith](#) – November 13-15, 2020 – 3-day On-line Workshop on Zoom [[register](#)] \$90 for VWS members, \$105 for non-members.

[Shuang Li](#) – January 15-17, 2021, 2021 – 3-days [[register](#)] \$90 for VWS members, \$105 for non-members

[Lian Quan Zhen](#) - Sat-Mon, March 20-22, 2021 – 3 days [[register](#)] \$270 for VWS members, \$330 for non-member

Workshops are normally held for one to three days from 9am – 4pm. While our workshops are online we will have reduced prices, and reduced hours, held from 9am – 12pm (PST)

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 mailing your check payable to VWS to Selina Cheng, 991 Vista Ridge Lane, Westlake Village, CA 91362, or enroll online at <http://valleywatercolorsociety.org/events>. Just select the desired workshop and scroll down to the "Register Now" button.

Annual Juried Exhibit March 3-27, 2021

Just a reminder that entries for the **VWS 2021 ANNUAL EXHIBIT** will open December 1. You can access [Onlinejuriedshows.com](https://onlinejuriedshows.com) for the prospectus. This will be an online exhibit using SFVACC's new virtual gallery website. We will have a 4-week online exhibit with an archived exhibit feature and a virtual Zoom reception. Please be sure the images you submit are crisp, clear, and in focus as there will be an enlargement feature to allow viewers to see the texture, colors, brush strokes, etc. in detail.

SFVACC will be dedicating a portion of its budget to marketing so this is an exciting opportunity for us. Be safe, stay healthy and paint lovely works of art.

Sylvia Crosbie, Exhibit Chair, 818-902-1853

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://valleywatercolorssociety.org/exhibit/> Entries open Dec 1, 2020. Entries close at midnight, PST, Feb 2, 2021.

Our past 2020 exhibit is now posted on our website under exhibitions.

Calls for Entries



CALIFORNIA ART LEAGUE GOLD MEDAL INTERNATIONAL OPEN ONLINE EXHIBIT, "WILD WORLD" OCT 18-DEC 31, 2020, JUROR: VICTOR PICOU
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MIDNIGHT, PST, OCTOBER 4, 2020
BEST OF SHOW: ENGRAVED GOLD MEDAL \$500
SEE PROSPECTUS FOR DETAILS WWW.ONLINEJURIEDSHOWS.COM

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

ONLINE Events Around Town

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE AND SCORE PROJECT:



SFVACC is launching its new website and Southern California Open Regional Exhibitions project. The website features a new virtual platform for Open regional and international exhibitions online while most galleries are closed. Member artist organizations will be on the calendar also. The first online exhibit is "In Full View", featuring artists from Artist Co-op 7, from October 1-31, 2020. The first Artist Spotlight features Susan Gesundheit. Online courses, receptions, and Artist Collections will be featured. Please go to www.sfvacc.org to see our new website, view our new exhibit, and look under artists to see how to apply as a Collections Artist.



NWS 100th International Open Exhibition, nationalwatercolorssociety.org
Virtual Opening Celebration <https://youtu.be/4kx1X-IARec>
Join Jurors Katherine Chang Liu, Dean Mitchell, John Salminen and Mary Whyte, Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 11:00am (PDT)

- **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: [syts3@verizon.net](mailto:sytse3@verizon.net)

(May not be available during Covid) Links to lists of DVDS available are on our Website:
<https://valleywatercolorsociety.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)
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 Phyllis Solcyk — [phyllissolcyk.com](https://www.phyllissolcyk.com)
 Brenda Swenson — [swensonsart.net](https://www.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@valleywatercolorsociety.org by October 20th for inclusion in the November 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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