

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.

September 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 suggestion

2020 General Meetings & Demos Online by Zoom

Ken Saunders -- Thurs, Sept 10th,
7-9pm

Joe Cibere -- Thurs, Oct 8th, 7-9pm

David R. Smith -- Thurs, Nov 12th,
7-9pm

2020 Workshops Online by Zoom

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

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

ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT MARCH 3-27, 2021

Entries open Dec 1, 2020 (stand by
for Online Juried Shows link).

Entries close at midnight, Feb 2,
2021.

PAINT-OUTS:

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



General Meeting & Demo with Ken Saunders: "How to Photograph your Artwork" Thursday, September 10, 7-9pm Online by Zoom (link is below)

Like many amateur photographers born in the 50's, **Ken Saunders** was a self-taught kid who started off shooting black & white and spent many lonely hours in a dark room. In the mid 70's, he bought an Olympus OM2 SLR, and took some classes at Santa Monica College to expand his knowledge. At this point he got hooked on fashion glamour photography. He was an early adopter of digital photography and made the switch in the 90's.

After selling his successful aerospace related business in 2012, Ken began fulfilling his dream of being a full-time photographer. Fashion/Glamour is still his passion. His work has appeared in various publications such as LA fashion magazine. His

commercial work involves working with models and actors (portfolio and headshots), fashion designers, jewelry manufacturers, aircraft sales, pets and photographing art work.

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Photography by Ken Saunders

<http://www.inov8iveimages.com>

HERE IS YOUR ZOOM LINK FOR THE GENERAL MEETING & DEMO SEPT. 10th, 7 PM

If you don't have a Zoom app, go to <https://zoom.us> to sign up for a free account and instructions. Otherwise, just click on the link, or go to your Zoom app and enter the meeting ID and Passcode.
Topic: VWS General Zoom Meeting
Time: Sep 10, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5147061851?pwd=VElTR2d0Q1VnbzFQRGdWk0lHRU9wdz09>
Meeting ID: **514 706 1851**
Passcode: **818919**

President's Message



Greetings to everyone,

As you already know, SFVACC has closed it's brick and mortar meeting and exhibit space, and is continuing exhibits and classes online. We are looking to the future with optimism that we can meet in person again hopefully in January 2021. A search for a meeting and workshop venue has begun, and we are taking suggestions from our members. Please contact me if you know of a suitable space.

I hope most of you watched the online demonstration by Joe Cibere a few weeks ago. Our next Zoom meeting & demo will be held September 10th with Ken Saunders, an exceptional photographer.

We have a great lineup of demos and workshops through 2021, so please check out the new schedules in this newsletter and on our website.

See you online, and in person when we are able! Stay safe!

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](#) to enjoy the programming for the coming year.

<https://valleywatercolorociety.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 welcomed 5 new members to VWS:

(From L to R) **Roberta Barabash, Zony Gordon, John P Hersey, Susan Zavala Arlette Coblenz (not pictured)** Congratulations!

Member News

Spencer MacKay's website is live!

"I am excited to announce that my website is live! It has been one of my goals for 2020 to get my artwork out where people can share it. I'm excited to have done that and now have additional motivation to paint more consistently. I have also committed to regularly publish a newsletter, which you can subscribe to on the website. My website address is: spencermackayfineart.com.

I hope you will visit the site and would love to hear comments and suggestions from my fellow VWS members!"

Get Well Wishes to Liz Covington and Judy Heimlich !

Congratulations to VWS members currently in these two online exhibits:

CAL "Change":

Gregory Radionov (1st Place),
Sylvia Goulden (Honorable Mention),
Elizabeth Covington, Susan Gesundheit,
Judy Heimlich, Natalie Smythe.

WPW "Art of Coping":

Liz Covington (WPW award),
Selina Cheng (Honorable Mention),
Michelene Lasky (Honorable Mention),
Susan Gesundheit, Zony Gordon, Beverly Grossman.

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>

"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.

"From Photo to Sketch to Watercolor" – Zoom 3-hour Workshop Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2-5p.m. Through a loose and expressive approach, Cris Gordy introduces beginners to basic techniques and composition pointers to create a pleasing watercolor painting using a reference photo. Registration: www.artspirationforall.org or by phone 213-200-9398.

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

VWS Student Award Recipients, Congratulations!



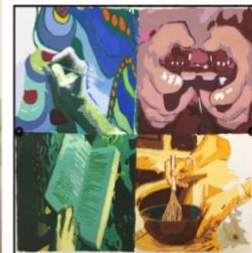
Ayisha Bushra
Age: 17
Grade: 12
High School: Van Nuys High School

Piece 1 : Weeping Woman; Acrylic paint
Piece 2 : Warped Reflection; Watercolor
Piece 3 : Repression; Watercolor



Rosa Canas-Valadez
Age: 15
Grade: 10th
High school: Van Nuys High School

Piece 1: The Wolf
Piece 2: Styles
Piece 3: Hobbies



Jersey Vargas Damian
Age: 16
Grade: 10th (upcoming 11th grader this fall)
High school: Van Nuys High School
Piece 1: A New Generation Begins, Watercolor
Piece 2: Janus, Watercolor
Piece 3: Embrace Over Distance, Watercolor & Watercolor Pencil



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

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://valleywatercoloristsociety.org/dvd-library/>

VWS Workshop Schedule



Joe Cibere



David Smith



Lian Quan Zhen

2020 Workshops

While our workshops are online, we will have reduced hours and reduced prices.

Upcoming workshops:

- [Joe Cibere](#) – Sat-Sun, October 17-18, 2020 – 2 days
- [David R. Smith](#) – Fri-Sun, November 13-15, 2020 – 3 days
- [Lian Quan Zhen](#) — (Rescheduled to Sat-Mon, March 20-22, 2021)

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.

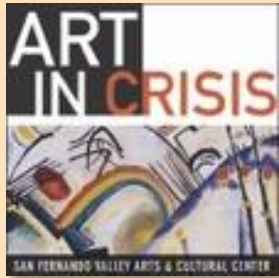
Annual Juried Exhibit March 3-27, 2021

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.

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.

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.

ONLINE Events Around Town



“THE ART OF COPING”, AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

<https://womenpainterswest.org/gallery/>

Juried by Joe Cibere



“CHANGE”, SEE VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HERE:

<https://californiaartleague.github.io/gallery/exhibits/2020-change/>



“NWS 50 STARS EXHIBITION”, JULY 9 – SEPT 6, 2020 ONLINE

[Direct Link to](#)

NWSExhibition.com

- **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.

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

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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

Spencer Mackay — spencermackayfineart.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@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 September 20th for inclusion in the October 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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