

## 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.

### November 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.

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

**David R. Smith** – November 12, 2020  
**Shuang Li** – January 14, 2021  
**Peter McDonald** – February 11, 2021  
**Lian Quan Zhen** – March 11, 2021

#### **2020-2021 Workshops**

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

**Shuang Li** – Jan 15-17, 2021  
– 3-days [[register](#)]

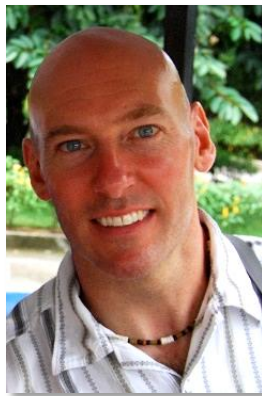
**Peter McDonald** – Feb 21, 2021  
– 1day, TBA

**Lian Quan Zhen** – Mar 20-22, 2021  
– 3-days [[register](#)]

**ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT (note adjusted dates) MARCH 1-31, 2021**  
**Entries open Dec 1, 2020.**  
**Entries close at midnight, PST Feb 1, 2021.**  
**Prospectus at [Onlinejuriedshows.com](http://Onlinejuriedshows.com)**

#### **PAINT-OUTS:**

**Online paint-out meetings on zoom with David Deyell will be announced**



#### **General Meeting & Demo with David R. Smith, AWS, NWS, Thursday, November 12, 7-9 PM PST / Online Zoom link is below**

**David R. Smith** 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, National Watercolor Society, and others.

[dsmithfineart.com](http://dsmithfineart.com)  
[david@dsmithfineart.com](mailto:david@dsmithfineart.com)

#### **HERE IS YOUR ZOOM LINK**

Topic: VWS General Meeting Thurs 11-12-2020

Time: Nov 12, 2020 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

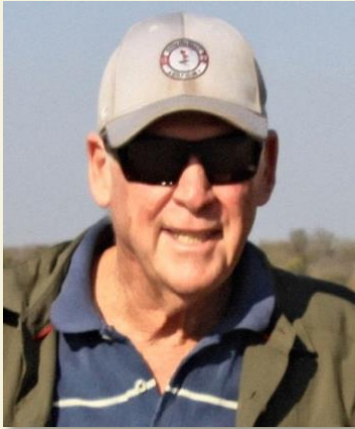
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89174900977?pwd=UnhBRnRwT09PN3duOTBaNmJFeGQ3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 891 7490 0977

Passcode: 655157

## President's Message



Hello everyone,

Hope you are all doing well. At our last meeting we had an excellent demo by Joe Cibere and workshop. Our next artist giving a demo and workshop will be David Smith, another great artist. Keep painting and have a good Thanksgiving, see you Nov 12th.

John Chapin, VWS President

## October Meeting Society Show

Joe Cibere, presenter at our October Zoom General Meeting, selected our Society Show Awards. Congratulations to the prize winners! To enter the November 12<sup>th</sup> Society Show at our general meeting, submit one emailed image by 12 noon, Wednesday, November 11th, to Selina Cheng: [selinachengart@aol.com](mailto:selinachengart@aol.com)

MICHELENE LASKI, 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
GARY FRIEDMAN, 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE  
DEBRA REYNOLDS, 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
ZONY GORDON, HONORABLE MENTION  
NANCY WHITLOCK, HONORABLE MENTION



Debra Reynolds



Gary Friedman



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Micheline Laski



Nancy Whitlock

## Membership renewal for 2020-2021

The new membership year has begun. Renew your membership online to enjoy the programming for the coming year: <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/join/#join> or mail your check for \$40 to: Valley Watercolor Society Membership, 3333 Alana Drive, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403

## Joe Cibere October 17-18 Workshop Recap



About 15 participants enjoyed Joe Cibere's online Zoom workshop a few weeks ago. Joe gave us very informative exercises with triad color combinations, basically using whatever watercolor tubes you have been collecting but haven't used yet!

The possibilities were endless, and the results astounding!

We worked on skies, clouds, and landscapes.

Always something new to learn!

## Upcoming Paint-Outs



Attention: VWS Plein Air/Landscape Artists

VWS Plein Air events are included free with VWS membership. Virus regulations have caused cancellation of scheduled events, but we can stay in touch with zoom meetings. Say hello. Discuss how YOU are surviving. Consider sharing paintable landscape photos and show your latest landscape. Share preparation for VWS shows, consider future painting locations and discuss plein air equipment. Future zoom meetings will be announced. Email David Deyell with questions [watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto:watercolorists@netzero.net)

## Condolences: we sadly announce the loss of two of our VWS members...



**Phyllis Solcyk** passed away October 16, 2020.

Her two daughters and a nephew were with her; it was a quiet and peaceful passing.

Phyllis was an art teacher for many years at Mission College and Rene's Art Studio. She was a Past President of National Watercolor Society and a member of Valley Watercolor Society for many years.

Phyllis will be remembered for her many contributions to the art community and by her many friends.

We will miss Phyllis.



On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, VWS longtime member **Gayle Garner Roski** passed away peacefully in her art studio at her Toluca Lake home, surrounded by family and her vibrant watercolor paintings that brought joy to so many people. Many of her vibrant watercolor paintings depicted the life and land of cultures around the world, as she was an avid world traveler. Gayle had exhibited at galleries and museums from Southern California to Scotland. She will be greatly missed.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to: **Augie's Quest to Cure ALS**, P.O. Box 9886, Denver, CO 80209



## Member News

**Harriette Kahn** has been accepted into the California Art League's Virtual Gold Medal Exhibit, **Wild World**. It runs from October 25 to December 31 on the CAL website.



*"The Alien Dancers Levitating Toward Their Base", watercolor, by Harriette Kahn*

Other VWS members in the CAL exhibit are: Susan Gesundheit, Cheryl Goettemoeller, Gregory Radionov (Award of Distinction), Natalie Smythe, Nancy Whitlock.

**Paula Diggs** will have two paintings in the Galeria Gitana show, "Chasing Autumn", October 31-December 11, 2020.



*"Fire Season", watercolor, by Paula Diggs*

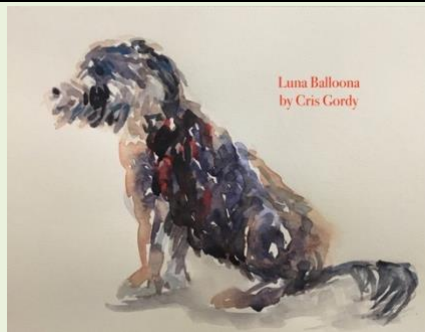


*"Wind", watercolor, by Paula Diggs*

**Liz Covington** was honored to have one of her paintings featured on the cover of *California Family Physician*. This magazine featured several physicians and their art. This October 1-2, she had the pleasure of painting for the Hermes Lip Beauty Event in San Francisco.



**Chris Gordy Online Classes: "Tea and Art Paint-Along" – Zoom Event** We meet weekly on **Tuesdays and Sundays, 3-5pm via Zoom**, depending on our other commitments. Free and open to all levels! A theme is suggested, and a reference photo sent by email, but you are free to paint your own project, or simply chat with members of other local watercolor societies. Join any time by sending an email to [crisgordy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crisgordy@sbcglobal.net). Mark your calendars! Tuesdays Nov. 3, 10, 17. Sundays Nov. 8, 15 and 29.



Find simple watercolor and sketching exercises at [www.artspirationforall.org](http://www.artspirationforall.org).



*Watercolor by Chris Gordy with K. Tanabe online demos, Oct. 2020*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kian14fam@gmail.com).

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

**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](mailto:agourahillsrec@agoura-hills.ca.us) Register at [www.agourahillsrec.org](http://www.agourahillsrec.org)

Also note that David is available for art organization demonstrations done virtually. Contact David at [watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:zisk8r@charter.net)

**Artist Co-op 7 Online Zoom Watercolor Classes with Susie Gesundheit and Dafna Gilboa: Enroll for Session January 5-March 16, 2021** Register at [WWW.SFVACC.ORG](http://WWW.SFVACC.ORG)

## Welcome New Members!

Susanne Belcher



Liza Carrillo



Galina Krasheninnikova



Elizabeth Wagner



## VWS Workshop Schedule

### UPCOMING 2020-2021 WORKSHOPS:



**Shuang Li**



**David R. Smith**



**Lian Quan Zhen**



**Peter McDonald**

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[[register](#)] \$90 for VWS members, \$105 for non-members

**Shuang Li** – Fri-Sun, January 15-17, 2021 – 3-day On-line Workshop on Zoom  
[[register](#)] \$90 for VWS members, \$105 for non-members

**Peter McDonald** – Sun, February 21, 2021 – 1-day Workshop, TBA

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

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 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---Entries Dec 1, 2020-Feb 1, 2021

Just a reminder that entries for the VWS 2021 ANNUAL EXHIBIT will open December 1. You can access [Onlinejuriedshows.com](https://www.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 March 1-31, 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 1, 2021.

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

## ONLINE Events Around Town

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE AND SCORE PROJECT: OPENING TODAY: "WILD WORLD", CALIFORNIA ART LEAGUE GOLD MEDAL ONLINE EXHIBIT



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 current online exhibit is "Wild World", featuring artists from California Art League, from November 1-30, 2020. The first Artist Spotlight features Susan Gesundheit. Online courses, receptions, and Artist Collections will be featured. Please go to [www.sfvacc.org](http://www.sfvacc.org) to see our new website, new exhibit, and look under artists to see how to apply as a Collections Artist.

## Calls for Entries

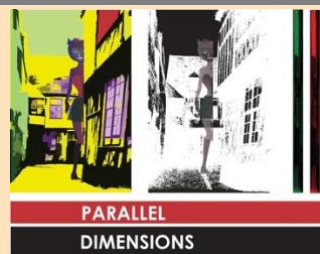


SCORE OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS:

MORE INFO AND PROSPECTUS AT [WWW.SFVACC.ORG](http://WWW.SFVACC.ORG)

Holiday Art Market Online Exhibit and Sale: entries due Nov. 10, 2020

New Beginnings: SCORE Premiere Online Exhibit: deadline Dec 6, 2020



COLLAGE ARTISTS OF AMERICA ANNUAL OPEN EXHIBIT

"PARALLEL DIMENSIONS": A VIRTUAL ONLINE SHOW.

February 1-28, 2021, Juror and Selection of Awards: John Greco, Printer, Josephine Press. A total of \$1000 in awards.

Deadline for submission: Midnight, January 17, 2021.

Enter through [www.OnlineJuriedShows.com](http://www.OnlineJuriedShows.com)

Check Online Juried Shows [www.onlinejuriedshows.com](http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com) and CaFÉ [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org) for local and national calls for entry.

## 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.

During Covid-19, VWS the DVD library will be available to all current VWS members. VWS will pay mailing fees to send DVDs to members in a reusable envelope; renter pays return postage using the reusable envelope, return address label will be provided. DVDs are loaned for one month, the maximum is 2 DVD's per month. Contact Susie Tse: [sytse3@verizon.net](mailto:sytse3@verizon.net) to order.

Links to lists of DVDs is available 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

<b>ASAP ART FRAMING</b> 21101 Osborne St. Canoga Park, CA 818-718-1022	<b>CARTER SEXTON</b> 5308 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-763-5050	<b>DRG</b> 5900 Kester Ave Van Nuys, CA 818-908-0100	<b>FRAME STORE</b> 11911 San Vicente Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 310-471-1195	
<b>PICTURE PERFECT</b> 19323 Vanowen St. Reseda, CA 818-342-4997	<b>RENEE'S FINE ART STUDIO</b> 20531 Devonshire St Chatsworth, CA 818-701-9887	<b>SHERMAN OAKS CUSTOM FRAMING</b> 13938 Ventura Blvd Sherman Oaks, CA 818-788-8352	<b>U-FRAME IT GALLERY</b> 6203 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 818-781-4500	<b>U-FRAME IT GALLERY</b> 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)  
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 Joette Snyder — [joettesgallery.com](https://www.joettesgallery.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org) by November 20<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the December 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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