

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.

December 2020

CALENDAR

General Meeting & Workshop location:
Until we can meet safely, meetings with demos and workshops are by Zoom platform. A new link will be provided for each event.

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

Shuang Li – January 14, 2021

Peter McDonald – February 11, 2021

Lian Quan Zhen – March 11, 2021

TBA – April 8, 2021

Ryan Fox – May 13, 2021

TBA – June 10, 2021

2020-2021 Workshops

Shuang Li – Jan 15-17, 2021

– 3-days [[register](#)]

Peter McDonald – Feb 21, 2021

– 1-day [[register](#)]

Lian Quan Zhen – Mar 20-22, 2021

– 3-days [[register](#)]

TBA – April, 2021

Ryan Fox – May 14- 16, 2021

– 3-days

No workshop in June, 2021

ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT

MARCH 1-31, 2021

Entries open DEC 1, 2020

Entries close at midnight, PST FEB 1, 2021.

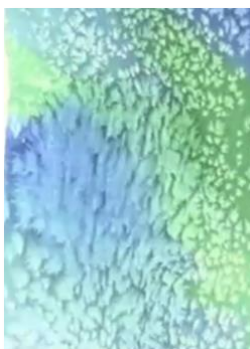
Prospectus at [Onlinejuriedshows.com](https://onlinejuriedshows.com)

PAINT-OUTS: Meetings on zoom with David Deyell will be announced when available.



David R. Smith Demo and Workshop Recap

At the November 12 General Meeting, David R. Smith gave an inspiring demo of painting reflections and underwater rock shapes. It was a preview of our workshop November 13-15. Nearly 80 participants from local to out-of state enjoyed David's online Zoom three-day workshop.



Day one was a similar project to the demo, but much more focused on how to work with different watercolor consistencies and values. Day two was a snow-covered pine tree using resist and gouache, and a three-color glowing wash. Day three we practiced salt-effect and gouache sprinkles to make "Holiday Cards", that were really a great deal of fun (and yes, that is a Bob Ross cutout in the corner photo-bombing David's zoom workshop!)

President's Message



Greetings,

I hope you are well. Our last meeting and workshop with David R. Smith was great. At our January meeting we will have Shuang Li as our guest artist. I am looking forward to both her demo and workshop. 2021 is going to be much better than 2020, so keep painting and have a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays.

See you in January,

John Chapin, VWS President

November Meeting Society Show

David R. Smith, presenter at our November Zoom General Meeting, selected our Society Show Awards. Congratulations to the prize winners!

FATEMEH KIAN, 1ST PLACE
CRIS GORDY, 2ND PLACE
DEBI McDONALD, 3RD PLACE
GARY FRIEDMAN, HONORABLE MENTION
SPENCER MCKAY, HONORABLE MENTION



Cris Gordy



Fatemeh Kian



Gary Friedman



Spencer McKay



Debi McDonald

Membership renewal for 2020-2021

The new membership year has begun. 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

Annual Juried Exhibit March 1-31, 2021---Entries Open Today, Dec. 1, 2020!

Just a reminder that entries for our next VWS 2021 ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT opens today, December 1. You can access [Onlinejuriedshows.com](https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/exhibit/) 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.

Membership dues must be current.

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

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.

Member News

Debra Reynolds received a 2nd place award for the 2020 fall show of the Burbank Art Association.

The image below and two other pieces by Debra Reynolds were accepted into the Burbank Cultural Arts Commission Virtually Burbank Showcase.



"White Rose", wc, by Debra Reynolds

These are from flowers Debra has noticed on her daily walks.



"Pink Yellow", watercolor, by Debra Reynolds



"Orange Rose", watercolor, by Debra Reynolds

Liz Blum won first place in the Thousand Oaks Art Association Membership Show for her painting "The Goose Rests" in oil. It is part of a waterfowl series she is painting during the pandemic.

Susanne Belcher won Best of Show.

View the show at www.Onlinejuriedshows.com



"The Goose Rests", oil, by Liz Blum



"I Love LA III", digital, by Susanne Belcher

Harriette Kahn has a solo exhibition at the Calabasas Tennis and Swim Club on their Artist's Alley wall from Nov 1-Dec 12.



*"Bath Time at the Barn", wc,
by Harriette Kahn*

Rosemary Altshuler, Selina Cheng, Susan Gesundheit are showing in the SCORE Holiday Market Online Exhibit from Dec 1-31, 2020.
www.sfvacc.org



*"Medusa Sea Foam I", fabric
and housepaint
on paper,
by Susan
Gesundheit*



"Sea and Sand", wc, by Selina Cheng



*"White Lilies", wc, by Rosemary
Altshuler*

Zony Gordon did an art demo at the "A Day of Art" celebration event of the Assistance League of America in Newhall, Nov 8. Prior to this, she finished a watercolor art class for grade schoolers at the Stevenson Ranch Park, and will present some of her winter art pieces at the SCAA Holiday Boutique December 4-6 in Newhall.



Watercolors by Zony Gordon



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to all our new members, Barbara Grene, Geri Lucio, Judy Rothman and Judy Yen.



Barbara Greve



Geri Lucio



Judy Yen

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@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> - <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 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 Watercolor Classes with Susie Gesundheit and Dafna Gilboa:
Enroll now for Session January 5-March 16, 2021 Register at WWW.SFVACC.ORG

VWS Workshop Schedule

UPCOMING 2020-2021 WORKSHOPS:



Shuang Li



Peter McDonald



Lian Quan Zhen



Ryan Fox

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

Peter McDonald – Sun, February 21, 2021 – 1-day online workshop on Zoom
[[register](#)] \$35 for VWS members, \$45 for non-members

Lian Quan Zhen - Sat-Mon, March 20-22, 2021 – 3-day workshop
[[register](#)] \$120 for VWS members, \$140 for non-members

TBA – April, 2021

Ryan Fox – Fri-Sun, May 14-16, 2021 – 3-day workshop

No workshop in June, 2021

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.

ONLINE Events Around Town

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



OPENING TODAY: "HOLIDAY ART MARKET", DECEMBER 1-31, 2020

SFVACC has launched 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. Online courses, receptions, and Artist Collections will be featured. Please go to www.sfvacc.org to see our new website, new exhibit, and look under artists to see how to apply as a Collections Artist.

THE HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, ART MUSEUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS ARE OPEN BY TICKET RESERVATION.
THE ROSES ARE BLOOMING! FREE FREE LUNCHTIME ART TALK SERIES BY RESERVATION ON ZOOM ON
WEDNESDAYS: there is one tomorrow at noon, then recordings will be available
(talks are through the Hammer Museum) <https://www.huntington.org/events/list/month?tid=1>

Calls for Entries



SCORE OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS:

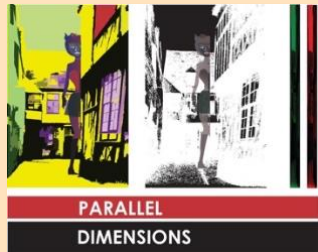
MORE INFO AND PROSPECTUS AT WWW.SFVACC.ORG

"NEW BEGINNINGS": JANUARY 1-31, 2021

SCORE PREMIERE ONLINE EXHIBIT, DEADLINE DECEMBER 6, 2020.

ENTRIES THROUGH CAFÉ, www.callforentry.com

Best of Show \$800 – 1st Place \$400 – 2nd Place \$300



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

Check Online Juried Shows www.onlinejuriedshows.com and CaFÉ 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 to order.

Links to lists of DVDs is available on our Website: <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/dvd-library/>

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

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

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 December 20, 2020 for inclusion in the January 1, 2021 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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