

## 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.

### JANUARY 2021

#### 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.

#### 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

#### 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 [[register](#)]

No workshop in June, 2021

#### ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT

**MARCH 1-31, 2021**

Entries close at midnight, PST FEB 1, 2021.

Prospectus at [Onlinejuriedshows.com](http://Onlinejuriedshows.com)

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



### General Meeting & Demo with Shuang Li (NWS, AIS, LPAPA, SDWS, WW) Thursday, January 14, 7-9 PM PST / Online Zoom link is below

Born, raised and classically trained in China, **Shuang Li** received her BA Degree in Graphic Design and Master Degree in Art History. After moving to the United States, **Shuang Li** received her MFA (Master of Fine Art) Degree from The Department of Art, University of Oregon in 1991.

Following the traditional “En Plein Air” Impressionism approach, Shuang paints watercolor both on locations and in her studio, and

portrays the extraordinary variety of life with her unique perspective. With masterful classic and contemporary techniques, Shuang recreates nature’s beauty in her paintings by capturing moods and moments of light and color with her singular poetic expression.

A signature member of National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, San Diego Watercolor Society and LPAPA, Shuang’s artworks have long been favored by collectors, also regularly exhibited in national and international galleries and group shows, with many honorable awards. With her extensive teaching background, Shuang has been regularly invited by art organizations for her popular plein air painting demonstrations, art workshops and classes. She also frequently serves as an invited juror for art competitions and art exhibitions.

Shuang Li lives with her husband in Escondido, California. She can be reached via: Email [shuangli@shuangliwatercolors.com](mailto:shuangli@shuangliwatercolors.com), or visit her website <https://www.shuangliwatercolors.com>

#### **ZOOM: VWS General Meeting & Demo with Shuang Li, Jan 14, 2021, 7 PM Pacific Time**

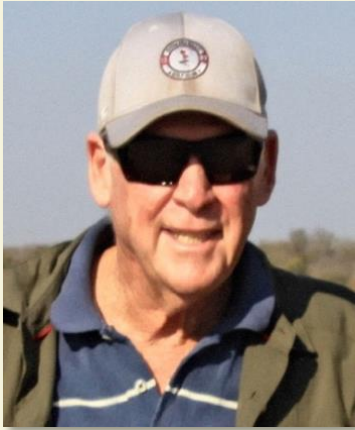
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87949543545?pwd=Rmo4WDVlYkxjVjRlMU91RnhhTkxRUT09>

**Meeting ID: 879 4954 3545**

**Passcode: 842440**

## President's Message



### Greetings, and Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

The club has a great 2021 schedule lined up so its time to start painting.

We have talented artist Shuang Li scheduled for January.

Our meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, and our workshop is Jan 15, 16, 17.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting.

**John Chapin, VWS President**

## Annual Juried Exhibit March 1-31, 2021



### Valley Watercolor Society

#### 2021 Annual Juried Online Exhibition

##### 2020 Top Honor Winners



Gregory Radionov "Redhead"  
2020 Second Place



Peter McDonald "Turning Point"  
2020 First Place



Fatemeh Kian "Stay Strong"  
2020 Third Place

**Exhibition Dates: March 1 - 31, 2021**

**Virtual Reception and Award Ceremony  
Sunday, March 8, 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

*Please visit the online show at*

[www.sfvacc.org](http://www.sfvacc.org)

**San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center**

## Annual Juried Exhibit March 1-31, 2021---Entries Due February 1, 2021!

Just a reminder that entries for our next VWS 2021 ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT opened 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, February 1, 2021.

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

## January Meeting Society Show

To enter the January 14<sup>th</sup> Society Show at our general meeting, submit one emailed image by 12 noon, Wednesday, January 13th, to Selina Cheng: [selinachengart@aol.com](mailto:selinachengart@aol.com)

## Passings



*Born in 1927, Gerald Brommer passed away on November 3, 2020, at 93 years old. We knew him for many years as a prolific painter, compassionate teacher, encourager. Many of us took his workshops, watched his DVD's, and read his books, and were inspired by them.*

*We extend deep condolences to his wife, Georgia.*

*A wonderful tribute was written in American Watercolor Weekly online, <https://americanwatercolor.net/celebrating-the-life-and-art-of-a-watermedia-master/>*

## Member News

Rosemary Altshuler has two paintings in Art On The Boulevard Exhibit on Ventura Blvd. and just sold a painting for \$250 called Mother And Baby Elephants.

Liz Covington and Susan Gesundheit are in "New Beginnings" online exhibit at [www.SFVACC.org](http://www.SFVACC.org), Jan 1-31, 2021

### Norma Derr

I have a painting easel that I would like to offer to the membership. It's a freebie! Here is a photo of it: Only used once or twice, first come, first serve!

Contact me at [normaok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:normaok@sbcglobal.net).



## VWS Workshop Schedule

### UPCOMING 2020-2021 WORKSHOPS:



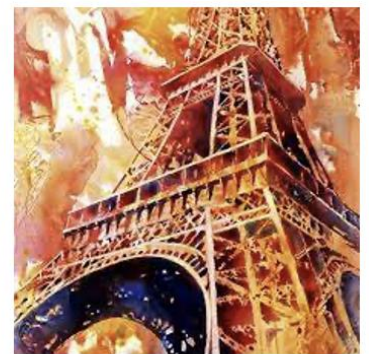
Shuang Li



Peter McDonald



Lian Quan Zhen



| Ryan Fox

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

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

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

**TBA** – April, 2021

**Ryan Fox** – Fri-Sun, May 14-16, 2021 – 3-day online workshop  
[\[register\]](#) \$90 for VWS members, \$105 for non-members

**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



### OPENING TODAY: “NEW BEGINNINGS”, JANUARY 1-31, 2021

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](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

### Thousand Oaks Art Association Online Open Juried Show, will be posted on Online Juried Shows website in February.

Judge: Jeff Horn, Prof Emeritus of Drawing and Painting at Irvine Valley College

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, January 15, 2021, enter at [www.Onlinejuriedshows.com](http://www.Onlinejuriedshows.com)

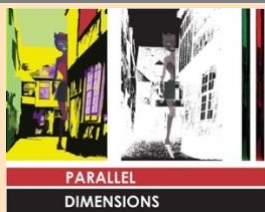
**Show Opens:** Monday, February 1, 2021, **Notification of Awards:** February 1, 2021, **Show Closes for sales:** March 31, 2021

### 36th Annual Made in California Juried Exhibition

Brea Gallery in Brea, California seeks entries for the 36th Annual Made in California Juried Exhibition, on display April 24 - June 18, 2021. First Place: \$750, Second Place: \$500, Third Place: \$250, Solo Show: \$350, Director's Choice: \$200, Mayor's Choice: \$100, Popular Choice: \$100. All mediums are encouraged and accepted! Juried Show fee: \$20 per entry; Solo Show fee: \$80 per submission. Deadline: February 18, 2021. More info. Contact: email or call (714) 990-7731.

### Women in Art 2021

Each year Las Laguna Gallery provides an entire month dedicated to women artists, March 4-27, 2021. Open to any and all women artists working in any medium. Works can include acrylic, assemblage, charcoal, collage, digital art, drawings, fiber art, graphite, oil, pastel, photography (traditional and digital), printmaking, and watercolor. All artists will be accepted and have at least one of their works posted on our website, promoted on Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites. A select number of artists will send their work into the gallery for exhibition. \$35 for up to 3 images. Deadline: February 7, 2021. More info. Contact: email or call 949-505-0950.



### 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 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/>

## 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](mailto: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](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 now for Winter Session January 5-March 16, 2021 Register at [WWW.SFVACC.ORG](http://WWW.SFVACC.ORG)

## 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)

## 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)  
 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)  
 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)  
 Spencer Mackay — [spencermackayfineart.com](https://www.spencermackayfineart.com)  
 Deborah Swan-McDonald — [deborahswan-mcdonald.com](https://www.deborahswan-mcdonald.com)  
 Charlotte Mullich — [charlottemullich.com](https://www.charlottemullich.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)  
 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](#)

## 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](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorssociety.org) by January 20, 2021 for inclusion in the February 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>

## 2020-2021 VWS Board of Directors

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