



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.

February 8, 2024

CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING(IN-PERSON and ON ZOOM) DEMO WITH FATEMEH KIAN AND SOCIETY SHOW THURSDAY, FEB 8, 2024, 7PM

In-Person Location:

REMAX OFFICE

11141 Tampa Ave, 2nd Floor,
Suite 2A, Porter Ranch, CA 91326

Zoom Link for VWS General Meeting and Artist Demo

Date: Feb. 08, 2024, Time: 7:00 PM

Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83509087866?pwd=dGdici9pNTISTHBweUdRbDB1WmlkZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 0908 7866

Passcode: 804866

SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO SELINA CHENG BY 12 NOON, FEB. 7

selinachengart@aol.com

FEBRUARY WORKSHOP:

FATEMEH KIAN – Sunday Feb. 18th

9am - 12pm, 1-Day on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#)

\$65 for VWS members, \$80 for non-members

2024 MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

<https://valleywatercoloristsociety.org/events/#event-list>

PAINT-OUT WEDNESDAY, FEB 21, 10AM

At Reyes Adobe Museum (See Page 4 for details)

watercolorists@netzero.net

– David Deyell

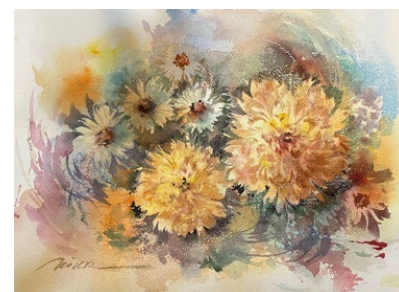


FATEMEH KIAN will be the demo artist at our General Meeting Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7pm to 9pm.



My name is Fatemeh Aya Kian. My artistic journey started with calligraphy at a young age. I achieved the highest level of it in my country and then decided to make a shift in my career to explore the world of painting, so I tried doing colored pencils, oil, pastels, and some other mediums for a while. I believe all that background led to me picking watercolor

as my main passion, and without it, I would never be successful in watercolor. I have a university degree in color theory & motive design, and am now pursuing interior architecture at UCLA. I've had multiple solo and group exhibitions in my country, in Oklahoma, where I lived for two years, and here in Los Angeles. Perhaps I'm known mostly by my students as a floral painter, which indeed I love to do, but I also love doing landscapes, still-life, portraits, and figures.



President's Message



Hello Everyone,

Hope you are well. I am looking forward to our upcoming Annual Member Art Exhibition, opening on Friday, February 2nd. Please join us at the in-person reception on Sunday February 4th at 3PM-6PM. We will have music, food, drink, and great art to enjoy. Also, a chance to meet all your fellow members.

Please note that this month's meeting on February 8th will be a combo of in-person and on zoom. Fatemeh Kian, a truly gifted artist, will be the demo artist. Please check the newsletter for the meeting location and Zoom link.

Good Luck, stay healthy and keep painting!

John Chapin, VWS President

2024 VWS ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBIT ... Opens 2/2/24 Reception 2/4/24

The Valley Watercolor Society will hold its 2024 Annual Juried Exhibit- **February 2-27, 2024.**

This will be an **in-person** exhibit for **active members** only at **Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Rd., Suite A, Newbury Park, CA 91320.**

The Juror is **Kathleen Scoggin**. Kathleen is a contemporary abstract artist working in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. Her paintings are inspired by nature, express organic subjects, and are based on unique texture techniques in order to describe the varied earth forms all around us.

- **Important Dates:**
- **Entries open:** November 1, 2023
- **Entries deadline:** December 31, 2023
- **Acceptance notification begins:** January 17, 2024
- **Accepted Paintings Take-in:** February 1, 2024 (10 AM-1PM)
- **Award Judging:** February 1, 2024 (3 PM)
- **Exhibition dates:** February 2, 2024 – February 27, 2024
- **Take-down** February 27, 2024 (10 AM – 12 PM)
- **Reception and Awards Presentation:** February 4, 2024 (3 PM-6 PM)

Sylvia Crosbie, Exhibit Chair, sylvia_crosbie@bluetiehome.com or 818-902-1853. Entries are entered on www.OnLineJuriedShows.com.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION.

VWS had a very successful exhibit last year thanks to all who participated and volunteered their help. Let's make this year even better!

Please email Sylvia_crosbie@bluetiehome.com and she will contact the individual chairs.

Take-in - Micheline Laski

Gallery Sitting - Norma Derr

Hospitality including set-up and cleanup - Sandra McDuffie

Barbara Leitzel - Publicity

Hanging and labeling - Debbi Saunders

Bin (unframed) art - Paula Diggs

New Members

Welcome to Our New Members!

**Jamie Muller
Consuela Woodhead
Ida King
Joann Baker**

Member News

From Cris Gordy:

SOCAL PLEIN AIR

meets regularly with artists of all media. Days vary. Find them on **Facebook**. Administrator is Meredith Jacobson. Free.

TEA AND ART CLUB

For *watercolor* and *acrylic* in studio painters.

In person, once a month in the San Fernando Valley, Free. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 21, 10 am - 1 pm. Registration/Inquiries at <https://www.artspirationforall.org/contact>

From Karen Holly: Projector for sale – like new



For sale this top of the line "Super Prism Projector" by Artograph. Barely used, in 'like new' condition. It cost over \$400 new. Asking \$40. Contact: Karen Holly at: (747) 244-8545

Congratulations to Paula Diggs

Her drawing was selected from 276 submissions of art for the final selection on phase one of **Vision and Verse, a Fusion of Poetry, Prose, Art and Photography**. She was selected 1 of 20 featured in the Honorable Mention portion of the book. Congratulations on producing a wonderful and memorable work.



Highlights from the January Meeting with Artist Liz Walker

Watercolor Transformation

Lap Of Luxury #1, watercolor 13 x 19"



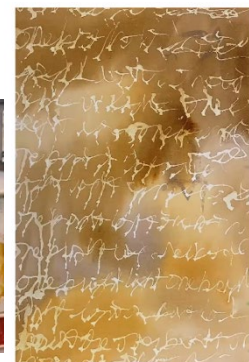
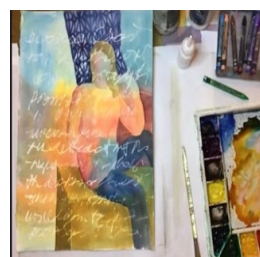
Watercolor Transformation

(From Doodle to Painting)



Watercolor Reimagined (some starts)

Ascenic writing (diluted white acrylic applied with an applicator bottle); watercolor wash added.



JANUARY SOCIETY SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to Society Show Winners Selected by Liz Walker



1st Place
Paula Diggs



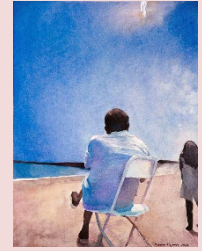
2nd Place
Barbara Leitzel



3rd Place
Selina Cheng



Honorable Memtion
Denise Pierre



Honorable Mention
Debra Reynolds

To enter the upcoming **February 8TH General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **Feb 7TH** by 12 noon to **Selina Cheng**: selinachengart@aol.com. The demo artist will select awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and two Honorable Mentions. See all the entries from previous Society Shows here: <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/society-show/>

Classes taught by VWS Members

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 see our complete list of teachers online at <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/teachers/>

Upcoming Paint-Outs – Wednesday February 21, 10 AM – David Deyell



Hi Plein Air Artists:

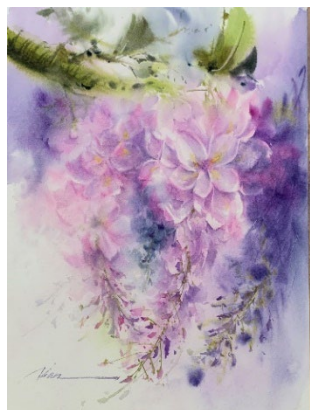
We will meet Wednesday, February 21, 10:00am at the Reyes Adobe Museum campus. This is in the City of Agoura Hills. Starting time is 10 am and we usually paint until lunch. Turn left at Rainbow and left again into the parking area.

Everyone interested is invited. If you email me, we will look for you! Come out and join in even if you don't have time to email! Hope you can make it!

--David Deyell watercolorists@netzero.net.

VWS Plein Air events are free with VWS membership.

VWS 2024 Workshop Schedule



Fatemeh Kian – Feb 2024



Gabriel Stockton – Mar 2024



Julie Crouch – Apr 2024

Kathleen Scoggin – May 2024



Alexis Lavine – June 2024



Fatemeh Kian – Sunday Feb 18, 2024, 9am - 1pm, 1-Day on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$65 for VWS members, \$80 for non-members

Gabriel Stockton – Sat Mar 23, 2024, 9am - 3pm, 1-Day on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$65 for VWS members, \$80 for non-members

Julie Crouch – Sun Apr 23, 2024, 10am - 2pm, 1 Days In-Person Plein air [\[Register\]](#) \$50 for VWS members, \$65 for non-members

Kathleen Scoggin – Sat May 18 – Sun May 19, 2024, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members, \$160 for non-members

Alexis Lavine – Sat Jun 22 – Sun Jun 23, 2024, 9am - 2pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members, \$160 for non-members

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 of any fine or charge 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.

VWS FACEBOOK NOW LIVE!

Our page is up and running!

For members/public to access our PAGE, you must log into your Facebook Account. Enter: VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY COMMUNITY SERVICE in the SEARCH BOX at the top left corner of the page.

Calls for Entries, Workshops, Etc.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR LEADS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALLS FOR ENTRIES!

National Watercolor Society (NWS) 2024 Member Exhibition

Entries acceptance : January 1-February 23, 2024

<http://nationalwatercolorociety.org>

PLEINAIR SALON MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

<https://pleinairsalon.com/monthly-winners/>

and go here for the rules: <https://pleinairsalon.com/competition-rules/>

This is run by PleinAir Magazine.

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

Other Art Events Around Town



NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 103rd INTERNATIONAL OPEN EXHIBITION

available to view online after Oct 1, 2023

NationalWatercolorSociety.org



WOMEN PAINTERS WEST “RAISING OUR BRUSHES”, Online Exhibition opens

Sunday, October 22, 2023, www.womenpainterswest.org



WATERCOLOR WEST 56th International Juried Exhibition 2024

Entry Dates: January 1 – March 1, 2024

www.watercolorwest.org

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.

See the updated list on our website since Joe Cibere recently donated 18 DVDs

During Covid-19, VWS decided the DVD library will be available to all current VWS members via mail. 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 DVDs per month.

Contact Susie Tse: [syts3@verizon.net](mailto:sytse3@verizon.net) to order. Links to lists of DVDs is available on our Web site: <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/dvd-library/>

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? Do you have any art stuff to sell? Or maybe you just want your website to appear here.

Email your news to newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org by January 20th for inclusion in the February 1st Newsletter.

Submission Guidelines

- 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 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>

Member Websites (to access website, press CONTROL then Click link)

Debbie Abshear — debbieabshear.com

Rosemary Altshuler

— RosemaryAltshulerwatercolors.com

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Sylvia Crosbie — SylviaKCrosbie.com

Julie Crouch — juliecrouchart.com

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Caren J. Gafni — artistcarenjgafni.com

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Susan Gesundheit — susangesundheit.com

Dafna Gilboa — dafnasart.com

Jan Godachy — jangodachy.com

Cris Gordy — artspirationforall.org

Judy Heimlich — judysartstudio.com

Patsy K. Heller — patsyheller.com

Claudia Kazachinsky — claudiakazachinsky.com

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Micheline Laski — michreedlaski.artspan.com

Martha Inman Lorch — marthainmanlorch.com

Susan L. Meisel — slm-designs.com

Shirley Peppers — ShirleyPeppersArt.com

Lori Pollack — loripollackart.com

Iuliia Pozdina — iuliapozdina.com

Greg Radionov — gregoryradionov.ru.gg

Debra Reynolds — debraadamsreynolds.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Brenda Swenson — swensonsart.net

If you'd like to have your website listed in the newsletter, email newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org

Membership update

Hi members! If you have had any change in your contact information (email, address, phone, etc.) notify the Membership Chair at normaok@sbcglobal.net to update your profile.

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