



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 11, 2024

CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING ONLINE ZOOM DEMO
WITH LIZ WALKER
AND SOCIETY SHOW
THURS, JAN 11, 2024, 7pm**

**Zoom Link for VWS General Meeting
and Artist Demo**

Topic: Zoom Link for VWS General
Meeting & Demo on Jan 11-2024
11, Time: Jan 2024, 7:00 PM Pacific
Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85217236726?pwd=dnBsMnREODdJR0pCdmVSdzR6WTJ6QT09>

**Meeting ID: 852 1723 6726
Passcode: 774837**

**SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO SELINA
CHENG BY 12 NOON, Jan 10
selinachengart@aol.com**

JANUARY WORKSHOP:

LIZ WALKER – Sat Jan 20 – Sun
Jan 21, 2024, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on
ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members,
\$160 for non-members

2024 MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

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

PAINT-OUT WEDNESDAY, JAN 10, 10AM
Oak Canyon Community Park remodeled lake
Parking at 1000 Kanan Road far end, walk
down hill
watercolorists@netzero.net
– David Deyell



**LIZ WALKER will be the demo artist at our ZOOM General
Meeting Thursday, JANUARY 11, 2024, 7pm to 9pm.**



Liz Walker, who creates award-winning acrylic and marbled paintings in her home studio in the Portland, Oregon area has been painting and teaching throughout the Pacific Northwest for over 20 years. Abstracted figures that convey a sense of “story” are her favorite subject matter, and she produces hundreds of paintings each year.

Liz started out painting in watercolor in 1991 but in 2006, switched to acrylics, collage, and marbling to create her imaginative works. She received her BA in Art from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. Her work has been exhibited in regional and national juried shows, and in 2020 she received First Place in the 47th Annual Rocky Mountain Watermedia Exhibit for her black and white painting “Upon Closer Inspection”.

Her paintings have been published in several North Light publications, including Watercolor Magazine. She is a Signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Northwest Watercolor Society, San Diego Watercolor Society, Western Federation of Watercolor Societies, and the International Society of Experimental Artists.

Visit her website www.lizwalkerart.com for information about upcoming workshops.

President's Message



Hello Everyone,

Happy New Year! Hope you are doing well. We are looking forward to a great year of demos and workshops. We will have Liz Walker in January. She is a talented and creative artist. In February, our Annual Juried Exhibit opens on February 2. Please plan to join us at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery for an in-person reception on Sunday Feb 4.

On a very sad note, we lost our Newspaper Director, Susan Gesundheit, who passed away unexpectedly on November 24. Susan was our tireless newsletter editor and a very creative and enthusiastic artist. She would volunteer for whatever needed to be done for the organization. We will sorely miss her.

Stay healthy and keep creating art. See you at our January meeting.

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 beginning February 2, 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. **BE SURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES!**

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)

PLEASE NOTE! this year everything will be one month earlier.

Sylvia Crosbie, Exhibit Chair, sylvia_crosbie@bluetiehome.com or 818-902-1853. Entries are entered on www.OnLineJuriedShows.com. Please carefully read the **PROSPECTUS**

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 me at sylvia_crosbie@bluetiehome.com and I 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

Susan Lynn Gesundheit



We are saddened to announce the sudden death of Susan Lynn Gesundheit, who died in her home on the morning of November 24th, 2023.

After attending UCLA and earning her degree in Fine Arts, Susie spent her entire adult life as an artist both in the commercial graphics world and in the genre of watercolors and monotypes, which she loved. Her admiration for her great uncle, Philip Guston, inspired Susie and informed the foundation of her work. Her love for travel with family, friends, and other artists enabled Susie to exhibit her works throughout the United States and internationally, while also devoting her life to teaching other artists over the course of 30 years with the gifted group, Artist Co-Op 7.

Susie had many wonderful friends, and she particularly enjoyed playing Mahjong in three different groups each week. A giving person who shared her love for the arts, Susie served on the board of counsillors at the USC Roski School of Art and Design. She was an integral part of the Jewish Artists Initiative, maintained active memberships in the Valley Watercolor Society, Collage Artists of America, and other organizations, earning multiple awards for her work. Susie also enjoyed her membership at Brentwood Country Club with her husband and family.

Susie supported many charitable organizations including Stephen S. Wise Temple, Milken Community High School, USC Hillel, Los Angeles Youth Orchestra, USC School of Architecture, Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Camp Alonim, and Inner City Arts.

New Members

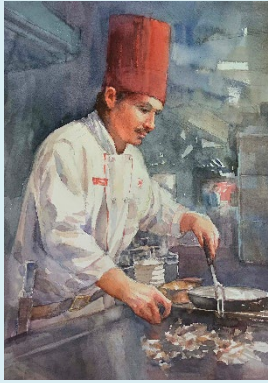
**WELCOME TO
OUR NEW
MEMBERS!**

**Julie Book
Omar Noorzay
Patricia Kellner
Nancy Fint
Alison Berry
Makarand Desai**



Nancy Fint

Member News

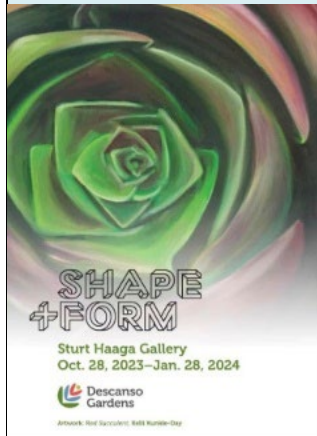


Debi McDonald was juried into the Women Painters West show, "Raising Our Brushes". The exhibit is online as well as traveling to Yuma Arizona for an exhibit at the Yuma Art Center. Her watercolor and several other paintings that were juried into Raising Our Brushes will be on

display there from December 1, 2023 to January 26, 2024.

Gary Friedman will be teaching a watercolor and design course at the Simi Valley Sr. Center starting Saturday, Dec. 16th. Classes are from 10:00am to noon. It's a hybrid course with half the classes live and half on Zoom. You can register at rsrpd.org under Art courses for age 50 +. The course is called Watercolor Art. It's \$90 for 6 classes.

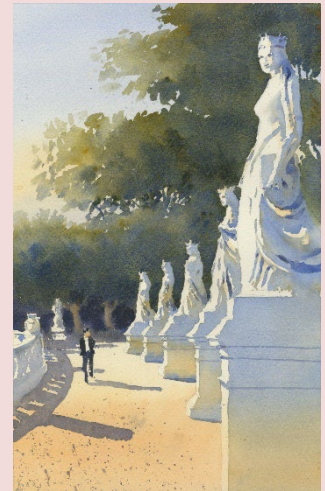
New Member **NANCY FINT** news events below:



Highlights from the November Meeting



Tivoli



Les Reines

Michel Reardon's finished paintings for the workshop he conducted on November 18 & 19, 2023.

NOVEMBER SOCIETY SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to Society Show Winners Selected by Michael Reardon



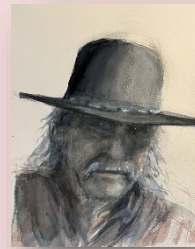
1st Place
Fatemeh Kian



2nd Place
Elana Golheimer



3rd Place
Gary Friedman



Honorable Mention
John Chapin



Honorable Mention
Cris Gordy

To enter the upcoming **January 11TH General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **January 10TH** 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



Hi Plein Air Artists:

We will meet Wednesday, January 10, 10:00am at Oak Canyon Community Park remodeled lake at 1000 Kanan Road, far end, walk down hill.

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



Liz Walker -Jan 2024



Fatemeh Kian – Feb 2024

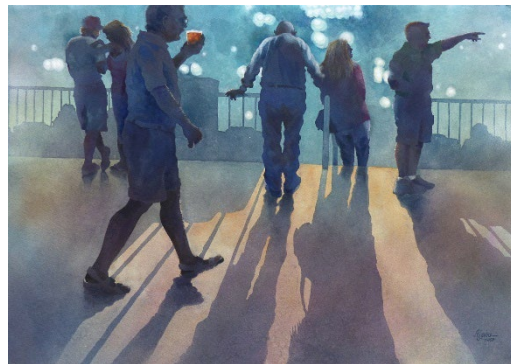


Gabriel Stockton – Mar 2024

Kathleen Scoggin – May 2024



Alexis Lavine – June 2024



Liz Walker – Sat Jan 20 – Sun Jan 21, 2024, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members, \$160 for non-members

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

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://nationalwatercolorsociety.org>

PLEINAIR SALON MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

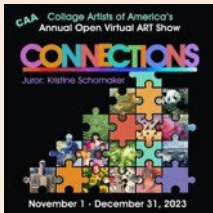
<https://pleinairsalon.com/monthly-winners/>

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



“CONNECTIONS” COLLAGE ARTISTS OF AMERICA Open Virtual ART Show, an online juried show of two- or three-dimensional collage, mixed-media collage, assemblage, and digital collage artwork. November 1-December 31, 2023

www.sfvacc.org A SCORE ONLINE EXHIBIT

Please go to www.sfvacc.org to see our newest exhibit, online courses, and workshops. Past exhibits are archived with recordings of receptions and artist talks.



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

Debbie Abshear — debbieabshear.com

Rosemary Altshuler

— RosemaryAltshulerwatercolors.com

Donna Barnes-Roberts — altadenaartist.com

Liz Blum — lizblum.com

Selina Cheng — selinachengart.com

Sue Cohen — suecohenfineart.com

Sylvia Crosbie — SylviaKCrosbie.com

Julie Crouch — juliecrouchart.com

Gary Friedman — garyfriedmanart.com

Caren J. Gafni — artistcarenjgafni.com/

Mardilan Lee Georgio — mardilanleegeorgio.com

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

Fatemeh Kian — fatemehyaskian.com

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 — iluliapozdina.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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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. Catch up on previous communications here: [Newsletter Archive](#)

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