

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.

March 2024

CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING (ON ZOOM)
DEMO WITH GABRIEL STOCKTON AND
SOCIETY SHOW THURSDAY,
MARCH 14, 2024, 7PM**

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

Date: March 14, 2024, Time: 7:00 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84706831783?pwd=bzc4TFRNekwvanpXclMvdFBZNzR5UT09>

**Meeting ID: 847 0683 1783
Passcode: 655376**

**SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO SELINA
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selinachengart@aol.com

MARCH WORKSHOP:

GABRIEL STOCKTON – Saturday March 23rd
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, MARCH 13, 10AM

At the Westlake Village Inn
(See Page 4 for details)

watercolorists@netzero.net

– David Deyell

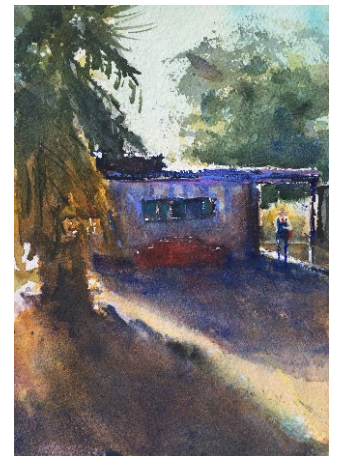
GABRIEL STOCKTON will be the demo artist at our General Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2024, 7pm to 9pm.



Drawing & painting have always been a part of watercolor artist Gabriel Stockton's California life. Colorful jars of paint were within arm's reach at his mother's ceramic studio, AKA "The Garage". While on his educational journey, he worked in mixed media but eventually focused on watercolor. Gabriel resides in San Diego, California with his family and has a studio at Spanish Village in Balboa Park. He is a juried member of the Salmagundi Club, the Southwestern Art Association, and Spanish Village Art Center (Studio 34A). In addition, he is a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society where he serves as the Plein Air manager, the National Watercolor Society Publicity Director and is a member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association. In 2021 he became a Daniel Smith Brand Ambassador. He regularly leads and participates in paint demos, workshops, and paint-outs. His artworks are found in various galleries, libraries, art districts and has work hung in private collections around the world.

Website:

www.GabrielStocktonFineArt.com



President's Message



Hello Everyone,

Hope all's well. Our annual member exhibit opened on Feb 2 and the reception on Sunday, Feb 4 was a challenge due to the rain storms. Everyone attended, despite the inclement weather, had a wonderful time. Congratulations to all the participating artists who contributed to a beautiful exhibit. Thank you Sylvia Crosbie for doing a great job organizing it. Also thanks to all the volunteers who pitched in to help.

Gabriel Stockton will be our demo artist at the March 14 General Meeting. He will have a one-day online workshop March 23.

February and March are our designated charity months. If you would like to make a donation to our sponsored organization "Free Arts" for needy children, please contact Debbi Saunders at debsaun@live.com.

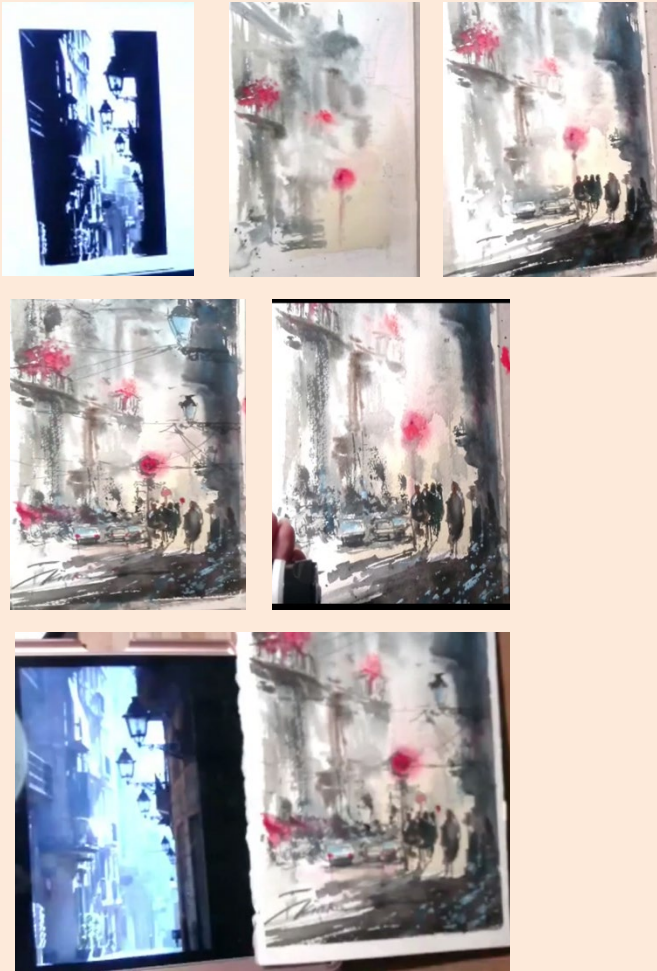
See you at the March 14 meeting!

John Chapin, President VWS

Highlights from the February Meeting with Artist Fatemeh Kian

Fatemeh Kian Demo on February 8 General Meeting

Fatemeh shows her unique talent in creating a street scene filled with activities and nuances. She leads viewers into the painting by her clever use of light and dark contrast.



Fatemeh Kian February 18 Workshop

Fatemeh Kian's creation below demonstrates why she is so popular with her floral paintings. From start to finish, Fatemeh never loses sight of the center of interest and the importance of using supporting elements to enhance it.



Valley Watercolor Society 2024 Annual Juried Exhibition

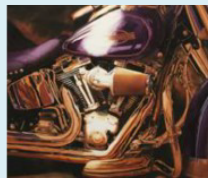
Top Honor Winners



1st Place - Liz Blum
"Fresh from the Garden"

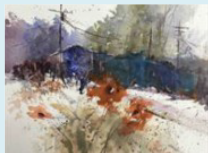


2nd Place - Jan Godachy
"Back Alley"

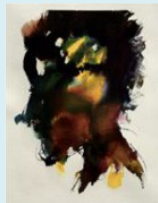


3rd Place - Karen Holly
"In A Clutch"

Special Honors



Gary Friedman
"Flower of Mentryville"



Shirley Peppers
"Am I Free?"



Deborah Swan-McDonald
"Sunlight on Matilija Poppies"

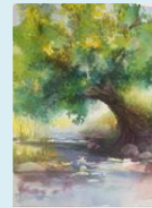
Honorable Mention



Selina Cheng
"Sunset Stroll"



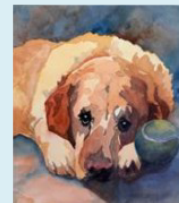
Elana Goldheimer
"Then Along came a Spider"



Meressa Naftulin
"A Wash in Color"



Carla Simonian
"Housewarming"



Michelene Laski
"Maggie's Ball"

See the complete Exhibit at this link: <https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com/ClosedShowThumbs.aspx?OJSID=58586>

The Reception



JANUARY SOCIETY SHOW WINNERS

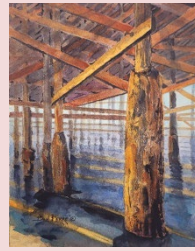
Congratulations to Society Show Winners Selected by Liz Walker



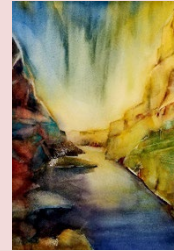
1st Place
John Chapin



2nd Place
Gary Friedman



3rd Place
Don Ferre



Honorable Mention
Selina Cheng



Honorable Mention
Barbara Leitzel

To enter the upcoming **March 14TH General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **March 13TH** 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 March 13, 10 AM – David Deyell



Hi Plein Air Artists:

VWS Plein Air artists will paint on Wednesdays March 13 and April 17 we meet and paint at the Westlake Village Inn. Starting time is 10 AM. After you enter the Inn's parking lot make an immediate right turn into a parking lot and park right there. We will paint in that area. Gardens, waterfall, sculpture, hills and great architecture to paint. We will stay in that area. Again, if possible, let watercolorists@netzero.net know if you can attend and we will look for you.

No fee to attend and everyone is in charge of themselves. Follow directions of our hosts.

VWS Plein Air events are free with VWS membership.

New Members

**Welcome to Our
New Member!**

**Ricardo
Quant**



VWS 2024 Workshop Scheduled



Gabriel Stockton
– Mar 2024



Julie Crouch
– Apr 2024



Kathleen Scoggin
– May 2024



Alexis Lavine
– June 2024

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

Julie Crouch – Sun Ap 28, 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.

Hello artist friends

Registration for Art Camp for Grown-ups at DeBennville Pines is **opening in less than a month.**

Last year was our Most Successful ever! And Intensives filled at a surprising pace. Leaving a few registrants to add their names to a Waiting List for their "first-choice" Intensive.

**Registration opens at 7am on
Sat. March 23rd, 2024**



Our 18th Annual Retreat 2024 dates are:

**Thurs. September 5th - Tues. the 10th
San Bernardino Mtns. near Angelus Oaks**

Three Painting Intensives:

Mixed-media with Nancy Jo Klaphaak,

Plein Air with Julie Crouch, and

Atmospheric Watercolor with Debbie Abshear

And:

Printmaking with Denise Kraemer

Life Drawing with Jamie Utter

Afternoon workshops -- including materials:

Art Journaling, Silk Painting, Photography, Jewelry and Rock Painting, Acrylic Pour.

Yoga and Massage available

The art education is suitable for beginners and pros alike.

All activities at camp -- from archery, the pool and hot tub, to hikes to the lake, Great meals and Happy Hour (byob), and spending quality time with other artists, will re-energize your creativity and re-charge your batteries.

The Early-Bird and "Bring a Friend" discounts are in effect. The cost is reasonable -- much lower than similar Artist Workshop Retreats across the country. Kept at just \$995 for the 3rd year in a row!

Come make Art with us in the mountains and enjoy six days of creativity at Camp! Feel free to reach out to me.

Please visit: ArtCamp4GrownUps.com for details and discounts. And Please "Register Early"

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

Donna Barnes Robertts — 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

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Martha Inman Lorch — marthainmanlorch.com

Susan L. Meisel — slm-designs.com

Shirley Peppers — ShirleyPeppersArt.com

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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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