

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.

April 2024

CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING (ON ZOOM)
DEMO WITH JULIE CROUCH AND SOCIETY
SHOW THURSDAY,
APRIL 11, 2024, 7PM**

Zoom Link for VWS General Meeting and Artist Demo

Date: April 11, 2024, Time: 7:00 PM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82512057004>

**Meeting ID: 825 1205 7004
Passcode: 664581**

**SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO
DEBIMCDONALD BY 12 NOON, April. 10**
debimcdonald@yahoo.com

APRIL WORKSHOP:

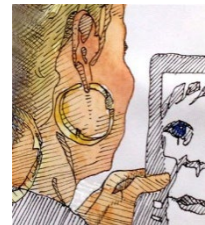
JULIE CROUCH – Sunday, April 28th, 2024
10am - 2pm. In-person plein-air workshop
at King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas. \$50 for
members, \$65 for non-members.

PAINT-OUT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 10AM

At the Westlake Village Inn
(See Page 3 for details)
watercolorists@netzero.net

– David Deyell

Julie Crouch will be the demo artist at our General Meeting Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7pm to 9pm.



Julie Crouch is a graduate of UCLA and Loyola Law School. When she retired from practicing law in 2002, she started taking watercolor classes and hasn't put her brushes down since. She has studied with Gerald Brommer, Frank Eber, Tom Fong, Frank Francese, Fealing Lin, Barbara Nechis, Carl Purcell, Brenda Swenson, Mel Stabin, Joseph Stoddard, Christine Sullivan, Chris Van Winkle, and other local artists.

Julie teaches watercolor weekly at the City of San Gabriel Community Services Department and at Creative Arts Group in Sierra Madre, CA. She is currently on the Boards of Watercolor West and Mid-Valley Arts League and has also served on the Board of National Watercolor Society. She is a Signature Member of Watercolor West and Western Colorado Watercolor Society. Her work has been juried into several national exhibitions and she received the Valley Watercolor Society Top Honors Award in their 2012 and 2015 juried exhibitions. Julie lives in Southern California with her husband of over 35 years, Chuck Crouch.

Julie will be teaching a Workshop on "Simplifying Plein Air Watercolor Sketching" on April 28.

This in-person one-day workshop will be held outdoors at the picturesque King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 10 am to 2 pm

We will explore techniques to simplify your approach to plein air painting which will allow you to complete beautiful sketches in less time. We will focus on sketching techniques that will help you capture the essence of the lovely Santa Monica Mountains. If you wish, bring a lunch, and enjoy a hike around the lovely parkland in the King Gillette Ranch compound.



President's Message



Hi all,

Hope you are doing well. At our March meeting we had artist Gabriel Stockton for our demo and workshop. He had great technique and stories. The April 11 meeting brings us the creative artist Julie Crouch. I am looking forward to see her sketching techniques at the demo. Julie will have an in-person plein air paint-out at King Gillette Ranch at Las Virgenes in Calabasas (see directions to KGR in the VWS Website). Also, at the April general meeting we will have the Student Awards presentation. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and workshop.

John Chapin, President VWS

Highlights from the March Meeting with Artist Gabriel Stockton

Gabriel Stockton Demo on March 14 General Meeting

Gabriel Stockton painted a harbor scene in his demo. His style of painting is free-flowing and intuitive. He enjoys painting nautical sceneries around San Diego where he lives.



Student Awards – The Winners of the 2024 competition are:

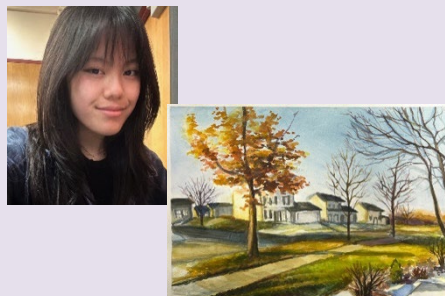
Each year, Valley Watercolor Society invite students in the San Fernando Valley high schools to submit artworks created in water media to participate in the Student Awards competition. The award presentation will be at the April 8 General meeting.

This event is chaired by Dorothy Lee and the art jurors: Liz Blum, Judy Heimlich and Julie Stroh. Each student submits 3 art works of their own choice. Judging is based on content and skill level. Through the years, the student winners have pursued art in college and as a career. The scholarships have been beneficial to them for their self-development and artistic journey.



Angelica Abellera

12th grade, Van Nuys High School



Isabella Arca

12th grade, Van Nuys High School



Estafania Morones

11th grade, Granada Charter High School

March 14 Society Show Winners

Congratulations to Society Show Winners



1st Place
Barbara Leitzel



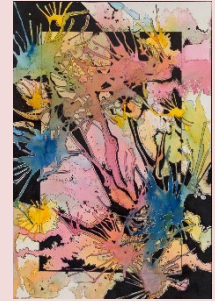
2nd Place
Fatemeh Kian



3rd Place
Roberta Barabash



Honorable Mention
Debra Reynolds



Honorable Mention
Elana Goldheimer

To enter the upcoming **April 11TH General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **April 10TH** by 12 noon to **Debi McDonald**: debimcdonald@yahoo.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 April 17, 9 AM – David Deyell



Hi Plein Air Artists:

VWS Plein Air artists will paint on Wednesdays April 17 at the Westlake Village Inn. Starting time is 9 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.

Email David Deyell at watercolorists@netzero.net and let him 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.

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.

Susan Gesundheit Retrospective: An Exhibition of Unseen Work



Opening Reception
Sunday, April 7, 2024
3:00 – 6:00 PM at USC Hillel
3300 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

*Parking available at Hebrew Union College, 3077 University, on a first-come, first-served basis.
Additional parking available at metered spots or at the USC Village.*

For additional information contact our Assistant Director for Advancement
Ben Cutter at ben@uschillel.org



Debi McDonald

I was honored and happy to receive a first-place award for my watercolor, Inner Sanctum, at the reception for the 2nd Annual Shelley Lazarus Excellence in Watercolor exhibit.

I am very grateful to Shelley Lazarus and Sally Lamb for selecting my painting for this award. The exhibit is at the Tag Gallery in LA until March 29



Gary Friedman

Gary Friedman is proud to have been included in a few prestigious shows this year. The AWS International Show held at the Salamagundi Club in New York for the month of April, the NWS Members Exhibition show April 6th -June 30th, Santa Clarita City Hall Exhibit-Street Scenes (4 paintings-thru May 5th), Valley Watercolor Society 2024 Show (special Honors Award). He's awaiting confirmation notice from Watercolor West and NWS. Gary teaches Watercolor Art at Simi Valley Parks and Rec. (register at rsrpd.org) live and zoom.

ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN



11th Annual King Gillette Ranch Show and Sale Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore will be showing for their 11th year at the King Gillette Ranch Visitor Center on Sunday, April 21, from 10:00 to 4:00. The ranch is located at 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA. Last year's show featured 15 artists and was attended by more than 200 people. This year's show will be even bigger with 20 participating artists. Come see the beautiful artwork by local award-winning artists and enjoy refreshments while you browse. A portion of all sales proceeds goes to support and preserve the beautiful Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore National Recreation Area.



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MASTERS IN THE PARK

Join us for a day of fine art, live music in a spectacular, peaceful and private setting

Sat. May 4, 2024, 10am – 3pm, Maranatha High School, Pasadena

This is the one day a year when artists are allowed to paint in this private, secret, venue with expansive gardens, old trees, streams, fountains, waterfalls, koi pond, modern & classic architecture.



Student models will be available for artists to paint.

A **\$10 Donation** is requested, proceeds of which will go towards MVAL's **Student Scholarship Fund** to encourage promising young artists. **Raffle** funds will also go toward this worthy cause. **FREE** admission for Children, students and Ambassador residents.



family. Bring your lunch & drink or you may purchase them at the Ralphs on Green St, which is within easy walking distance.

Critique Session: At around 2:30 pm everyone enjoys this lively, humorous session on the patio where Master Artists will briefly discuss their paintings from the day. At this time raffle winners will be announced and gifts handed out.



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NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 104th INTERNATIONAL OPEN EXHIBITION

Entry opens April 1st via Call for Entry (Café)
Exhibition Dates: October 1 – November 3, 2024
NationalWatercolorSociety.org



San Diego Watercolor Society 44th International Exhibition

Call for Entries-Submission Deadline Date: May 6, 2024
Exhibition Dates: September 29-October 31, 2024
www.SDWS.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 Plein-air Magazine.

Check Online Juried Shows

www.onlinejuriedshows.com and

CaFÉ www.callforentry.org for other calls for entry.

Northridge Art Studio
Where Creative Minds Meet and Learn

Kids Fun Summer Art Camp

Enroll Your Child for an Unforgettable Art Camp Adventure!
May 31, 2024 – August 9, 2024
Days: Monday - Friday
Per Week - Rate: \$250
Per Day (10 am - 1:00 PM) Rate: \$65
Extended Hours Available
Art Camp Registration Fee: \$40 per Family

Discounts:
20% Off: If purchased by May 25th
10% Siblings: If attending camp at the same time.

About Summer Art Camp:
Art Camp at Northridge Art Studio is an immersive and creative experience designed to inspire young artists and nurture their artistic talents. Our camp offers a unique opportunity for children to explore various art forms, unleash their creativity, and make new friends in a supportive and engaging environment.

For More Information:
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Northridge Art Studio
9349 Melvin Ave. Unit 9 - Northridge, CA 91324

VWS FACEBOOK NOW LIVE!

Our Facebook 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.

REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

We encourage all members to actively invite fellow watercolor artists to become part of the Valley Watercolor Society. Together, let's expand our community and foster the growth of art in our localities.

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: 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

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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

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Martha Inman Lorch — marthainmanlorch.com

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Iuliia Pozdina — iuliapozdina.com

Greg Radionov — gregoryradionov.ru.gg

Debra Reynolds — debraadamsreynolds.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Brenda Swenson — swensonsart.net

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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.

VWS FACEBOOK NOW LIVE!

Our page is up and running!

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Connect with VWS

Visit the [Valley Watercolor Society](http://www.valleywatercolorsociety.org) website (www.valleywatercolorsociety.org). 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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