

## 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.

### May 2024

#### CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING (ON ZOOM)  
DEMO WITH ARTIST KATHLEEN SCOGGIN  
AND SOCIETY SHOW THURSDAY,  
MAY 9, 2024, 7PM**

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

**Date:** May 9, 2024, Time: 7:00 PM  
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85713277630?pwd=RGQ3QXlLUe51L1mWFJ2cVUyR0dFQT09>

**Meeting ID: 857 1327 7630  
Passcode: 070334**

**SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO  
SELINA CHENG BY 12 NOON, MAY. 8**

[selinachengart@aol.com](mailto:selinachengart@aol.com)

#### MAY WORKSHOP:

**KATHLEEN SCOGGIN** – Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2024, 10am – 2pm. On-line via Zoom workshop. \$120 for members, \$160 for non-members.

#### PAINT-OUT WEDNESDAY, May 15, 9AM

Leonis Adobe Museum  
(See Page 3 for details)

[watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto:watercolorists@netzero.net)

– David Deyell

### May Demo Artist: Kathleen Scoggin



Kathleen is a contemporary abstract artist working in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. Her work is inspired by nature and expresses organic subjects inviting the viewers to see and be aware of the beauty around them. Her work is based on unique texture techniques to describe the varied earth forms that are around us. She uses a spontaneous approach, letting the medium “do its thing” and then applies design principles to bring it together.

#### JURIED SHOWS:

San Diego Watercolor Society, Monthly Shows and International Exhibition, Artist Council Exhibition, Palm Springs Art Museum, Watercolor Society of Oregon Fall Transparency Show, Pacific Northwest Plein Air Show, Lake Oswego Visions Invitational, Lake Oswego, Oregon.

#### AWARDS:

Signature Member – San Diego Watercolor Society, Multiple awards – San Diego Watercolor Society, award – San Diego Watercolor Society International Show, Multiple Best in Shows & Painter of the Year - Coachella Valley Watercolor Society, Best in Show & Judges Award of Excellence - Riverside Date Festival, Best in Show - Coachella Valley Watercolor Society Plein Air Show



## President's Message



**Hello everyone,**

Hope all is well! The spring has sprung. It's time to go outside and take advantage of the light to paint. We have a plein air workshop with Julie Crouch on Sunday April 28 at King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas that you can take part in at this beautiful Santa Monica Mountains location. Our next meeting is May 9 with demo artist Kathleen Scoggin. You do not want to miss this, and she will also have a workshop on May 18 and 19.

Keep painting and stay creative. See you at our May meeting.

**John Chapin, President VWS**

## Membership Survey

Thank you very much for those members who responded to the membership survey that was distributed to all in March. The purpose of the survey was to seek members' preference on several key issues. Your responses will help guide the VWS Board to plan the directions the Society should take in the future. Below is a summary of your responses:

Total Membership: 159

Total Responses Received: 41

Survey results include mailed in and email votes. Not everyone voted in all categories. Survey appears to show members are generally satisfied with the current direction.

### 1. In-person vs Zoom

Zoom only 16  
In-person only 3  
Combined one or two time/year 22.

### 2. Likely to attend In-person Monthly Meeting

Very likely 10  
Maybe 11  
(Several Maybe's mentioned driving at night and traffic as the key impediments)  
Not interested 16

### 3. Workshops

Zoom only 16  
In-person only 4  
75% Zoom, 25% In-person 13  
50% Zoom 50% In-person 4

### 4. Monthly meeting preference

Weekday evenings 7 PM 28  
Weekend days 10 AM 2  
1 PM 6  
Weekend evenings 1

### 5. Artist Recommendations:

22 Artists recommended in total (3 artists with 4 votes, 1 with 3 votes, and 2 with 2 votes) The Program and Workshop chairs will review the list and try to bring back the artists members recommended.

### 6. Recommend VWS membership to Friends

Yes 36  
No 2

## Julie Crouch Demo on 4/11/24 Meeting

A few examples of the sketches done at Julie's demo. You can learn more about the technique at the plein air workshop with her on Sunday 4/28 at the King Gillette Ranch, Calabasas.



## April 11 Society Show Winners

### *Congratulations to Society Show Winners*



1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Sharon McQuire



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Debi Swan McDonald



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Debra Reynolds



Honorable Mention  
Liz Blum



Honorable Mention  
Roberta Barabash

To enter the upcoming **May 9<sup>TH</sup> General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **May 8<sup>TH</sup>** by 12 noon to **Selina Cheng**: [selinachengart@aol.com](mailto:selinachengart@aol.com) The demo artist will select awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:Newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org) with your details. Please see our complete list of teachers online at <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/teachers/>

## Upcoming Paint-Outs – Wednesday May 15 and June 12, 9 AM – David Deyell



### ***Hi Plein Air Artists:***

VWS Plein Air artists will paint on Wednesdays May 15 and again on June 12 we paint at the Leonis Adobe Museum campus in Calabasas. Starting time is about 9 AM. Suggest we dress western since there will be school tours also visiting.

Email David Deyell at [watercolorists@netzero.net](mailto:watercolorists@netzero.net) and let him know if you can attend and we will look for you.

Address: 23537 Calabasas Rd, Calabasas CA 91302

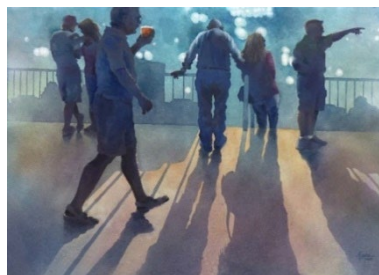
No fee to attend and everyone is in charge of themselves. Follow directions of our hosts.

**VWS Plein Air events are free with VWS membership.**

## VWS 2024 Workshop Scheduled



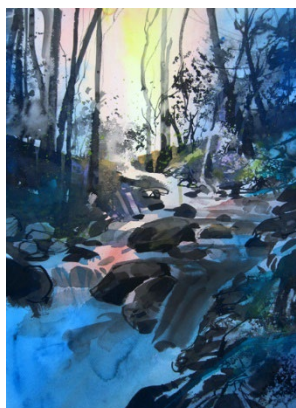
**Kathleen Scoggin**  
May 2024



**Alexis Lavine**  
June 2024



**Laurie Goldstein-Warren**  
October 2024



**Joe Cibere**  
November



**Keiko Tanabe**  
January 2025

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

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

**Laurie Goldstein-Warren** – **Online** Sat Oct 19 – Sun Oct 20, 2024, 9am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members, \$160 for non-members

**Joe Cibere** – **In-Person** Sat Nov 16 – Sun Nov 17, 2024, 10am - 1pm, 2-Days, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS members, \$160 for non-members

**Keiko Tanabe** – **Online** Sat Jan 18 – Sun Jan 19, 2024, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 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.

## Member News

### Meredith Jacobson – Has two things to share:

- ongoing, SOCAL Plein Air has regular meet-ups around the San Fernando Valley and local areas. Check out SOCAL Plein Air Painting Meetup Group on Meetup <https://meetu.ps/c/54gbs/12bj9r/a>
- Also please come support the West End Chatsworth Art Community for First Fridays! I will be there May 3rd <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063545722389>. It's on Devonshire between Topanga and Owensmouth from 5-8.

### Nancy Fint Reports

**Yesterday's Sales**, will be in the Brand 52: Annual National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, Jun 15- Aug 9

**Butterfly**, will be in the Thousand Oaks Art Association 2024 Open Juried Art Show, May 2-29

**Pink Orchid** and **Mommy I'm Sorry I Broke Your Rock, I Made it Better** on display at the Simi Valley Cultural Center Apr 6-Jun 2.



### Sylvia Hamilton Goulden invites you to her OPEN STUDIO AND GARDEN ART EXHIBIT & SALE

Saturday and Sunday May 4 & 5, 10 am - 4 pm at 4317 Klump Ave, Studio City, 91602

[www.sylviahgoulden.artspan.com](http://www.sylviahgoulden.artspan.com)

**Barbara Leitzel** and **Liz Blum** both have a painting in the upcoming Thousand Oaks Art Association 2024 Open Juried Show. The show will take place at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery from Thursday, May 2 - Wednesday, May 29. Reception on Sunday, May 19, 1 PM - 3 PM.



Barbara Leitzel



Liz Blum

**Midge Reisman** reports that she just finished illustrating the cover and various inside pages for an upcoming autobiography and recipe book. The name of the book is: **"May I have Seconds please?"**

And she has been painting a lot of dogs, cats and children on commission.

Her website: [midgereismanart.wixsite.com](http://midgereismanart.wixsite.com)

**Sandra McDuffie** I have been enjoying painting in a more abstract way.





## 50 Days to Go

The Door is Open to Enter...

### the 2024 NWS 104<sup>th</sup> International Open Exhibition

This In-Gallery Exhibition is open  
To ALL artists working in watermedia

The deadline for entry is  
Friday, May 31, 2024 (Noon Pacific Time)

Enter today on [CaFE' Prospectus](#)



Angus McEwan, NWS  
"The Chasm"

2023 NWS 103rd International Open Exhibition

 *Thousand Oaks Art Association*  
**2024 Open Juried Show**  
**May 2-29, 2024**  
 Judge: Peter Adams

**Best of Show 2023**

  
 Robert Impellizzeri "Rustic Canyon Cutbank" (Oil)

**RECEPTION / MEET THE ARTISTS**  
 Sunday, May 19, 2024 - 1 - 3 p.m.

**2023 First Place Winners**

 "Cactus Shrimp" Linda Shamer (Watercolor)	 "California Gold" Yolande McAlevey (Oil/Acrylic)	 "Desert Greens" Simone Verck (Pastel/Graphica)	 "Kingman, AZ #1" Richard Greene (Photography/Digital Art)
 "Rising Horses" Abby Garner (3D/Sculpture)	 "Heaven" Michael Wicks (Mixed Media)	 "Rising Horses" Abby Garner (3D/Sculpture)	

**Thousand Oaks Community Gallery**  
 2331-A Borchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320  
 Gallery Hours: Monday thru Saturday 11 am - 5 pm thousandoaksartassoc.org

## ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN



### NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY 104<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL OPEN EXHIBITION

Entry opens April 1<sup>st</sup> via Call for Entry (Café)  
Exhibition Dates: October 1 – November 3, 2024  
[NationalWatercolorSociety.org](http://NationalWatercolorSociety.org)



### San Diego Watercolor Society 44<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition

Call for Entries-Submission Deadline Date: May 6, 2024  
Exhibition Dates: September 29-October 31, 2024  
[www.SDWS.org](http://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](http://www.onlinejuriedshows.com) and

CaFÉ [www.callforentry.org](http://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:  
**818.465.8222**  
NorthridgeArtStudio@gmail.com • NorthridgeArtStudio.com  
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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

VWS DVD library is 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](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](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> each month for inclusion in the following month's 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](http://debbieabshear.com)

Rosemary Altshuler --

[RosemaryAltshulerwatercolors.com](http://RosemaryAltshulerwatercolors.com)

Donna Barnes Robertts — [altadenaartist.com](http://altadenaartist.com)

Liz Blum — [lizblum.com](http://lizblum.com)

Selina Cheng — [selinachengart.com](http://selinachengart.com)

Sue Cohen — [suecohenfineart.com](http://suecohenfineart.com)

Sylvia Crosbie — [SylviaKCrosbie.com](http://SylviaKCrosbie.com)

Julie Crouch — [juliecrouchart.com](http://juliecrouchart.com)

Gary Friedman — [garyfriedmanart.com](http://garyfriedmanart.com)

Caren J. Gafni — [artistcarenjgafni.com](http://artistcarenjgafni.com)

Mardilan Lee Georgio — [mardilanleegeorgio.com](http://mardilanleegeorgio.com)

Susan Gesundheit — [susangesundheit.com](http://susangesundheit.com)

Dafna Gilboa — [dafnasart.com](http://dafnasart.com)

Jan Godachy — [jangodachy.com](http://jangodachy.com)

Cris Gordy — [artspirationforall.org](http://artspirationforall.org)

Judy Heimlich — [judysartstudio.com](http://judysartstudio.com)

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Martha Inman Lorch — [marthainmanlorch.com](http://marthainmanlorch.com)

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Shirley Peppers — [ShirleyPeppersArt.com](http://ShirleyPeppersArt.com)

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Iuliia Pozdina — [iuliapozdina.com](http://iuliapozdina.com)

Midge Reisman — [midgereismanart.wixsite.com](http://midgereismanart.wixsite.com)

Greg Radionov — [gregoryradionov.ru.gg](http://gregoryradionov.ru.gg)

Debra Reynolds — [debraadamsreynolds.com](http://debraadamsreynolds.com)

Deborah Swan-McDonald — [deborahswan-mcdonald.com](http://deborahswan-mcdonald.com)

Brenda Swenson — [swensonsart.net](http://swensonsart.net)

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