

## 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.

### October 2024

#### CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING (**ON ZOOM**)  
DEMO WITH LAUREN GOLDSTEIN-WARREN  
AND SOCIETY SHOW THURSDAY,  
October 10, 2024, **7PM**

Zoom Link for VWS General Meeting  
and Artist Demo

Date: October 10, 2024,

Time: **7:00 PM** Pacific Time (US and  
Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88274290897?pwd=cTcc2helPf0pWSSm8W1sQVTQpaAj3O.1>

Meeting ID: **882 5351 6402**  
Passcode: **389277**

SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO  
SELINA CHENG BY 12 NOON, OCTOBER. 9th  
[selinachengart@aol.com](mailto:selinachengart@aol.com)

#### OCTOBER WORKSHOP:

LAUREN GOLDSTEIN WARREN,

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, 9am – 1pm.

On-line via Zoom

Workshop fees: \$120 for members, \$160  
for non-members.

To Register go to [valleywatercolorssociety.org](http://valleywatercolorssociety.org)

#### TBD - PAINT-OUT

Currently suspended until further notice

### October Demo Artist: Lauren Goldstein-Warren



Originally from New York, Laurie now lives in West Virginia. Laurie has always had a love for the arts. After moving from New York to West Virginia, she discovered a passion for watercolor.

Her work has been widely exhibited across the United States and has also been exhibited in Japan, Turkey, Greece, Canada, England, and China. Her work can be seen in *Splash* 13, 14, 18, 21, and 23. She has also been published several times in *Watercolor Artist* magazine as well as *Art of Watercolor* magazine.

Laurie curated a book about Contemporary Women Watermedia Artists titled *Her Voice*. She is a member of the Watercolor Honor Society and a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Her work earned her the High Winds Medal at the 150th Anniversary Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society. In 2022, she was honored to be included in the International Watercolor Masters Exhibition in England, where she demoed and taught.



## President's Message



**Hello everyone,**

Hope all is well with you. This month we have the Unjuried Member Exhibition opening on October 1. The show features 16 artists and they will be at the reception on Sunday October 6, 4-6 PM at the Northridge Art Studio (see details in this month's newsletter). Please join us at the reception.

The featured artist for this month's demo and workshop is Laurie Goldstein-Warren. Laurie's work is exquisite and full of colorful images that will truly impress you.

Since the passing of our paint-out leader, David Deyell, last month, we are still in search of a replacement for him. We encourage any member who is willing to step in to fill David's position to contact me or Barbara Leitzel.

Please remember to read our newsletter as it has information on art news, classes, workshops and lots more. We welcome all members to contribute items of interest to the newsletter by contacting [www.newsletter@valleywatercolorociety.org](mailto:www.newsletter@valleywatercolorociety.org). Hope to see you at our Oct 10 meeting.

**John Chapin, President VWS**



**Valley Watercolor Society**

# **2024 Unjuried Member Exhibition**

**Oct. 1 - Oct. 31, 2024**

**Reception: Sunday, October 6, 4-6PM**

at

**Northridge Art Studio**

**9349 Melvin Ave. Unit 9, Northridge, CA 91324**

**Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 9 PM - 818.465.8222**

**Featured artists:**

Featured artists: Roberta Barabash, Marie Burdick, John Chapin, Sylvia Crosbie, Norma Derr, Markarand Desai, Paula Diggs, Don Ferre, Mardilan Georgio, Cris Gordy, Karen Holly, Mich Laski, Barbara Leitzel, Sandra McDuffie, Veronica Stensby, Elizabeth Wagar

## September 13 Society Show Winners

*Congratulations to Society Show Winners*



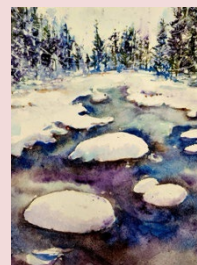
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Barbara Leitzel



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



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
John Chapin



Honorable Mention  
Selina Cheng



Honorable Mention  
Gary Friedman

To enter the upcoming **October 10<sup>TH</sup> General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **Oct.9<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/>

## TBD - Upcoming Paint-Outs – David Deyell



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

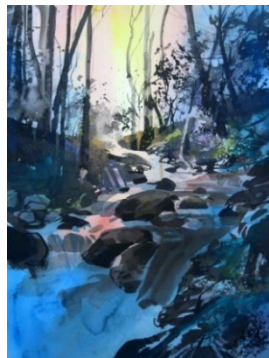
It is with a heavy heart that we would like to inform you that our beloved Plein Air artist/organizer, David Deyell, has passed away a couple weeks ago. We will send out more information as we learn more about any memorial services from his family.

Future paint-outs will be announced once we have a chance to find a new leader for the event.

## VWS 2024-2025 Workshop Schedule



**Laurie Goldstein-Warren**  
October 2024



**Joe Cibere**  
November 2024



**Keiko Tanabe**  
January 2025



**Brenda Swenson**  
February 2025



**Tom Francesconi**  
March 2025



**Sarah Yeoman**  
April 2025



**Kim Johnson**  
May 2025



**Moh'd Bilbeisi**  
June 2025

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

**Keiko Tanabe** – **Online** Sat Jan 18 – Sun Jan 19, 2025, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

**Brenda Swenson** – **In-Person** Fri Feb 21 – Sun Feb 23, 2025, 10am - 2pm, 3-Days, [\[Register\]](#) \$220 for VWS members, \$260 for non-members

**Tom Francesconi** – **On-line** Sat Mar 22 – Sun March 23, 2025, 9am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

**Sarah Yeoman** – **Online** Sat Apr 26 – Sun Apr 27, 2025, 9am - 12pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

**Kim Johnson** – **Online** Sat May 17 - Sun May 18, 2025, 9am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

**Moh'd Bilbeisi** – **Online** Sat Jun 21 – Sun Jun 22, 2025, 9am - 1pm, 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

### Congratulations to Barbara Leitzel:

**Barbar's** watercolor *Malibu Creek State Park* was exhibited in the 93rd Landscape Exhibition put on by the Santa Cruz Art League. Additionally, her painting *Quietude* will be exhibited in Splendid Surroundings, an exhibition of paintings by members of the California Watercolor Association. Barbara's painting is entitled *Quietude*. The exhibit takes place from October 1 to 31 at the San Ramon City Hall Gallery.



### Congratulations to Mary Kay Wilson for her Solo

**Exhibit:** Her upcoming solo exhibit, "Colorful Moments: Nature and Beyond," is at White's Fine Art in Montrose, CA. The Artist Reception is Saturday, October 12, 2024, 5-7 PM and the show runs from October 2 to October 26, 2024. If you can't make it on October 12, I hope you'll stop by during the exhibition's run. For more information, visit <http://www.marykaywilson.com/>

### Congratulations to Mary Zangerle:

Mary won 3rd place in the Professional Watercolor Category at the Ventura County Fair for your sailboat painting, *Karma and Nepenthe*! That's a fantastic achievement! Also, it's wonderful to hear that you had 3 paintings accepted into the Rancho Show and that 2 of them sold—what a great accomplishment!



### Reprint your Watercolor Paintings with Northridge Art Studio (Omar Noorzay)

Hey Watercolor Artists! Turn your paintings into vibrant, high-quality Giclée prints with our Epson SureColor P9570 at Northridge Art Studio. Affordable, stunning reproductions, with options like canvas or watercolor paper. **Why Us:**

- **Vibrant Colors:** Your work will pop with color, just as you imagined.
- **Preserve Your Originals:** Share your art without touching the original.
- **Prints That Last:** Long-lasting quality, made to endure.

Call 818.465.8222 or visit our website to get started!



## ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN



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

Exhibition Dates: October 1 – November 3, 2024

[NationalWatercolorSociety.org](http://NationalWatercolorSociety.org)



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

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.

## 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.

## Call for Submission for VWS November Newsletter

### ***This is a call for your submissions for the November 2024 Newsletter:***

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?

What have you been painting during our at home time?

Or maybe you just want your website to appear in the newsletter.

If you have any news to share, send to: [newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org).

### **NEW MEMBERS PLEASE SEND A SELFIE HEADSHOT!**

We will post your picture under our New Member section to welcome you to the organization!

Especially now, since we are not meeting in person, nice to see a new face!

### **SUBMIT ART MATERIALS FOR SALE...!**

Cleaning out your studio? Got an extra easel? Extra brushes, paints, paper? Post in our newsletter!

### **SUBMIT YOUR WATERCOLOR ART QUESTIONS & TIPS...!**

If you have a watercolor discovery you want to share, or a burning question for our members...we want to know!

### **SUBMIT OPPORTUNITIES AND EXHIBIT VENUES, AND SHOWS YOU KNOW OF!**

Where do you go to pique your artist inspiration? Websites? museums? galleries? And what opportunities have you seen for submitting for exhibitions? In galleries, online, don't keep it a secret, tell us!

### **Those of you who regularly send newsletter items, please send them along:**

- Photos and any accompanying comments for recent VWS paint-outs
- Society Show photos & winners
- General Meeting Demo photos
- New members photos & names
- President's Message

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

- Submissions received by the 20th will be included in the following month's newsletter.
- Submissions received after the 20th will be included in the issue after the following month.

### **Photographs (send a pic of your painting for your member news!):**

- 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**.
- **Please do not send photos within the body of the email.**
- On a Mac and unsure how? [Check out this link](#).

## 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

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- You may submit photographs as email attachments, in a \*.zip file, or via [WeTransfer](#).
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- 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 — [artistcarenjafni.com](http://artistcarenjafni.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)

Omar Noorzay — [northridgeartstudio.com](http://northridgeartstudio.com)

Mary Zangerle — [maryzangerleart.com](http://maryzangerleart.com)

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

Patsy K. Heller — [patsyheller.com](http://patsyheller.com)

Claudia Kazachinsky — [claudiakazachinsky.com](http://claudiakazachinsky.com)

Fatemeh Kian — [14kian.com](http://14kian.com)

Micheline Laski — [michreedlaski.artspan.com](http://michreedlaski.artspan.com)

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

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Lori Pollack — [loripollackart.com](http://loripollackart.com)

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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