

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.

NOVEMBER 2024

CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING AND DEMO WILL BE BOTH **IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM.**

IN PERSON ADDRESS: REMAX OFFICE, 11141 TAMPA AVE, STE 2A, 2ND FLOOR, PORTER RANCH, CA 91326.

DEMO WITH JOE CIBERE AND SOCIETY SHOW THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024, 7PM

Zoom Link for VWS General Meeting and Artist Demo

Date: November 14, 2024,

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81195899175?pwd=aqLYzktua83Qp8rt9GIKmqQ7Ev2uaj.1>

Meeting ID: 811 9589 9175

Passcode: 753029

SEND SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY TO SELINA CHENG BY 12 NOON, NOVEMBER. 13th

selinachengart@aol.com

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP:

JOE CIBERE, IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM.

IN-PERSON ADDRESS:

**Studio Channel Islands Art Center
2222 Ventura Blvd Room R5, Camarillo,
CA 93010**

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/71J9dYs75o6gv6NQ8>

NOV 16th and 17th 2024, 10am – 2pm.

To Register go to

valleywatercolorsociety.org

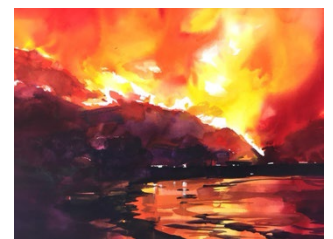
November Demo Artist: Joe Cibere



Joe Cibere is signature member of the [National Watercolor Society](http://NationalWatercolorSociety.com) and his painting style demonstrates his love of nature and wilderness. His "abstract realism" paintings integrate strong design and balance with a sense of illusion. He has appeared in "Watercolor Magazine" and in the International Artists book "The Watercolor Sky and Cloud Techniques of 23 International Artists". He is also in the new book "Splash

20" and the 2019 February issue of "Watercolor Artist" magazine. His studio is at Studio Channel Islands, Room R5 in Old Town Camarillo, CA.

"The challenge is to know when to stop and let the medium take over. That's why the most successful paintings seem almost effortless," Joe asserts. "I always look forward to interacting with art patrons and other artists for feedback about the creative process & affirm that visual expression is one of life's greatest joys. www.joeciberewatercolors.com and www.joecibere.faso.com. Some Examples of traditional, abstract realism & the pull/swipe technique are below:



President's Message



Hello everyone,

Hope all is well with you. As the year comes to a close, we are looking forward to an in-person meeting in November 14. Joe Cibere will be the demo artist. This will be a hybrid meeting. You can attend in-person or via Zoom. It will be great for us meet and greet each other if you can come to the meeting. If not, please join us online.

Joe's workshop will also be a hybrid of in-person and online on November 16 & 17. Also, the Annual Member Art Exhibition is scheduled for March 2025 and entries will be accepted starting December 1. Please visit [Onlinejuriedshows.com](https://www.onlinejuriedshows.com) for a copy of the prospectus.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting. Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season!.

John Chapin, President VWS



Valley Watercolor Society 2025 Annual Juried Exhibition

2024 Top Honor Winners

2nd Place



**Jan Godachi
"Back Alley"**

1st Place



**Liz Blum
"Fresh From the Garden"**

3rd Place



**Karen Holly
"In A Clutch"**

Reception: Sunday, March 9, 3 - 6 PM

Exhibition Dates: March 2 - 26, 2025

Thousand Oaks Community Gallery

2331 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320

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March 2 - March 26, 2025

Reception: Sunday, March 9, 3-6PM

at

Thousand Oaks Community Gallery

2331 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park CA 91320

**Gallery Hours:
Monday-Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Click this link for the [prospectus](#).

October Society Show Winners

Congratulations to Society Show Winners



1st Place
Gary



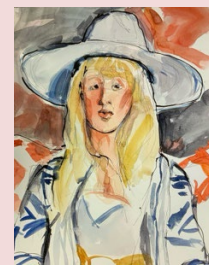
2nd Place
Debi McDonald



3rd Place
Barbara Leitzel



Honorable Mention
Selina Cheng



**Honorable
Mention-Elana
Goldheimer**

To enter the upcoming **November 14th General Meeting Society Show**, submit one emailed JPEG **Nov 13** 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 –Don Ferre

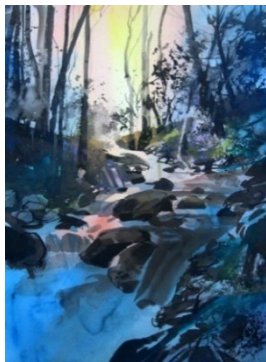
Hi Plein Air Artists:

Don Ferre has graciously agreed to be the Paint-out coordinator for future meetings. He will provide specific dates and locations for up-coming Paint-outs. Thank you, Don!

There will be no paint-out meetings for November and December.

Have a great holiday season!

VWS 2024-2025 Workshop Schedule



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

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:

Barbara's has had her painting, ER ANXIETY, accepted to Highlights from the San Diego Museum of Art Artists' Guild, a membership exhibition which will be held at the San Diego Museum of Art from November 9, 2024 to March 9, 2025, The exhibit can also be viewed online during the months of November through March.



Barbara Leitzel: Also, has had her painting, *Five Sisters*, accepted to Blackout - 4th Annual National Art Exhibition to be held at Ashton Gallery @ Art on 30th in [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

Congratulations Karen Holly:

Her painting *New York Night* won First Place at the Northridge Art Studio Unjuried Show. This is a wonderful accomplishment and recognition of her talent. Join us in celebrating Karen's success!



From Cris Gordy



Craftiness

Fall 2024 New Workshops

Beginners welcome!

First class includes materials

Watercolor Journey

Thursdays, 12:30pm-2pm

October 24, 31

November 7, 14

Watercolor and Sketching

Saturdays, 12:30pm-2:30pm

November 2, 9, and 16

Info and Registration

Craftiness Store - 21746 Devonshire St, Chatsworth, CA 91311

HOURS: Wednesday-Friday 12-6, Saturday 12-5, Sunday 11-4

angmadecraftiness@gmail.com

Registration: <https://www.craftinessonline.com/events-1>

ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN

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.

FREE Plein Air outing with the California Arts Club for members and guests in and around the San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles. Chuck picks wonderful locations and gives friendly critiques. Fall is the perfect season to be out there painting. Join us in November. Second Wednesday of each month.

Click image to see the Facebook page



California Art Club - Los Angeles Chapter
[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



Watercolor sketch by Cris Gordy
Tapia Bros. Farm, Encino. October
2024 Plein Air

VWS FACEBOOK NOW LIVE!

The name of the VWS page is: **Valley Watercolor Society Community Service**

Enter the name in the **SEARCH** field of your FB page, then click on the name. Once it opens, click on the **LIKE** tab.

You can then follow, comment, add your paintings or interesting exhibits you know of or participate in!
We are always looking to grow our community . We need your help to do better!

Please contact Sandra McDuffie (sanellen1946@yahoo.com) if you have questions or need assistance.

Thanks
Sandra

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 January 2025 Newsletter

This is a call for your submissions for the January 2025 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.

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 to order. Links to lists of DVDs is available on our Web site: <https://valleywatercolorsociety.org/dvd-library/>

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

Omar Noorzay — northridgeartstudio.com

Mary Zangerle — maryzangerleart.com

Judy Heimlich — judysartstudio.com

Patsy K. Heller — patsyheller.com

Claudia Kazachinsky — claudiakazachinsky.com

Fatemeh Kian — 14kian.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 — iuliapozdina.com

Midge Reisman — midgereismanart.wixsite.com

Greg Radionov — gregoryradionov.ru.gg

Debra Reynolds — debraadamsreynolds.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Brenda Swenson — swensonsart.net

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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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