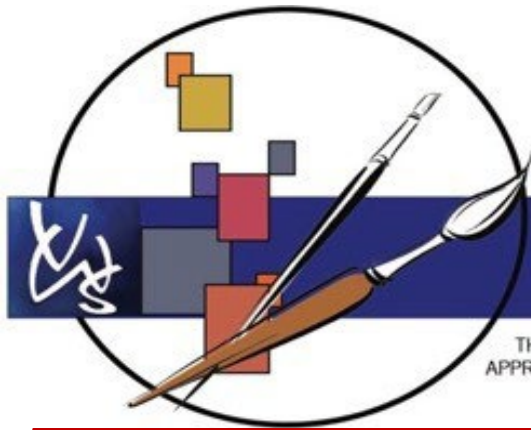




VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

THE PURPOSE OF THE VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY IS TO PROMOTE INTEREST, KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF WATERMEDIA THROUGH MEETINGS, EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.

November 2025

CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING AND DEMO WITH
JOE CIBERE AND SOCIETY SHOW**

THURSDAY, November 13, 2025, 7PM

In-Person and On-line via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84747865454?pwd=aoC4y3O5l1ktvJuWxVFvMySVIUz3tq.1>

Meeting ID: 847 4786 5454

Passcode: 901788

Join In-Person Meeting

[San Fernando SRAR Office](#)
[7232 Balboa Blvd, Lake Balboa CA 91406](#)

SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY :

Please email your painting image to
selinachengart@aol.com by 1PM,
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP (IN-PERSON and ZOOM)

**JOE CIBERE –Sat- Sun Nov 15 & 16, 2025,
10AM- 2 PM, 2 days**

[\[Register\]](#)

ZOOM: \$140 for members, \$180 for non-members

In-Person \$165 for members, \$205 for non-members

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

For 2025-26 Meetings & Workshops

<https://valleywatercolorsv.org/events/#!event-list>

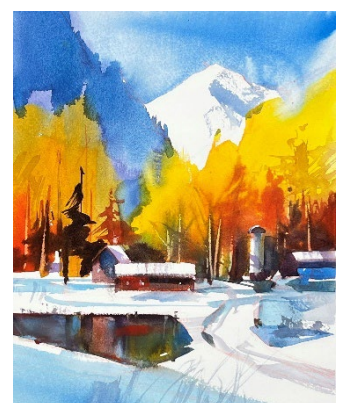
November 2025 Demo Artist: Joe Cibere



Joe Cibere is signature member of the National Watercolor Society 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



President's Message



Hello Everyone,

Greetings! As the year comes to a close November will be our last meeting in 2025. There is no meeting in December. In November we have the talented Joe Cibere who will host a combo **In-Person** and **ZOOM Online** for his demo at the Nov. 13 General Meeting and a 2-day workshop on Nov. 15 and 16. Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter for the addresses of the meeting demo and workshop (note different locations).

Don't forget the upcoming 2026 Annual Juried Exhibition which has been scheduled for March 2026. Entries acceptance starts on December 1, 2025.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on 11/13, either in-person or on ZOOM.

Happy Holidays!

John Chapin, President VWS

Valley Watercolor Society 2026 Annual Juried Exhibit

The Valley Watercolor Society will hold its 2026 Annual Juried Exhibit March 3-27, 2026.

This will be an **in-person** exhibit for **active members** only at Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Rd., Suite A, Newbury Park, CA 91320.

Prizes:

Top Honors:	First Place \$300.00
	Second Place \$250.00
	Third Place \$200.00
Special Honors (3):	\$150.00
Honorable Mention (5):	\$50.00

Entries open:	December 1, 2025
Entries deadline:	January 31, 2026
Acceptance notification begins:	February 13, 2026
Accepted Paintings Take-in	March 2, 2026 (10 AM - 12 PM)
Award Judging:	March 2, 2026
Exhibition dates:	March 3 – March 27, 2026
Take-down	March 28, 2026 (10 AM – 12 PM)
Reception and Awards Presentation:	March 8, 2026 (3PM-6PM)

Contact Sylvia Crosby, Exhibit Chair, at sylvia_crosbie@bluetiehome.com if you have questions.

Please click this link for prospectus; [VWS_2026 Annual Juried Exhibit Prospectus.docx-rev..rtf](#)

October 2025 Society Show Winners



1st
Garv Friedman



2nd
Debra Reynolds



3rd
Elana Goldheimer



HM
Pamela Robertson



HM
John Chapin

To enter the upcoming **November 13 Society Show**, please submit an image of your painting to **Selina Cheng**: selinachengart@aol.com by 1PM on **Wednesday November 12**.

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/>

***** Welcome New Members *****

Melissa Green, San Francisco
Amit Shiwalkar, Westlake Village

We look forward to your participation. Please introduce yourselves during our next meeting.

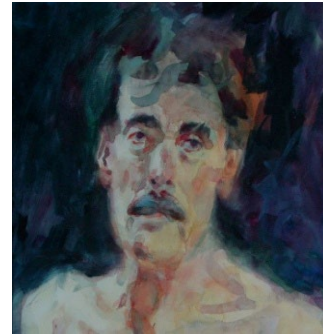
VWS 2025-2026 Workshop Schedule



Joe Cibere
November 2025



David Lobenberg
January 2026



Robert Sherrill
February 2026



Joseph Stoddard
March 2026



Ron Stocke
April 2026



Frank Eber
June 2026

Joe Cibere – **In-person/Online** Sat Nov 15 -Sun Nov 16, 2025, 10am - 2pm, 2-Days , [\[Register\]](#)

Online: \$140 for VWS members/ \$180 for non-members. **In-person:** \$165 for VWS member/ \$205 for non-member

David Lobenberg –**Online** Sat Jan 17 -Sun Jan 18, 2026, 9am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

Robert Sherrill - **Online** Sat Feb 17 -Sun Feb 22, 2026, 9am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

Joseph Stoddard –**In-Person** Sat Mar 21, 2026 10AM-3PM, 1-Day [\[Register\]](#) \$90 for VWS members, \$125 for non-members

Ron Stocke –**Online** Sat Apr 18- Sun Apr 19, 2026, 10am - 1pm, 2-Days on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$140 for VWS members, \$180 for non-members

Frank Eber –**Online** Sat June 27- Sun June 28, 2026, 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>.

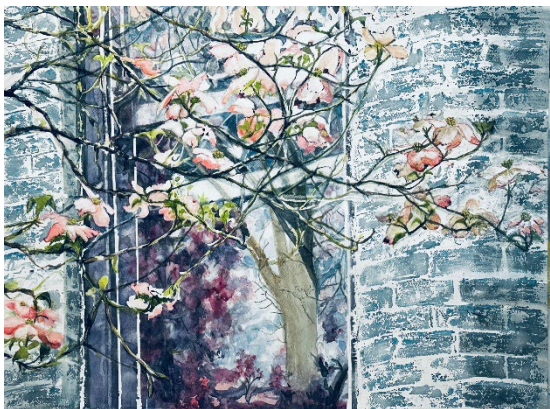
Member Art News

Just select the desired workshop and scroll down to the "Register Now" button.

Mary Kay Wilson's watercolor, *Inner Light*, is included in the *Searching for Serenity* art exhibit at Descanso Gardens. The exhibition showcases artwork exploring how art and nature can harness healing power and bring us into community with one another. Enjoy music and a no-host bar, garden admission is free November 1st from 3-5pm for the opening. No reservations required. The exhibit will be on view in the Sturt Haaga Gallery at Descanso from November 1, 2025 – January 4, 2026.



Barbara Leitzel has had two paintings, *Washington Dogwood* and *Girl in the Red Veil*, accepted into the San Diego Museum of Art Artists' Guild 2025 Membership Exhibition. The exhibition will run from November 4 to November 17 at Gallery 21, Spanish Village, Balboa Park in San Diego.



ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN



Watercolor West 57TH International Juried Exhibition
Exhibit date: Aug 23-Nov 29, 2025, opening reception: Sep 6, 5PM-8PM,
Hilbert Museum of California Art, 167 Atchinson St, Orange CA
Visit www.watercolorwest.org



NWS
NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

2025 NWS 105th International Open Exhibition
EVENTS AT THE NWS GALLERY



Live Demonstrations
Friday, October 10, 2025
11:00 AM - Michael Hutter, NWS
12:30 PM - Ratindra Das, NWS-GM
2:00 PM - Bill Hook, NWS-M
\$30/Person (limited seating)

Meet & Greet Artist Event
Friday, October 10, 2025
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Awards Reception Ticketed Event
Saturday, October 11, 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
\$28/ Person (includes light bites, drinks & more)

Please complete your registration with payment to reserve your place at the Awards Reception and for the Live Demonstrations

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.

Other Calls for Entry

Online Juried Shows www.onlinejuriedshows.com

CaFÉ www.callforentry.org

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. Click link below for direct access:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=valley%20watercolor%20society>

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.

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 2026 Newsletter

This is a call for your submissions for the January 2026 newsletter: Due on the 26th of December:

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.

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: sytse210@gmail.com 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)

Rosemary Altshuler — RosemaryAltshulerwatercolors.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

Dafna Gilboa — dafnasart.com

Jan Godachy — jangodachy.com

Jim Huppenthal — jimhuppenthal.com

Mary Zangerle — maryzangerleart.com

Judy Heimlich — judysartstudio.com

Fatemeh Kian-- 14kian.com

Michelene Laski — michreedlaski.artspan.com

Sandra McDuffie — sandramcduffie.net

Susan L. Meisel — slm-designs.com

Shirley Peppers — ShirleyPeppersArt.com

Iuliia Pozdina — iuliapozdina.com

Midge Reisman — midgereismanart.wixsite.com

Debra Reynolds — debraadamsreynolds.com

Deborah Swan-McDonald — deborahswan-mcdonald.com

Brenda Swenson — swensonsart.net

To list your website, please email:
newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org

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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