

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.

June 2026

CALENDAR

**GENERAL MEETING AND DEMO WITH
FRANK EBER AND SOCIETY SHOW
(Zoom)**

**Thursday, June 11, 2026, 7 PM-9PM
(Pacific time)**

Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84112514153?
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DwM.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84112514153?pwd=UK3GDDv1izopitAbhNi815oH9T8DwM.1)**

**Meeting ID: 1251 4153
Passcode: 314129**

SOCIETY SHOW ENTRY :

**Please email your painting image to
selinachengart@aol.com by 1PM,
Wednesday, June 10, 2026**

JUNE WORKSHOP (Zoom)

Frank Eber, Sat-Sun June 27 & 28, 2026,
9AM-1PM, 2 days

[Register]

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

For 2026 Meetings & Workshops

**[https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/event-
#!event-list](https://valleywatercolorssociety.org/event-#!event-list)**

June 2026 Demo Artist: Frank Eber



Frank grew up in Europe and apprenticed with the Italian master painter Renato Casaro in the '90s. In the '80s and '90s, Frank worked as a professional illustrator for video cover sleeves.

He strives to create timeless art in both oil and water media, and works in a direct, loose style influenced by the Old World Masters and Impressionists. He lived for three years in the south of France and has painted on location in many countries around the world.

“I like the idea of conveying a subjective, emotional response to the natural world. Painting should go deeper than copying nature as it is. It should be a personal response and a characterization of what is before us and in harmony with it. I try to understand a scene, but not intellectually. I can paint it how it is, that's easy. The interpretation of the thing that's underneath—what gives it life—I'd like to find. The energy that makes it. In essence I am trying to paint what cannot be painted.”

Frank is an award-winning artist and Signature Member of the American Impressionist Society (AIS) and the American Watercolor Society (AWS) in New York. He is a juried Artist member of the prestigious California Art Club. Frank conducts workshops and classes locally and at the national and international levels.

Visit website www.frankeber.com for more information.



President's Message



Hello Everyone,

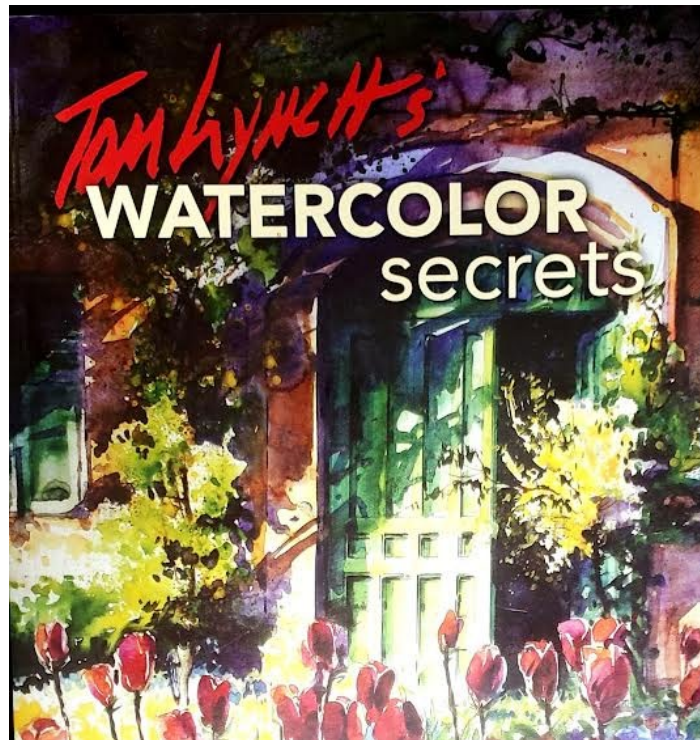
This will be our last meeting before the summer recess starts in July. We have Frank Eber for the June demo and workshop. Frank is an acclaimed painter who is well-known for his watercolor and oil paintings. You will enjoy learning from Frank as he teaches not just the techniques but also how one should approach the creative process that will bring out the essence of a painting. You will enjoy his demo and workshop presentations.

During the summer recess, we have arranged a special workshop by a well-respected artist, Tom Lynch. This will be a 1-day online workshop scheduled for July 18. See below for registration details.

Have a great summer break! Hope to see you all at the June 11 meeting.

Best,
John Chapin, President

Tom Lynch Workshop July 18, 2026



Saturday July 18, 2026, 9am - 4pm, 1-Day on ZOOM

\$120 for VWS members

This is a special workshop offered by Tom Lynch through Art Academy. Click [[Register](#)] to enroll.

May 2026 Society Show Winners



1st
Pamela Robertson



2nd
John Chapin



3rd
Debra Reynolds

HM
Fatemeh Kian



HM
Debra McDonald

To enter the upcoming **June 11 Society Show**, please submit an image of your painting to **Selina Cheng: selinachengart@aol.com** by 1PM on **Wednesday June 10**

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 Members

Welcome to our new member. we look forward to your participation.

- Dian Peterson , Somis, CA

As our fiscal year's end approaches, I wish to remind you that you may renew your membership at this time, without any interruption, by simply going to our website. You may also mail a check (\$50) payable to Valley Watercolor Society (c/o Kym Duxbury, Treasurer, 28223 Lolita Lane, Santa Clarita, CA 91350)

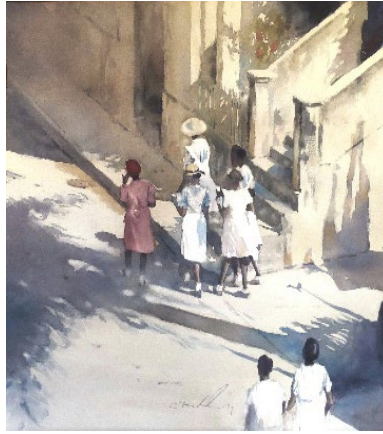
On May 30th, if you have not yet renewed, you will receive a reminder letter asking you to do so by June 30th. As mentioned earlier, the annual dues are \$50. Those with Lifetime Membership, your status has not changed.

We look forward to another excellent year of watercolor activities. Please consider volunteering your talents. We are most appreciative of your support and participation.

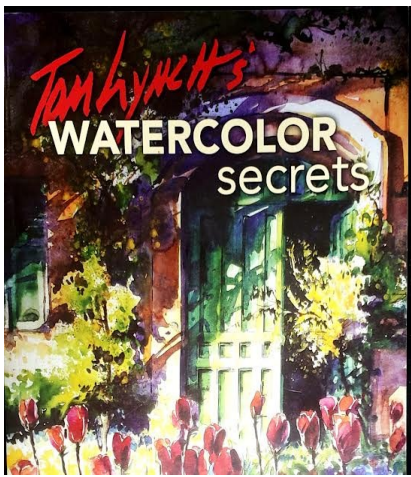
Thank you for being a part of our journey,

Edina Russak
Membership Chair

2026 VWS WORKSHOP



**Frank Eber
June 2026**



**Tom Lynch
July 2026**

For more details on this special workshop, please click [Register](#) here.

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Tom Lynch –**Online** Saturday July 18, 2026, 9am - 4pm, 1-Day on ZOOM, [\[Register\]](#) \$120 for VWS 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

Barbara Leitzel

Congratulations! Barbara's painting, *Dazzle* (acrylic), won the 2nd place award at the Thousand Oaks Art Association 2026 Open Juried Show in May.



ART NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND TOWN



“Sucession” Online Exhibition

Call/ For Entry

www.onlinejuriedshows.com

Opens: May19-August 2, 2026

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

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

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:



[FaceBook Link](#)

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 request 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 September 2026 Newsletter

This is a call for your submissions for the September 2026 newsletter: Due on the 25th of August

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

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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

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newsletter@valleywatercolorsociety.org***

Newsletter

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