



Coachella Valley
Watercolor Society

Brush Up December 2022

General Meeting: December 12, 2022

6 pm at the Joslyn Center

73-750 Catalina Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Demonstrator for December: Stan Kurth

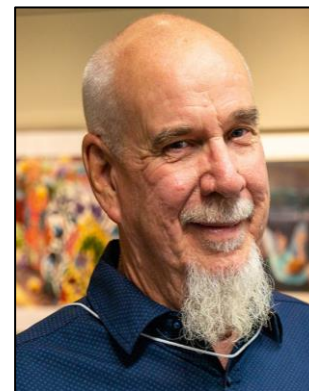
*“Painting is my life. It is who I am and why I am here.
When you know why you are here, you are compelled to work.”*

Stan Kurth is an intuitive painter, layering pigment and collage elements until he achieves a composition that conveys what he feels in the moment. These complex, contemplative works often elicit reflection on both internal and external worlds, allowing viewers to create and experience their own narratives.

Stan Kurth: “When I was four years old, my aunt gave me a small canvas along with some oil paints and let me have it in her studio. I knew right then I wanted to be an artist. I’ve been compelled to draw and paint ever since.

My definition of intuitive painting is beginning the work without any preliminary thoughts or plans for a particular object or subject as an end, but rather starting on a blank substrate, making marks with a variety of tools, creating a library of design elements, and applying design principles until a personal aesthetic is achieved. I do not use any external reference.”

Please join us to experience Stan’s unique approach at the December 12th, in- person, CVWS meeting, 6 pm at the Joslyn Center. <https://stankurth.com>



Stan Kurth

Artist and workshop instructor Stan Kurth lives with the conviction of “fear not” and that same attitude permeates not just his life but his art.

Stan’s focus and dedication to his work have earned him signature member status in several watercolor societies including *the National Watercolor Society, San Diego Watercolor Society, and the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies – Master*. He currently lives in Arizona.

President's Message



Connie Zane, President

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If you are planning on gift giving at this time of year, or at any other time, please don't overlook the gift that only *you* can give: a gift of your own creativity. We may not think so, but our unique talents are gifts to those that care about us and there are many ways to share that creative spark. You can give a painting, or a coupon good for a lesson or two to a friend or relative. You can assemble a scrapbook or concertina book with photos and memories. You can make a calendar illustrated with your work. The list of ideas goes on and on.

One, long-time CVWS member who offers the gift of herself comes to mind; and that is Nancy Dion. Nancy has hand made over 100 cards each year for 40 years. No kidding! In addition, she makes 60-70 handmade ornaments to go with her cards for special friends. Some photos of her favorites are pictured below. Each card has a special story, meaning, or memory for the recipients and Nancy says she's rewarded by lots of letters back each year after the holidays.



So, the next time you're stumped at what to give someone, give your creative self. It's a gift that can't be matched and will likely be treasured for years to come.

Just a reminder, the CVWS Annual Show is coming in February and entries will be due in January....so keep painting with that in mind and get your entries in early. Also, as we reach out to recruit new members, please let us know about your local art groups with names & phone numbers/email so we can contact them.

Take part. Make art.

Connie Zane

Painter of the Month

Winners in November:

First Place: Jim Nelson



Second Place: Jean Strand



Third Place: David Howell



Honorable Mention: Alannah Kein



Demonstrators Choice: Nancy Rizzardi



Reserve your December POM spot with Charlie Lerner. Membership dues must be current.
Thank you, Charlie Lerner, Painter of the Month Chairman 714-724-1210 cmlccolor@mac.com

News

CVWS ANNUAL SHOW

The Coachella Valley Watercolor Society Show will be earlier this year with an intake day of Wednesday February 8th, once again at the lovely Galen Art Center. After hanging, the show will be judged by Joseph Stoddard from Pasadena, whom you may remember judged before and left little helpful comments for the winners.

The show reception will be on Thursday February 9th from 5-7pm. Invite your friends!

The show will be open to the public from Friday 9th to Sunday 12th, a day longer than last year. Invite more friends! Original water media may be submitted in Traditional, Open, Mini or Plein Air categories. Further details are available on our website.

Entries must be made digitally by 19th January or postmarked by the 17th of Januarv. – Ian Cooke



The raffle baskets await! Each year they bring in a lot of money. Please bring items to the next meeting. Art supplies, small matted or framed paintings, a gift certificate for an art class, kitchen items, spa items, wine, non-perishable food items, gift certificates for any of our wonderful restaurants or any place in the valley are all great for the baskets. Please do not bring anything too large. We also need large, sturdy baskets.

We hope you will all enter this year's art show. Take in is February 8th, the reception is the evening of the 9th and the show runs February 10-12, with pickup on the 12th. All the information is on the website. – Mary Anne Brower

ANNUAL SHOW AT A GLANCE:

- Deadline to enter: **1/19 (online)** 1/17 (by mail)
- Location: [Artist Council's Artist Center at the Galen](#)
- Take-In: 2/8; 10 am – 12 pm
- Gala Reception: 2/9; 5 pm – 7 pm
- Show Dates: 2/10 – 2/12; 10 am – 4 pm
- Pick-Up: 2/12; 4 pm – 5 pm

NEW MEMBER DRIVE

Hi CVWS Members:

We would like to invite other artists in the valley to enjoy the many benefits of membership in the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society.

Many of us live in parks or communities that have art or craft groups. Those group members may be good candidates for CVWS membership. We'd like to encourage their interest in CVWS if we know who the group contact is. If you know of such a group in your local area, please list the:

- * *Community or Park name*
- * *Name of Group leader + Phone or Email*

Please return this info to Carole Cole ccjuaro@dc.rr.com or Connie Collins connie@collins58.com or bring the information to our upcoming meeting at the Joslyn Center on Monday, December 12th.

Thank you,

Plein Air

with Terry Simons

Hello Field Mice! We've had a great time and turnout with our last several paint-outs! With the return of our winter season members, I expect our plein air numbers will grow even more. I encourage our members who might feel a little timid about plein air or they lack the right equipment, to join us. We have many experienced members who are willing to offer advice and encouragement. Personally, I've learned a great deal from the other field mice as I've only plein air painted for the last one and a half years. We have some great painting locations with our upcoming paint-outs. Don't forget to check the current paint out schedule at www.CVWS.org or www.Desertpleinair.org

I have another YouTube find that some may find very educational. Search for 'Landscapes through Time with David Dunlop'. He demonstrates with the different mediums the historical styles of many of the famous painters. He illustrates many of the principles of values, tones, and composition. Check him out when you have a chance.

Happy Holidays and keeping the paint flowing!
Terry Simons
Field Mice Chair CVWSFieldMice@gmail.com

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Friday, November 25, 2022
Desert Art Center
550 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262
You can arrive any time after 8am
(work off a little of that Thanksgiving food!)

Tuesday, November 29th., 2022
Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
11055 East Dr., Morongo Valley, CA 92256
The cottonwoods should be showing their full fall colors.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7th., 2022
Whitewater Preserve
9160 Whitewater Canyon Rd,
Whitewater, CA 92282
Cottonwoods should be at peak fall colors

Monday, December 19th., 2022
Prescott Preserve
1801 E Sunny Dunes Rd,
Palm Springs, CA 92264
(Formerly the Mesquite Golf Course, now part of the
Oswit Land Trust)

Wed. or Thursday. Dec. 28-29th pending location
confirmation: Shields Date Garden (Check the web
sites for any updated information on this paint out)
80-225 CA-111, Indio, CA 92201



David Stokes, Andreas Canyon



Bob Hannah Downtown Palm Springs



Tracy Hartman, Andreas Canyon

Membership

Renew your CVWS membership ASAP to qualify to enter our Annual Show!

More reasons to join CVWS:

Join our live meetings at Joslyn Center and watch professional artist demonstrations.

Receive links to our scheduled Zoom meetings in February and May, 2023.

Enter and vote for Painter of the Month at our monthly meetings. Ribbon winners will be eligible to enter Painter of the Year in May (on Zoom).

Have access to the members-only section on our website where you can watch previously recorded professional artist demonstrations from November 2020 to the present.

Attend weekly plein air sessions at scheduled venues in the Coachella Valley.

Participate in our 33rd Annual Show coming up in February. You must be a current member in order to enter/sell paintings in the show, which will be at The Artists Center at the Galen in Palm Desert, CA, February 10-12, 2023.

Receive discounts at our upcoming art workshops: Stan Kurth Jan. 24-27, 2023; and Jean Pederson in March 2023.

Meet and make friends with watercolor/water media artists from around the country.

Regards,

Connie Collins, Membership Chair

Welcome to New CVWS Members:

- Mike Pascavage
- Iris Coleen
- Pat Greytak
- Nikki Gomez

During our current "membership drive" if an existing member brings a guest who then joins CVWS that evening, the "sponsoring" CVWS member receives a copy of our reprinted recipe book, which is full of delicious tried-and-true recipes. We welcomed four new members at our November 14 meeting:

- Patti Harder came to the meeting with Jean Denning.
- Sally Corey came to the meeting with Karin Harris.
- Lida Kim came to the meeting with Doris Peterson.
- Michelle Brusca was referred by Leslie Skuchas.

Workshops

Our November workshop with Joe Cibere was a great success!



Connie Zane wrote, "We had a great time w/ Joe Cibere. His theory is that we are all "Masters of the Universe" in that we can create whatever art we choose and alter the universe in paintings to suit our creative fancy. His workshop included a priceless session where he created a value study from each student's photo. We were all thrilled at the results!"

From Sue Ober, Workshops Chair:

A great big thank you to all those who have taken the time to check out these great opportunities on our website, cvws.org

Our next adventure will be in January with Stan Kurth, who will also be our demonstrator for the December 12, 2022, monthly meeting. Those who are still undecided about this one will get to experience his style first hand.

In **January of 2023** we will be hosting Stan Kurth (stankurth.com) in a workshop from January 24-27, 2023 in Palm Desert. This will prove to be fun and informative using watercolor, gouache, and inks for his presentation. His workshop description is as follows....

STAN KURTH'S Intuitive Painting with Ink, Watercolor and Gouache on Paper

This workshop is designed to teach all levels of students to paint intuitively, starting without preconceived notions or outcome. There will be no preliminary planning or drawing. Process will dictate direction as students use watercolor, ink and gouache to implement elements and principles of design. Instruction will start with random ink marks, then color using a mixture of ink, watercolor and gouache to create a library of design elements. There will be regular comments and evaluation of work in progress concerning relationships between elements and principles. It is entirely possible finished work may be representational, but the goal is work which is compositionally pleasing and aligned with the artist's personal aesthetic.

The next workshop on Mar 27 – 30, 2023 features Jean Pederson. Please check out her website jeanpederson.com and be sure to visit the website for the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society www.cvws.org for all workshop and event details.

Kudos



"First Hummingbird" by Karin Harris

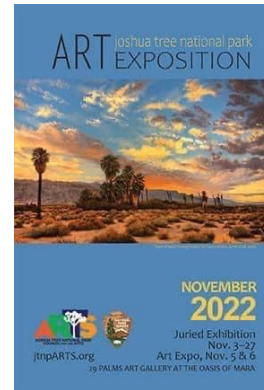


Midcentury modern watercolor by Mandy Main

Karin Harris and Mandy Main will be the Featured Artists at the Friday, December 2nd, Studio Gallery Opening of the Desert Art Center, Palm Springs. You all are invited!!!!



Jean Grover won 3rd Place in the Peninsula Art League's Gig Harbor Summer Arts Festival for "A Far-Seeing Moment".



Alannah Kern was juried into the SDWS Plein Air November 2022 Show as well as the 10th Annual Joshua Tree National Park Exposition.



Mandy Main was honored to be one of 30 artists invited to exhibit at the Rancho Mirage Festival of the Arts on November 4 and 5.



"From the Past" by Kathleen Scoggin was awarded an Honorable Mention in the SDWS November 2022 "Lines of Communication" Member Exhibition.

Odds & Ends

Remember to:

- * Buy a Cookbook - great for gifts
- * Pick up “New Member Cards” to hand out to your outside groups to invite people to our meetings
- * Buy used art books for sale @ \$5.00 each at General Meeting
- * Paint and enter your CVWS Annual Show paintings early.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES:

If you have something you would like to submit to the CVWS newsletter:

Submissions to the newsletter are due on or before the 15th of the month.

We are always interested in hearing about any good news you have about your creative life (awards, show acceptances, etc.). cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com



Editor's Note:

If you have a topic or feature that you'd like to see included in the CVWS newsletter, or on the CVWS.org website, please send an email to: cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com

Many CVWS members offer excellent painting instruction and classes. Call for information:

Ian Cooke	760 408 3313
Bob Hannah	206-409-9786
Karin Harris	808-268-0847
Moira Johannessen	760-322-2523
Pat Kodet	530-388-8241
Diane Morgan	760-902-8855
Connie Zane	775-846-9719



Are You New to CVWS? We'd like to get to know you!

If you have joined the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society in the last two years and have not previously been featured in a “New Member Profile” article, please send an email to cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com and tell us about yourself and your art journey. For example, your earliest memory of creating, what you love about making art, when you decided to say out loud, “I am an artist”, your favorite medium or technique, or anything else art-related you'd like us to know about you. Remember to send a photo of yourself and a painting.

If you hear of someone who needs a bit of cheer or support, please contact our Sunshine Chairman, Cindy Green at (425) 765-9509 or cindynwrs@seanet.com