



Coachella Valley
Watercolor Society

Brush Up

June 2023

2023 Painter of the Year

Congratulations to the winners & Thank You to all who participated!

Winner - Suzy Voss



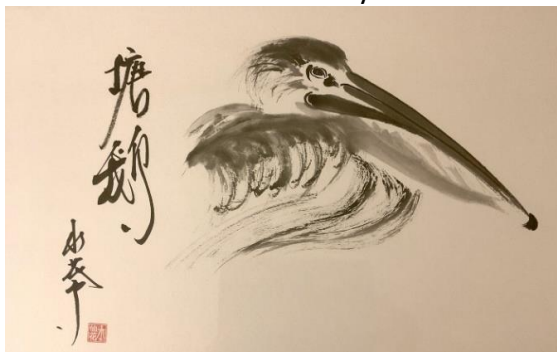
Twilight Shadows

Runner Up - Ellen Jean Diederich



Next in Line

Honorable Mention – Mary Anne Brower



Looking At You

Honorable Mention - David Howell



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President's Message



Connie Zane, President

CVWS 2022 – 2023 Officers

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Charlie Lerner
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Website: Lance Brechbill, assisted
by Terry Simmons & Janie Bolitho
Workshops: Sue Ober

***Thank You to all the CVWS
Board members who have
agreed to stay on through our
next season!***

Your Gift to the World

Recently, while gallery sitting at DAC, I found myself taking stock of the clientele, doing an internal guessing game, and making judgements about which paintings visitors would be drawn to.

My assessments failed miserably. People I pegged as leaning toward abstract, realistic, traditional, or whatever, surprised me time and again as they lingered over or bought paintings I'd guessed they might bypass.

My point is: taste and preference are a mystery. It's difficult to predict what people will like.

So, I've convinced myself that instead of trying to assess the audience, it's best to paint what I like, rather than what I think others will like. Ultimately, pleasing myself is reward enough, and my own self-expressions generally produce the most satisfying results.

We artists each bring our own creative view into everything we make. Our sense of what is beautiful and meaningful is shaped by our past experiences and future aspirations and nobody is working from the same playbook.

But no matter how singular you may think your point of view is, you can bet that there is someone else who holds a similar view: someone who will relate to what you've expressed artistically.

We owe it to ourselves to be true to ourselves. So, paint the things within you: your passions, your fears, your fantasies - and know that some viewer may find your creative expression speaks poignantly to their own mind set. And how special is that?

Can we predict who will be impacted by our art? Nope. So just put your art out there and see what surprising affirmations come back to you. Go paint what's in your heart, send it off with love and don't be afraid to let others see it. Chances are, someone out there will love it too.

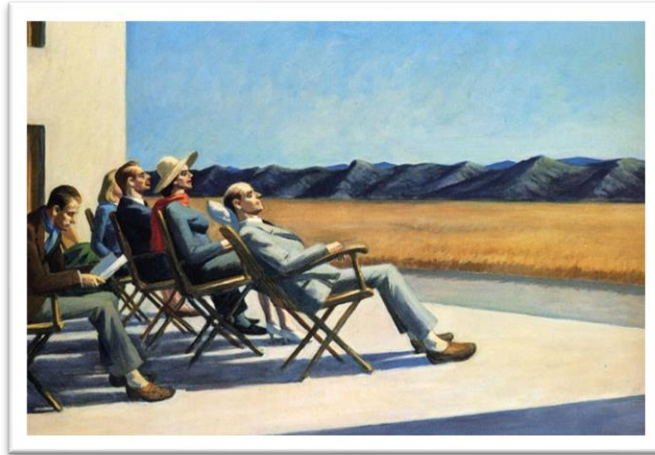
Recently I heard Jean Grover say that her art is her "gift to the world". I love that idea.

Take part. Make art.
Connie Zane

2023 Summer Challenge

PEOPLE!

The challenge this summer is to get those bodies into your painting!



Edward Hopper - People in the Sun 1960

People in the sun, people doing work, portraits of people you love, self-portraits.



Richard Diebenkorn - Woman on Porch 1958

Have fun, be loose, and treasure the memories you feel when you think of whomever they are or whatever they are doing.

Happy Summer to all!!!!

ARE YOU SEEKING TO GROW AS AN ARTIST?

*Consider treating yourself to an Art Class taught by one of
our CVWS members!*



Kathleen Scoggin class demonstration, March 2023

CVWS members who offer painting classes:

(Call for information)

Ian Cooke	760 408 3313
Ellen Jean Diederich	701-799-9505
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
Kathleen Scoggin	503-515-9633
Kristen Olson Stone	808-469-2092
Connie Zane	775-846-9719



Workshops

COACHELLA VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Poured Desertscaapes

DECEMBER WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

Come explore the art of pouring watercolors. Buffy Kaufman will share her love of color blends, lifting, and granulation to capture the colors and textures of our sprawling California deserts.



www.watercolorpour.com

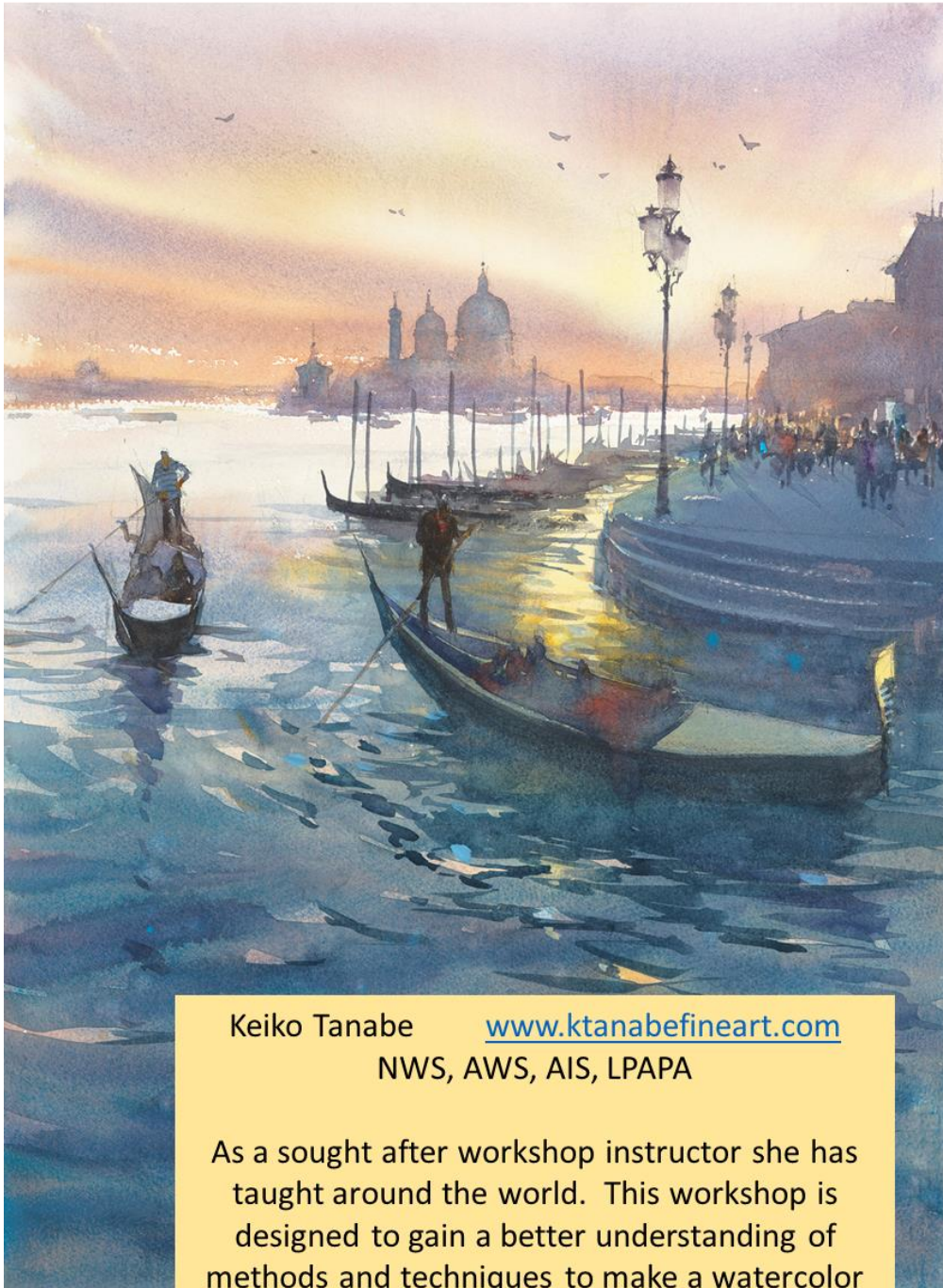
Buffy Kaufman is a watercolor pour artist using intriguing color choices and delicate lifting. She is a Brand Ambassador for Daniel Smith Watercolors and a Signature Member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society.

to learn more: <https://cvws.org/>

DATES: Saturday & Sunday December 9th & 10th, 2023

To learn more about Buffy Kauffman: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=buffy+kauffman+artist

Coachella Valley Watercolor Society
Keiko Tanabe – January 9 – 12, 2024
CVWS.org



Keiko Tanabe www.ktanabefineart.com
NWS, AWS, AIS, LPAPA

As a sought after workshop instructor she has taught around the world. This workshop is designed to gain a better understanding of methods and techniques to make a watercolor painting that is simple yet strong.

Check out Keiko Tanabe on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/@KeikoTanabeFineArt>

Odds & Ends

GRANTS

Our annual Grant program has wrapped up for this year. We were fortunate to be able to assist four groups due to all the wonderful folks who supported our raffles through the year and at the annual show. Here is an overview of "who, what and how" your money will help:

Young at Art (Maggie Hamilton). Serves approximately 48 youth ages 8-14 providing a summer art program at the Coachella Valley History Museum with runs for 3 weeks. The need - purchase of paints and paper.

Come Read With Me (Annette Fragasso). Serves 20 - 25 Kindergartners - provides basic understanding of color mixing, shapes, shadows, contrast. Program runs for 6 months. The need - purchase watercolor paper, replacement paints, color pencils and markers.

Operation Safehouse (Meridy Volz). Serves 400 youth 11-17 during a year. The youth are in crisis and art is a wonderful outlet for them. The need - to purchase supplies for painting, drawing, and collaging.

Tools for Tomorrow (Andrea Hecht). Serves approximately 1100 - provides two 15-week sessions during the school year. The need - purchase watercolor paper, paint, and brushes for all the students.

Janie Bolitho Janie.Bolitho@gmail.com

Welcome New CVWS Member:

- Kristen Olson Stone

May Paint-out Schedule for Desert Plein Air Association



To: All plein air painters! (No membership necessary to paint with us.)

Friday May 5th - Downtown Palm Springs

Tuesday May 16th - Snow Creek Road, south of Hwy 111 near I-10/ Hwy111

Saturday May 27th - Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains Visitor Center

All above meeting at 8am (or earlier at your discretion). Details sent out 1 week prior.

Diane Moore, President, and Founder
Desert Plein Air Association

<https://desertpleinair.org>

Cell: (760) 485-6798 (texting ok too!)



Editor's Note:

Special thanks to

Robin St. Louis.

She gives generously of her time to proofread a draft of our CVWS newsletter each month.

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

