



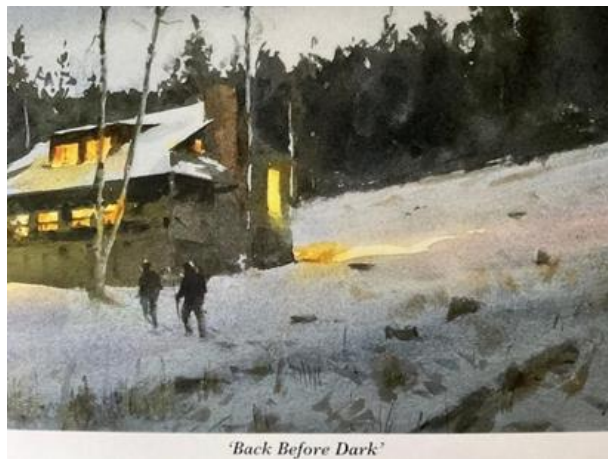
Coachella Valley
Watercolor Society

Brush Up

October 2023

General Meeting: October 9, 2023
6:00 PM, Social 6:30 General Meeting
at the Joslyn Center

The end of summer is here!



'Back Before Dark'
By Andy Evansen

Members are hustling, getting their paintings ready in time for our first meeting on Monday, October 9th. Are you matted and/or framed yet?

This summer's challenge was **PEOPLE**: a portrait, a figure study, figures in a landscape, a graphic or cartoon. Perhaps you found one of your landscapes in a file waiting for a finishing touch or an addition of some figures. Our March demonstrator, Andy Evansen's "Back Before Dark" could have been done like that.

Painting people in watercolor is something many of us may avoid. Most of us have tried a life drawing class and had some interesting, sometimes odd, results. But this can be a wonderful opportunity to experiment and cast off our inhibitions.

You still have time before October 9th to choose from a variety of subjects, from friends and family members to strangers on the street. Look for interesting poses, expressions, and lighting conditions to capture in your paintings. Play with wax resist, line drawing, collage, whatever tickles your imagination. Take risks and try new things. At our meeting we will share and talk about our challenge solutions. There are no ribbons, no awards, no pressure – just our group showing "what we did last summer."

I can't wait to see you all on the 9th of October at 6 pm.

Marilyn Blitz, Program Chair

President's Message

Welcome to our 34th season.

CVWS 2023 – 2024 Officers

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Ryan

Raffle: Tracy Hartman

Sunshine: Cindy Green

Website: Lance Brechbill

Workshops: Sue Ober / Traci
Davis

We are looking forward to assembling again and sharing our love of art.

It is with a sad heart that I must tell you that Janie Bolitho has passed away. If you knew her, you valued her as a special human being. I share with you Ian Cooke's sentiments as I cannot state any better how she will be missed. Ian wrote,

“Those of you that have been members of the watercolor community will have known Janie Bolitho. She recently went for major surgery, which did not go smoothly, and she had to have subsequent surgery. I am sorry to report that sadly Janie has died. She will be sorely missed, not only for her involvement in various societies and activities, but particularly for her sunny personality. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word. She helped with DAC and CVWS in a number of roles, but we don't just miss people for the jobs they do, as much as we value that. Rather, we miss them for the person we remember. With Janie it was always a smile and an ‘I can do that!’ response.”



*Rest in peace,
Janie. You'll be
dearly missed.*

Janie held the position of Grants Chairperson on the CVWS board and had also recently volunteered to assist Lance Brechbill with the website. If you have an interest in either of those roles, please contact a board member. Also, Charlie Lerner moved to northern California this summer and we are grateful that her post as Painter of the Month has been assumed by Joan Ryan.

The next page is a schedule for the coming year. I suggest you print this out and plan to join us for all our water media events including Sue Ober's "Taste of Watercolor" workshops (at bargain prices). Also remember, if you bring a guest to a meeting, you both get 2 raffle tickets and if your guest becomes a member at that meeting, the \$10 guest fee is waived, and you receive a complimentary CVWS Cookbook.

See you in October.

Take part, Make art.
Connie Zane

CVWS Schedule of Events 2023 – 24

October

Oct 5 - Board mtg. - Zoom - 4pm

Oct 9 - CVWS General Mtg. Joslyn Center 6pm - Summer Challenge, Painter of the Month entries by CVWS Board members

November

Nov 2 - Board mtg - Zoom 4pm

Nov 13 - CVWS General Mtg. - Joslyn Center 6 pm - Demo - Geoff Allen

December

Dec 7 - Board mtg. - Zoom 4pm

Dec 9-10. Buffy Kaufman Workshop - Best Western 9-4pm

Dec 11 - CVWS General Mtg. - Joslyn Center - 6pm. Demo - Buffy Kaufman

January

Jan 4 - Board mtg. - Zoom 4pm

Jan 8 - CVWS General Mtg. - Joslyn Center 6pm. Demo - Keiko Tanabe

Jan 9-11 - Keiko Tanabe Workshop - Best Western 9-4pm

Jan 29 - Taste of Watercolor W/shop - Moira Johannessen - Best Western 9-4pm

Jan 30 - Taste of Watercolor W/shop - Karin Harris - Best Western 9-4pm

Jan 31 - Taste of Watercolor W/shop - Diane Morgan - Best Western 9-4pm

February

Feb 1 - Taste of Watercolor W/shop - Bob Hannah - Best Western 9-4pm

Feb 1 - Board mtg - Zoom 5pm

Feb 2 - Taste of Watercolor W/shop - Ian Cooke - Best Western 9-4pm

Feb 12 - CVWS General Mtg. - Joslyn Center 6pm. Demo - Kathleen Scoggin

Feb 29 - Board mtg - Zoom 4pm (held early due to Annual Show 1st week of March)

March

Mar 5 - Annual Show Take-In

Mar 6-10. Judging / reception / show

Mar 10 - 4PM Show Pick Up

Mar 11- CVWS General Mtg. - Zoom 6pm - Online Demo Andy Evanston

April

April 4 - Board mtg - Zoom 4pm

April 8 - CVWS General Mtg. - Joslyn Center 6pm - Demo-Roberta Dryer

May

May 2 - Board mtg - Zoom 4pm

May 13 - Painter of the Year judging/critique - Zoom 6pm. Frank Eber

Painter of the Month

Hi: I am replacing Charlie Lerner as our CVWS Painter of the Month Chair.

As has traditionally been our practice when we start our new season after a summer hiatus, our CVWS Board will present their paintings for Painter of the Month at the October General Meeting on October 9th.

I hope you've been painting your hearts out over the summer and will have several paintings to display throughout the season.

At each of our monthly in-person meetings there will be a signup clip board for entry into the next month's competition, or you may contact me to let me know of your interest. When we have a Zoom meeting, you will need to let me know of your interest and I will email you a link to upload your painting image to our website, where members can vote for that month's POM.

To contact me, you may text or call me at 442 282-2270, or email me at Jryan1004@gmail.com.

See you soon!

Thanks
Joan Revell Ryan



Membership

It's Time to Renew Your CVWS Membership

Since our first in-person CVWS meeting at the Joslyn Center will be on Monday, October 9, 6:00 pm, it's time to renew your membership, either online at www.cvws.org, or by sending a check to CVWS, P.O. Box 565, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Our membership dues are still only \$55 for a single membership and \$75 for couples.

The 2023-24 CVWS **renewal deadline is October 31**, but by renewing now, you will be assured of having your correct contact information included in our 2023-24 membership directory.

I'm looking forward to another great "season" and hope to see you soon,
Connie Collins, Membership

WELCOME

New CVWS Members:

- Juleen McElgunn
- Kathy Louis
- Claudia Naffziger
- Kathy Weyer
- Candace Kahn

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT COLUMN

If you are interested in being featured, contact Jean at: cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com with a short bio of 200 words or less, a photo of your art, and your contact information (email, website, social media).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT FOR OCTOBER 2023

Ellen Jean Diederich, TWSA, RRWS, WSA, WW



I graduated with a BFA in Fine Art and a BA in Art Education at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. After a portrait drawing class my sophomore year, I drew portraits at various venues to pay my personal expenses. After graduating, I taught elementary art in Pine River, MN until moving back to Fargo, ND to get married. There weren't any teaching jobs available, so I chose watercolor & started painting full time, teaching night classes and eventually workshops.

By working out compositions and drawing my paintings out more carefully my paintings started to turn out. Highlights: Twelve of my painting friends formed the Red River Watercolor Society, and a national juried exhibition. I have two wonderful children, published a line of notecards, and wrote and illustrated 3 books. Please check out my "Painting of the Week" blog which has a painting story and painting tip every week. Learn more at www.givinity.com



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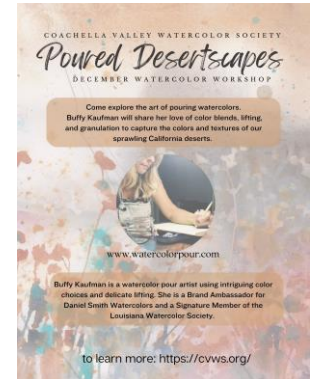
Workshops

Greetings everyone - just a quick note to remind you of our upcoming CVWS sponsored workshops. Don't delay and tell a friend!

December 9-10, 2023 (a weekend workshop): Buffy Kaufman



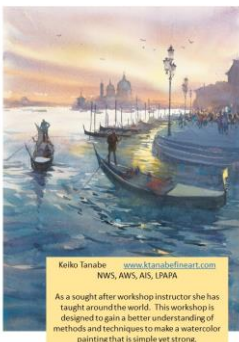
Buffy Kaufman is a watercolor pour artist working in transparent watercolor with alternative media and techniques. She uses intriguing color choices and delicate lifting, creating captivating pieces that draw you in. She is a Brand Ambassador for Daniel Smith Watercolors and a Signature Member of the Louisiana Watercolor Society.



CVWS Member price: \$225.00 Non-CVWS Member price: \$250

January 9-12, 2024: Keiko Tanabe

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



Keiko Tanabe, AWS, NWS, AIS, LPAPA. Often working en plein air, her atmospheric watercolors perfectly capture a sense of time and place. Through her use of color, textures, and signature brushwork, Keiko's landscapes and cityscapes beautifully convey both the exotic and the simple scenes of the many places she travels.



CVWS Member price: \$550.00 Non-CVWS Member price: \$600.00

Please proceed to the CVWS website www.cvws.org for more information and to register. And please tell anyone you know who might be interested in attending any of these great workshops.

Thank you,

CVWS Workshop volunteers - Susan Ober and Traci Davis

Workshops, continued

January 29 - February 5, 2024: Taste of Watercolor

We have gathered some of the most talented artists and teachers from our Coachella Valley Watercolor Society and are presenting them to you in a format that will allow you to choose your learning experience. These instructors currently have teaching schedules in the Coachella Valley, but we are bringing them to you as a taste of what they can offer.

You will be able to take just one day of the five days offered or jump right in and take all five! Additional days are offered at a reduced rate - what a deal!

Instructors and Schedule:

	<p>MONDAY, January 29, 2024 'A Loose, Creative Painting of the Palm Springs Area'</p> <p>Moira Johannessen teaches watercolor painting at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs. She has helped many students develop their own styles.</p> <p>The goal of this workshop is to show the student a fun, relaxed way to paint.</p>	
	<p>TUESDAY, January 30, 2024 '...for the Love of Light'</p> <p>Karin Felker Harris, has a BFA from Southern Oregon State University, has been represented by galleries in the Western States, has had her own gallery in Portland Oregon, has led International Art & Cultural Tours & taught college level art in a variety of settings. Encouraging and inspiring artists to find their own voice "has been the most rewarding joy of my career".</p> <p>The goal of this workshop is to explore the intriguing relationship of light and shadow that can entice you to create beyond the ordinary!</p>	

For more information & to register: CVWS website www.cvws.org

Taste of Watercolor Instructors and Schedule, continued:

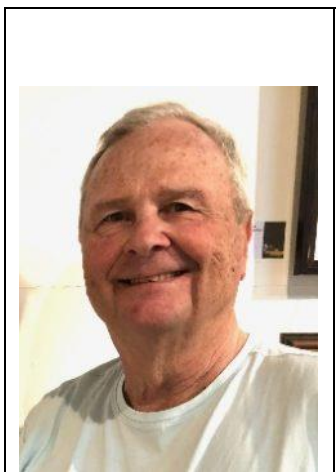


WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2024

‘Bold and Colorful Floral with Waterdrops’

Diane Morgan is an award-winning artist working in watercolor and oil. She is a past president of CVWS, managed the Public Art Program for the City of Palm Spring for eleven years, and now teaches and paints full-time.

The goal of this workshop is to master bold and smooth washes and create realistic waterdrops.

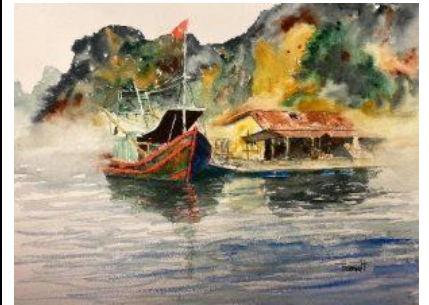


THURSDAY, February 1, 2024

‘Perspective, Shape, and Value Contrast’

Bob Hannah loves to paint in bold colors with strong value contrasts, making his paintings really “pop” in the viewer’s eye. Fortunate to have taken classes from recognized watercolor artists for over 15 years, Bob applies something from each to his own work. His diverse subjects include boats, street scenes, landscapes, animals, still life or people.

The goal of this workshop is to help the student gain a solid understanding of perspective and to learn to really “push” the darks.



FRIDAY, February 2, 2024

‘Floral Watercolors’

Ilan Cooke is a retired professional horticulturalist who spent his career managing large gardens and grounds in the UK. ‘Gardening on a grand scale at someone else’s expense!’

The goal of this workshop is to look at different approaches to floral painting, both loose and fluid as well as precise and semi-botanical.



***COST FOR CVWS MEMBER:** \$80 for 1 day; \$70 for each additional day (2 days: \$150; 3 days: \$220; 4 days: 290, 5 days: \$360) * **COST FOR NON-CVWS MEMBER:** \$90 for 1 day; \$80 for each additional day (2 days: \$170; 3 days: \$250; 4 days: \$330; 5 days: \$410).

For more information & to register: CVWS website www.cvws.org

News

CVWS Grant to Local Art Program



Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our own Grants Chair Janie Bolitho, the generosity of visitors to our annual show who bought raffle tickets, and our CVWS members who donated supplies for raffle baskets and supported our meeting raffles throughout the year, **we were able to fund four organizations in the Coachella Valley that provide art programs for local children.**

One of the four grant recipients we funded is the **EXPLORE Young at Art** program, directed by Maggie Hamilton. The program serves approximately 48 youth ages 8-14 through an art program which ran for 3 weeks in summer 2023 at the Coachella Valley History Museum. Our grant money purchased acrylic paint, watercolor paper and provided scholarships to fund 2 students in the class.

Above are some photos of this year's Watercolor Class led by Paxton Moore, and below are some examples of the student's work displayed at an art reception held at the Coachella Valley Historical Museum following the class.



News, continued



SAVE THE DATES!

Desert Plein Air Association Paint-out Schedule for October:

Monday, October 2nd
Thursday, October 19th

Indian Canyons-Andreas Canyon
El Paseo, at Melissa Morgan Sculpture
Garden (El Paseo/San Luis Rey)
Classic Club (eat lunch together
afterwards?)

Tuesday, October 31st

Contact Diane Moore if you have any questions.

<https://desertpleinair.org>

Email: desertpleinair@gmail.com

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



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN SHARE YOUR ARTWORK ON OUR CVWS FACEBOOK PAGE?

We would love for our members to post their paintings on Facebook!

If you have a Facebook account, just go to the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society page, and upload a watercolor or acrylic painting. You can reduce the file size to around 500k if you want or crop the image to exclude unwanted edges. Send images directly from your phone, iPad or your computer.


Post your finished paintings, works in progress, sketchbook pages, plein air paintings, or work you have created in a workshop. Please use this venue to share your work.

Looking forward to seeing your paintings,
CVWS Board

Odds & Ends

CVWS VIDEO LIBRARY

The Watercolor Portrait - Angelhart
An Acrylic Journey - Beam
Loosen Up with Acrylics - Burrige
Krinkle Paper - Chee
Acrylic, Painting, Glazing Technique - Cozen
Painting A Personal Reality - Das
Designing Great Starts with Texture and Form - Drews
Exciting Color and Everyday Paintings - Frances
Creating Texture in Transparent Watercolor - Grastorf
Acrylic Landscapes the Watercolor Way - Harrington
Acrylic the Watercolor Alternative - Harrington
Designing for Content - James
The Language of Landscape and Watercolor - Laitinen
Flowing Florals (1) - Laird
Flowing Florals (2) - Laird
Flowing Florals (3) - Laird
Secrets of Color (Value Hue & Intensity) - Lawrence
Sea - Masterfield
Painting on YUPO - Mehaffey
Figure Design in Gouache – O’Conner
Complete Water Media - Quiller
Painting the Western Light - Thomas
My World of Watercolors - Trevena
Taking Risks with Watercolor - Trevena
One on One Watercolor Workshops - Tustain
Watercolor Portrait Workshop - Tustain
Watercolor Fun in Nature Studio - Van Hasselt
Using Your Head Heart and Hand - Webb
Connecting Shapes - Wiegardt
Color Mixing - Wiegardt
Color Shadows - Wiegardt
Landscape Theory - Wiegardt
Secrets of Painting Loose (1) - Wiegardt
Secrets of Painting Loose (2) - Wiegardt
Secrets of Painting Loose (3) - Wiegardt
Flowers Free and Easy - Wiegardt
Mastering Watercolor Portraiture - White
Watercolor Portrait Painting - Zoe



Thank you to our DVD Library Chair Vera Knowles for compiling this list of art DVDs that are available for CVWS members to borrow at our monthly meetings.

Do you have Art Books or DVDs to donate to CVWS?

Please contact Vera Knowles at veraknowles@icloud.com

Help Wanted!

We are looking for someone who is Audio Visual savvy who can advise us to identify equipment and costs for recording CVWS demonstrations. Please contact Connie Zane if you are interested.

A CVWS membership perk:

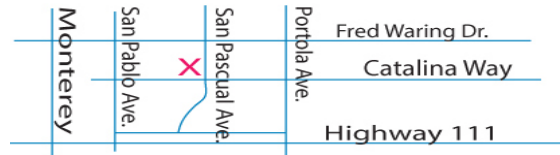
Watch recorded zoom demos by signing into the MEMBER’S section of our website at

www.cvws.com

Odds & Ends, continued

Here's how to find your way to the Joslyn Center on Monday, October 9th:

Joslyn Center is located at 73750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260. It is about half way between San Pablo Avenue and Portola Avenue: south of Fred Waring Drive and north of Highway 111. You can access from either San Pablo or Portola.



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



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
Kathleen Scoggin	503-515-9633
Connie Zane	775-846-9719
Dave Howell	425-319-5858



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES 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