



Coachella Valley
Watercolor Society

Brush Up February 2022

****General Online ZOOM Meeting: February 14, 2022**

6:00 PM, Social. 6:30 PM, General Mtg.

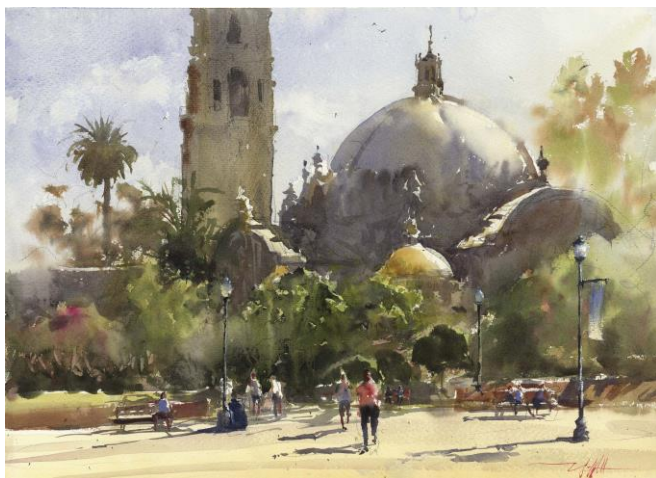
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February Demonstrator: Geoff Allen

Geoff Allen, an award-winning Plein air painter, most recently won first place in the 5th Annual Plein Air Exhibition at the San Diego Watercolor Society juried by Joseph Zbukvic.

Other recent achievements include acceptance into the 2021 National Watercolor Society's 101st International Exhibition. Geoff has also received the Savoir-Faire/ Sennelier Award at the 2021 Western Federation of Watercolor Societies 46th Annual Exhibition, First Place award for the San Diego Watercolor Society's Fourth Annual Plein Air Exhibition, First Place Ralph Love Plein Air Competition 2019, Temecula, CA, and First Place in Water Media San Diego Fair Plein Air Competition 2017.

He received his MFA from Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA and taught drawing, design, and painting courses at the college level. Living in the San Diego area and as a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society, Geoff practices his Plein air skills year-round.



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President's Message



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Alicia Siegler,
Nancy Rizzardi

Special Activities: *Open*

Grants: Sunny Patton



Hi, everybody!

As you know, our February meeting is going to be a Zoom meeting because of the spike in COVID cases in our community. Thank you for your understanding, and for sticking with us and showing up for the Zoom meetings and demonstrations and for the workshops, too!

I know everybody is spending more time at home now, so I hope you'll spend some of that time creating a painting or two for our Annual Show, which is coming up March 31-April 3. At this time, we're still planning on it being an in-person show at the Galen Center in Palm Desert. Fingers crossed! The prospectus and entry forms should be up at www.cvws.org in early February.

For inspiration (and for your pleasure) consider signing up for our Zoom workshop with Tom Francesconi, March 15-17. Details are on our website. Our in-person workshop with Joan Fullerton from February 15-18 is currently filled, but we have a waitlist, so if you're interested, please get your name on the list.

If you're finding it hard to get yourself started on painting after some time off, just remember: It's just paper! Tell yourself you'll paint for an hour just for yourself because it's fun, with no expectation that you'll even save the painting. Pretty soon you'll be rolling along, and I'm guessing you won't want to stop!

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom on Valentine's Day!

Happy painting,
Robin

Painter of the Month

DEMONSTRATOR'S CHOICE & HONORABLE MENTION



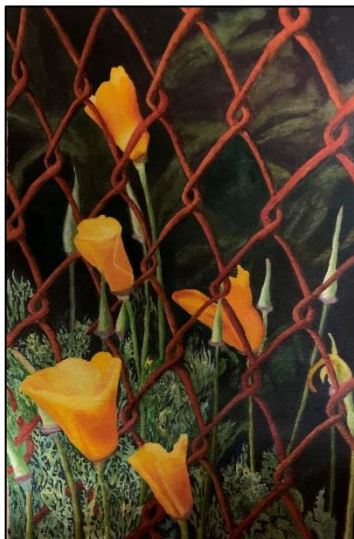
"Pick a Color" by Pat McElwee

FIRST PLACE



"On the Art Smith Trail" by Jennifer Winn

SECOND PLACE



"Seeking the Sun" by Traci Davis

THIRD PLACE



"Rainy Night at the Markey" by Bob Hannah

Painter of the Month for February

Painter of the Month entries are now open and will close on February 4th. Submit your painting online at <https://cvws.org/>

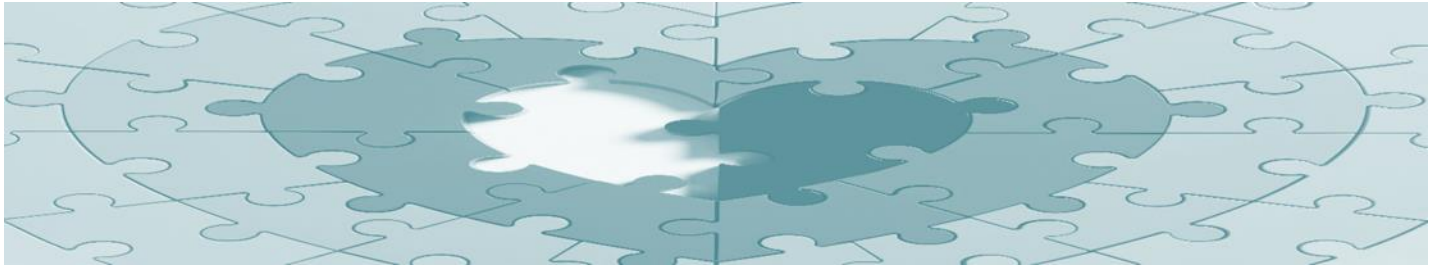
Online voting begins Feb. 6 until Feb. 12. The February general monthly meeting is on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

My email is cmlcolor@mac.com. Please email me and I will email you the link to upload your painting.

Thank you and good painting,

Charlie Lerner

Membership



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS IN 2021-2022

Wendy Alderson
Jered Bartow
Jocelyn Brown
Julie Crouch
Ellen Jean Diederich
Irma Franco
Denise Goldfarb
Elana Goldheimer
Linda Hanrahan
Nancy-Jo Klaphaak
Alejandro Llorente
Michelle Myers
Anthony Parr
Dennis Polich
Debera Prat
Linda Prosk
Cherie Roshau
Terry Simons
Mary Lou Solomon
Bruce Swart

We are delighted that you decided to join the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society!

In doing so, you have made a commitment to your creative life, and to affording yourself the opportunity to meet and get to know other like-minded creative people.

Although we are unable to meet and get to know each other in person at this time, please know that our board and chairs are working hard to provide you with the learning, growing and participation opportunities that you seek.

We welcome your ideas about how we can help you to connect! You can contact Membership Chair Connie Collins at Connie@collins58.com and she will direct your inquiries.

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO PARTICIPATE & GET INVOLVED IN CVWS:

Take a CVWS Workshop

Join our weekly Plein Air outings

Submit a painting for Painter of the Month

Attend our monthly in-person or zoom meetings

Watch our monthly artist demonstrations

Watch our pre-recorded monthly demos from 11/20 to the present (on our website's Member's Only section)

Submit paintings into our Annual Show at the Galen

Use your skills and life experiences to become a CVWS volunteer & help make all these things possible!

Kudos



Celebrating our 2021 – 2022

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**We welcome Connie Zane back to the CVWS Board,
as she has accepted the position of Nominating Chair. Thank you, Connie!**

CVWS is looking for volunteers for the positions of President and 3rd V.P. – Publicity for 2022 – 2023.
Contact Connie Zane cpinenuts@gmail.com if you are interested in serving in one of these positions.



Why I volunteer:

Each time I volunteer, I gain more energy. As I give my time to an organization, I meet new people and learn about their hopes and dreams. Then I learn what attracts visitors and new members to the organization. I experience the value of the organization to the public. Volunteering is the best way to be actively involved. I count my many blessings as I volunteer.

Tracy Hartman, Shows Co-Chair

Congratulations to Robin St. Louis, whose painting "Yellow Cab" was selected for the 13th Annual Signature American Watermedia Exhibition at the Fallbrook Art Center in Fallbrook, CA near San Diego. The show will be open February 13-April 10, 2022.



Plein Air

with Sue Ober

Greetings Field Mice!

Nice to see so many out at Moortens last week. Beautiful day.

Hope to see you soon, bring a friend!

Sue Ober, watertonsue@gmail.com



February 2022 Plein Air

1. Big Morongo Canyon - 11055 East Drive. Morongo Valley
A great opportunity to paint large deciduous trees. The area is noted for their cottonwood & willow trees.
8. Old Town Artisan Studios, La Quinta
78046 Calle Barcelona
Get your painting locations picked out for the upcoming Desert Plein Air Association Festival, February 18 -20!
<https://www.desertpleinair.org>
15. Rancho Mirage Community Park
71560 San Jacinto Dr
Best to park at the west end by Button Dr.
22. Mission Creek Preserve - Desert Hot Springs
60550 Mission Creek Rd.
Special Thanks to Terry on this site suggestion, photos & information. It will be a great paint out.



The present-day Mission Creek Preserve once was a reservation for the Mission Creek Indians. It became a cattle and guest ranch in the early 1900's and was named the T Cross K Guest Ranch. It catered to the Hollywood elite as Palm Springs was growing as a destination. It had a colorful history. It underwent a few changes in ownership and name in its later years. The main buildings were destroyed by fire in 1960 leaving only the fireplace and the walls of the four stone cabins. The land is now owned by the Wildlands Conservancy and is part of the Sand to Snow National Monument. You can find more information at <http://www.thedesertway.com/mission-creek-preserve/>

News

Coachella Valley Watercolor Society 33rd Annual Members' Art Show and Sale

April 2 & 3 Free Admission 10 AM - 4 PM

Gala Preview Reception and Sale Friday, April 1st, 5 to 7 pm

**The Galen in Palm Desert
72567 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260
(760) 346-5600**

Informal demonstrations by our artists on Saturday and Sunday

CVWS supports art education for children in the Coachella Valley

www.cvws.org



First Annual "Paint the Desert" Plein Air Festival DESERT PLEIN AIR ASSOCIATION

All Mediums Welcome

SAVE THE DATES: Friday, February 18 – Sunday, February 20 + Gallery showing

All the pre-registered plein air painters will begin at OLD TOWN ARTISAN STUDIOS (OTAS), in La Quinta from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. They will paint at a variety of locations in Coachella Valley as well as on the campus of OTAS. On Sunday, February 20, at 11am there will be a Presentation of Awards and the public is invited to view the paintings in the Leland Gallery at OTAS. Those paintings will be on exhibit through February 26.

Contact – Tracy Hartman (760) 408-6194

Workshops

To join the waiting list for:

Joan Fullerton's
Live Workshop
February 15 – 18, 2022
Contact
Alicia Siegler
650-207-0585
aliciacsr@gmail.com

Acrylic and Mixed Media Artist
JOAN FULLERTON
www.joanfullerton.com
"Intuitive Mixed Media"
February 15 -18, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PST



Join us for inspiring demonstrations, lectures, encouragement and practice. You'll learn how to coax hints of reality from an abstract background, how to integrate collage imagery, how to control values and colors for emotional emphasis, and how to suggest rather than delineate. You'll explore working intuitively, responding to what shows up, working in a series, mixing and utilizing neutrals for softer, more ethereal abstracts. There will be plenty of time for "playing" and creating along with individual attention and guidance.

Joan is especially gifted in helping students gain more freedom in the creative process and discover their own unique artistic voice. She believes that people are more open to learning and inspiration when they are having fun, so her workshops are filled with laughter and lightness. A multitude of approaches and techniques will give beginners encouragement and confidence, while more advanced students will benefit from Joan's insightful solutions to their artistic challenges.

Please note: Places in Joan Fullerton's courses sell out very quickly so early booking is advised. A material list will be provided.

Live 4 day workshop All skill levels!

"Painting Fresh & Expressive Watercolors"



Tom Francesconi AWS, NWS
www.tomfrancesconi.com

3 - Day ZOOM Watercolor Workshop
March 15 - 17, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PST



\$250.00 members
\$275.00 non-members



Emphasis will be on creating stronger paintings through a better understanding of value relationships, color, and design. Tom will share his thoughts about these topics and how they can play a more meaningful role in our paintings. During the workshop, Tom will share specifics of how he creates loose, interpretive watercolors that entertain and delight the eye. Tom endeavors to create a workshop atmosphere that is relaxed with a focus on exploration and discovery. Subjects for this workshop will include a landscape, urban scene, and the figure. Each morning begins with a discussion about the day's topic, followed by a full demonstration where Tom always encourages lots of questions. Afternoons are reserved for student painting time during which Tom attends to each student individually. Every day will end with a class critique. Bring your smile!

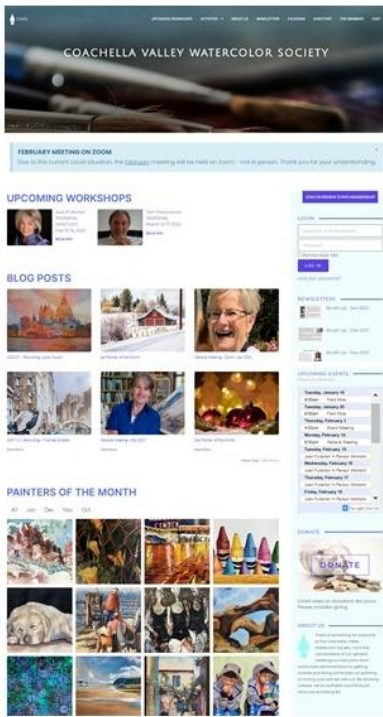
Sign up at: www.cvws.org & pay with PayPal or Credit/Debit Card

Limited to 24 students.
Materials list upon registration.

For additional information Contact:
Alicia Siegler
aliciacsr@gmail.com

Or call Alicia at 650-207-0585

Odds & Ends



Volunteer Needed: CVWS Website Assistant

CVWS is looking for a volunteer to assist with our website, no programming skills necessary.

If you're able to navigate the website, resize images, assist members with uploading their images and logging into their accounts, other "non-technical" tasks, or if you have some ideas about how to improve the site then we could use your help. The time commitment would only be a few hours each month (some months less, some months a bit more). If you are interested and can help, please send an email to: admin@cvws.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lance

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



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

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

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Helpful Hints for Joining the CVWS Zoom Meeting

We recommend you log in 10 minutes before the meeting to get yourself set up.

[ALSO Watch the YouTube Videos links at the end of this page.](#)

1. Zoom works best: a. Desktop Computer or b. iPad or Tablet or c. IOS/Android Phone.
2. Get on your device, open your CVWS email and look for "Meeting ID#...write this number down. Then click on the link in the email that says, "Join Zoom Meeting". This will take you to Zoom. If you want to listen via regular telephone (not smartphone), use any of the teleconferencing phone numbers at the bottom of the email invitation.
3. When Zoom opens, click Join a Meeting.
4. It will ask for the Meeting ID Number and Password, which will be in your email invitation. Enter your name. This identifies you to others in the meeting.
5. Click Join. Then Click Join with Video or Join Without Video if you don't want others to see you.
6. Click Join with Computer Audio. If you don't have a microphone enabled on your device, you can type in your questions during the Q&A using the Chat feature at the bottom of your screen. If using an Android or IOS phone, tap the screen and the controls will appear. **YOU'RE IN!!**
7. When you enter the meeting, you will see the person that is talking on your full screen ("Speaker View"). If you would also like to see the other participants in the meeting in a grid layout, switch to "Gallery View". The controls for these are: a. Desktop Windows or Mac: On the top right of your screen. b. iPad: On the top left. c. Android/IOS phone: Swipe left to switch from Active Speaker view to Gallery View. Keep swiping left to see more of the gallery.
8. Your microphone and video on/off are on the bottom left of a desktop. Tap the screen for smartphones and I pads and the toolbar will come up. You will see icons for the microphone and video with a bar through them if they are not on. During the meeting presentations, your mic will be off unless you're called on to ask a question, and then the meeting manager will turn on your mic.
9. If you want to leave the meeting, click End, then Leave Meeting. **There are a number of good videos that you can watch to help you use Zoom for the first time. Here are a couple:**
Joining a Zoom Call for the 1st Time – A Fun and Easy Connection: <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQOE>
Joining a Zoom Call for the 1st Time – A Cozy Step by Step Guide: <https://youtu.be/6fiYWnfTc5o>