



Coachella Valley  
Watercolor Society

# Brush Up

March 2024

**General Online ZOOM Meeting: March 11, 2024**

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

**Zoom Step-by-Step Guide (page 9)**

## Demonstrator: Andy Evansen

Andy's familiarity and love of simple farm scenes and small towns is evident in his work, as he loves to paint the landscape close to his studio in Hastings, Minnesota.

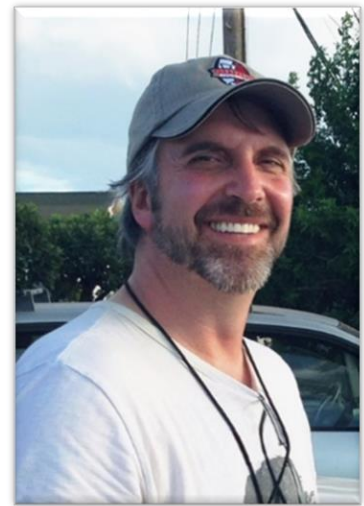
After winning an international watercolor competition through American Artist magazine, appearing on their cover in 2005, he became a sought-after workshop instructor who now paints and teaches internationally, bringing his method for simplifying watercolor to Italy, France, England, Scotland, Mexico and China. He became a signature member of the prestigious Plein Air Painters of America (PAPA) in 2012 and was elected their President in 2015.

His paintings have won numerous awards, including the Bronze Medal of Honor at the 2012 American Watercolor Society Exhibition, and in 2015 he received the High Winds Medal and his signature status from the American Watercolor Society. He is also a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and the Transparent Watercolor Society and was recently invited to join the Pure Watercolour Society in England as their only international member.

His work has also been selected for inclusion in the California Art Club's Gold Medal Exhibitions, winning the Fine Art Connoisseur Award of Excellence in 2021. His love of painting on location led to his inclusion in the 2017 Qingdao International Masters Watercolor Plein Air Event in Qingdao, China, one of 8 painting trips he's taken to China.

Andy has also juried several important exhibitions, including serving as juror of selection for both the American Watercolor Society and the TWSA Exhibitions in 2022; the Florida Watercolor Society in 2023; the California Watercolor Association in 2021, the New Jersey Watercolor Society in 2020 and the New England Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society and Red River Watercolor Society National Exhibitions in 2017.

You can view his work at [www.EvensenArtStudio.com](http://www.EvensenArtStudio.com)



## President's Message



*Connie Zane, President*

### CVWS 2023 - 2024

#### Officers

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##### Chairs:

**DVD Library:** Vera Knowles

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Joan Ryan

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**Workshops:** Sue Ober/

Traci Davis

And now for a commercial break: CVWS is a philanthropic group, dedicated to expanding water media art, experience, and education. Our mission statement is: To promote the creative talents and art appreciation of its members and to stimulate art interest and support art education for the young people in the Coachella Valley. (Keep reading, please.)

The good news: We have great ideas about what to add to our CVWS program. The bad news: Implementing great ideas usually requires money & volunteers. As a non-profit, we must be mindful of ongoing expenses that allow us to maintain the kinds of social and art-related activities that fulfill our mission. (Stay with me...I know you're drifting).

But, when we look to instituting new programs and activities, some great ideas may get put on hold when volunteers and funds run dry. If you suddenly suspect that a pitch for your involvement is imminent, you could be right. But just let me mention, that as a CVWS member, you can support CVWS in several ways:

**Participate** - For example, do more than attend a meeting and listen. Get involved by interacting with other members, entering painter of the month, buying raffle tickets, bringing a friend, taking a workshop, introducing yourself to someone you don't know, entering our annual show, chatting with the demonstrator, trying the "Summer Challenge", adding a painting to our Facebook page. There are many opportunities that are low risk.

**Volunteer** - Assist with a committee. Step up to fill a board position or committee chair. Involvement means that YOUR good ideas have a chance to be implemented. It also further involves you in your art community. Think of it as an endeavor that supports your well-being. Emotional health, physical health, mental health, and creative health all contribute to a longer, happier life. Being involved may entail risks, but it also offers surprising rewards.

**Donate** - Donate art books for sale, or art DVDs for the library or items for the annual show raffle baskets. Or provide monetary support. You may already support some favorite causes that ask for donations. But CVWS typically doesn't ask, so you may overlook the fact that we also need donor support. Your contributions not only ensure maintaining meetings/shows/workshops, but also allow adding new services/activities. Just saying.... Don't forget CVWS when you're feeling charitable.

We sincerely thank those who have made donations this past year and remind them that if they did not give us their mailing address, please do that, so we can send a receipt for your tax records. And if you'd like to become a donor, we will have a donations box at the Annual Show - March 7-10th. Be sure to put your donation in an envelope with your name/address so we can send you a receipt, as your support is **tax deductible**. And, if the spirit moves you, you can bring a donation to any general meeting or mail a contribution to CVWS, PO Box 565, Palm Desert, CA 92261-0565. We thank you in advance.

Also, thank you for being a CVWS member. We are proud of our organization and value that you are a part of it.

Take Part. Make art. - Connie Zane

# Painter of the Month: February

**First Place: Marilyn Froggatt**



*Indian Canyon*

**Second Place: Dave Howell**



*Prescott Morning*

**Third Place: Jennifer Winn**



*McGee Canyon*

**Honorable Mention: Linda Hanrahan**



*Yellow Petunias*

**Demonstrator Kathleen Scoggin's Choice:**

**Mona Kadah**

(Award accepted on her behalf by her husband)



*View on a Snowy Morning*



## IMPORTANT MARCH Painter of the Month NOTICE:

Entries for Painter of the Month for March will be submitted online to our website at [www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org) from 2/13 thru 2/29.

If you wish to enter or you signed up to enter the March POM at the February meeting, please email Connie Zane ([cpinenuts@gmail.com](mailto:cpinenuts@gmail.com)) to obtain the link to upload your image and name.

Voting for Painter of the Month for March will take place at [www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org) from 3/2 thru 3/9.

The same procedure will be used for the May Painter of the Year. Submission dates will be available in the April newsletter.

## WORKSHOPS

Greetings everyone!

Hope those brushes are working overtime to get those masterpieces ready for the annual show.

Our Taste of Watercolor workshop was a great success. Kudos to Moira, Karin, Diane, Bob and Ian for making this inaugural event run so smoothly. Also, thanks to all those who participated. The few who attended all five days were troopers. Enjoy the photos...

Your workshop committee is busy putting together more great learning opportunities for future workshops. Please stay tuned to the website, newsletters and group emails that will outline these events.

Thanks again - Susan Ober and Traci Davis



# Membership

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Written by Kathy Weyer

Marilyn Froggatt is a renaissance woman. Born in Pasadena, raised in Whittier, she always had a penchant for the arts, but her career took her in other directions. Her mother was an opera singer, and her grandfather was a plein air artist, specializing in landscapes; Marilyn clearly inherited her creative juices.

After graduating from CSU Long Beach, she taught high school for ten years, after which she became a marketing professional with heavy responsibilities and deadlines. She and her husband of 31 years (and cat Lizzy) retired in 2013 here in Sun City at which point she began to focus full time on her art.

Marilyn works in oils, watercolors and now pen and ink. On a recent cruise to Alaska, she took an Urban sketchbook and continuously drew pen and inks of her shipmates at different venues in the ship: sipping martinis, swimming, at high tea, and playing games, leaving her with a photo essay of her new friends.

She is a member of Desert Arts Center and the Artists Council, among many others. She made a point to say she values the many creative people she has met in this community who support her work, some of whom are members of CVWS.



Marilyn has won several awards and ribbons, including for the painting on the left: Poster Artist award at the Southwest Festival out of 225 entrants.



**CORRECTION:** In the February 2024 CVWS Newsletter article “Getting to Know You”, the correct spelling for our featured artist is Deb Gonsalves. Please accept our apologies, Deb!

# News



## CVWS Show 2024

It's nearly here folks - the show we have all been waiting for. By the time you read this, entries will have closed. Remember intake is on Tuesday March 5th, 10 - 12 noon. We are trying a new streamlined intake procedure which is aimed at reducing waiting in lines (don't we all hate it!) When you arrive, you will be asked your surname and directed to one of four intake stations. Intake and compliance of wall art and bin work will then be done in one place! Phew - done!

Do continue to publicize the show in any way you can. We have distributed many cards but please use them to invite friends, family, and neighbors. And advance thanks to all the many members who have offered to help make this show happen. Remember we are open on Thursday and any sales will be marked with a red dot for later collection. Our wine reception will run from 5 - 7pm and include the awards ceremony so please do try to attend. Who knows - you may be a winner!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who donated drinks, wine, baskets, and donations for the raffle baskets. Also, we are so grateful to all of you who have volunteered to help at the show. We hope everyone will attend the reception on March 7, from 5-7, and invite everyone you know to join us.

- Mary Anne Brower and Ian Cooke, Show Chairs

### ANNUAL SHOW DEMONSTRATOR SCHEDULE

*We are so pleased to have many of our CVWS artists demonstrating at our 34th Annual Show:*

#### **Friday, March 8**


Jim Nelson 10:30-12:30, Bob Hannah 1:00-3:00,  
Connie Zane in the gallery

#### **Saturday, March 9**

Kathleen Scoggin 10:30-12:30, Ian Cooke 1:00-3:00,  
Moira Johannessen in the gallery

#### **Sunday, March 10**

Karin Harris 10:30-12:30, Mandy Main in the gallery



**Coachella Valley  
Watercolor Society**

**34th Annual Art Show and Sale**  
Original Art

**The Galen**

72567 Highway 111, Palm Desert, 92260  
Thursday March 7th—Sunday, March 10th  
Free Admission, 10am to 4 pm  
Art Demonstrations at 11am & 1.30pm  
**Reception and Awards Ceremony,**  
Thursday March 7th, 5-7pm

*CVWS stimulates the visual arts, by means of demonstrations, workshops, shows and art education for adults and children.*

[www.cvws.org](http://www.cvws.org)

From The Caverns—Kathleen Scoggin



# Kudos



## Congratulations to Cindy Mason!

At the February 5<sup>th</sup> CVWS Board Meeting, the board voted unanimously to grant Cindy a well-deserved Life Membership in CVWS for her dedicated service as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Publicity, and for her multi-year commitment as Treasurer.



Robin St. Louis' painting, "A Poem Lovely" has been accepted to the Fallbrook Signature American Watermedia Exhibition, which runs from March 16- April 4. [www.fallbrookartcenter.org](http://www.fallbrookartcenter.org).



Mike Pascavage was accepted into the current juried 2024 Artists Council Exhibition (Feb 9 thru March 3) for his painting, "Hollywood & Vine".

Congratulations to Alicia Siegler and Kathleen Scoggin for their recent show at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs.

TWO BABES AND A DUDE WITH BRUSHES  
ALICIA SIEGLER, DARRELL CORN & KATHLEEN SCOGGIN  
A THREE PERSON SHOW AT DESERT ART CENTER  
PALM SPRINGS CALIFORNIA  
FEBRUARY 15, 16 & 17 & 18, 2024  
SHOW HOURS 10AM – 4PM  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 – 10AM – 7PM

Come see our current works

OPENING RECEPTION – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – 4 PM – 7PM

550 N Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262

# Odds & Ends

## Welcome to New CVWS Members:

Nancy Bean  
Michael Cedeno  
Allan King  
Marda Madonna  
Meredith Medeiros  
Gay Warren



*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](mailto:cindynwrs@seanet.com)*

Eisenhower Health's January 2024 newsletter has an article entitled "Artworks" by Candice Pearson about the benefits of art making "to improve your memory, mood, and capacity for healing; sharpen your problem-solving and emotional intelligence and reduce stress".

<https://eisenhowerhealth.org/news/healthnotes/?cache=on&action=detail&dataRef=13535>



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](mailto:cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com)

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

<b>Ian Cooke</b>	<b>760 408 3313</b>
<b>Bob Hannah</b>	<b>206-409-9786</b>
<b>Karin Harris</b>	<b>808-268-0847</b>
<b>Dave Howell</b>	<b>425-319-5858</b>
<b>Moira Johannessen</b>	<b>760-322-2523</b>
<b>Pat Kodet</b>	<b>530-388-8241</b>
<b>Diane Morgan</b>	<b>760-902-8855</b>
<b>Kathleen Scoggin</b>	<b>503-515-9633</b>
<b>Alicia Siegler</b>	<b>650-207-0585</b>
<b>Kristen Olson Stone</b>	<b>808 469-2092</b>
<b>Connie Zane</b>	<b>775-846-9719</b>



**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](mailto:cvwsnewsletter@gmail.com).



# Instructions for Joining the CVWS Zoom Meeting

**6:00 Social Time, 6:30 Meeting Begins**

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

**[ALSO Watch the YouTube Videos 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 Ipads 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/9isp3qPeQ0E>

Joining a Zoom Call for the 1st Time – A Cozy Step by Step Guide: <https://youtu.be/6fIYWnfTc5o>