



Coachella Valley
Watercolor Society

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**HAPPY
New
YEAR!**

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**GENERAL MEETING, JOSLYN CENTER
January 9, 7:00PM**



JANICE CIPRIANI-WILLIS

Janice Cipriani-Willis is an accomplished watercolorist who lives and works at Dorland Mountain Arts Colony in Temecula. She began her art education by earning a B.A. in Fine Arts from California State University, Los Angeles.

Traveling and observation have inspired her to find and express in watercolor the subtle and often obscure beauty she finds in the places and faces. She sees the pieces of light that play over forms as a marvelous mosaic. In her watercolors (in which the lightest light is the white of the paper) she rearranges these bits of light into an image of the world's beauty. Janice's current work has been inspired by watching people from all walks of life in situations that engender a range of human emotions. She focuses on the depth of expression seen in their faces.

In 2014 Janice was awarded Signature Status in the National Watercolor Society. She is also a Signature member of Watercolor West and received the Patrons II Award this year. She has studied with many artists including Don Andrews, Gerald Brommer, Frank Francese, Fealing Lin, Ted Nuttall and Frank Webb.



Original works and giclee reproductions are available and can be seen by appointment at Dorland Mountain Arts Colony, and at the Brandon Art Gallery in Fallbrook CA, as well as at the web site www.fallbrookbrandongallery.org/brandongalleryartist/janice-cipriani-willis.

DECEMBER 2016 PAINTER OF THE MONTH



Sean Foley, 1st Place



Sherry Tucker, 2nd Place



Atsuko Hewett, 3rd Place



Connie Collins, Honorable Mention

A NEW YEAR FOR PAINTER-OF-THE-MONTH

Hope you made New Year's resolutions to get going and paint something wonderful. Only 3 people signed up at the December meeting, so please call Moira at [760 322-2523](tel:7603222523) and let her know that you will bring a painting. Email her at moirajohannessen@gmail.com if you prefer. Let's put on "a good show".



FIELD MICE NEWS

January 3

Coachella Valley Preserve
29200 Thousand Palms Canyon Rd,
Thousand Palms 92276

Bring bag lunch

January 7 - Saturday

SPECIAL EVENT

El Paseo, Palm Desert

Paint on El Paseo as part of the

Celebration by City of Palm Desert for the Dedication of Art on El Paseo.



January 10

Coachella Valley Preserve

29200 Thousand Palms Canyon Rd, Thousand Palms, 92276

Bring bag lunch

January 17

La Quinta Old Town

78100 Main Street, La Quinta 92253

Lunch at Stuff Pizza at 11:30am – awesome!

January 24

Indian Canyons

38500 S Palm Canyon Dr, Palm Springs 92264

Possible free passes if not fee charge.

Bring lunch/meet at 11:30 am in a grove across the small bridge & to the right

Sometimes weird and wonderful things happen on paint-outs!

Free Pecan pie.....Dec.6th Mice paint out was at Cahuilla Hills Park. The park has hiking trails. Marlene Sherwin set up to paint and stepped away for a few minutes , a hiker and her dog came up the trail and the dog ate part of Marlene's lunch. The lady apologized and returned later with a Pecan pie, She owns Exquisite Desserts bakery!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



***Marcia Slater
Hatfield***

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. 2017 promises to be a great year for CVWS. Please plan to attend our General Meeting on January 9 with Janice Cipriani-Willis, another great demonstration arranged for us by Robin St. Louis.

I encourage you all to be painting for our small image show entitled "Mini Masterpieces," opening January 26. Many thanks to Ian Cooke and Traci Davis for their work in setting up and arranging this show. It is a great opportunity to showcase your smaller paintings.

The Board is preparing a nomination slate for next year's CVWS officers and leadership positions. A number of committee chairs have served for several years and are ready to pass the torch. We will be asking new people to assume responsibility for different areas for 2017. Please step up if asked. We are open and ready for new ideas and energy to ensure the future well being of our organization. Looking forward to seeing you January 9.

Marcia Slater Hatfield, President

PAINTER'S CORNER

JEAN DENNING

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, and moving to Southern California following high school graduation, Jean never dreamed she would become an artist. Her education consisted of an A.A. Degree in French and Italian and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology, while she was working full-time in totally unrelated fields!

Jean moved to the desert in 1991 following her husband's retirement from his second career. Having never painted before, and with the feeling of "but I can't even draw a straight line," Jean was nevertheless encouraged by a few Ironwood friends. She began to paint weekly and to take workshops and was fortunate to find some inspiring instructors from the very beginning.

She joined CVWS, the Artists' Council at the Palm Springs Art Museum, and the Desert Art Center. She began entering art shows and receiving ribbons, including a Best of Show at the Riverside County National Date Festival. She is now painting with art groups at Monterey and Marrakesh Country Clubs.

The medium of watercolor has always appealed to her, especially the effects one gets when painting wet-on-wet combined with the application of different texture techniques.

For Jean one of the joys of becoming an artist was the discovery of looking at nature differently—she found herself intrigued by the way the light shines off leaves, the way shadows are cast, the changes in the colors of our beautiful desert landscape, the shimmer of the sun on water, the shape and color of the clouds and more...



***"Ginger"
Jean Denning***

IT'S 2016-2017 Showtime !

CVWS Coachella Valley Watercolor Society

Mini Masterpieces

An exhibition and sale of smaller paintings by
the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society

January 27 - February 13, 2017

Historical Society of Palm Desert Museum
72-861 El Paseo, West of Monterey
760-346-6588

Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 10AM to 3PM

Artists' Reception: Friday, Jan. 27th, 12-2 PM

FREE ADMISSION



"Swamp Pond" by Nels Ferrite

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www.cvws.org Phone: 907-252-3227

Countdown to Mini Masterpieces

Not long now till our Mini Masterpieces Show. It takes place earlier this year to avoid clashing with other art events. Deadline for entries is January 20 and intake is on Thursday January 26th.

Just a reminder that this year the maximum framed size is 18in and you may enter up to three paintings and ten bin pictures for a very reasonable \$15. The show will be judged by David Fairington from the Desert Art Center and eight ribbons will be awarded.

Entry forms for this and the annual show are available on our website www.cvws.org and we will have some printed copies at the monthly meetings for those of you that don't have computer access. Please be sure to enter the show and also, more importantly, invite your friends and neighbors to come and visit. There will be lots of advertising cards at the meeting, so do take a bundle and leave some in your local coffee shop or restaurant! We need a big push to turn a healthy profit this year!

Ian Cooke and Traci Davis , Show Co-chairmen

28th Annual CVWS Juried Members Art Show and Sale

Traditional, Open and Plein Air
Categories

Palm Springs Air Museum
Intake - Thurs March 9, 2017
Reception Thurs evening
Show Friday, Mar 10 and
Saturday, Mar 11



"The Condiment Collection"
by Robin St. Louis



"Mendocino Coast" by Ron Hanneb

CVWS Coachella Valley Watercolor Society 28th Annual Members' Art Show and Sale

Informal demos by our 'Artists in Action'
throughout Friday & Saturday

Friday, March 10th and
Saturday, March 11th, 2017
Hours 10 AM to 5 PM

Gala Preview Reception and Sale
Thursday, March 9th 5-7 PM

Palm Springs Air Museum
745 North Gene Autry Trail

FREE ADMISSION

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the Coachella Valley.
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ART NEWS AND KUDOS

An exciting opportunity has come to the attention of the Watercolor Society board and it involves you!

The **City of Palm Desert** changes the art work on El Paseo every two years, and January 2017 will see the dedication of a new series. The celebration will include the dedication and a meet and greet with the artists. The city is also planning to involve all of El Paseo with interactive art and outdoor painting. This is where we come in.... We need all Field Mice and Wanna -a-be mice to participate. Plein Air is an option, you can just bring a project and work on it outdoors on El Paseo!

This is an excellent opportunity to market our upcoming Mini Master piece show in Palm Desert, and to get the info out there about the Annual Show at the Air Museum in Palm Springs in March. We also should take this chance to talk with people and encourage more membership in the society.

The organizers do need to confirm numbers for this in order to give us enough space, or possibly 2 spaces!

So....

Seeking all Field Mice

- Plein Air Challenge
- Saturday, January 7, 2017
- Painting at approx 10:30 to 12:00
- El Paseo in Palm Desert

City of P.S. Show Announcement

The prospectus for the City of Palm Springs annual art show is available now. The theme is "**Desert A to Z.**" Deadline and delivery date is Jan 30. Juror is Dr Steven Nash, former director of the PS Art Museum. Details, prospectus and entity form can be obtained at palmspringspublicart.org, then click on "events"

Questions: Bonnieruttan@aol.com

Drawing at the Community Center in Palm Desert will return in January. Emails will be sent out to everyone on the email list .

Mimi Gregov, Life Drawing Chair

Stop in and see new works of art by **Diane Morgan and Pat Kodet at Incredible Art Center** this January. 301 N. Palm Canyon Dr. #104, Palm Springs.



"Reds" by Pat Kodet



"Morning Glorious"
By Diane Morgan

ART ON THE EDGE Featuring 10 CVWS Artists

January 19 - March 30 2017. The reception January 23, 5:30-7pm...Everyone is welcome!

Palm Desert Community Gallery is located in City Hall



73-510 Fred Waring Drive , Palm Desert

Robin St. Louis's "The Condiment Collector," will be in the Signature American Watermedia Exhibition at the Fallbrook Arts Center in Fallbrook, CA (near San Diego) from February 5 to March 19, 2017. The juror is Dale La-
itinen.



2016-2017 CALENDAR

- Jan 3, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Coachella Valley Preserve
Jan. 5, 9:30 am Board Meeting, Portola Community Center, Palm Desert
Jan. 9, 7 pm., General Meeting, Joslyn Center, Demonstrator Janis Cipriani Willis
Jan 10, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Coachella Valley Preserve
Jan 17, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, La Quinta Old Town
Jan. 24, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Indian Canyons
Jan. 26 Mini Masterpieces Show Intake
Jan. 27 to Feb 14 Mini Masterpieces Show Palm Desert Historical Museum
Feb. 2, 9:30 am Board Meeting, Portola Community Center, Palm Desert
Feb. 7, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Villa Royal Inn
Feb.13, 7 pm., General Meeting, Joslyn Center, Sterling Edwards, Demonstrator
Feb.14, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Downtown Palm Springs
Feb.21, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, location TBA
Feb.28, 9 am, Field Mice Paint-out, Jackalope Restaurant
Mar. 2, 9:30 am Board Meeting, Portola Community Center, Palm Desert
Mar. 9, 28th Annual Juried Show Take-In, Evening Reception, Palm Springs Air Museum
Mar 10 to Mar 11, CVWS 28th Annual Juried Show and Sale
Mar 13, 7 pm., General Meeting, Joslyn Center, Demonstrator, Chuck Rouse

2016-17 Officers

President:	Marcia Slater
Executive Vice President	Pat Kodet
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2 nd VP (Shows)	Traci Davis Ian Cooke
3 rd VP (Publicity)	Cindy Mason
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with locations in Idyllwild Indio Palm Springs Yucca Valley

"As practice makes perfect, I cannot but make progress; each drawing one makes, each study one paints, is a step forward." **Vincent van Gogh**

Welcome New Members

Cathy Routledge, Indio, CA
& Whitehorse, Yokon, Canada
Ginny Hayward, La Quinta, CA
Ardith Huijer, Palm Desert, CA

Directory Correction: Please change
Jan Parker phone number to
[\(925\) 784-6408](tel:9257846408)



**New address! 44850 Las Palmas Ave,
Ste. D, Palm Desert**

P.O. Box 565, Palm Desert, CA 92261



General Meeting January 9, 7 PM , Joslyn Center

Joslyn Center is located at 73750 Catalina Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260. It is about half way between San Pablo Ave. and Portola Ave, South of Fred Waring Dr. and North of Highway 111. You can access it from either Portola or San Pablo.

