



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's Gem of the Valley Art Association

October 2023

October Demonstrator



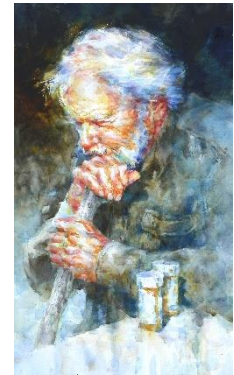
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Janice Cipriani-Willis is an accomplished watercolorist who lives and works at Dorland Mountain Arts in Temecula. She began her art education by earning a B.A. in Fine Arts from California State University, Los Angeles. At that time, she worked in acrylics and used a loom to weave multimedia sculptures. Her style was exclusively nonrepresentational abstract. She exhibited and sold her work via the LA ArtCore Gallery.

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 has seen. 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.

Janice has Signature Status in the National Watercolor Society, in the San Diego Watercolor Society and is a Master Signature Member of Watercolor West, having been accepted 10 or more times into the Watercolor West show. She has studied with artists including Don Andrews, Frank Francese, Fealing Lin, Frank Webb, Ted Nuttall and Stephen Zhang.



New Members

Shelley Lima
Shelley Staudenmeir
Steve Staudenmeir

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date **October 2, 2023**

Time: **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

Gem Mailing Address: 24930 Washington Ave., Suite 113, Murrieta, CA 92562

President's Message



HELLO OCTOBER!

We had a great first meeting in September and October is gonna be even **MORE fun!** I'm hearing that a few of us will be in costume for our October 2 nd meeting, including me! **PLEASE JOIN US!** And bring a snack to share that will scare! LOL

LIBRARY/HERITAGE ROOM DISPLAY CASE: Our **GEM OF THE VALLEY – MURRIETA LIBRARY** connection is in full force and our September First Place winners have their work up for viewing!

**1st place Master
Kathy Stocks**



**1st place Original
Kathleen Nauman**



**People's Choice
Teri Smith**



MORE GOOD NEWS:

The Library wants **ALL** of our ribbon winners to put their work on display from now on – there's plenty of room. So, October ribbon winners (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and People's Choice) in **ALL** categories: you are welcome to display your beautiful winning works until November! **YAY!**

A LITTLE BUSINESS to discuss:

Our newly revised handbooks were distributed at our September meeting to everyone. I need to point out that the Board-Approved change regarding the number of entries allowed per category/per person (**ONE ENTRY in each category will be allowed**) was side-stepped by yours truly. Apparently, many members had not heard or read about this change and they brought two paintings for their category.

Anne & I made the decision to allow it for September, but we will start implementing the new rule at the October meeting.

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President's Message Continued.....

Other issues were brought up about this rule as well, but the board will be discussing them at the next board meeting. Thanks for your understanding, folks, we are trying to streamline our system and spread the ribbon opportunities to more of you with these changes.

Regarding our NEED FOR A NEW VICE PRESIDENT, I can hold off appointing someone a bit longer as our membership is still growing but, PLEASE, if you meet the following qualifications, contact me now:

- 1. You love GEM**
- 2. You are level-headed**
- 3. You can/will attend our board meetings (last Tuesday of each month, 10-11:30 in Murrieta Library).**
- 4. You have a positive attitude**
- 5. You have a warm smile for everyone**
- 6. You are naturally willing to help where needed**

Is this you? Give me a call – you're the person I've been looking for!

Lastly, ALL NEW GEM MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE: if you haven't signed up as a member of the Senior Center, please do so ASAP. It's free and it serves the important purpose of supplying contact information should you have a physical emergency while attending any event in the center, including GEM meetings. Once you fill out the necessary form, you will receive a "membership card" that you will scan at the front desk each time you come into the center. Like I said, it's free!

OK, everyone, bring your best work, wear something crazy, and I'll see you all VERY soon!

Gem ~ we're all about art!!

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**Your
Board
Members
&
Committee
Members**

**We currently have
36 paid members**

Treasurer's Corner
Updated report next month

Hospitality Corner

Members are welcome to bring goodies for the snack table. We encourage you to bring homemade snacks, fruit, cheese, etc, as bags of chips and wrapped candies seem to be less popular with the members.

GATHER & PAINT

Join us every Tuesday in the Senior Center Main Room from 12:30-3:30 to paint & create! Most of us are GEM members so you'll be among friends. Bring your project and supplies, the tables & chairs are set up for us. No instructor, just a great room with perfect lighting and good friends. And it's FREE!

March Demonstrator

Christine E. White



Christine utilized this action figure to demonstrate how to draw shadows in action.



September Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Kathy Stocks
"Autumn Fox"

2nd Place



Soon Chung
"For My 2 Grandboys"

3rd Place



Beverly Squire
"In Perfect Repose"

Original Category

1st Place



Kathleen Nauman
"Gathsemane"

2nd Place



Steve Staudenmeir
"Ghost Town Window"

3rd Place



Peggy Botello
"Flower Garden on Hill"

Non-Original Category

1st Place



Janelle Handley
"Tutorial oil on shadowing"

People's Choice



Teri Smith
"Sunday Morning"

The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



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Call For Artists

Art @ The Alleyway

Artist vendor fee: \$25

Thursdays All Year

Join us, and many others, each and every Thursday in Downtown Murrieta. Murrieta Market Nights is held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday year-round. 60+ vendors, music, food & of course ART! Open Mic Nights are held on the 2nd & 3rd Thursday @ The Alleyway. All ages & all talents are welcome!

