



Paint Strokes

**Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association**

March 2024

March Demonstrator

**Shelley Lima
(oil)**

I started out as an avid student of Realism and Renaissance artwork. At a young age, the deep reds and golds streaming through a stained-glass window were mesmerizing. Little by little I grew into a style that captures the essence of a subject, using Realism for context while creating my own vision as beautifully as I possibly can.

I've enjoyed painting with oils for almost eighteen years. My journey in painting began while living in San Diego, CA with my husband and three sons. There I attended my local community college, studying Art History, Life Drawing, and Painting, with the dramatic style of the Renaissance influencing my earlier works. I continued with Still Life and Landscape painting at the San Diego Museum of Art. Branching out, I began challenging boundaries both on the canvas and in my mind, painting in a more painterly style, embracing looser brush strokes, painting with a palette knife, and exploring textures.

Yet there is something in design and realism that I still find fascinating. It is where I started and can't shake it. So much so that I will be exploring design for 2024, hoping to join the forces of realism and painterly into fresh new compositions and ideas.

Art connects the dots. Through creativity the world makes sense, we become authentic, we become ourselves, we heal.

Welcome, enjoy your experience!

Affiliations include:
Associate Member of Oil Painters of America
Murrieta Artists
Gem of the Valley Art Association



New Members

**Dee Cosola
Sallie Ringle
Rick Wilson
Sharon Thompson**

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: March 4th, 2024

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

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

President's Message



It's nearly spring! Yay!! And by now you've enjoyed seeing our website, right?? If not, go to: **murrietaartists.org**. In these times of internet conscientiousness, this will be a major factor in GEM's continued growth. With our new online presence, I wouldn't be surprised if our total membership reaches 60-65 by June! But wait, let me be clear. It's not the bigger numbers are what I'm after.....not really. That's just the end result. The goal here is:

"....to contribute to the encouragement and development of art through education....." – the core of GEM's mission statement developed in 1995. This happens by reaching out and bringing in more artists to ensure that we continue to satisfy this mission of ours. So, be sure to tell anyone & everyone about our new website. All their questions will be answered and all new members will be welcomed!

Now, back to what lies ahead! Shelley Lima's Demo on March 4th! The first time Shelley demonstrated for GEM she left a remarkable impression on all of us. As an artist who painting from the heart, she spreads beauty over her canvas like butter on warm bread. Her colors are exquisite, her technique fascinating. And, like the life of Forest Gump, we never know what we're going to get: a landscape, a floral or a still life. LOL Join us to watch it happen – you'll be SO glad you did!

But back to the art show idea! We had only a few who seemed interested when I brought it up in February. I'll bring it up again during our March meeting – we need a good amount of seriously committed artists to participate in order for Kathy Stocks to do the legwork to find us a venue.

OK, folks, this year is getting close to the end! Already??? Yep, we have only three more demonstration meetings and then it's the June potluck/installation! We'll open Board nominations in April (still need someone replace Ron as our AV person for next year), then we vote in May and install in June. Good grief, it'll be summer before we know it!

See you all on March 4th!!

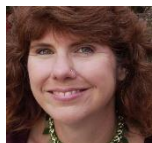
Gem ~ we're all about art

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Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 50 paid
members for the
2023/2024 season.**

Treasurer's Corner

Balance as of 1/32/24:	\$2,437.00
Monies out:	\$ -200.00
Dues	\$ +200.00
Drawing	\$ + 32.00
Feb. Ending Balance	\$2,469.00

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

February Demonstrator

Bonnie Rinier



February Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Soon Chung
"Dream"

2nd Place



Soon Chung
"Soul Mate"

3rd Place



Cathy Baca
"River"

Original Category

1st Place



JoDee Luna
"Hope is The Thing with
Feathers"

2nd Place



Nancy Cox
"Mt. Hood"

3rd Place



Steve Staudenmeir
"Still Life Value Study"

Non-Original Category

1st Place



Gina Wilson
"Winter Pathway"

2nd Place



Denise Speer
"?"

3rd Place



Nancy Cox
"Heavenly Stream"

People's Choice



Gina Wilson
"Winter's Welcome"

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!

