



# Paint Strokes

Murrieta's  
Gem of the Valley Art Association

February 2025

## February Demonstrator

*Helen Garcia*



Helen Shafer Garcia is a painter, mixed media, book arts, ceramics artist and award-winning illustrator. Helen's watercolor illustrations have graced the cover brochures, garden articles and advertisements of numerous international resorts and magazines for more than 35 years. Awards include four San Diego Press Club First Place Awards of Excellence in Illustration for San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles Magazine. Her works and articles have been published in Southwest Art, Cloth, Paper, Scissors, San Diego Home and Garden Lifestyles, and Studios Magazines. Helen holds a BA degree in Fine Arts with an emphasis in illustration and ceramics. She is a signature member of San Diego Watercolor Society and teaches watercolor, book arts, and mixed media workshops internationally and across the US. International locations include New Zealand, France, Mexico and Canada.

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## New Members

Marcci Herrmann Jones  
Liz Estes  
Marci Schaffer  
Jill Roberts

## Gem of the Valley Art Association

### General Meeting

**Date:** February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**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

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

## President's Message



Well, I'm wearing some RED at our February meeting! Though every month should be, February is the one month that reminds us of love, valentines, hearts and, um.....red shirts, right! LOL If you've got something red, wear it proudly and lovingly. I'm with ya!!

And, folks, I have to post the GEM display at the Murrieta Library here because, well, it's just beautiful.



Top: Marilyn Phelps  
Bottom: Susan Worley & Patsy Kile



Top: Rick Wilson & Soon Chung  
Bottom: Gina Wilson & Soon Chung



The opportunity to display at our library is a precious gift, folks, one that we've never had before. So, PLEASE, don't shy away or save your work for another competition.

NOTE: All January & February winners, meet me on Wednesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to change out the artwork and keep that display case filled!

Gem ~ we're all about art!  
Cathy



**Cathy Baca**  
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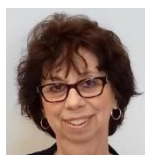
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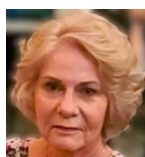
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# **Your Board Members & Committee Members**

**We currently have 45 paid  
members for the  
2024/2025 season.**

## **Treasurer's Corner**

Balance as of Dec.      \$4,235.43

Monies out:      \$ 979.90

Kids & Art Foundation  
Luncheon Misc.  
Web Page Domain renewal  
Demonstrator

Deposits      \$ 238.00

Drawing  
New Members

Jan. Ending Balance: \$3,543.53

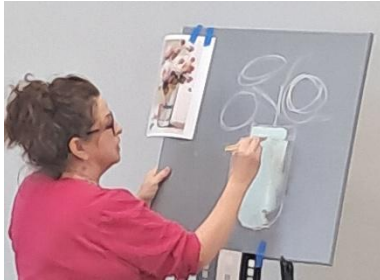
Cathy Keeney  
Treasurer



## January Demonstrator

# Jill Roberts

I will be starting some art classes early in the year in my Anza home to those who want to bring their supplies, and I can help them with their pieces and take them to the next level.  
(858) 774-5855 or [jillrobertsart@yahoo.com](mailto:jillrobertsart@yahoo.com)



Jill finished her painting at home.



Jill's Other Paintings



Ron Baca was the winner of Jill's beautiful, donated painting.



## January Awards

### Master Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Soon Chung  
"White Hair Man"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Taka Richie  
"Jen G."

3<sup>rd</sup>Place



Soon K. Chung  
"Cute Baby & Dog"

### Advanced Level

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Susan Worley  
"Hat Band"

2nd Place



Gina Wilson  
"Hummingbird"

3rdPlace



Nancy Cox  
"Colorado River"

## Intermediate Level

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Patsy Kile  
"Copper Vase"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Rick Wilson  
"Harmonica Boy"

3<sup>rd</sup>Place



Marilyn Phelps  
"Rain Drops"

## Entry Level

1<sup>st</sup> Place

2nd Place

3rdPlace

Not Enough Entries

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## Photography Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Not Enough Entries

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## People's Choice



Patsy Kile  
"Copper Vase"



# 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!