



# Paint Strokes

## Murrieta's Gem of the Valley Art Association

February 2024

### February Demonstrator



*Bonnie Rinier*

Bonnie Rinier is a full-time artist, specializing in original watercolor paintings. She has a love for all things to do with art. Her favorite subjects are animals big and small. Every effort is made to capture the personality of each animal.

Research is also done to better understand the animal or other subject before painting it. Examples of her work can be found at her web site: <http://bonnie-rinier.fineartamerica.com> or [FineArtStudio.com](http://FineArtStudio.com) (FASO)

With 4 years of art in high school and one semester of art in college, Bonnie is mainly self-taught. She continues to learn from other artists and gladly shares with students what she has learned.

Bonnie currently teaches classes in her home. Over the years, she has taught at Michaels and Joann's in Temecula, summer courses in Sequoia, Avensole Winery and children's classes through the Arts Council of Temecula. Some of her students have gone on to become accomplished artists themselves.

She is currently a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society and Fallbrook Art Association.



### New Members

**Sandy Allen**  
**Pat Koontz**

### Gem of the Valley Art Association

#### General Meeting

**Date:** February 5th, 2024

**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



February!!

I'm excited, folks! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN GEM'S HISTORY we're can proudly say that we're looking forward to finalizing our WEBSITE!

Our site is official called: [www.murrietaartists.org](http://www.murrietaartists.org). If you go there, you'll just see that it's "under construction" – that means, though you and the rest of the public can't see how far it's come, our member and now Web Master, Steve Staudenmeir, has been continuously and creatively building this site for us behind the scenes. It'll be an on-going process for a while, but he/we are getting there!

Believe me, you'll be the first to know when it's complete. We can't thank Steve enough for donating his time (a lot!) and his expertise (extensive!) to bring Gem into the public eye via a website of our own. What a gift!!

More good news: Per my email to you all about Corona Art Association's current competition, Gem came through with an excellent judge for their "Pets" theme. Our V.P. Kathy Stocks graciously offered her expertise and was immediately accepted. By the time you read this, Kathy will have judged the competition and, I know, Kathy's experience and her natural artistic propensity will have provided solid judgement, and she came away with a free membership to Corona's art guild! Solid connections to other art associations always afford opportunities and ideas for shows and workshops so we appreciate Kathy for going above and beyond for the benefit of us all!

And for those of you who are excited to see JoDee Luna's progress on her demo piece entitled "Hope," here is her work as of this writing on 1/14. JoDee, we hope you'll bring "Hope" to the February meeting so we can see the very latest developments up close and personal!



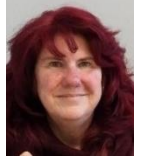
**See you all on February 5th !!**

**Gem ~ we're all about art!!  
Cathy**



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# Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 43 paid  
members for the  
2023/2024 season.**

## Treasurer's Corner

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|----------------------|------------|
| Balance as of Dec:   | \$2,634.00 |
| Monies out:          | \$ 329.00  |
| Deposits             | \$ 132.00  |
| Jan. Ending Balance: | \$2,437.00 |

Cathy Keeney  
Treasurer

# January Demonstrator

## JoDee Luna



JoDee said she works at different levels, letting a section dry as she works on another area. It takes days before she completes a project,



JoDee brought a video showing how she got to this level.

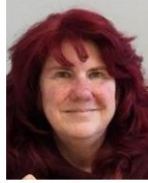


Mayda McMillan won the raffle for a JoDee painting

*Per your requests, here's the continuing progress on JoDee's "Hope" painting that was demo'd at our January meeting. Since many of you aren't on FB to watch this progress, I'm bringing it to you here. Hopefully JoDee will bring this incredible piece with her to the February meeting and we'll see how far she's gotten by then!*  
Cathy



# Our Murrieta Library



Thank you, everyone, for entering your art in our monthly competitions. We have a wonderful opportunity with the Murrieta Library to help in your creative journey, and we hope you will take advantage of it! Each month all ribbon winners in all categories have the honor to display their award-winning art in the library, free of charge, in the display case just outside of the Heritage Room. If you would like to take advantage of this awesome opportunity here is what you will need to do:

1. As your V.P., I will make arrangements to meet you at the library. If you cannot find a time to meet me, you are more than welcome to go at a time that is convenient for you and just tell them that you are part of the Gem art display and that you have permission to put your art in the case.
2. There is a form that must be completed for the library. This just gives them permission to display your art. They'll need your contact info in case there is a need to reach you
3. Please be sure to bring your beautiful ribbon to share your achievement and a stand/easel of appropriate size to better display your wonderful art.

As a member of GEM, I want to encourage you all to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that has been given to us.

Thank you,  
Kathy Stocks  
Vice President

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# *El Roi Foster Ministries Christmas Party*



From back, left to right is:  
Kevin Carpenter, Courtney Ellis  
and Sandy Allen.  
Bottom row is;  
Laurie Fietz and Savannah Blair



Sandy tells us that the young people loved  
the art sets that Gem provided.

## **Hospitality Corner**

**Members are welcome to bring goodies for the snack table. We encourage you to bring homemade snacks, fruit, cheese, etc**

## **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!

# January Awards

## Master Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Soon Chung  
"Man"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Kathy Stocks  
"Blue Bird of Happiness"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Taka Ritchie  
"Lotus"

## Original Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Marilyn Phelps  
"Delicious"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Kathleen Nauman  
"Hope Abounds"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Nancy Cox  
"Roaring Rapids"

# Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Roxanne Miskam  
"Heaven's Gate"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Marian Cobb  
"Still Life"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Roxanne Miskam  
"Road to Heaven"

# People's Choice



Kathleen Nauman  
"Hope Abounds"



# The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



MACarts951@gmail.com

## 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!

