



# Paint Strokes

Murrieta's  
Gem of the Valley Art Association

November 2023

## November Demonstrator

### Joe A. Oakes

My landscapes are about the joy of nature and the colors it offers us. I paint with colors that evoke feelings of the first brilliant seconds of sunrise and the last fiery moments of sunset. Expressing those feelings through the use of bold, vibrant highlights and shadows of violet hues is my signature. I paint tributes to the mountains, fields and trees in the hopes it will slow us down long enough to appreciate them. Every painting is a challenge to examine the colors of our world and reconnect with nature.

**Biography:** Joe A. Oakes was a curious and observant child that started drawing at the age of five. He has been painting full time since 2008 and like other artists, previously worked at other things including substitute teacher, art consultant and graphic designer. Oakes has survived cancer and the loss of a child and has used these life changing events to propel his art career forward. His landscapes burn with the excitement of bold, bright color and draw on scenes from all over the U.S. but especially the Southwest and the state of California. Oakes' work offers a new perspective on color and place while offering a meditative sense of calm, happiness and reverence for the land. He holds a BFA from California State University, Fullerton and among his awards are the Distinguished Artist Award from the City of La Quinta, CA in 2011 and a First Place Award for his work in "Visions" Exhibition at Chaffey Community Museum of Art in Ontario, CA in 2019. Oakes resides near Riverside in Southern California. **Recent Awards:** Honorable Mention, "Landscapes Show", Grey Cube Gallery, Online, 2021 Honorable Mention, "Bold Expressions", Sacramento Fine Art Center, Sacramento, CA, 2020 Best in Show, "Nature of Color Show" Art Brut 27, Online, 2020 Third Place, "5th Annual Landscapes Juried Exhibition", Fusion Art, Palm Springs, CA, 2020 First Place,



**Don't forget to  
turn your clocks  
back one hour  
on Sunday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Gem of the Valley Art Association**

**General Meeting**

**Date November 6, 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



We're closing in on the holidays, folks! And with 2024 just around the corner, GEM has lots in store for your artful fun during the new year.

First, please welcome our **NEW VICE PRESIDENT**, the extremely talented and long-term GEM member, **KATHY STOCKS!** A little bit about her: Kathy's talent is beyond what most of us even know – yep, she's one of our Master artists and has been published multiple times in the Colored Pencil Magazine, but her high-end jewelry designs/creations, her singing career with her husband, and her business background take this girl's talents to a whole new level. We welcome you, Kathy, and are grateful for your time & energy as you join GEM'S Board members for the remainder of 2023-2024!

But wait! There's more! I received a wonderful surprise: we have a **BACK-UP VP** for those times if/when neither Kathy nor I are able to conduct meeting(s). A huge thank you to our new member, **STEVE STAUDENMEIR**, for offering to run any general GEM meeting and/or handle the Board meeting in our absence. I am so grateful that we have members with no fear of the microphone! ;D

### **Some fun stuff:**

Folks, if you haven't seen the **LIBRARY/HERITAGE ROOM DISPLAY CASE** yet, please go! October's ribbon-winning works filling those shelves are a beautiful sight to see.



The fact that one of our favorite people, **JOE OAKES**, will be demonstrating his bold and beautiful acrylic colors at our Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in his usual engaging manner will no doubt inspire you all to bring your best! And know that our Library is SO excited to fill that case with our members' gorgeous work every month!!

### **A LITTLE BUSINESS:**

I'm so sorry, folks, but **THE NOVEMBER GEM ART SHOW (in the Alley Way) HAS BEEN CANCELLED** due to unforeseen circumstances. I sincerely apologize, it's just not in the cards for us this time but I'm sure we'll be able to hold a show there another time. But never fear! We are working on the possibility of an art show in 2024, elsewhere with an inside venue. We will let you know just as soon as the details are worked out, so keep painting! ;D More news to come next month! Yay!

Gem ~ we're all about art!!

Cathy



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# Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 36 paid  
members for the  
2023/2024 season.**

## Treasurer's Corner

**September**

**Beginning Balance: \$3,163.00**

Monies out:

Demonstrator	\$ -200.00
U.S. P.O. Box	\$ -176.00
Ribbons	\$ - 71.00
Paper & Card Stock	\$ - 15.00
Foster Kids Donation	\$ -500.00

Deposits: \$ + 630.00

**October**

Monies out:

Demonstrator	\$ -200.00
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Deposits: \$ +283.00

**Ending Balance: \$2,914.00**

Cathy Keeney  
Treasurer

## *Christmas for the Foster Kids*

*This is the last meeting before the Christmas Luncheon when we present our art supplies to El Roi for the kids for Christmas (El Roi is the non-profit now serving the foster children).*

*We currently have quite a bit of art supplies for the older kids, however, we need additional items for the younger foster kids.*



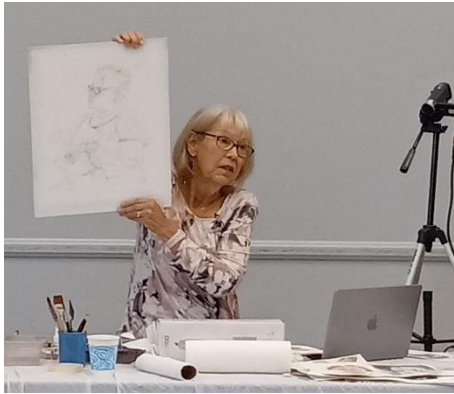
*As you can see, we have crayons, colored pencils and markers.....but we still need coloring books, kids' watercolors, scratch pads etc. (All available at Dollar Tree)*

*If you are able to bring one or more items for the little ones to the November meeting, I'm sure they would appreciate it very much.*



# October Demonstrator

## Janice Cipriani-Willis



This is the original painting that Janice chose to demonstrate for us.



Mayda won the raffle and chose from two of Janice's paintings



# October Awards

## Master Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Taka Ritchie  
"Winter Bloom"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Beverly Squire  
"Hanging Out at Sunshine Market"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Kathy Stocks  
"Cuddles"

## Original Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Marti Thurman  
"Libby"

2nd Place



Kathleen Nauman  
"Selfie"

3rdPlace



Marilyn Gibson  
"Witch For the Moon"

# Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Marti Thurman  
"Ghost Dog"

Marti Thurman  
"Skelton Dog"



Marian Cobb  
"Old House"

# People's Choice



Kathy Stocks  
"Cuddles"

# **ATTENTION**

**The November 11th Art Show  
at The Alley is cancelled**

## **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!



**This is a workshop that Hemet  
Valley Art Association is  
offering**



**ARTISTIC SCULPTURE IN WOOD - Class**

Here is an opportunity to learn an old art form or join a work session with others.

Classes and work sessions with others in wood carving, wood burning and painting your work. Eric Giberson, award winning wood carver will be leading the sessions.

We have a few beginners projects that are possible or you can work on your own project.

Bring your own tools or purchase a beginners knife for \$10. First project wood is free. Please do not purchase any tools from local stores until you see what suitable tools are. We will loan a knife to you until you decide if you want one of your own.

Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm or 10 to 2 depending on when the gallery is open.

Class fee is \$5 per person each session to cover use of the room and utilities.

Materials to bring if you have them include:  
Pencil ,knife ( if you have one) and your willingness to try an old art form.

We will have a list of sources for wood, tools and projects.

**For info, contact Eric at (951) 306 6027**

Nov 18 Th

10 am -5pm

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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!

