



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

April 2024

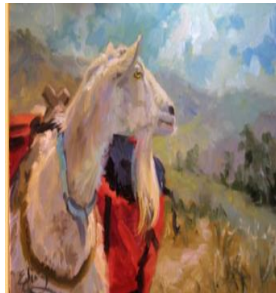
April Demonstrator

Elin Thomas

(Acrylic)

Elin Thomas (Pendleton) is a professional oil and acrylic painter, author of four art books and seven instructional videos on painting and color, prior member of the American Academy of Equine Art and emeritus member of Women Artists of the West. You can find her at her website

www.elinart.com/



"Lazy Morning" 24 x 30 Original Oil

New Member

Richard Elliott

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: April 1st, 2024

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

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

President's Message



Are you ready for YET ANOTHER FANTASTIC DEMONSTRATION? OK, coming right up!! We reach out to only top-shelf artists for you wonderful GEMs to learn from, be inspired by, and to enjoy! Ya'll had a great big, beautiful dose of Shelley Lima's oil awesome demo last month, right? So why not the best of the acrylics? Here we go, folks: Elin (Pendleton) Thomas has carved out time in her crazy schedule to come back to GEM for our APRIL 1 st meeting – no joke! She's been a GEM favorite for years and I'm so proud to have her join us again – everything she presents on canvas is worth repeating on your own creation. You might want to take notes!

Now some more good news.....though the Library is utilizing the display case during March & April to celebrate their 25th anniversary, our GEM ribbon winners WILL be back in the case for the month of May. Yay! And the EXTRA GOOD NEWS: Mr. Racelis has submitted a work order to have the top shelf raised high enough for our really big canvases to be fully (correctly) displayed, and he has it on good authority that it'll be completed before May.

And finally, folks, April is the time for Nominations for Board officers to serve for the 2024-25 season. Please consider the position of Audio/Visual Technician as Ron will be stepping down in June. OR, if you would just handle the Visual position (setting up and running the projector during the monthly demonstrations), I can handle the Audio equipment myself. The point is, we need BOTH these pieces of equipment for our demonstrations to bring the best possible experience for both the membership (YOU!) and the demonstrator. No Board meetings required!

OK, folks, that's it for now - see you all on April 1st , and that's no joke, either! LOL!!

Gem ~ we're all about art

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Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 51 paid
members for the
2023/2024 season.**

Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance : \$2,469

Monies out: \$ 200

Monies in:

Donation \$ 500

Raffle \$ 107

March Ending
Balance: \$2,876

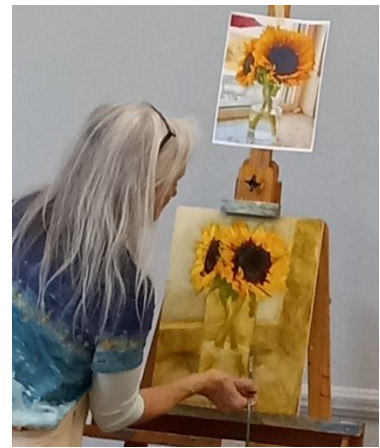
Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

March Demonstrator

Shelly Lima



Shelly progressed us thru the creation of her painting, starting with simply covering the canvas with paint, then wiping out the outline rather than drawing it in.



Finished Painting
←



Two lucky raffle winners won Shelly's paintings.
Pat Koontz
←
Teri Smith
→



March Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Soon Chung
"My Grandson Ethan"

2nd Place



Kathy Stocks
"Mask of Bellatrix"

3rdPlace



Kathy Stocks
"Spring Cleaning"

Original Category

1st Place



Gina Wilson
"Poppy Morning"

2nd Place



Kathleen Nauman
"PV Lighthouse #1"

3rdPlace



Rick Wilson
"Anthony Hoskins Portrait"

Non-Original Category

1st Place



Gina Wilson
"Momma Dee's Windowbox"

2nd Place



Dee Cosola
"Tombstone Pete"

3rd Place



Cathy Keeney
"Iris"

People's Choice



Cathy Keeney
"Iris"

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!