



# Paint Strokes

## Murrieta's Gem of the Valley Art Association

March 2025

### March Demonstrator

#### Marilyn Froggatt Critique Session

As a plein air painter, Marilyn Froggatt covers the landscape from the Coachella Valley to the Pacific Northwest and east to the Rocky Mountains. She feels there is something unique in every scene she captures and often goes back to the same place many times to paint. She uses bold brush strokes to depict a sense of time, space and light.

Marilyn was born and raised in Southern California. At a young age she showed an interest in drawing and painting and was often taken by her parents to the Huntington Library, the LA Arboretum, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. While in her twenties her husband, a photojournalist, gave her an old SLR camera and taught her how to manually adjust for light and focus. That was the beginning of her career in landscape photography that led to plein air and studio painting.

While owning a motorhome, Marilyn traveled extensively throughout the Western United States and she's painted in many of the National Parks on the Oregon Coast, Northern Washington, Utah, Jackson, Wyoming, the Tetons, Arizona, and of course all over Southern and Northern California. Marilyn has studied and taken workshops from Elaine Mathews, Terry Masters, Mark Kerckhoff, Greg LaRock, Brad Holt, John Budicin and Randy Sexton.

She currently shows her work at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs, Borrego Art Institute in Borrego Springs, Artists Council at the Galen, and several outdoor art shows per year in the Coachella Valley and Inland Empire.

Her memberships and outreach currently include co-chair of the Desert Chapter of the California Art Club, former 7-Year Board Member of the Desert Art Center, member of the American Impressionist Society, and the Desert Plein Air Association.

Marilyn also lectures on the early California Impressionists and frequently does demos for art associations in the Southern California. She teaches art in the Coachella Valley and in Big Bear. She paints regularly with the California Art Club.



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### New Members

Anita Krapes  
Ana Weimer

### Gem of the Valley Art Association General Meeting

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

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

**Place:** Senior Center Main Hall  
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

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## President's Message



GO GEM! GO GREEN! WHAT AN EXCITING, FUN MONTH COMING UP!

If you haven't heard, we'll be celebrating something special at our MARCH 3rd meeting!



### **GEM's THIRTIETH (30TH) ANNIVERSARY**



It'll be a great time to be wearin' the green, sure & be golly!! There'll be PIZZA, CAKE and a **CRITIQUE SESSION**! Yep, a whole different meeting! Here's how it'll go:

Bring just ONE of your original art pieces for our March Artist, Marilyn Froggart, to critique. Maybe you're not happy with it, maybe you just want some direction to complete it, or maybe you love it but it didn't win a ribbon. Marilyn can help!

Also, for this meeting only, our Guest Artist won't be awarding any ribbons. NOPE! People's Choice ribbons will be awarded, instead! So, you'll all receive a few ballots this time, and you'll vote for one winner of each category! So fun!

On another note, we'll be sending around a sign-up sheet for the May 3rd Arts & Crafts Show coming up! It'll be held at the Rocking K Ranch Restaurant in Hemet, a beautiful location! Think seriously about participating, we'll be situated on the front porch, which is huge and well-covered for any kind of weather. Plus, it's a super busy place with lots of foot traffic. ANOTHER PLUS: the food is amazing and there's.....(wait for it).....pie! So many pies – all flavors – freshly baked – just inside - and waiting for you!

And lastly, next month is April, our Nomination Month. PLEASE consider signing up to serve our Board in place of those who will be stepping down. Our terms are for just one year and it's critical that EACH of us serve at some point in some capacity. This is how we can keep GEM going for 30 more years, FOLKS!

NOTE: All February & March ribbon winners, please meet me on Wednesday, March 5th at 11:00 in the Murrieta Library. We'll take down February and put up March artwork to keep that display full!

GEM ~ we're all about art!  
Cathy



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# Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 47 paid  
members for the  
2024/2025 season.**

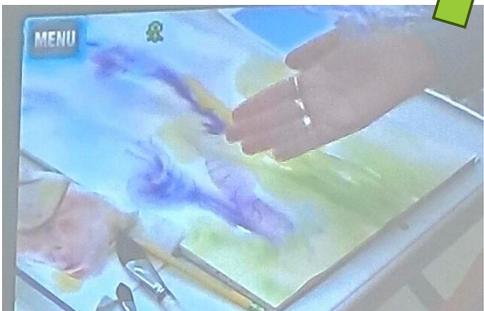
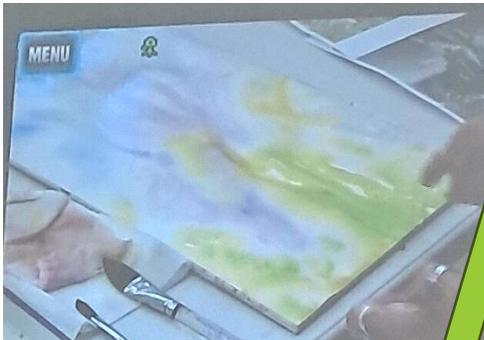
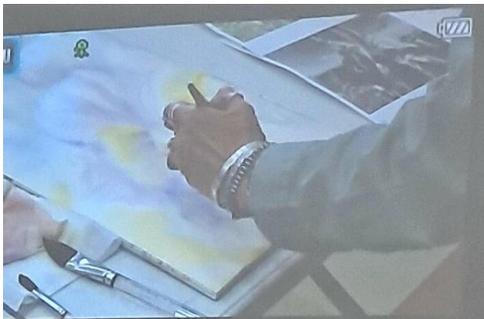
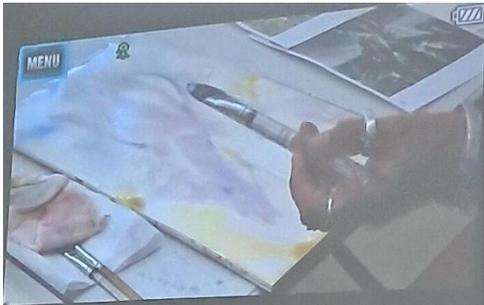
## Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Ballance	\$3.443.53
Monies out:	\$ 391.01
Deposits	\$ 127.00
Feb. Ending Balance:	\$3.179.52

Cathy Keeney  
Treasurer

*February Demonstrator*

**Helen Garcia**  
watercolor



Julie Byrd won  
Helen's beautiful,  
donated painting.



**Finished  
Painting**

# February Awards

## Master Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place



Soon Chung  
"The Cute Girl"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Taka Ritchie  
"Love Spring"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Shelly Lima  
"Half Dome"

## Advanced Level

1<sup>st</sup> Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Not Enough Entries

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**Intermediate Level**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**



**Julie Byrd  
"Sunny Side Up In Blue"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**



**Joanne Van Kolker  
"Contemplation"**

**3<sup>rd</sup>Place**



**Steve Staudenmeir  
"Hawaii"**

**Entry Level**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place**



**Ana Weimer  
"Don Coyote"**

**2nd Place**



**Kathy Vasquez  
"Untitled"**

**3rdPlace**



**Marci Herrmann-Jones  
"Optical"**

## Photography Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Place

No Entries

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## People's Choice



Marci Schaff  
"Half Dome"

# 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!