



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

March 2026

President's Message

LET'S PLAY JEOPARDY!

CATEGORY: WHAT'S IT



"It'll be the 31st on the 13th. A celebration happens because some women created what group for a small town that needed one."

DING! If you're lucky you'll know this! Give me your answer at our **March 2nd GEM meeting** when we get to watch the cute-as-a-leprechaun creator of awesome art, **Christine White**. Don't miss this demo, folks, because, like a rainbow, it's hard to catch her!!

By the way, folks, ya need to be wearin' your **GREEN for the meetin'**, dontcha know. Without it you'll be gettin' a pinch from me, ya pack of chancers! Whatever you choose - shirts, hats, coats, shoes, even green make-up will keep ya out o'my line of fire. I'll be watchin' for ya!

And how about our June Fine Arts & Crafts Fair? The plans are speeding along, fer sure, thanks to Teri, Anne, Steve and Sian Greenwood. What a team! If you didn't get a chance to sign up to participate, do it at the **March 2nd GEM meeting!** More info to come! Yay!
Cathy



Welcome New Members

Cheryl Meeks

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: March 2nd, 2026

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

March Demonstrator

Christine



White

Christine White is a painter and naturalist. She holds a Masters in Geography from University of South Carolina, and moved to Redlands, California 20 years ago to work for a mapping software company. Painting and her interest in a sense of place went hand-in-hand, and in 2019, she founded her art business with a mission to use her paintings to build kinder bonds with the creatures and environments humans encounter.

Her art style is representational, and blends classical oil painting techniques with paper mache sculpture.

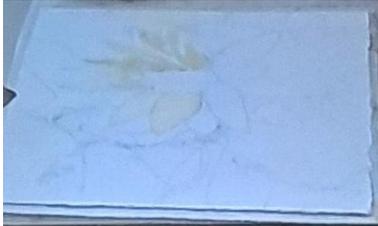
Christine is an artist in residence at The Los Angeles Makery, and is also on the art teaching staff at the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Lodge. She teaches painting workshops, juries local shows, and recently began working in the land survey field to take her understanding of place to a new level.

For her March 2 presentation with Gem, she will be demonstrating in oils, painting some Spring themes from life. She is looking forward to celebrating this beautiful season with you all!



February Demonstrator

Barbara Parish



Marian Cobb was the lucky winner of Barbara's donated painting





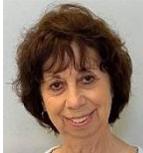
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Your 2025-2026 Board Members & Committee Members

We currently have 48 paid members for the 2025/2026 season.

Treasurer's Corner

Jan. Ending Balance:	\$ 4,317.39
Monies Out:	\$ 453.82
Insurance	\$200
Demonstrator	\$200
Ornaments	\$53.82
Monies In:	\$ 131.00
Dues	\$50
Drawing	\$81
Feb. Ending Balance	\$ 3,994.57

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

February Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Taka Ritchie
"Good Morning"

2nd Place



Cathy Baca
"Free Floating"

3rd Place



Marti Thurman
"Tanzania Elephant"

Advanced Level

1st Place



Lori Waggoner
"Abundance"

2nd Place



Joan Fakhoury
"Pine Mountain"

3rd Place



Gina Wilson
"Churon Vineyard"

Intermediate Level

1st Place



**Teri Smith
"Grandma's House"**

2nd Place



**Kim Padulo
"Happy Bluebird"**

3rdPlace



**Julie Byrd
"Serenity"**

Entry Level

1st Place



**Marian Cobb
"Daffodils"**

2nd Place



**Marcia Herrmman-Jones
"Pretty Mare"**

3rdPlace



**Anne Slagle
"Mexican Riviera Flora"**

People's Choice



Taka Ritchie
"Good Morning"

Don't miss the March meeting as Sian Greenwood will give us additional information about the Fine Art & Craft Fair in June.

The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



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Call For Artists

Art @ The Alleyway

Check website for vendor fees & requirements

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!