



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

November 2025

November Demonstrator

Devon Yuhas



From a young age Devon has always been a creative person. She is a classically trained artist in a variety of mediums including acrylic, watercolor, graphite, collage and more. Devon has a Bachelor's of Arts in Art History, and she is inspiring to obtain her Masters in Art Therapy. Acrylic is her favorite medium to work with, but she enjoys art in all forms. When Devon isn't in the studio she enjoys listening to live music, spending time in nature and snuggling with her fluffy Maine Coon cat named Baloo.

Remember to bring your painted Christmas ornaments to the November meeting. We will have a people's choice contest followed by sale of the ornaments (if you choose) as a donation to the Kids & Art Foundation

Welcome New Member

Valerie Middleton

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: November 3rd, 2025

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

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

President's Message



Scarecrows & pumpkins & turkeys.....oh my!

Don't you think this is the most loved month of the year? I definitely do! With its snap of cold, leaves of gold, and of course, family to hold, I enjoy every minute. In fact, this Thanksgiving we'll be enjoying the cold (maybe even snow), the leaves of gold (along the Truckee River), and grand-girls to hold (Melania and our newest addition, Faith, will soon be 2, all while visiting our son & family in Reno/Sparks. Matt, is a chef at heart and insists that he'll will do all the cooking! Wonderful!!

But let's talk about what's coming up here at home! This month's demonstrator will be new to all of us (unless you take art classes in Fallbrook)! **Devon Yuhas** is a regular there and I'm personally looking forward to what she'll bring to GEM! Get ready, I hear she's amazing! Check out her bio on the first page!

YOUR PAINTED ORNAMENTS!! Don't forget to bring those **PAINTED ORNAMENTS** and **CASH** to the November 3rd meeting! Let the season guide you as you decorate them and get ready to win a ribbon!! You can buy each other's ornaments for \$5 each. You can donate all your proceeds, if you choose, to the Kids&Art Foundation, our chosen art-related charity for two years now. It's a win-win for everyone!

AND YOUR GENTLY USED ART SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT!! Please bring in your donated items this month, we'll be creating baskets with them for our December raffle! Wow, what a great way to streamline your home art studio or find what you need to add to it! Raffle tickets will be sold and you can place the tickets next to the items/baskets that you want to win. Easy peasy, right?

DECEMBER POTLUCK!! It's a party! It's a potluck! It's a raffle of great stuff! Plan to be a part of this BEAUTIFUL annual gathering of members for a fun lunch! Did I say BEAUTIFUL? It's SPECTACULAR!!

And, lastly, just a reminder to LAST MONTH & THIS MONTH'S RIBBON WINNERS:

Please go straight to the Murrieta Library (next door) immediately after the GEM meeting is over. Steve & I will be there to help last month's winners & this month's winners put up theirs. You'll all receive a LIBRARY WAIVER FORM to complete and turn in at the Library. Be sure to bring it, too! ALL RIBBON WINNERS (1st, 2nd, 3rd Place AND People's Choice) are invited! Don't be shy! Come join us!

Gem ~ we're all about art!
Cathy

We will be collecting “gently used” art items to be raffled off at our Christmas Luncheon in December.

We need you to bring the items to the November meeting so that we can package them up to raffle.

There will be boxes by the sign-in table for you to place your donations.



...And thanks to our Hospitality Member, Roxane Miskam, for always surprising us with amazing table decorations for our snack table.



Cathy Baca
President
cathybaca@gmail.com



Steve Staudenmeir
1st Vice President
steve.staudenmeir@icloud.com



Anne Slagle
2nd Vice President
schatzie923@yahoo.com



Patsy Kile
Secretary
patsyek@yahoo.com



Cathy Keeney
Treasurer
keeneysc@yahoo.com



Marti Thurman
Membership
martiphotos@gmail.com



Teri Smith
Newsletter/Photography
billteri01@gmail.com



Steve Staudenmeir
Webmaster
steve.staudenmeir@icloud.com



Julie Byrd
Audio/Visual
osasmom6@gmail.com



Roxane Miskam
Hospitality
roxane.miskam@gmail.com

**Your 2025-2026
Board
Members
&
Committee
Members**

**We currently have 44 paid
members for the
2025/2026 season.**

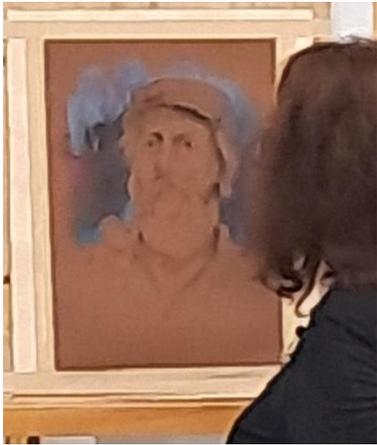
Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,009.21
Monies out:	\$ - 200.00
Monies in:	\$ +699.00
Oct.. Ending Balance:	\$ 4,508.21

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

October Demonstrator

Valentina Ragsdale



Anne Slagle was the lucky winner of the donated painting.



October Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Cathy Baca
"Bob Marley"

2nd Place



Taka Ritchie
"Peace"

3rdPlace



Kathy Stocks
"Floral Delight"

Advanced Level

1st Place



Patsy Kile
"Path Less Chosen"

2nd Place



JoDee Luna
"Joseph's Coat of Many Colors"

3rdPlace



Kathleen Nauman
"Egret Splendor"

Intermediate Level

1st Place



Gloria Castaneda
"First Day of School"

2nd Place



Julie Byrd
"A Walk in the Park"

3rd Place



Ana Weimer
"Multon Barn"

Entry Level

1st Place



Kim Padulo
"Pink Peonies"

2nd Place



Nancy Vaughn
"Sweet Puppies"

3rd Place



Marion Cobb
"Blue Butterfly"

Photography Category

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Not Enough Entries

'''

'''

'''

People's Choice



Gloria Castenada
"First Day of School"

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!