



# Paint Strokes

## Murrieta's Gem of the Valley Art Association

September 2023

### September Demonstrator

*Christine E. White*

Christine will be painting in oils and talking to us about "Music and My Art Life".

Christine White is a Redlands-based artist, having lived in SoCal for 15 years but originally from South Carolina. She is fascinated with music, geography, our sense of place, and using creativity collectively to make our communities better. Over the years, she had a few different occupations but always created in art in some form. Getting serious about painting in 2010 led to opening her full-time art business in 2019. The business creates original oil paintings, commissions, workshops/mentoring, and live painting.

The paintings themselves are colorful portrayals of local imagery: landscapes, events, plants, and creatures. These are paired with surreal themes, usually related to music and appreciation of nature. Christine strongly believes her paintings aren't complete until they find their person. When she hears the story of why someone is drawn to a painting, that significantly adds to the meaning of the piece. This art-viewer relationship is true magic.

Web <https://christinewhiteart.com>  
social media @christinewhiteart

*As an artist who is more drawn to plants, animals, and shiny objects, making myself work on people felt like a chore. But it has crept into my practice through unexpected avenues, and figure drawing is like lifting weights for my art. I'll share some weird projects that made it fun, what I've observed from years of modeling for life drawing groups, the cliff notes from teaching a drawing class based on action figures, and how all of this is changing how I paint.*



### **NOTE**

**The meeting is on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday this  
month because of  
Labor Day!**

### Gem of the Valley Art Association General Meeting

**Date:** September 11, 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 92564

## *President's Message*



**Welcome back, everyone!**

**So? Did you all have a good summer? I hope I get to hear some stories of travel, family gatherings, and how much you painted – this can happen when we get together on SEPTEMBER 11 TH for our first meeting of 2023-24! Yay!**

**And I'm excited that our first demonstrator is the effervescent and ultra-talented CHRISTINE WHITE from Redlands. It's gonna be fun, folks!**

**Some news and some changes, though, since we last saw each other. I believe I mentioned the Guideline changes made by the Board (not by-law changes) at the June meeting but let me repeat them here:**

**1. NUMBER OF ENTRIES ALLOWED PER MEMBER: ONE ENTRY per member will be allowed into each of the following categories: ORIGINAL, NON-ORIGINAL AND PHOTOGRAPHY. This means you may enter three pieces at each meeting, ONE per the above categories. (There is no change to the Master's Category – Master artists are allowed/encouraged to enter two pieces in the Master's category only.)**

**2. ONE CATEGORY ELIMINATED: The MULTI-MEDIA category has been eliminated. Any work of art that includes multiple mediums (combinations of ink/acrylic/oil/gold flake, for example) should be entered into the ORIGINAL category.**

**3. VISITOR POLICY CHANGE: The Board decided to create an actual ruling regarding VISITORS:**

**First time visitors – free! Second-time visitors - \$10 fee/person. Third-time visitors – required to register and pay full membership fee. It's not our intention to scare away newcomers but we feel that you all pay to see our demonstrators, it's only fair that a return visitor should do the same.**

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**\*\*BY-LAW CHANGE NEEDING YOUR VOTE:** Our new handbooks (thanks Teri!!), include all membership-approved changes except for one. The description and placement of HOSPITALITY was changed by me personally before going to print to reflect this position's true performance. It's not a chairperson with a group to manage, as shown in the former handbook. It actually functions with one person at the helm, setting up and taking down, with the donations of snacks from the members. I'm asking for your approval of this simple change with a retroactive vote at our September meeting to qualify it as membership approved. Please vote yes.

OK, folks, now on the personal side, I'm so sorry to announce that our wonderful Vice President, Susan Turner, has stepped down from her position due to the necessity of traveling to & from CA to AZ to tend to a family member with health issues. We will miss this super capable person on our Board. And she handled regular meetings in my absence like a champ. Thank you, Susan, for all you've done for us. Please rejoin us as soon as you can!

On that note, I am looking to appoint a new Vice President for this 2023-24 year who can attend our board meetings and vote wisely on any issues that arise. Finding demonstrators will not be necessary, our slate is complete through June! But I could sure use someone who is steady-freddy to pitch in where needed. If you would love to be part of this winning team, let's talk!

See you soon, everyone!

Cathy

## **ATTENTION**

**September is the start of a new Gem of the Valley season, and that means it's time to pay the \$40 annual dues so that we can provide monthly professional demonstrators. At this time, a demonstrator costs us \$200.00 per demonstration. Of course, that means that it takes 5 members' annual dues to pay a demonstrator each month. There is also the insurance that is required for us to use the Senior Center, as well as P.O. Box fees, cups, plates, etc. for the snack table, etc.**

**A BIG THANK YOU to those members that paid their dues at the June meeting, it is appreciated so that we can book our demonstrators.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T AS YET PAID YOUR DUES, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD COME TO THE MEETING PREPARED WITH A CHECK OR CASH.**

## **Hospitality Corner**

**Members are welcome to bring home-made or store-bought snacks such as cookies, etc.**

**There will also be a \$\$ jar to help purchase the snack table items.**



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**Your  
Board  
Members  
&  
Committee  
Members**

**We currently have 21 paid  
members for the  
2023/2024 season.**

**Treasurer's Corner**

Balance as of 6/30/23:	\$3,321.62
Monies out:	\$ -20.00
Deposits	\$ 0
Aug. Ending Balance:	\$3,301.62

Cathy Keeney  
Treasurer



# Fallbrook Artists Association Presents

## Open Studio Art Tour September 30, 2023

### 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Your opportunity to visit and  
talk with real working artists in  
real studios



Fallbrook Artists Association is a 501-C3 non-profit dedicated to supporting art in our community and surrounding areas. This tour is a fundraiser to help FAA continue to carry out its art-supporting mission through monthly meetings and demonstrations, workshops, classes for adults and children, scholarships for High School art students, and monthly shows at The Gallery, 300 N. Brandon Rd., Fallbrook

**FALLBROOK  
ART ASSOCIATION**

Tickets for the Open Studio Art Tour  
are \$25 per person and may be  
purchased in advance or  
day of the tour

at :

The Gallery, 300 N. Brandon Rd.  
Fallbrook

or

Online at [Fallbrookartassn.org](http://Fallbrookartassn.org)  
anytime

*This is a self-guided studio tour. No matter which way you purchased your ticket, you will begin the tour at The Gallery, 300 North Brandon, Fallbrook.*

*There you will pick up your paper tour guide (your ticket) consisting of a map showing each studio location and an opportunity drawing ticket to be deposited into a drawing ticket container at a studio site of your choice. Make sure you include your contact information on the drawing ticket so we can reach you if you are a lucky prize winner. Retain your ticket stub for verification purposes. Prizes will be available for pick up at The Gallery on Wednesday, October 4.*

*Your paper tour guide map will be your ticket for entry to the various studios.*



FREE

**22** 5 PM  
TO  
**SEPT** 8 PM

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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!



