



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

November 2024

November Demonstrator

Susan De' Armond

Art has always been a place of hope for me. A way to express the good, the possibilities, the way forward. A deep appreciation of the natural world was inevitable living in the Michigan countryside surrounded by field, farm and wooded hills. A constant parade of changing weather left me with a fascination with the sky, the light and clouds.

I always enjoyed "playing" with drawing or painting or anything creative. I finally turned to painting for arts sake as an empty nester. It all came together with a chance encounter with the Plein Air Artists of Riverside . It was as I envisioned painting should be. There is nothing like standing before and immersed in the subject! Photos just don't do it justice. Photos can help you capture the "bones" of the place but a plein air painting is necessary to capture the light, the colors and the feel of the scene.

I am first a plein air painter but the studio is important as well. You can't travel everyday! I'm still enjoying traveling around the Southwest to inspiring locations! There is no shortage of great subjects right here in SoCal. We have everything from desert, mountain, quaint old western themed streets to ocean views.

My joy remains a painting trip to any of the National Parks!



New Members

Claudia Lysengen

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: November 4th, 2024

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

President's Message



GREAT NEWS, FOLKS!

Effective immediately, we have a new Vice President and a new Secretary. Yay!! Say hello to:

Vice President: Roxane Miskam

Secretary: Rhonda Curtis

I can't tell you what a relief it is to have these positions filled, and filled with these great people! Thank you, Roxane & Rhonda!! With your help we'll complete this year in the best possible way!!

MORE GREAT NEWS!

Our Christmas Party/Potluck will have super entertainment this year! Have you heard of the Temecula Valley Chorale? Wonderful singers and they'll be singing for us on December 2nd! So, if you haven't signed up to attend, please do that at the November 4th meeting along with the dish you'll be bringing.

And don't forget about our Silent Auction! Gather up those beautiful crafts or gently used art tools/supplies that you want to donate to GEM. We'll have tables set up for your items and Bid Sheets for everything.

ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR: Our sign-in sheet will go around at the November meeting. If you are serious about participating on November 23rd, please sign up!

That's all for now, folks! It's been busy at my house so please forgive the short message!

**Gem ~ we're all about art
Cathy**



Christmas Luncheon Sign-Up

Our annual Christmas luncheon is in a few weeks (December 2nd). We need a headcount on who will be attending so that we have plenty of food and table settings.

If you haven't already signed up to attend, and you won't be able to attend the November meeting to sign-up.....PLEASE email me by responding to this newsletter or email me directly at billteri01@gmail.com.

You can bring a guest to the luncheon, so if you didn't indicate that on the sign-up sheet, please let me know so that I can adjust the figures.



healing pediatric cancer
through the arts

Each year Gem Art Association chooses a project or organization to support with the goal of encouraging the appreciation and love of art, usually with children in mind.

Last year we provided art supplies to foster children in the area. This year we are supporting an organization (Kids&Art) that provides art supplies to children undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses. We have set-up a donation jar at the sign-in desk if you would also like to personally donate to this cause.

To learn more about this non-profit organization, check out their website at kidsandart.org.

CANCER SUCKS. ART HEALS

Kids & Art Community

We use art for healing, to empower, encourage, and create memorable experiences.





**Cathy Baca
President**

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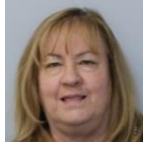
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Your Board Members & Committee Members

**We currently have 40 paid
members for the
2024/2025 season.**

Treasurer's Corner

Balance as of 9/30/24: \$3,853.00

Expenses \$- 346.67

Incoming

Membership Dues \$+ 150.00

Raffle \$+ 72.00

Donations \$+ 15.00

Oct.. Balance: \$ 3,743.53

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

Hospitality Corner

**Members are welcome to bring
goodies for the snack table.**

GATHER & PAINT

Join us every Tuesday in the Senior Center Main Room from 12:30-3:30 to paint & create! Most of us are GEM members so you'll be among friends. Bring your project and supplies, the tables & chairs are set up for us. No instructor, just a great room with perfect lighting and good friends. And it's FREE!

October Demonstrator

Valentina Ragsdale



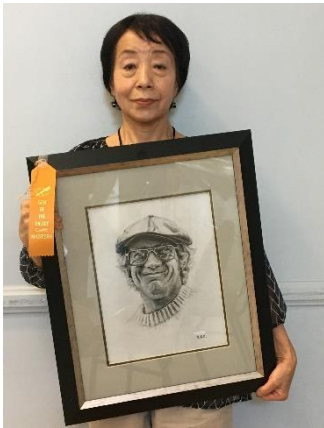
Anne Slagle
was the
lucky raffle
winner



October Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Soon Chung
"Steve McQueen-Ink"

2nd Place



Taka Ritchie
"Wow Bloom"

3rdPlace



Soon K. Chung
"Steve McQueen-Oil"

Advanced Level

1st Place



Marti Thurman
"Stitch In Time"

2nd Place



Susan Worley
"Sugar Maples"

3rdPlace



Gina Wilson
"Walk In The Aspens"

Intermediate Level

1st Place



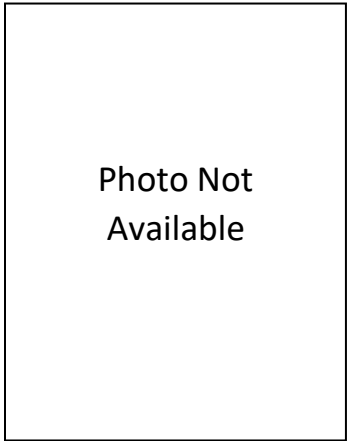
Steve Staudenmeir
"Paris Cafe"

2nd Place



Nancy Cox
"Deep Forest River"

3rd Place



Joanne Van Kolken
"Breakfast of Champions"

Entry Level

1st Place



Gilly Jones
"Swing"

2nd Place



Gilly Jones
"Beach"

3rdPlace



Gilly Jones
"Boat"

Photography Category

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Not Enough Entries to Judge



People's Choice



Steve Staudenmeir
"Paris Cafe"

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!