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See You in September!

by Nikki Thomas

Richard Scott to Critique Members' Artwork

September 7, 7:00pm at the La Canada Community Center, 4469 Chevy Chase Dr.



Richard E. Scott, ASLA, ASAI, is a licensed landscape architect, architectural illustrator, teacher, watercolorist, oil painter and author. He has taught in the Landscape Architecture Departments at Cal-Poly, Pomona, UCLA Extension, and in Environmental Design at Art Center in Pasadena. Richard's goal is to communicate the lessons he has learned working on literally thousands of renderings for hundreds of projects, and to teach designers how to apply these lessons to improve the quality of their own work. His students enjoy his energetic and fun teaching style and highly organized classes. They appreciate his focus on improving the skill of each student every session, and his genuine concern for the success of each student. His wonderful book *Sketching from Square One to Trafalgar Square* can be purchased at Amazon.com and other outlets.

At our September meeting, Richard will be critiquing members' paintings. He has served as a juror for us in the past and gave wonderful information to the few people present on how he chose the "winners." Richard reported that this is what he looks for when judging paintings: "a compelling subject matter—not what it *is* (still life, figure, landscape), but what it *looks like* (interesting abstract shapes and colors); clarity of expression (simplicity in composition); skillful relationships (of geometric shapes, tonal values, colors and edges)." Members may bring 2 paintings, and we'll do our best to be sure at least one gets critiqued. You won't want to miss the valuable insights he will share. Come early to get a good seat!

Currently Richard is teaching at the Creative Arts Group on Friday nights. The class is "Drawing Richard Scott's Way." Visit www.sketchingfromsquareone for more info on his workshops and classes.

President's Letter

by Sue Peacock

Hello Everybody! I'm so glad that we are back to our regular schedule. I'm looking forward to our first demonstrator, Richard Scott, as he points out what works and perhaps what doesn't in our paintings. This should be a fascinating look into the mind of a judge, and we can all learn from the evaluations of other's works as well as our own.



As many of you know, we have lost our gallery space in the La Canada Library. We need everyone's help to find new spaces to hold our exhibits. We are considering spaces that would require us to charge more for entries than what we currently do, but that will have a larger viewing audience and a possibility for more sales. We might have to have fewer exhibits this year; we shall see. Please contact any gallery or exhibiting space that you know which might be willing to hold a show, then let me know their reply. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate the gallery information I would be very grateful. We are looking forward to new and different events this year. Perhaps one up-side will be more Artist of the Month entries at our regular meetings to strut our stuff, since there won't be as many shows. To encourage our less experienced artists to bring in their work, we will continue to have two divisions for the Artist of the Month entries: Open and a combined Premier/Honors group.

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We normally meet on the first Friday of every month. This year there is one exception: the La Canada Community Center has changed our meeting to December 14, due to a conflict with other users. So for your calendar, meeting dates for the year are: September 7, October 4, November 2, December 14, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, and June 7.

See you on September 7th!

Sue Peacock, President, 2018-19

June 1 Meeting - Oh What a Night! by Suzanne Bitterman

Over the years, VHAA members have become accustomed to a quiet June general meeting: a shy high school senior showing the body of work accomplished that had persuaded the Association to award a scholarship; a low key installation of officers, a few new members offering information about their art journey and, of course, the selection of the Artist of the Year recipient. That all changed this time! With so many thanks to Gloria Clark, Anita Colvin and Joan Whitmore for their efforts to transition from high school graduate to a Glendale College art major to be offered a scholarship, their choice was amazing. Jeanette Samayoa held the members transfixed with her articulate discussion of her life in art, her inspirations, aspirations and what she hopes for the future.

Then, we have not seen Carol for several years, but by serendipity, she managed to return from a cross-country trip just in time to accompany her husband, Jay Ewing to the meeting. I believe everyone shared their joy when he was announced as this year's winner of the Artist of the Year award.

To top off an amazing meeting, though we usually have several newcomers willing to spend a few minutes talking about their work, this year Dilmit Singh was the only one. But what she had to show-and-tell (she's a teacher, after all) was again spellbinding. She fired up everyone's desire to spend the summer exploring new paths, new colors, new techniques. Now, the summer is over, show us what YOU have accomplished!



Artist of the Month/Artist of the Year: Jay Ewing

After all the votes were counted, congratulations go to Jay Ewing — Artist of the Year! His painting and all the winning paintings from artists throughout the year were displayed at the La Canada Library during the month of June. It was our last exhibition there.

Don't forget to bring your paintings each month, starting with our September meeting, to share your talents and inspirations with your fellow artists! We love to see your work, and next June, you may be the big winner!!



USC Verdugo Hills Hospital - Healing Arts Exhibit



There was a great turn-out when the USC Verdugo Hills Hospital hosted a lovely artists' reception on July 26 for their current Healing Arts Exhibit featuring ten VHAA artists. Keith Hobbs the hospital CEO and the coordinators spoke about the purpose and process, followed by tours for the guests. Our ten artists are Jay Ewing, Nikki Thomas, Barbara Thorn-Otto, Judie Apablaza, Jeanne Windoffer, Rosina Maize, Cherrie O'Hagan, Kimberly-Ann Talbert, Joseph Apablaza, and Arda Derian (not pictured). The exhibit goes through September. Check in at the

hospital front desk if you would like to see it. The local paper carried an article with a few photos available on-line here: LaCanadaValleySun



Upcoming Workshops—Save the Dates!

Arda Derian will be sending out info shortly for our upcoming one day workshop with Joseph Stoddard on October 20, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Pasadena Presbyterian church. \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members.

Looking ahead to next year, Jay Ewing will present a drawing workshop on Saturday January 19, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm.

Member Shows



Nancy Weeks has some artwork at Diggs Gallery, through August; Jen Swain participated in the Jackalope Artisan Festival; and Cherrie O'Hagan has a show at the La Canada Library through August. Kimberly-Ann Talbert will have artwork at the La Canada Library in September.



REMINDERS and NOTES

The Laguna Plein Air Painters Association is having a special 100 year anniversary celebration for their plein air invitational to be held Oct. 6 - 14. For the "Quick Draw" Painting Competition on Oct 7, 50 of the nation's top award winning plein air artists will compete to create a masterpiece in only 2 hours! This would be a great opportunity for you to watch exceptional plein air artists at work! For info on all the events happening at the festival, visit their website here: LPAPA

Don't Forget! Membership fees are due now—\$35 for one or \$50 for a family. Mail to Suzanne Bitterman at 1400 Beaudry Blvd, Glendale, CA 91208, or bring them to the next meeting. Dues need to be paid before Oct 1 for you to be included in the membership directory.



Make a Note:

Upcoming Events

Sept 7 - Richard Scott, critique
Oct 5 - Jimmy Wisnowski, watercolor

Oct. 20 Workshop - Joseph Stoddard,
watercolor

Jan 19, 2019 Workshop - Jay Ewing,
drawing

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September 7

Next Board Meeting
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