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## NEWSLETTER

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SANDY WESSEL | President



IN-PERSON  
DEMO MEETING  
JAN. 24 @ 6:30 PM

**JEFF  
SEWELL**

WATER-MIXABLE OIL

@

Anaheim Downtown  
Community Center  
250 East Center Street

### ■ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2024 everyone!

I would like to thank our outgoing President Karen Neal for her many years at the helm of this organization, and for all she has done for making this art association one of the best in Orange County. Karen will remain on our board as Membership chairman.

Congratulations and welcome to our new board member Edita Delima, and to our returning board members who will help me as my first year begins as your new President. I have been a member of this association for over ten years and have served as Secretary for the past several years. I am honored to fill Karen's position as your new President. We still need to fill the Secretary position and I would love to have a new member added to our board. It is a very easy job and requires that you take the minutes at our monthly board meetings on the fourth Thursday evening at 6:30 each month that we meet. The meetings are usually over in one hour.

So we can get better acquainted, here is a little bit of my background: I graduated from U.C.L.A. with a degree in fine arts specializing in design and a designated teaching credential from Cal State Long Beach. I had a wonderful forty-five-year design career, the first half in the world of fashion as an assistant designer and regional fashion coordinator for a major department store where I produced hundreds of fashion shows and events for Los Angeles, Orange County, and the Inland Empire. Upon moving to Orange County, I expanded my design career to include interior design, floral design, event planning, and seasonal design. Upon retirement I joined the world of pictorial art as a watercolor artist and have loved this new journey in my life. I currently team teach in the drawing, watercolor workshop and the beginning watercolor class at Cal State Fullerton and I teach a beginning and intermediate watercolor class at the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center.

I want to invite members and guests to our first general meeting of 2024 on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. If you are a member bring a painting for our monthly competition. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m.

**This month our demonstration artist will be Jeff Sewell on Jan. 24, and will be using water-mixable oils to complete a dynamic seascape!**



## JEFF SEWELL

■ DYNAMIC SEASCAPES


Artist Jeff Sewell was born and raised in Southern California. Jeff is well known for his Paintings of California Scenery, although he spends many trips throughout the year traveling to paint the great Western scenery of Colorado, Utah and Arizona. He paints predominantly “en plein air” and also enjoys developing works in his studio.

Jeff Sewell, awarded Best In Show and Collectors Choice in the 2022 24th annual Laguna Plein Air Painting Invitational. Jeff was Honored in 2017 to have his Painting “Catalina Twilight” Accepted into the Permanent Collection of the Irvine Museum(now known as the IMCA of UCI). His other works Displayed at the Irvine Museum, Ca. are “A Little Beach Break” 2016 Summer Idyl Show, “On This New Morning” Shadows & Light Show 2015 show), and “Oaks Of Glory” part of the (Then & Now-100 years of California Impressionism -2014)

Jeff Sewell is an Award wining American Artist, focusing in California Impressionism. Jeff has won many awards in the past years. (Some of these Listed) - The 2015 Laguna Beach Plein Air invitational “Collectors Choice Award” and “the Randy Higbee Award of Excellence” Jeff has been recognized with 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place & Honorable Mention Ribbons in the Borrego Springs(Calif) Plein Air Invitational. In 2011 Jeff Recieved “Collectors Choice” during the prestigious Laguna Beach Plein Air invitational. In 2013 “Laguna Canyon Foundation Award” Laguna Beach Plein Air invitational. Jeff has also recieved numerous other awards in many Plein Air Events.





Jeff Sewell is a distinguished Signature Member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association (LPAPA). He also serves on the LPAPA Board of Directors as the “Director of Education and Mentorship” Helping to pass on the history and importance of California Impressionism to hundreds of students each year with a program he instilled called “The Plein Air Project”. Jeff is also an Esteemed Artist Member of the California Art Club and most recently became a recognized Signature Member of the American Society of Marine Artists

Jeff studied art at USC and Irvine Valley College, yet finds his Greatest influence is from the works of Past Master Impressionists such as Edgar Payne, William Wendt, Joaquin Sorrolla, Maynard Dixon and countless current living Impressionists, artists Jeff Horn, Glen Dean, Michael Situ and Michael Obermyer to name a few.

Growing up in Orange County has attached Jeff deeply to the ocean life style. “My dream days start with a surf in the morning and then spending the day with my feet in the sand painting seascapes and beach scenes”.

For over four decades Jeff has appreciated this area of great diversity eventually finding an even deeper connection with Southern California when painting “en plein air”.

# MONTHLY ART COMPETITION WINNERS

DECEMBER 2023

## Intermediate



**1st Place** Edita De Lima  
**2nd Place** Gloria Chung

## Advanced



**1st Place** Karen Neal  
**2nd Place** Dawn Buckingham  
**3rd Place** Dave Judy

## Popular Vote



Sandy Wessel

## Year to Date Point Totals — January to December 2023

### Intermediate

(Artist of the Year)	Brett Holleman 18	Carey Cornelius 7
Edita De Lima 28	Gloria Chung 16	Jeanette Bergstrom 6
Fletcher Dice 21	Hanhle Phung 11	Diane Snyder 3
Amy Opfell 20	Vivian Juhn 9	Loren Wang 3
Susan Lenoir 19	Mary Bridges 8	Donna Banning 2

### Advanced

(Artist of the Year)	Ruben Zavala 14
Tony Podue 41	Amy Lin 10
Sandy Wessel 26	Rich Hall 5
Dawn Buckingham 24	Douglas Dow 4
Karen Neal 23	Dave Judy 4

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- CHEMERS GALLERY

## LOCAL MUSEUMS

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