

# VERDUGO HILLS ART ASSOCIATION

JANUARY, 2010

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## Artist of the Month

# Ted Nuttall: award-winning figurative watercolorist

**T**ed Nuttall, a quintessential people watcher and watercolorist, will be the featured demonstrator at our January meeting, to be held on **January 8** at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. **(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION)**

A graduate of Colorado Institute of Art, Ted is a figurative watercolorist whose penchant for people-watching has engendered an intuitive ability to capture in his paintings the quiet, underlying character of his subjects.



His unique painting expression was also born from his experience and travels as an illustrator for the United States Air Force, and a 25-year career in graphic design.

Ted is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Watercolor West, Western Federation of Watercolorists and Transparent Watercolor Society of America. His work has appeared on the cover of *American Artist's Watercolor Magazine* in both 2003 and 2008.

Ted's paintings continue to win awards in juried exhibitions throughout the country. This year his painting, *Whispering Smith*, was selected to hang in the 139th Annual Exhibition of the American Watercolor Society and was the recipient of the *Edgar A. Whitney Memorial Award*. The Western Federation of Watercolor Societies awarded Ted's piece, *In the Twilight of the Forest Noon*, an award of excellence. His painting, *Her Eyes*, was awarded first

prize in the Watercolor West XXXV Annual show and *Winter Sun | Red Bandanna* won the coveted *Skylodge Award* (Best of Show) in the 28th Annual Juried Exhibition of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.

Nuttall says, "For as long as I can remember, I have been a fascinated spectator of human behavior — the quintessential people watcher. I naturally seek the unique character in everyone I encounter. Often as I observe someone in his or her everyday environment, I am rewarded with a moment when the play of light and shadow combine with a gesture or expression and I see a painting: a shadow cast by a pair of wire-rimmed glasses, hands cradling a book or carefully tying a shoe, a contemplative smile completely unaware — the important moment that tells a whole story."

For more information, log onto [www.tednuttall.com](http://www.tednuttall.com)



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE  
NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
HELD AT LA CRESCENTA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ON JANUARY 8, 2010**

## NEXT ART ASSOCIATION MEETING

Friday, January 8, 2010 • 7:00 P.M. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE  
La Crescenta Presbyterian Church AND LOCATION)  
2902 Montrose Ave, La Crescenta

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2010 • 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Manon Washburn  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think most of us love and enjoy the holidays — but aren't we all a little relieved when it's over? I guess I'm a little sad to see them go but maybe looking forward to more time and space in the month of January. Now I think maybe I'll have some time to paint!

This January we are extremely lucky to have Ted Nuttall as our demonstrator — thanks to the perseverance of Sheri Garwood. Ted is a world-famous watercolorist as you will see, so don't miss this exciting evening. Please remember that this month we meet in the Presbyterian Church in Montrose—and the date is a week later, Friday Jan 8th, at 7pm.

We still need a video chairman to help out while Lorraine Ruby is on sick leave. This is a fun, easy job that consists of keeping track of rented videos at the meetings. There is very little outside work other than at each meeting; please volunteer, we need you!!

We are so pleased to see the wonderful paintings of our members at *Artist of the Month*. Keep bringing your art — we love seeing what each of you do. Do remember to come a little early to set up your painting and to allow the meeting and demonstrator to begin on time.

Many thanks to Karen Horn and her ever present and supportive spouse Koby. These two did a festive presentation of snacks for our December meeting. Sandy Rooney made the lovely seasonal table decorations. Thanks also to our members who provided the food, — yum, yum!

Happy New Year! Paint with joy and emotion!



**Mary Jane Klune**  
*President*

## VHAA NEWS AND INFO

### NEW MEMBERS

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### CHANGES

- delete Erfan Hashem from the mailing list. He has resigned his membership.
- **DANA BOUTON** address correction:  
1620 Pegfair Estates
- **BARBARA THORN-OTTO**  
Change email address to:  
btotto@gmail.com

### NEW DIRECTORIES

Association directories for 2009-2010 are being distributed. If you will not be in attendance at a general meeting in the next few months, please e-mail Suzanne at SBitte8670@aol.com or call her at (818) 249-5684 so that she can send you a copy. If there are any corrections or additions, please send your information to: nilkkithomas1@gmail.com, or call 323) 257-3817.

## Three win *Artist of the Month* awards in December



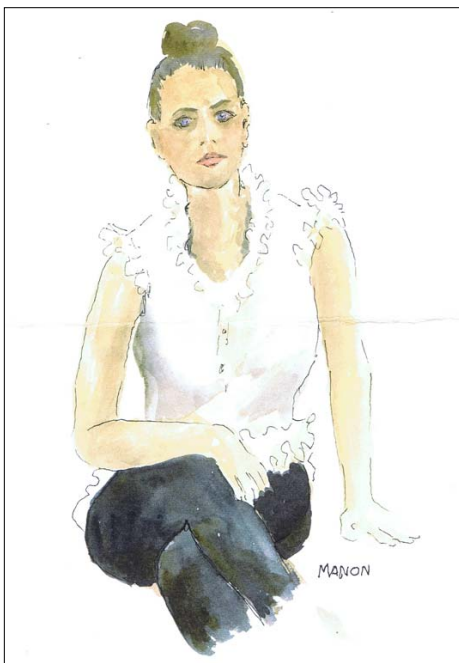
Thank you for another great turnout of paintings in December. There were 14 entries which included one from a new member. First place was a watercolor by Debby Beck called *Winter Trees*. Second place was won by April Drew Foster with an acrylic called *Symphony of Trees*. Third place was won by Barbara Thorn with her watercolor *Petit Fleur*. Keep them coming in January and all of 2010.

## Campaign on to save forgotten Rose Parade murals by Millard Sheets

Has anyone heard of the 59-foot mural painted by famous artist Millard Sheets at the Chase Bank on Lake Avenue & Colorado Blvd in Pasadena? Has anyone seen the mural depicting the first Rose Parade?

### Julie Snyder workshop

The last VHAA sponsored Workshop in November was with Julie Synder. This portrait painting (below) is by Manon Washburn, one of the students painting at the workshop. She says of Julie, "A wonderful teacher, worked with each one of us. Hope to do this again, soon."



When Chase bought out Washington Mutual, it began renovating the bank lobby. According to a *Pasadena Star-News* article, "The city of Pasadena and the artist's son are scrambling to find someone or somewhere in Pasadena" to take the mural.

The mural, painted in 1963 for Home Savings Bank (Washington Mutual's predecessor), is painted on about 15 walnut panels and basically nailed to the wall, said Sheets' son, Tony, himself a noted artist, who was involved in removing and reinstalling his father's mural in the 1980s. "Tony got involved after discovering that one of his father's large murals had been painted over during remodeling of a Chase branch in the Bay Area earlier this year," says the Star News.

For photos of the mural, visit the newspaper's Web site:  
[www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds\\_search/ci\\_13934278?IADID=Search-](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds_search/ci_13934278?IADID=Search-)  
[www.pasadenastarnews.com](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com)

### Ongoing Getty exhibition

The Getty Center in Los Angeles (at 1200 Getty Center Drive) continues an exhibit: *Drawings by Rembrandt and his pupils: Telling the Difference*. The exhibit closes February 28th and will only be at the Getty. For more info: [www.getty.edu](http://www.getty.edu).

## Fundraiser Art Exhibit: "2010 — Second Decade"

Verdugo Hills Art Association has been given the opportunity by the La Canada Public Library to present an additional art exhibit. The planned event will be a club fund-raiser and will be open to all members. The art show will run from January 9 to 30.

Members are invited to exhibit two pieces of the art of their choice because it will be a non-juried show. Verdugo Hills Art Association standards will still apply but work that has been previously exhibited can be included in this show. There is a \$10 fee for each piece.

Members need to bring their work directly to the La Canada Public Library, at the back door, on Saturday, January 9 from 9:00 to 11:00.

The show will close on January 30 and exhibiting artists need to pick up their work from 9:00 am to 10:00 am on the 30th.

For further information contact Lee Sanderson 818-790-7449 or Joyce Peterson 626-793-4581.

### More VHAA News

■ The Gerald Brommer critique was full of suggestions and compliments on our paintings in December. We all learned something from each others' work. He also donated a print to be raffled at our January meeting.

■ At the December meeting, we had our silent auction of the work of Suong Yangchereon. Karen Carter won the painting as the highest bidder. Congratulations, Karen!

■ Our February 5th, 2010 demonstrator will be Chuck Kovacic.

■ Have you ever come to our meetings and wondered who sets up the chairs and tables? A few board members do all of the work and they need your help. Please come at 6:00 p.m. to help set up our room. Others may help by taking down the room after our meeting.

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