THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY was established in 1966 from an adult education watercolor painting class, and has grown to a membership of 265 artists of varying degrees and from all walks of life.

The main purpose is to encourage artists to gather as a group (for physical safety) for painting sessions out-of-doors. A monthly bulletin is published with weekly prearranged sites for Thursdays and the same location on most Sundays. We are continually seeking out artistically interesting areas before they disappear in the wake of "Progress". The bulletin also includes news of exhibits, art classes, workshops, studio tours, trips, and other items of interest.

Many of our early locations were of historical/heritage significance, several of which now exist only in our paintings. In 1975, a heritage resource inventory of Santa Clara County was published containing a list of all such sites and thereafter an effective working agreement was established between The S.C.V.W.S. and the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission. In 1976, 20 paintings were selected from our Bicentennial Exhibit at the San Jose (CA) Library and were displayed in the Santa Clara County Courthouse for viewing on March 4th, by the State Historical Resources Commission, meeting there to consider applicants for historical landmarks.

Our group is dedicated to promoting interest in watercolor painting, with no formal meetings, but occasional social functions, weekend painting trips, lecture/demonstrations and workshops with noted watercolorists. The dues are $16.00 thru Dec 1996; membership is not restricted in any way; the only requirement being an interest in painting. We welcome the beginner, student, amateur, established, or professional artist alike, hoping all will benefit in some way from association with THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY.

To join, or for further information, write to:

THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

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P.S. You need not be a watercolorist to join our group, however, only watercolor paintings can be entered in our exhibits. All member benefits include advertising classes in the news section of the bulletin or notices of your personal exhibits, awards, sale (or wants) of extra art supplies, etc.

If you find interesting paint sites, call the paint site Coordinator (listed at the top of the monthly bulletin).

WELCOME to the S.C.V.W.S. We hope you will join in all our activities, and have many hours of HAPPY PAINTING. Always try to have a painting partner for safety.