



FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

FOOTNOTES

www.foothillsartassociation.com

JUNE 2018

Happening at Foothills

June Featured Artist

Michelle Rachels

June 7

Members Show Take-in

11 am – 4 pm

Members Social – 6:00 pm

Meeting & Demo – 6:30 pm

Demonstrating Artist

Edward Juarez

June 10

Art in the Park

(see page 4 for details)

June 30

Membership Renewal Due

(see page 8 for renewal form)



June Demonstrating Artist

Edward Juarez

Porter Hall Gallery

4910 Memorial Drive

University & La Mesa Blvd.

(619) 464-7167

Gallery Hours

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday thru Saturday

(Closed Sunday and Monday)

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Edward Juarez , the youngest of ten children raised in National City by hard working parents, was a hard worker himself. He dropped out of high school so that he could work and earn a living. He worked in a slaughter house and as a truck driver. He was an artist, as well, doing illustration work for different companies as well as doing portraits.

Now, Edward explains, “I am a plein air painter, focusing on colors and light in nature as I see and feel it. I love to paint outdoors as often as I can. My last few years with plein air painters of San Diego gave me great experience and confidence, and I am enthused by what I see in nature and the world around me. I enjoy the fellowship of my fellow artists who feel the same enchantment of this beauty around us. My paintings are impressionistic, and I continue to strive to perfect this technique with each day the Lord gives me.”

Edward lived all his life in National City. He and his wife, Esther, have four children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. The Juarez family is very close *(continued on page 3)*

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Message from the Chair...

Have you traveled to do plein air painting? If not, I would recommend it. I traveled last weekend to the Bay Area to paint. Oh wait! It wasn't really plein air painting. It was just "plein condo" painting. But, I still had a good time helping my daughter and her hubby get their condo ready for sale. And, I also got to hold and hug my grandbabies over the weekend, so, how much better could a trip be? But, I still think I'd enjoy travelling to paint plein air. And, I expect that maybe you would, too.

Will you be participating in our "Art in the Park" show and sale event on Sunday, June 10th? It will be a fantastic gathering of our wonderful local artists who will be exhibiting and selling their artwork. So, invite your friends and family for a great day of picnicking, lounging, and enjoying art on the grassy hills of La Mesa's MacArthur Park.

At our last meeting, Kevin Pack had us in awe showing technics and materials he uses in painting his incredibly detailed and explicitly rendered wildlife masterpieces. Kevin explained that the key for his success was mastering drawing skills before ever touching a paintbrush (and that took him a year or two to accomplish). The lessons he learned from his close mentoring relationships with other accomplished wildlife artists, and his ever-growing experience, shows in his incredible works of art. He explained that it can take 20 layers of glazing colors to capture the depth and feel of the water in his scenes of a stream trout fighting a line. He treats each pebble in a scene as a separate painting. The results are alluring wildlife scenes. During his demo, we picked up many helpful tips, one being his use of a granulation medium to capture and display the fine details of sand and rock. At his follow-up workshop, Kevin offered direct, friendly comments and guidance to participants. What a great opportunity and experience it was.

We are pleased to welcome Edward (Eddie) Juarez as our guest artist for the June demo and follow-up workshop. An amazing, local, life-long artist, Eddie does both plein air scenes around San Diego and colorful, expressive works of art. His demo will be a treat for us all. Come for the fun, and sign up for his workshop (*see page 5 for details*).

I hope you see Sharon Thomas' beautiful, varied, colorful artwork featured at the gallery through June 6th. Beginning on June 8th, we are pleased to feature the artwork of Michelle Rachels. I've enjoyed her entries in our monthly shows and look forward to seeing her collection of work. Please, join me at Michelle's Artist Reception on Sunday, June 10th (1-3pm) to view, appreciate and discuss her artwork.

Scott Trimlett, President

June Featured Artist at the Gallery

Michelle Rachels

“I have always been drawn to the native inhabitants of our beautiful planet. To me, they are the diamonds of the Earth,” says Michelle Rachels. Her artwork has focused on indigenous cultures and wildlife, seeing them as being true to their specific region, environment, and culture.

“My paintings,” says Michelle, “are traditional and representational with a twist. With today's more minimalist lines, a splash of organic wood with the subject at hand, makes for an interesting compliment. Besides, in today's busy digital age, don't we need to be more grounded and reminded of our natural world? Creating on wood is exciting because of the range of different effects that you can achieve. Sometimes, I carve out the soft grain. Other times, I will leave the grains unpainted so they become an integral component of the finished piece.

“I have painted with oils pretty much all my life. No college degree, but, did attend San Francisco Art Academy on a scholarship one summer, Cal Arts briefly, and Laguna Beach School of Art, before their tragic fire. Armen Gasparian, a well noted artist of Laguna Beach, took me under his wing. He once said to me ‘Michelle, whatever you do, never stop painting.’ Well, life happens and painting was placed on the “back burner” for decades. I traveled the world, raised a beautiful family, and have been truly blessed!” And now, many of Michelle’s paintings have been sold and are in private collections around the world. The painting shown above, “Three Black Necked Cranes of Napi Wetlands, China,” was sold to Ricky Ho, an award winning, popular Singapore composer.



Michelle Rachels invites you to her Artist's Reception on Sunday, June 10th (1:00 – 3:00 pm).

Her artwork will be featured at the Foothills Gallery June 8th through July 3rd.

To see her portfolio of work, go to www.jamulart.com

Edward Juarez (continued from page 1)



and they enjoy spending many vacations traveling and camping together.

About his approach to painting and life, Edward says, “I use a limited palette which consists of love, respect, and gratitude: love...love for my Lord; respect...respect for His word; and gratitude...gratitude for His gift.”

On July 10, 2016, Edward was interviewed by the Chula Vista Heritage Museum for its Fronterizos Project, a history of the Spanish-speaking peoples in the South Bay, San Diego. To learn more about Edward Juarez and see a video of the interview, go to www.chulavistaheritagemuseum.eddie-juarez

The demonstration by Edward Juarez follows the Foothills members meeting on Thursday, June 7th (6:30 pm).

Everyone is welcome!

A follow-up workshop by Edward will be on Tuesday, June 12th (1-3 pm). (See page 5 for details.)

Member News, Activities, Events, and Programs

Congratulations to the winners of April's Annual Juried Show and many thanks to Jamie Wright who served as this year's juror. The award winners are:

1st Prize Sandra Hayen - *Eucalyptus Evening*
2nd Prize Lois Adler-Roussell - *Old Horse Wagon*
3rd Prize Gary Dyak - *Mellow Yellow*

Honorable Mention Ribbons

Bill Barr - *Blue Day* Peggy Caballero - *Bright Town*
Marilyn Grame - *The Thinker* Toby Scriba - *Time*

The registration deadline for Foothills' "Art in the Park: Art Show & Sale" at La Mesa's MacArthur Park is Tuesday, May 29th. To show your art, contact Scott Trimlett at ffht13@gmail.com. Scott will also be available at the gallery on Saturday, May 26 and Tuesday May 29 (11am to 4pm) if you wish to register in person. This open event is an opportunity for friends and family to enjoy the art, have a picnic, and relax in the park. (*See details below.*)

Foothills' artists are now displaying their artwork on our Foothill's website. Go to the website, click on the 'Members Galleries' to check out the artists and artworks currently on display. You can display your work too! When you renew your membership (and now is the time to do that), choose the "Enhanced Membership" option at \$40. Along with your year's membership, you will be able to post up to 14 images of your artwork in the website gallery. Contact Carol Kubie at qbservices1@aol.com after your renewal to arrange for your gallery postings. (*See page 8 for membership renewal form.*)

New members who need an orientation on "sitting the gallery" (or members wanting a "refresher course") should contact Eva Marie Fauke at foothillsartgallery@gmail.com to schedule a session.

The entry deadline is July 6th for the 2018 heART of Mt. Helix Art Show. For information, go to <https://nainsookframing.com/art-shows/heart-of-mt-helix-info-entry-forms/>

"Art in the Park" - Art Show & Sale

Sunday, June 10

11am – 4 pm

MacArthur Park in La Mesa

(4975 Memorial Drive, La Mesa)

(Free event open to the public)

The Foothills Art Association invites everyone to enjoy "Art in the Park" an art show and sale at MacArthur Park. Many local artists will be displaying and selling their artwork during a festive day in La Mesa's newest community park. Everyone is welcome to come see the art, listen to the music, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy a family day at MacArthur Park.

For more information, contact Scott Trimlett at (619)203-4098 or ffht13@gmail.com

Members News (continued from page 4)

Roberta Labastida suggests that on take-in day (June 7th), you bring three of your favorite works to hang in the gallery. She believes that since we are sponsoring "Art in the Park" on the following Saturday, there will be many people coming to that event who will be curious about the cute little building (our gallery) on the corner. She thinks that our Foothills artists should "show off" a little.

Anita Shaw's painting, "A Good Day for the Outdoors" which is an acrylic abstract has been accepted into the Fine Art Show at the San Diego County Fair.

Christina Fries-Miller tells us that she has a watercolor painting showing at the San Diego County Fair Fine Art Exhibit as well as an entry in a group ceramics display by Carol Lockwood's class under the fair's theme "How Sweet It Is".

At the San Diego County Fair, Gary Dyak and Roberta Labastida will be selecting recipients for four \$50 awards sponsored by the Foothills Art Association. We hope you visit the fair, enjoy the Fine Art Show, and see who has received the Foothills' awards.

Glenn Osga says that his submission was accepted in the San Diego County Fair art exhibit. He didn't want to be the only one announcing it, but since other Foothills artists are also showing at the fair, he says, "Add me to the list..." along with other Foothills' artists who are saying, "See me at the fair."

Roz Oserin had two of her paintings ("Nappy Time" an acrylic of a chimpanzee and "Gentlemen's Club" a streetscape watercolor of Madrid) accepted into the exhibit at the San Diego County Fair.

Sandie Seckington has a painting showing in the May show at the San Diego Watercolor Society as well as two paintings showing at the Point Loma Credit Union SDWS show until the end of the month..



Follow-up Workshop

by

Edward Juarez

Tuesday, June 12 (1:00-3:00 pm)
Foothills Gallery

\$25 for members and \$35 for non-members

**RSVP: Mandy Toliver at (352)672-2539 or
herrison101@yahoo.com**

Members News (continued from page 5)

Foothills' artists are showing at the Rancho San Diego Library. The library's "On the Wild Side" show (May 24th- June 30th) will include fourteen Foothills' members including many who won awards in our Foothills' "Wildlife in Art Show". In July, the library will feature artwork of the Colored Pencil Social Group, a group that meets at the Foothills Gallery every Wednesday (10 am to 2 pm). The library's August show, which is still accepting work, will be a "Vacation," themed show which can include anything...beach, camping, skiing, cruising, hiking... anything you and/or your family do to relax and have fun. To enter into the August show, contact Hazel Waters at hazelmwaters@aol.com or (619) 462-3017. Drop by the library to see the shows and maybe have a coffee on the patio and browse the second-hand bookshop.

Grace Schlesier's oil painting, "Springtime in the Valley" won an on-line award for best use of medium at the annual members exhibition of American Artists Professional League at the Salmagundi Club NYC. It also will be included in the American Women Artists Exhibition at The Haggin Museum in Stockton, CA.

"Masters of the Moment 2018", a regional juried art show is calling for entries. For more information, go to www.eastcountyartassociation.org

COLORED PENCIL SOCIAL GROUP

Wednesdays (10 am - 2 pm).

\$2.00 fee and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch

For more information, contact Gary Dyak at ggd2@cox.net

LIFE DRAWING GROUP

First & Third Mondays (2-4 pm) at the gallery

For more information, call Carol Kubie at 619-303-0821

FRIDAY PAINTERS

Fridays (1:00 - 3:30 pm) at the gallery

For more information, contact Skip Mills at sundeanxv@att.net

Foothills' Entry Form
MEMEBERS SHOW – JUNE 2018

Title _____

Name _____

Medium _____

Phone _____ Cost _____ +Tax

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Minutes of the Board Meeting for April 30, 2018

submitted by Gary Dyak, Secretary

(to be considered for approval at the general meeting on June 4, 2018)

Present: Bob Pinner, Gary Dyak, Eva Marie Fauke, Judy Sawyer, Roz Oserin, Roberta Labastida, Scott Trimlett, Midge Hyde, and Mandy Toliver.

AGENDA TOPICS

- a. Mandy has Kevin Pack set as our guest artist for our May members' meeting on May 3rd. In the months following, Duke Windsor, Carol McClure and Gene Locklear are scheduled. To optimize attendance and participation, workshops will be scheduled at least a week later than the demo night. Workshops will be a minimum of two hours in duration.
- b. Sharon Thomas is our Featured Artist for May. Michelle Rachels will be our Featured Artist in June and will hold her reception on Sunday, June 10th. Kathleen A. McLaughlin, Nora Curran, Nonita Degen, and Racquel Gabuy have been juried in and scheduled for future months.
- c. We will have our formal elections for our Board Officers during the May 3rd general meeting. Linda has prepped a list of the nominees and sent it to all of our members. The changes reflected in the list show Gary Dyak for 2nd Vice President, Midge Hyde for Recording Secretary, and Roberta Labastida for Corresponding Secretary.
- d. Annual membership dues will be due soon, and Linda has revised the renewal form with an "Enhanced" membership option at \$40.00. This option allows members to display 14 photos of their artwork and a contact information page on the Gallery website.
- e. Lee and Debbie Atkinson had 4 people attend a volunteer orientation at the April general meeting. Carol will explore the ability to add a "Wildlife in Art" link to our website.
- f. Artists registration is now open for Art in the Park. Scott Trimlett can be contacted by email (ffht13@gmail.com) to arrange for registration, payment of the participation fee and sign off on the waiver form for the city of La Mesa. Scott will also be available at our FAA Gallery on Saturday, May 26 (11am to 4pm) and Tuesday May 29 (11am to 4pm.) On June 10th, check-in and set up will be from 8:30 to 11a.m. The event will be from 11a.m.-4p.m. and take down is from 4-5p.m. Roz's husband has designed a Banner for our Art in the Park event. Gary and Linda designed and had Art in the Park business cards printed for distribution. Linda has also prepared a Public Service Announcement to send to all the media contacts. The event will be promoted as a family picnic and art in the park. Mandy will purchase balloons for the entry.
- g. Our members at the April general meeting voted and approved the proposed change to our Bylaws as follows: "All officers shall be elected annually. Officers shall be eligible for re-election for multiple years of service. However, if an unanticipated need should arise, any such elected Officer may resign or be removed from office, with or without cause, by vote of the majority of the members present at any regular meeting during which such need has been raised for member consideration." Linda will update the digital version of our Bylaws to incorporate the above wording and share it with our Board and Committee members.
- h. The possibility of the East County Art Association combining with the Foothill Art Association into a single organization was tabled for future discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

The next board meeting date and time will be June 4th at 10:00 am.



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The Foothills Art Association invites you to...

Renew Your Membership

(Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019)

We hope that you have found your membership in the Foothills Art Association rewarding and that you will continue to be a member of the organization. It is now time to renew your membership for the coming fiscal year. To renew, complete the form below and mail it with your renewal dues by June 30th.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Enhanced Membership (includes hanging/selling + website gallery) \$ 40.00

Active Member (includes hanging/selling privileges) \$ 30.00

Associate Member (excludes hanging/selling privileges) \$ 20.00

Junior Member (under 18-years old) \$ 15.00

New Member

Renewal

Updated Info

Are you interested in volunteering to help with Foothills' activities? Yes ___ No ___

My signature below releases the Foothills Art Association and all persons connected with the exhibiting and handling of works of art submitted by me from any responsibility for the loss or damage by fire, theft, or other hazards connected with the exhibiting and handling of those works.

Signed _____ Date _____

Print and complete this renewal form, and mail it with your check to:
Foothills Art Association, P.O. Box 794, La Mesa, CA 91944