

JUNE 2021



The Weather is great and there's wonderful artworks inside...

But, hmmm, something is missing...  
...what could it be?

I know, walk up to the closest mirror and let me know what you see.

That's right, it's you... ;0)



Come visit the Gallery, we're open Tuesday thru Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm

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*Carousel*  
by Connie Grace



*Life is Tough in the Hood*  
by Sharon Meng

**June Featured Artists**  
**Connie Grace and Sharon Meng**  
**A Mother-Daughter Show**

**Connie Grace**

*I discovered colored pencils when I attended the CPSA International show when it was in Washington, DC many years ago. It was love at first sight. I couldn't believe you could accomplish that with colored pencils. So.. I signed up for a class with the incomparable Pat Barron at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Virginia. I already had a studio there but it was a printmaking only studio and I could not show my drawings there.*

*I joined the local chapter of the CPSA and entered the international show for the first time and was accepted. I was elated and knew then that I had found my niche. I have since been accepted seven more times. I introduced my daughter, Sharon to the colored pencil several years ago and she took to it immediately. She has become a very accomplished artist. My other daughter is an artist as well so I guess it's in the genes.*

**Sharon Meng**

*It must be genetic because I have no formal art training! I have been creative all my life but only came to drawing about ten years ago. In my professional career, I worked as a nurse midwife. I do believe there is some artistry involved in guiding a woman through pregnancy and bringing her child safely into the world.*

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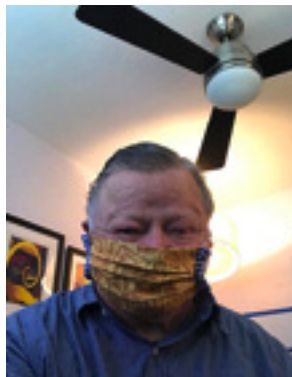
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**Message from the Chair**

Last month, without reserve, I touted and bragged about our Annual Members Awards Show. Well, guess what ... my bragging doesn't stop there. I know we're now back in action, because in May we have a wonderful Foothills Monthly Members Art Show consisting of 58 (count'em ... 58 artworks) exhibited! Be sure to check it out, you'll be happy and it will bring smiles, joy and happiness about our group of talented and renowned artists. Reach around and give yourself a big pat on the back for creating and sharing your amazing works in our show. We are on a roll now and I'm

anxiously awaiting to see what you'll enter in June.

Take a look now: [May 2021 Art Show – Foothills Art Association](#)

Last month we announced that Toby Scriba was going to be our Featured Artist in May. You can view Toby's featured and mastered works (mostly in watercolor) now (and through early June) by clicking on the following link: [Featured Artist – Foothills Art Association](#)

In the month of June we are going to see that Foothills has a multitude of talented masters in a many forms of media. Connie Grace and Sharon Meng are going to join forces as our Featured Artist mother and daughter pair sharing what I know and feel will be show not to be missed. I'm excited to see what color pencil (and possibly other types of media) they will be sharing with us. Thank you Connie and Sharon!

While it's great to have our shows available on our website, it's always the best to view them live, in person, at our Porter Hall Gallery. Our Gallery is currently open from Tuesday through Saturday each week from 11 am to 2 pm. Come see for yourself and you'll be greeted at the front door by one of Super Gallery Sitting Volunteers to welcome you. I'm so thankful of our generous volunteer Sitters ... we could not keep our Gallery open without them. Our traditional Sitters calendar is now available for your convenience to pick the best available day for you to sit in June. Sign up soon to get the spot you want ... it's always a pleasurable time for me when I sit our Gallery.

What would my message to you be without sharing just a bit about what I've been doing with my artwork lately? About a week ago, on our grandkids day, I was quickly reminded that my grandson loves trash trucks. Upon hearing a truck coming closer, as usual, he ran out of the house to see it drive by. So, okay, it was time to paint him one to fill his passion...and here's what I came up with:



*Brody's Truck by Scott Trimlett*

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**Message from the Chair** (Continued from Page 2)

Well you've done your reading for the day, so now it's time to grab your pencil, pen, pastels or brushes and paint to jump into your inspired works to share with us ;0)

Thank you and all the best to you always,

*Scott Trimblett*, President

**Remember: June is the time to renew your Foothills Membership ;0) Take a look at the last page of this Footnotes issue to select the level you desire and submit your application on-line, via USPS mail or just drop it off at your next visit to our Gallery.**

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From Marva Smith: Here's the picture taken by Jack Doherty, at last Saturday's anniversary celebration in El Cajon's museum for "the last, great cowboy" artist, Olaf Weighorst. BTW, the cake was quite tasty. But, it seems few wanted to cut a piece just to spoil the art!



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From Gary Dyak: I will be exhibiting some of my colored pencil drawings with the West Coast Drawing group at the Sahara West Library Art Gallery in Las Vegas, Nevada. The exhibit runs from June 15th through September. We are planning a tentative reception on June 17th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. drawing *Hyacinth*.



*Hyacinth* by Gary Dyak

### Members News & Events

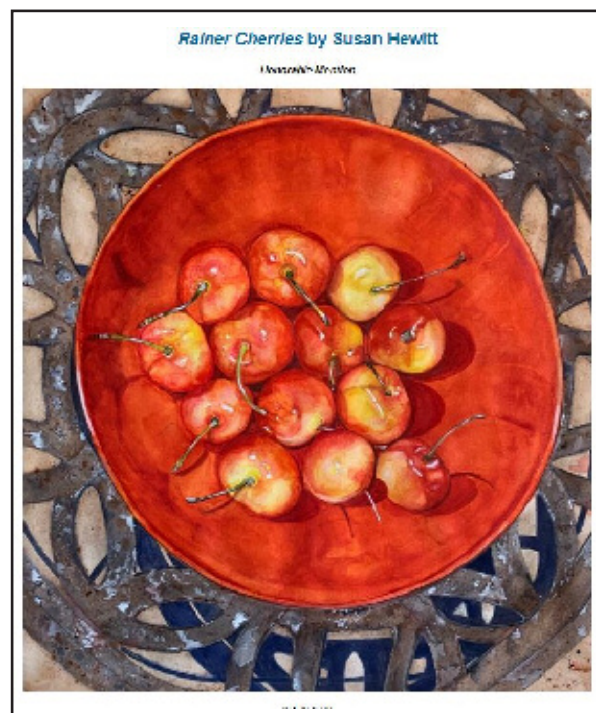
#### The San Diego Watercolor Society “Shape Zone” online show.

Congratulations to our Foothills Members who received recognition by Sharon Lynn Williams (Juror) in the San Diego Watercolor Society "Shape Zone" May 2021 Show:

- An Honorable Mention went to Drew Bandish for his watercolor *Porky Dog Sketch*:
- An Honorable Mention went to Susan Hewitt for her watercolor work *Rainier Cherries*:

In additions our following Foothills members works were accepted into the show for exhibition during the month of May:

- *Shapealoosa Sunset* – Gloria Chadwick in watercolor,
- *Southwest Vision IV* – Sandie Seckington in watercolor,
- *Desert Roses* – Sandie Seckington in watercolor,
- *BMW Dream 'n* – Gabriel Stockton in watercolor,
- *Cottages at Ocean Beach* – Gabriel Stockton in watercolor,
- *Shelter Island Breeze* – Gabriel Stockton in watercolor,
- *The Beauty of La Jolla* – Angela Westengard in watercolor,
- *The Happy Juggler* – Angela Westengard in watercolor,
- *Do You hoot?* – Jami Wright in watercolor, and
- *La Mesa Morning Heat* – Jami Wright in watercolor



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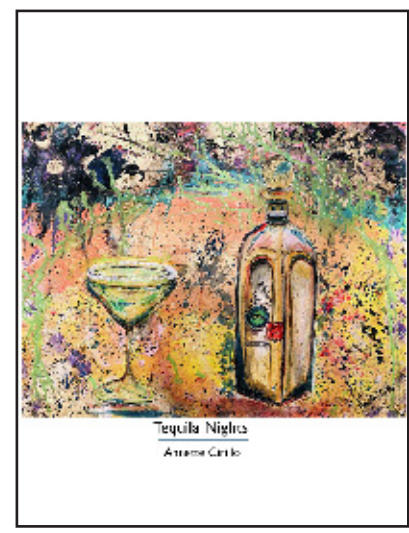
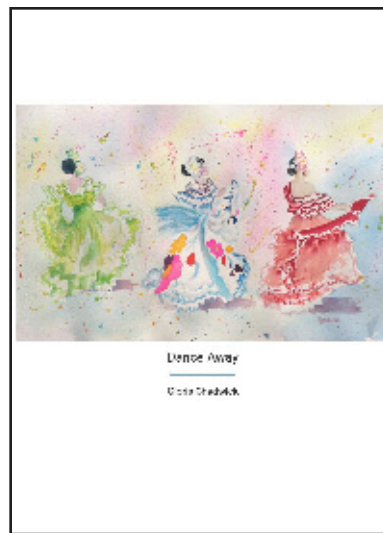
East County Artists Association Fiesta Show in May 2021 (Judged by: Casa De Pico Management)

Congratulations to our Foothills Members who received awards and recognition in the East County Art Association "Fiesta Show :

- 2nd Prize – Roberta Labastida for her Bazaar Del Mundo in watercolor:

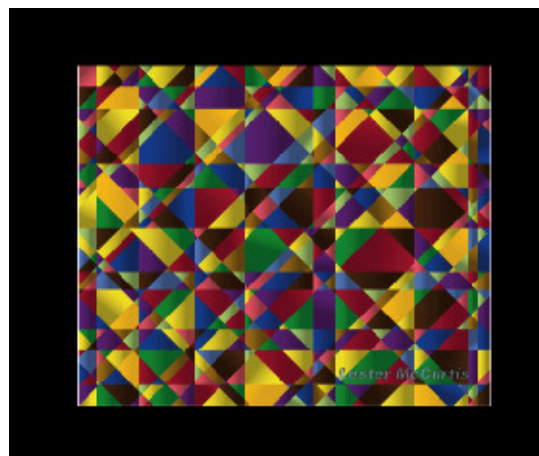
Honorable Mentions went to:

- Annette Cirillo for her *Tequila Nights*,
- Linda Morton for her *La Ballarina*, and
- Linda Baltodano for her *Dancing Under Water*



From Lester McCurtis:

My artwork was selected for the "Purely Abstract" online Exhibition at Las Laguna Gallery. The exhibit will display my original abstract artwork titled "Stained Glass Wonder". May 6 - 30th 2021.



*Stain Glass Wonder-Display art Black background  
by Lester McCurtis*

## FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION MAY 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

*With our continuing thanks to Gary Dyak's for his crisp note taking and paring down skills, here are our minutes for our Board meeting held via Zoom on Monday, May 3rd.*

*All the best,  
Scott T*

The Foothills Art Association Board meeting convened via Zoom Meeting on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 10:00a.m. Attendees: Scott Trimlett, Gary Dyak, Lee Atkinson, Bonnie Owen, Barbara Drews, Judy Sawyer, Bob Pinner and Roberta Labastida.

The gallery sitters for May are fairly well set. Roberta was able to get a Calendar to sign up for Gallery sitting.

Toby Scriba will be our Featured Artist for the month of May. She will exhibit a very impressive collection of mostly watercolor art works.

Bob Pinner has been working on adding 'ALT TEXT' descriptions to the media on display in our current shows. Scott will contact Linda Baltodano about incorporating the ADA Compliance software to our website.

Scott will generate a protocol guide for our Sitters to address the proper procedures in dealing with anyone wanting to come into our Porter Hall Gallery who are viewed as ominous by the Foothills Member volunteer sitting the Gallery.

Roberta has recommended giving a longtime member a Foothills Lifetime Membership Award for their service and support. Scott brought the motion to award this individual a Lifetime Membership Award, Roberta seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote from the Board. Scott will announce the recipient soon.

Scott will call a special meeting to discuss this year's Wildlife in Art Show. We need to establish a committed group of volunteers for this year's Wildlife in Art committee. An outside Juror/Judge needs to be selected and the Atkinsons need to pass on their 2019 computer file to the person who will be carrying out the administrative/management of the WIA show this year. We will also need to get someone on the new committee to take over the responsibility of monitoring the WIA gmail account.

The next Foothills Art Association Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 7th 2021 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

## Featured Artists Connie Grace and Sharon Meng (Continued from Page 1)

*Creatively, I began with needle arts, progressing from cross stitch to quilting to bead weaving. I spent many years designing beaded jewelry. This served me in good stead when I had the opportunity to work as a midwife for three years on the Navajo reservation.*

*When I told the Native women that I was a beader, they were hesitant to believe that a non-Native's beading could be comparable to theirs. When I brought in my work, it opened doors to friendship. Ten years ago, my mother, then living on the east coast, came to San Diego to attend a colored pencil convention in Brea. I went with her one day and saw the phenomenal exhibition of works in colored pencil. When we returned home, we placed a small Navajo pottery bowl on the table and Mom and I both sketched it with colored pencils. My sketch was not bad so my mother encouraged me to continue drawing. Since then, I have attended the Colored Pencil Society Annual Convention every year, participating in two workshops on various topics each year. I have also taken several portrait workshops with noted colored pencil artists.*

*I draw because it brings me peace and fulfillment. I choose portraits because I love the geography of the face. When I draw a portrait, I fall in love with my subject as I explore each subtle color and curve of the face. I find each colored pencil painting I do takes me a little further down the path of artist expression.*



*Let the Music Begin* by Connie Grace



*The Face of 2020* by Sharon Meng



*Bird Brain for Cafe* by Connie Grace



*Miss Millie* by Sharon Meng



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THE FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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<i><u>Enhanced Membership</u> (includes hanging/selling + website gallery)</i>	\$ 45.00
<i><u>Active Member</u> (includes hanging/selling privileges)</i>	\$ 35.00
<i><u>Associate Member</u> (excludes hanging/selling privileges)</i>	\$ 25.00
<i><u>Junior Member</u> (under 18-years old)</i>	\$ 20.00

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.*

Click on this link to our website to join or renew your membership with a credit card online:  
<https://foothillsartassociation.com/membership-services/>

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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