

JULY 2021



Remember our Foothills Member Meetings and Demos by local Pro Artists?
It's time to hold a special "We're Back!" Meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 pm on our July 1st (Thursday).
More details soon... ;0)



Ed by Gary Dyak



Ed by Sharon Meng

July's Featured Artists are the San Diego Drawing Guild

The San Diego Drawing Guild is a group of artists, graphite and colored pencil, who meet weekly in the Foothills Art Gallery, La Mesa, California. The group is unstructured, with no officers, and gathers for four hours each week to draw and enjoy the companionship of fellow artists.

Members of the group, which has been meeting for over three years, offer each other support, encouragement and loving critique and have become good friends. Almost all the members work in colored pencil (as well as other mediums) and are members of the Colored Pencil Society of America. Four members (Connie Grace, Carolyn Kenny, Rhonda Anderson and Aida Maslah) have been accepted in the Society's prestigious international show. Members are also active in Foothills gallery and the group has been featured in the gallery as "Artist of the Month".

When the pandemic required quarantine and the gallery closed, group members missed each other and the camaraderie they shared. They started meeting once a week on Zoom but the free 40 minute sessions just weren't enough togetherness so they purchased a business account, costing each of member \$2/week. In this way, they were able to continue their friendship and encourage artistic progress even as everyone coped with the reality of the pandemic. In the Zoom meetings, they continued to share their lives, their art, their frustrations and their joys. SDDG is a diverse group of artists. Connie Grace and Sharon Meng do primarily portraits. Rhonda Anderson does portraits, flowers and other subjects as does Lois

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**Message from the Chair**

Wow! I think we have all been waiting for this...

On June 9th San Diego County moved into the Yellow Tier Covid-19 status established by the State of California. On June 15th it is anticipated that the State of California the capacity and distancing restrictions will be lifted for most businesses and activities, but indoor events will have vaccination or negative test requirements for attendees.

All in all this is great news for our Foothills group activities coming up. As soon as practical after June 15th I will obtain and share more specifics with you on when, how and what of our traditional normal activities can begin. I hope to be able to announce soon about holding our first special Members Meeting (which will hopefully include an Artist demonstration to the group) on the afternoon/early evening on our July 1st Take-In day at the Gallery. To make the best plans, please send me an email (to my email address: ffht13@gmail.com) to let me know if you prefer an outdoors or indoors venue setup for this special Members Meeting (it's been 15 months since our last one). Subject to the State and County Health authority restriction in play we may have to limit the number of members participating if we hold it indoors. Much is known but there are also unknowns to be determined, but I will keep you posted. I hope this is as exciting for you as it is for me ;0).

When the State of California distancing restrictions are lifted on June 15th, we will also likely need more of our Foothills members to participate in sitting the Gallery. We hope to be able to expand our open days (Tuesday through Saturday weekly) hours to our traditional/previously normal hours of operation to 11 am to 4 pm. For the days we have been able to open the Gallery since March of 2020 we have limited our hours to 11 am to 2 pm which was covered by a single Gallery Sitter for that shift. Assuming we will be expanding our hours of operation, we will need to have 2 Gallery Sitters volunteer for every day we are open. I will soon be sending a message out to all our Foothills members to find out who and how many volunteers are ready to sit the Gallery to cover the 11 am to 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm to 4 pm traditional sitting shifts. I know I'm being 'Captain Obvious', but to go back to traditional/normal Porter Hall Gallery schedule we will need to have enough members volunteer to sit the Gallery.

As you'll see more about this in this issue, we are so happy to honor and recognize our Foothills member, Ed Bertin, by awarding him with our Foothills Lifetime Membership Award for his long-standing and diligent service and support of Foothills and our east county region art community. With our June Monthly Members Show we started to move into the summer months of 2021. Even though a lot of us are being able to travel, it's obvious that our wonderful artist members are still painting away and entering their works. It makes me so happy to see it. Be sure to check it out our June show, I know you'll be pleased.

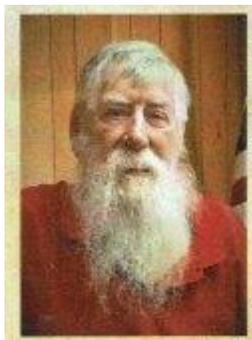
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Well you've done your reading for the day, so now it's time to grab your pencil, pen, pastels or brushes and paint to jump into your inspired works to share with us ;0)

Thank you and all the best to you always,

Scott Trimlett, President

**Ed Bertin A Lifetime Foothills Member**

We are happy to announce that our long-standing accomplished Foothills Member Artist, E.G. (Ed) Bertin, is being recognized this month in two distinct and wonderful ways. The first being that having his own Art Show exhibit running through the end of September at the **Herrick Community Health Library (located at 9001 Wakarusa St. in La Mesa)**. The second recognition is closer to home as our Foothills Art Association is awarding Ed with a Foothills Lifetime Membership Award for his continuing artwork accomplishments and his support of art in our community.

Roberta Labastida noted Ed's consistent and diligent support over many year in the hanging of shows in our Gallery, volunteering for sitting and his continued involvement in our group's activities. We congratulate and recognize Ed's contributions by providing him with this award.

Some Sad News

"We recently learned that our long-time member Jane Ann Schowengerdt passed away in early April. She was an admired and active member in our Foothills group and enjoyed jumping into our Art in the Park show activity in La Mesa. Scott always had a good time greeting and chatting with her in our Gallery and at the park activities. Our thoughts are with her husband Rick and family with your loss."

"We were also notified that Bill Barr's wife Bonnie passed away in May. Recognizing and honoring her and their relationship, we wanted to share this brief version of a tale of romance with you: Bill and Bonnie met as high school classmates in Manhattan, Kansas. They found each other again at their school reunion and married in 2002. Before they retired Bonnie was a Human Resources officer at our San Diego Zoo and Bill was an attorney for NASA at the JPL in Pasadena. Their family of her children and grand-children from a prior marriage live in the area."

Members News & Events

The San Diego Watercolor Society Violet Hues Show

Congratulations to our Foothills Members who were accepted into the on-line San Diego Watercolor Society Violet Hues June 2021 Show juried by Bob Burridge:

- Drew Bandish – Watercolor – *Fire Ring Near Tower 5*
- Susan Hewitt – Watercolor – *Sophie's Kiss*
- Joan Merrick – Mixed Medias – *Woman of Many Colors and Woman in Print Dress*
- Gabriel Stockton – Watercolors – *Point Loma Sailing and Support the Arts*
- Scott Trimlett – Mixed Media – *The Twin's Hike*
- Angela Westengard – Watercolor – *Bay Parking*
- Jami Wright – Watercolors – *Isle of Skye Scottish Cliffs and Highland Castle*

Fire Ring Near Tower 5 by Drew Bandish



Point Loma Sailing by Gabriel Stockton



Isle of Skye Scottish Cliffs by Jami Wright



Highland Castle by Jami Wright



Support the Arts by Gabriel Stockton



The Twins Hike by Scott Trimlett



Woman in Print Dress by Joan Merrick



Sophie's Kiss by Susan Hewitt



Woman of Many Colors by Joan Merrick



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East County Artists Association Summer Kickoff Show

The following Foothills members have had their entries accepted into the ECAA Summer Kickoff Show that will judged by George Franceschi, GM, Allegro Italian Cuisine in Little Italy:

Annette Cirillo, Geraldine Dorfi, Gloria Chadwick, Jackie Grace, Linda Baltodano (BEM's), Linda Morton, Roberta Labastida, Sandie Seckington, Sharon Thomas and Toby Scriba.



Enjoying a Summer Sunset
Annet Cirillo



Summer Love
Jackie Grace



Dubokgam Zoon
Jackie Grace



Field of Gold
Linda Morton



Country Summer Sunset
Linda Morton



Summer Breeze
Jackie Grace



Early Morning Village
Jackie Grace



Summer Succulents
Jackie Grace



Summer Love
Linda Baltodano (BEM's)



Breaking Wave
Linda Baltodano (BEM's)



Angler
Jackie Grace



Sitting Outside
Jackie Grace



Flamé Spine
Jackie Grace



Summer Breeze
Jackie Grace



Summer Paradise
Jackie Grace



Paddle Your Own Canoe
Jackie Grace



Ruffled Feathers
Jackie Grace



Summer Stampede
Toby Scriba



Vintage Love
Toby Scriba

Foothills Art Association June 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The Foothills Art Association Board meeting convened via Zoom Meeting on Monday, June 7th, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

Attendees: Scott Trimlett, Gary Dyak, Bonnie Owen, Barbara Drews, Judy Sawyer, Roz Oserin

1. The gallery sitters for June are fairly well set. We will need to discuss whether to return to our pre-Covid Gallery two sitting shifts of 11am to 1:30 pm and 1:30pm to 4pm at the next Board meeting in early July.
2. Connie Grace and Sharon Meng are the Featured Artists for June with their Mother and Daughter Retrospective Show. Their works are truly amazing and inspiring, most of which are created and masterfully rendered in colored pencil. The July Featured Artists will be The San Diego Drawing Guild's Corona Virus Challenge, a collection of 5x7 drawings of portraits, landscapes, abstracts, etc. rendered by each artist in their own style of drawing during the Covid pandemic.
3. The Marie Wordell Alumni Critique group will be meeting at our Porter Hall Gallery on the 2nd Monday of each month from 10am to Noon. The participants will provide a voluntary dues of \$1.00 each per meeting as a thanking gesture of Foothills providing a venue for their artwork critique group activity.
4. Scott has been communicating with Linda Baltodano (High Tide Marketing - our Website Developer) and Jake Taylor (IKR Media - the Technical Specialist used by Linda) regarding ADA Website Compliance solutions. Jake offered several plug-in and tools to help with this process. After our Board meeting, the optimal compliance solution for Foothills was deemed to be Jake's IKR Pro plan offering. Scott then provided the details of the IKR Pro plan to the Board and it was approved by the Board. Scott will contact Jake Taylor (IKR Media) and advise him of our approval and ask them to proceed with the steps needed under the IKR Pro plan to accomplish the ADA Compliance and the next 12 months of tech support for our website.
5. Scott will generate a protocol to address the recommended procedures for our Sitting volunteers to dealing with the rare infrequent occurrence of any ominous person wanting to enter the Gallery. It will be posted on the front desk.
6. Last month the Board overwhelmingly approved honoring our long standing member, Ed Bertin, a Foothills Lifetime Membership Award for his service and support. Ed has diligently worked daily and weekly to help hang paintings in our shows and attended meetings and has volunteered sitting in the Gallery for many, many years. Ed is also going to have a featured show of his work at the Herrick Library coming up soon.
7. Scott held a special meeting to discuss this year's Wildlife in Art Show. We are beginning to work on the challenges this year for our Wildlife in Art Show to get back to our open show to all artists (Not just our member artists.) Currently the status to report is as follows:
 - a. Roberta continues to search for our Juror/Judge
 - b. Glenn Osga will take care of preparing our WIA Show Program for 2021 and setup/maintain the structure of our common Google Drive location for our WIA Show Committee.
 - c. Bob Pinner will take care of preparing our show entries and Show Treasurer responsibilities.
 - d. Sharon Meng will take care of our 2021 WIA Show Publicity.
 - e. Bruce Burr will lead the Entries Photography Assist Day.
 - f. Roz Oserin will lead the Entry on Website Assist Day.
 - g. Gary Dyak will lead the Accepted Works Take-in Day.
 - h. The current open committee positions include: The Show Sponsor Lead, The Show Hospitality Lead, and The Awards Lead.
 - i. The Atkinson's have successfully transferred the Wildlife in Art gmail account. Currently Scott and Glenn have access to the account. Glenn volunteered to set up Google Drive folders that all our 2021 Wildlife Art Committee members will be able to access and post updates and information for all to view.

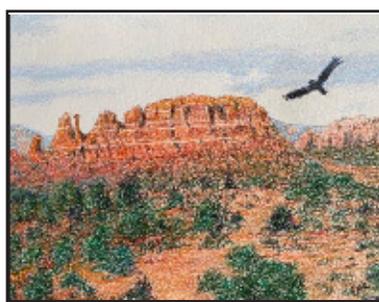
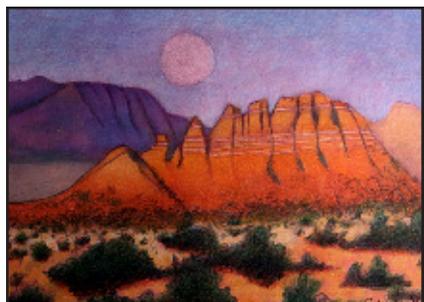
The next Foothills Art Association Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 28th 2021 at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15

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Adler-Roussell. Judy Sawyer, Carolyn Kenney and Terri Csori do landscapes and animals. Aida Maslah draws conceptual art while Gary Dyak's work features birds and flowers with abstracts and geometrics. Eddie Stewart draws historical figures in graphite and Nancy Dobbs does still lifes.

During one of the Zoom meetings, Eddie was sitting in his kitchen with beautiful lighting and Connie suggested that the group should all draw his portrait. A screenshot was taken and distributed to all members. From there, it was an easy leap to deciding that each member should pick a reference photo of a subject that they were comfortable drawing and everyone else would have to attempt it. For many, this was an artistic stretch as some artists might never have attempted a portrait or a landscape. The project lasted for several weeks and produced some wonderful results. Among the subjects drawn were a mountain landscape, an abstract succulent, a depiction of how the corona virus was affecting the world, a drawing of the concept of togetherness and a kitten in a pirate hat. Below are some of the Guild's work.



From Gary Dyak

Some good news. I had three drawings juried into the Art of Pride exhibit. The show runs from June 19th through July 30th at San Diego Pride, 2630 30th St. San Diego. The reception is July 9th.

And I was awarded Second Place in the drawing category for the San Dieguito Art Guilds Small Image Show. Little Blue is 7x7 inches drawn with colored pencils.



Little Blue by Gary Dyak



I Wood by Knotty
by Gary Dyak



Guardians of the Past
by Gary Dyak



Cactus Dreams
by Gary Dyak

From Andrew Bandish

SDWS / San Diego Watercolor Society has invited me to demo watercolor during their Zoom First Friday event: F July 2/ 2021 / 5-8pm. A free Zoom code will be available on their website under the Events menu:

<https://www.sdws.org/paintouts.php>

My freelance art teaching Zoom sessions are off and running. Wednesdays in June 2021 drewbandish.com View details under Workshops.

I will return to the classroom on Fridays at La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center in three hours each week format for the five week summer session. Class size will be limited to 20 maximum and masks will be required, unless rules are adjusted by then? Being fully vaccinated against Covid-19 makes this all much easier to accomplish.

Drew also Zooms for MiraCosta College on Saturdays 9-11am in the summer and enrollments are open https://miracosta.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int_category_id=1&int_sub_category_id=136&int_catalog_id= Browse Arts / Drawing & Painting



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SPECIAL NOTICE:
Our Foothills Membership Renewals are due in June each year. Please renew now if you haven't done so already ;0)

THE FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

<i>Enhanced Membership (includes hanging/selling + website gallery)</i>	\$ 45.00
<i>Active Member (includes hanging/selling privileges)</i>	\$ 35.00
<i>Associate Member (excludes hanging/selling privileges)</i>	\$ 25.00
<i>Junior Member (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 _____

print and complete this renewal form, and mail it with your check to:
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