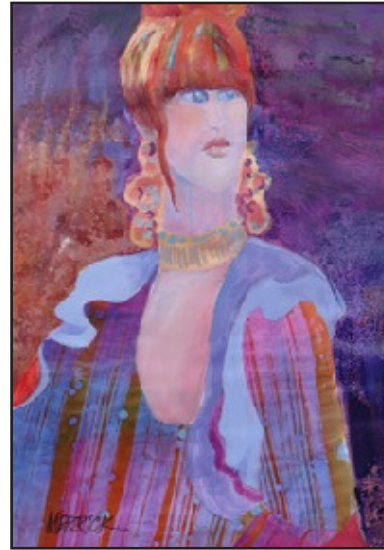




We did it! :0) We had  
**Chuck McPherson as our Guest  
 Artist giving his demo at our July  
 Members Meeting! Our first in  
 16 months...**



*Gaze* by Joan Merrick

**The Featured Artist for August is Joan Merrick**

**The Contemporary Figure**

Joan has been an artist her entire life. She received her B.A. in Art Education from Cal State L.A., and took graduate studies in Art History and Textiles at San Diego State University.

She taught art in Los Angeles middle schools and high schools, and textile design at Grossmont College. Her experience also includes years of managing a store that specialized in fabrics for the home.

Additionally, Joan has studied with Joan Austin, Skip Lawrence, Robert Burrige, Marie Wordell, and Annette Lotuso Paquette. These experiences contribute to her lavish use of color and pattern in her painting, and the use of patterned, textured collage papers in the work. She creates her own handmade batik papers.

The female figure is Joan's favorite subject.

She is a signature member of San Diego Watercolor Society, and a member of Foothills Gallery in La Mesa, California. Her work can be seen on their websites.

More of Joan's work can be seen on page 7.

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**Message from the Chair**

Oh my Gosh! It's been 16, count'em, 16 months since we were last together for a Foothills Members Meeting! I hope you were able to join in with us. It was so good to see everybody on our July Members Show take-in day and Members Meeting that early evening. We've all been waiting so long for this :0)

As you are likely aware...our Foothills Board Members and Leaders have been dedicated to keeping the group's artistic spirits, creativity and activities alive and well since March 2020. Sometimes we were limited to on-line participation, but we opened the doors to our Gallery whenever it was possible. Thank you so much for your support and jumping in to join us the activities we were able to offer.

On the night of our Members Meeting we had the true pleasure of welcoming Chuck McPherson back to Foothills as our Guest Demonstrating Artist. We were both entertained and in awe of Chuck's watercolor paintformance in which he kept us laughing and chuckling while providing us with tips about using 60 grit sandpaper to prep areas of our paintings, scraps of corrugated cardboard chunks with the ribbing exposed for stamping grass simulations, along with a few spins of his easel like a pizza to get the paint to flow and dry. Good times for all ... I'm all signed up for one of his 2 workshops he's offered. I hope you got your spot too!

In the meantime, here's the latest about what's going on at the Gallery in July and the rest of this year:

Our take-in day for our Monthly Members Show in July was great. Our take-in day crew all jumped in and supported our show activity for the 80 (yep I said 80) member artwork entries in July. It truly demonstrates that you're all back in action creating wondrous and astonishing artworks to adorn our Gallery walls to provide us good visual pleasures. It's such a thrill to see! Well done my fellow artists, thank you!

As I'm sure you will agree, in July we enjoyed a very special Featured Artists Group Show which exhibited the astounding San Diego Drawing Guild's artworks (most in colored pencil or graphite) for our viewing pleasure. I hope you had a good opportunity to see and admire all their works displayed. In July we have another wonderful Featured Artist that will be showing her jaw-dropping and striking portraits that she paints in watercolor and collage. Of course, I'm talking about our accomplished and award winning fellow member, Joan Merrick. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing her featured works coming up, it will be and inspiration and admiration collection all wrapped up in one.

Also I have some very news good to report: with the continuing help of Bob Pinner and our Foothills website tech support people at IKR Media, our website is now equipped with USER-Way software to provide ADA Compliance desired and required accessibility to our site for our visitors who have the need for it.

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

You will soon, if not already get our Call for Artists / Prospectus for our Wildlife in Art Show in November by Sharon Meng, our new Publicity leader in this year's WIA Show Committee. Our new and supplemented Committee members are working to make this year's open show a great success (as it was by Debbie and Lee Atkinson for many years in the past).

Please contact me if you have interest in joining our dynamic Wildlife in Art Show team. Your help will be much appreciated by all our volunteers. This year the wildlife show will be open to all artists and we're certainly intending to have an awards reception at our Gallery for the show. So in the meantime get your wildlife creative thoughts gelling and create your artwork(s) soon to prep your entries ;0)

We also are in need of a volunteer to fill the Foothills Gallery Sitting Leader position with the recent retirement of Mary Jeanne from that position. Let us know if you are interested and ready to volunteer for this open position.

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. It is surely a pleasurable good time for me when I sit our Gallery.

You can click on the following link to take a peek before coming to the Gallery

[July 2021 Art Show – Foothills Art Association](#)

You can also view the San Diego Drawing Guild's Featured Artists Show now (and through August 4th) by clicking on the following link;

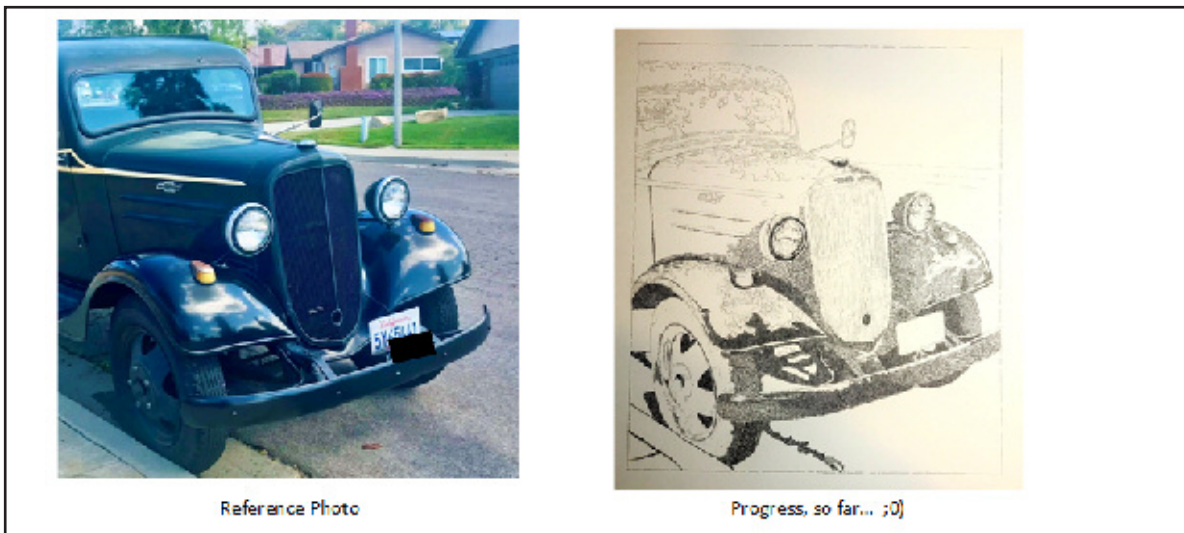
[Featured Artist – Foothills Art Association](#)

You've probably guessed that I've been doing more than just sitting on my thumbs and writing this message, and you're right. I'm in the midst of creating and painting a front view of the '35 Chevy Truck in my neighborhood. I'm starting off with pen & ink and then will chase it crazy colors to finish it off. Wish me luck ;0)

Okay, once again you've got enough reading in for the day, now it's time to jump up - grab your pencil, pen, pastels or brushes and paint away to share your inspiring artworks with us soon ;0)

Thank you and all the best to you always,

*Scott Trimlett*, President



## *Members News & Events*

### **San Diego Watercolor Society’s “Complement Conversations” Show thru 29-Aug-21**

Congratulations to our Foothills Members who were awarded and/or currently exhibiting in the San Diego Watercolor Society’s August Show “Complement Conversations” juried by Dean Mitchell:

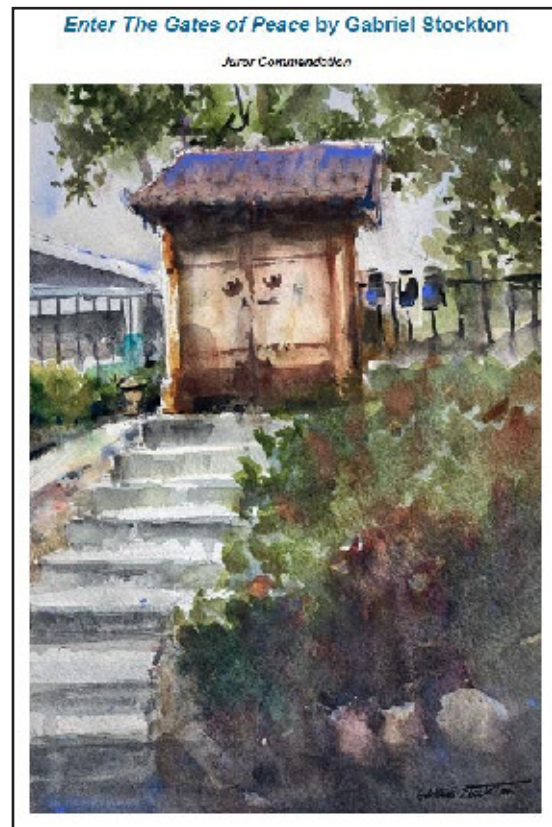
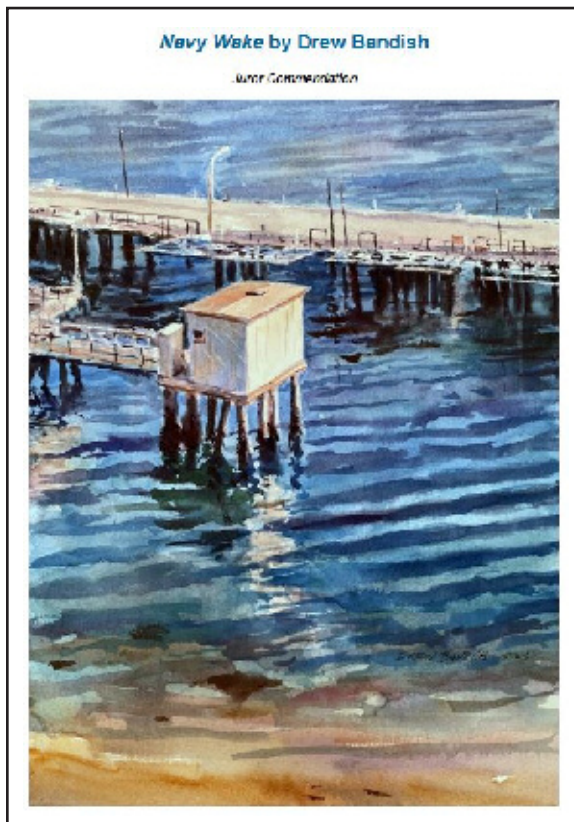
Juror’s Commendation Awards were received by:

Drew Bandish for his watercolor *Navy Wake*

Gabriel Stockton for his watercolor *Enter the Gates of Peace*

The members with artworks currently exhibiting in this SDWS Show are:

- Rhonda Anderson with her watercolor *White Chrysanthemum*
- Gloria Chadwick with her watercolors *Striped Traveler* and *Sorta Blu Boy*
- Christina Fries-Miller with her acrylic *Earth Shaman*
- Gloria Henderson’s watercolors *Reflections* and *Green Eyed Monster*
- Susan Hewitt’s watercolor *A Milestone*
- Terri Nelson’s acrylic *Walk Away*
- Gabriel Stockton’s watercolor *BMW Dream*
- Scott Trimlett’s mixed media *Spinning Brooch*
- Angela Westengard’s watercolors *Garden Chat* and *Splish Splash*
- Jami Wright’s watercolors *The Del at Dusk* and *High Desert Buttes*

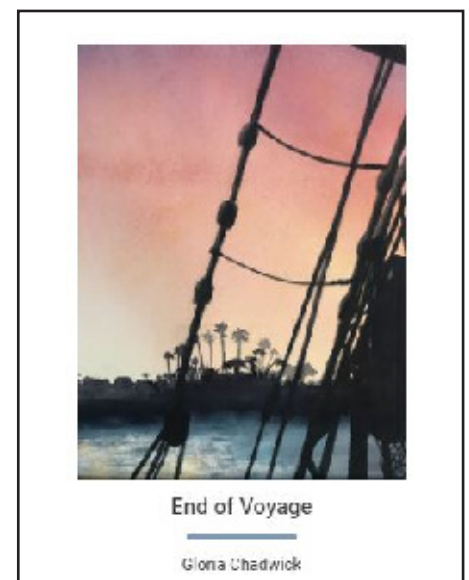
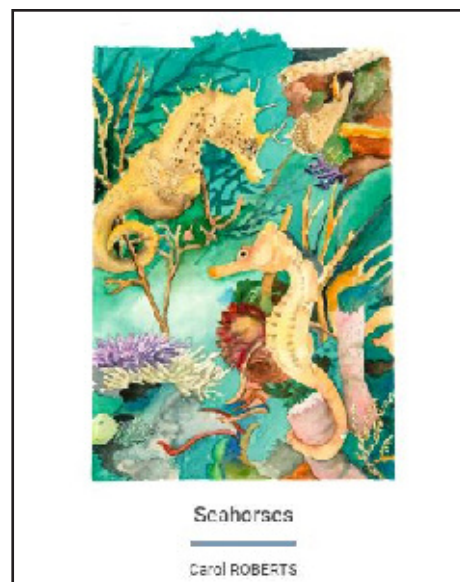
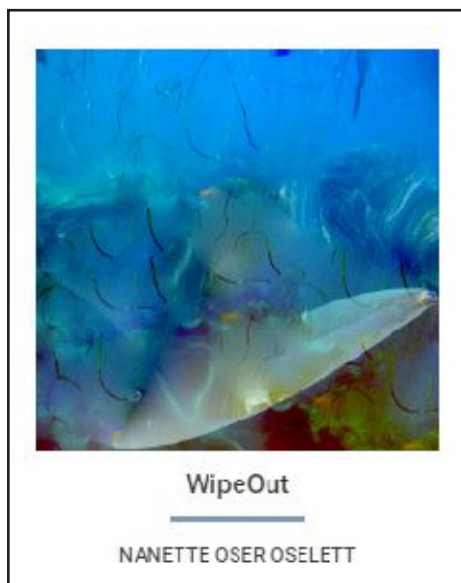


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### **East County Artists Association Totally Ocean Art Show**

Congratulations for our Foothills Members winning awards in the East County Art Association's virtual "Totally Ocean Art Show" in June to early July (Judged by: Aleks Stojanovic (Go Surf Organization):

- 1st Prize - *Wipe Out* by Nanette Oser Oselett
- 2nd Prize - *Seahorses* by Carol Roberts
- 3rd Prize - *End of Voyage* by Gloria Chadwick  
plus Honorable Mentions
- *El Duelo* by Linda Baltodano (Bem's)
- *Evening Swells* by Jenny Rivera
- *Magic Moments* by Tony Scriba
- *Lip Service* by Mike Hefner  
also included in the show
- *Canyon de Chelly - Family Land* by Sandie Seckington



### **From Rustin Holec:**

Exciting news! Drew Bandish will be presenting a demonstration of **Water Soluble Pencils As Paint** on watercolor paper August 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm following the General Meeting. A follow-up workshop will be on August 8, 2021 9 am– noon.

“This product is a very effective bridge between drawing and watercolor painting! These products are ideal for carry-along kits on trips and in daily outings, too. Minimal, yet strongly capable.” states Drew.

## FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION JULY 2021 BOARD MEETING

The Foothills Art Association Board meeting convened via Zoom meeting on Monday June 28th, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

Attendees: Scott Trimlett, Gary Dyak, Roz Oserin, Bob Pinner, Roberta Labastida, Debbie Atkinson, Glen Osga, Judy Sawyer, and Renee Cuifo

1. With the Gallery reopening to our original hours of 11a.m. to 4p.m., it will be necessary to fill the traditional gallery sitting shifts of 11 am to 1:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 4 pm.
2. July Members Show - Along with any current artwork, members may also enter and exhibit their favorite piece(s) from the past.
3. The San Diego Drawing Guild will be the Featured Artist group for July. The Covid Challenge Exhibit is a collection of drawings depicting a subject or theme picked by a member of the group.
4. The Marie Wordell Alumni Critique group had their first meeting at the Porter Hall Gallery on Monday, June 12th from 10 a.m. to Noon. The group will continue to meet once a month at the Gallery on the 2nd Monday of each calendar month from 10 a.m. to Noon.
5. Chuck McPherson will be the guest artist demonstrator for July. Chuck will provide us with his “Paintformance” and will offer a workshop “Getting Natural with Chuck” on Sunday, July 11th from 1 to 4 p.m. Participation in the workshop will be limited to 10 people.
6. Pamela Stompoly of the Lamplighters Community Theater approached our group with the opportunity to exhibit members' artwork in the theater’s lobby. Renee will contact her to work on the details and then report back to the group.
7. Jake Taylor’s IKR Media group was authorized and pre-paid the annual IKR Pro plan fee of \$348.00 to cover the incorporation of the ADA Compliant UserWay accessibility to our website and then “ALT Text” fixes to our WordPress website’s Media Library artwork images. Jake advised that they have a bit more to take care of but predominantly it’s been accomplished for us.
8. Scott has prepared a protocol guide for the gallery sitters to address the proper procedures in dealing with anyone wanting to come into our Porter Hall Gallery.
9. Ed Bertin will receive the Lifetime Membership Award at this Months Members meeting on July 1st.
10. Wildlife in Art Show / November 2021
  - a. Roberta has arranged for Tom Tiedeman, a renowned watercolor wildlife artist to be our Juror/Judge for our November 2021 WIA show.
  - b. Glen Osga will prepare the Prospectus and the WIA Show Program and set up/maintain the structure of the 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. Bob Burr will lead the Photography Assist Day activity to help our members with their entries.
  - f. Roz Oserin and Barbara Drews will provide their Website Entry Assist Day to our members.
  - g. Gary Dyak will lead our Accepted Works Take-in Day activity.
  - h. Current open committee positions include:
    - 1) The Lead Show Organiser to take over what Scott has initiated
    - 2) The Show Sponsor Lead to take over what Scott has initiated
    - 3) The Show Hospitality Lead
    - 4) The Awards Lead.

The next Foothills Art Association board meeting will be held August 2nd, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting ended at 10:40 a.m.

Joan Merrick (Continued from Page 1)



*Reverie* by Joan Merrick



*Fisherwoman* by Joan Merrick



*Repose* by Joan Merrick



*Batik* by Joan Merrick



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THE FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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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.*

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