



**Happy
Holidays
from the
Foothills
Art
Association
and Best
Wishes
for a
Better
2022**



Stained Glass Bones
By Ana Sophia McCullim



The Hallway
by Bela Rhodes Cook

**The Featured Artists for January 2022
Are Christine Colera and the Grossmont High School District Students**

Charter, Steele Canyon, West Hills, IDEA, Monte Vista, Santana, Grossmont, Valhalla, Granite Hills, Mount Miguel, and El Cajon Valley are participating in this first joint Foothills Art Association Art Show. This district has been serving east San Diego County for over 100 years. This district started with Grossmont High School and expanded with Helix High School (est. 1952).

I joined Helix in 2000 after it became the first charter of the district in 1998. Since then, Steele Canyon joined GUHSD as the second public charter in the district. The twelve schools in the district represent the communities of La Mesa, Rancho San Diego, Santee, Lakeside, Spring Valley, and El Cajon. Two years ago in a first time partnership with Foothills, Helix Charter High School was honored to have almost a hundred pieces of art displayed in the gallery. The Foothills Art Association has been so supportive of our programs - and Helix High in particular - over the 20 years of my teaching. I am so happy that our partnership has grown because more students from more communities are involved. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their work, see what it is like to have public feedback and hopefully participate in FAA's student membership where they can take advantage of art classes and even continue their membership afterwards to move forward in their own artistic ventures.

I truly hope that we will continue this symbiotic relationship for years to come and that it will bring this amazing gallery and members more public exposure and potential members. I would like to formally express our thanks on behalf of the district's Art Council and from me personally as a teacher and proud member of the Foothills Art Association.

(See more students' images on Page 7)

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Message from the Chair



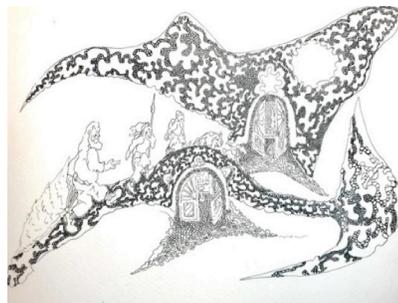
Well as your President, this is my ‘see you later alligator...’ as I’m moving onto the San Diego Watercolor Society’s Board full-time in January as Vice President in the first year; then if everything works to plan, I’ll become their President the following year. I can tell you that my last 4 ½ years at Foothills has been an amazing and gratifying time for me, and what made this possible was

my incredibly dedicated and talented fellow Board members and leaders to all our fantastically talented member artists and art enthusiasts and patrons. Without all of you we would not have kept our helpful, kind and friendly, wonderfully talented Foothills group together for the last 72 years (and on from here). Bravo my friends, take a bow... ..well-deserved. The secret of our success is keeping our eyes on the prize, which is: Having FUN!

Well now onto the best news, we have a new President taking over in January, her name is Peggy Connolly. Peggy moved to La Mesa from Seattle where she had owned and ran a large documentary film and promotion company for many years. Her naturally outgoing good nature along with her vast management, organization and administrative experience and skills makes her a perfect fit for becoming our new President. Peggy is gearing up and ready to jump into Foothills as our leader. As is the usual case for all our high contributor volunteers, Peggy has many activities and on-going responsibilities in addition to leading our group. So, some of the practices I had time to undertake will need to go by the wayside as they did take an extraordinary amount of time that is not feasible for Peggy in her schedule. One such practice is making pre-printed entry cards for our artists entering on-line. So, in the foreseeable future, you can still enter artworks on-line through our website, but will get to manually fill out an entry form when you bring your entered artworks into the Gallery. If you feel that you would like this and other practices to continue after my departure, then please contact Peggy to volunteer to take that on for our group.

Okay, enough of the out with the old and in with the new ...what about all our artworks? I can tell you that Bob Pinner had our December show posted on our website on the Saturday after our take-in day. Way to go Bob, thank you! We had a total of 56 new wonderful artwork entries for our December show.

Last year I asked you to try and spot the wild boar, bunny, rat, and lizard leading the trek in my Gnomes Going Home ink drawing. Since then, I finished it adding color and it’s in our Gallery until January 5th. Here’s the before and after to give you a glimpse of the fun I had with this one:



Please continue to be careful, stay healthy and always: have fun, keep painting, drawing and creating...no matter what else is going on, there’s always something fun for us to do :0)

All the best to you,

Scott Trimlett, President

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Hanging-out with “The Bond Girl”

A tribute to Barbara Drews
by Marva Smith

Stratagem has dogged her every-step-of-the-way, from the outset of her many careers. To the outsider, Barbara Drews, our Gallery Hanging Committee Manager – the would be archaeologist; turned flight attendant and lead agent with United Airlines; turned cardiology, medical assistant – it’s little wonder that she turned out to be bored with computer coursework.

Turning her interests elsewhere after retiring, Barbara took up sailing (hence, the email moniker: Sdsailorgirl). Eventually, her spare time evolved into volunteering with The Sail Crew on “The Tall Ship California,” berthed next to “The Star of India,” in San Diego Bay; and, the Mission Trails Park in Santee.

Quite literally, one could say, Barbara Drews’ interests have been “all-over-the-map.” Which helps to explain why her job interests led her down “the rabbit hole” to be groomed as hanging manager of our current gallery’s exhibits. As a member on her committee, I’ve appreciated her worldwide perspective on the Fine Arts – in terms of people, places and the things which inspire us in an effort to transcend the mundane. Hanging works of complementary art pieces to instill mystery, wonder and intrigue is about every-bit-as-exciting as excavating the ruins of Pompeii!

Unearthing the wonders of art imaginatively in a variety of our members’ representations takes a team of dedicated artists, like our leader, Barbara. She, also, won an “Honorable Mention,” awarded in our 32nd Annual Wildlife in Art exhibit, which ended last month.

It might not earn the record for intriguing experiences in the life of a former airlines’ flight-crew agent. But, for someone tasked with serving both, dignitaries departing from flights, like Senator Robert F. Kennedy; his nephew, John F. Kennedy, Jr., and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, of President Nixon’s Administration on separate excursions; and the average commuter on board: Barbara earns the title, “The Bond Girl,” in my book!

That is, Barbara blends a commitment to giving “world class service” to our Patrons-of-the-Arts at Foothills Art Association. Making our Hanging Committee about as cohesive of a group of Professionals as those prospective actors vying for a part with the next 007, James Bond character (after the Actor, Daniel Craig), they could only hope to inherit.



Barbara with "Elk Country – Winter is Coming" by Glenn Osga

Members News And Events

From Tom Kilroy

One of my paintings *P Town, MA* was accepted into the December SD Watercolor Society... First one entered since Covid 19.



P Town, MA by Tom Kilroy

From Gloria Henderson

My painting, *Summer Collection* was accepted into the December exhibition at SDWS.



Summer Collection by Gloria Henderson

From Dottie Hayes

My art *Do You See Me Now* won 2nd place in the East County Art Show.



Do You See Me Now by Dottie Hayes

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From Rhonda Anderson

My art *Here* was selected to the Oceanside Museum of Art 2021 Biennial Artist Alliance.

And my painting *Reflections* was accepted into the OMA Artist Alliance at Ashton Gallery for the show “Beneath the Surface.”



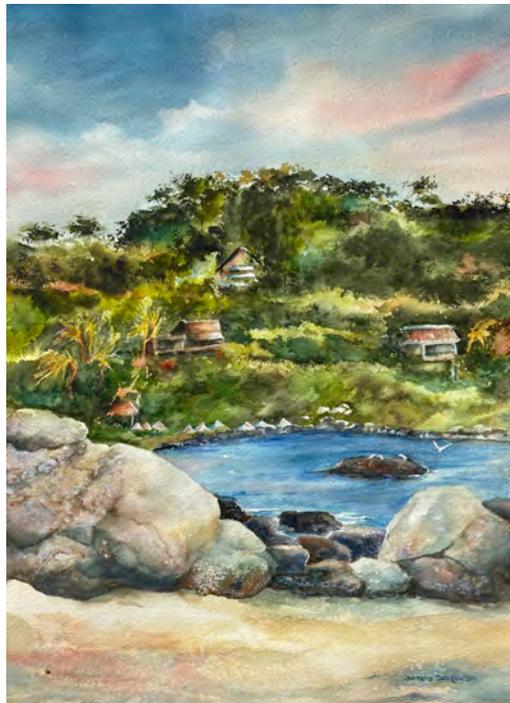
Here by Rhonda Anderson



Reflections by Rhonda Anderson

From Sandie Seckington

My painting *Sayulita*, was juried into the December SDWS Member Show.



Sayulita by Sandie Seckington

FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION December 2021 BOARD MEETING

The Foothills Art Association Board meeting convened via Zoom meeting on Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 10:00a.m.

Attendees: Scott Trimlett, Gary Dyak, Peggy Connolly, Judy Sawyer, Debbie Atkinson, Glenn Osga, Bonnie Owen, Renee Ciufo, Roz Oserin, and Roberta Labastida.

1. Peggy Connolly has volunteered to fill the position of President through about the month of April. At that time, she may be moving out of the area but she is happy to jump in for the first few months. Peggy will meet with Scott to review the position responsibilities.
2. Due to the chance of heavy rain and low temperatures, members may pick up the Wildlife in Art artwork on Wednesday, December 8th from 10-2, Thursday, December 9th from 11-4 and Friday, December 10 from 11-4pm.
3. Our December Members Holiday Social Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 9th from 2pm to 4pm. All those attending will be given a raffle ticket for the chance to win prizes - wine donated by Peggy Connolly and the San Pasqual Winery and a goodie bag donated by Gary Dyak.
4. The tables are set up for our Annual Holiday Art Supplies Surplus donations from members for our Foothills fundraising sale in December.
5. With Sandra Hayden's passing in late October, Scott was approached by Beverly James on behalf of Sandra's family and son to exhibit a collection of about 22 pieces of her artwork for sale. Interested parties could then contact the family about purchasing her paintings. We would ask that a voluntary 10% commission be donated by the family to Foothills. Scott proposed setting up an online Gallery to exhibit artwork from Sandra Hayden. Gary seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the board.

The next Foothills Board meeting will be held via Zoom on January 3rd 2022 at 10a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30

From Rustin Holec

My new job is taking a great deal of my time so I will unfortunately not be able to continue working with Demonstrating Artists for the gallery each month. I am hopeful one of our members is willing to jump in at this time to fill this spot.

I'm happy to provide a list of potential artists to fill the 2022 schedule, as well as refer artists I come in contact with who are interested in doing a demo/workshop.

Featured Artists *(Continued from Page 1)*



Closed (self-portrait) by Lameta Shamoon



Breakin out of TV by Wendy Figueroa



Self Portrait by Helen Al Bazi



Eye of the Storm by Eva Etzler



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THE FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

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

New Member Renewed 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:
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