



# FOOTNOTES

## March 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH 2025

##### Board Meeting

Monday, March 3, 10 - 12 pm

##### Featured Artist Hanging

Wednesday, March 5,  
1 - 4 pm

##### Take In/Take Down

Thursday, March 6, 2 -5 pm

##### Members Meeting & Demo with Artist Susan Osborne

Thursday, March 6, Reception 5  
-5:30 pm; Meeting/Demo 5:30 -  
7:00 pm

##### Exhibit Hanging

Friday, March 7, 9 am

##### Featured Artist Reception

Saturday, March 8, 2 - 4 pm

##### Oil Pastel Landscape Class with Susan Osborne

Sunday, March 9, 1 - 3 :30pm

##### April Board Meeting

Monday, March 31, 10 - 11:30 am



### Message from the Vice-President

*"Inspiration does exist, but it must find you working."*  
- Pablo Picasso



Dear FAA Member,

Thank you so much for your active participation in the Month of Love, themed "Red." We were thrilled to see your beautiful pieces and appreciate your warm support.

The good news is that the theme for the March show is "Inspired"—with no entry fee! This show will feature artwork that is either inspired by something or serves to inspire others. Are you moved by the old masters, the classics, fond memories, the beauty of nature, or the simple joys of life? Show us what inspires you—or how you inspire others!

We can't wait to welcome your art into our gallery. Feel free to invite friends and family to join our membership for a small fee. See the last page of this newsletter for more membership information.

Join our vibrant and creative art community!

Exhibit and market your artistic creations in a delightful gallery in La Mesa, featuring eight no-fee shows per year.

Attend monthly meetings with fellow artists, where seasoned professionals offer presentation and demonstrations.

Participate in weekly special interest groups including watercolor, drawing, acrylic and oil, and life drawing, where artists gather for sessions of creativity and interaction in a welcoming, encouraging setting.

Enter juried and judged exhibitions with opportunities to win awards and cash prizes.

Submit your work for consideration as Featured Artist of the Month and host your own artist reception.

Advocate for youth art education and support artistic vibrancy in our community

Volunteer your time and talents to help nurture the growth and success of the gallery

Please reach out with any questions, comments, or feedback you may have. We also encourage members to gallery sit and welcome guests who visit our gallery. Our organization is a volunteer-based community, and every little donation, helping hand, and support effort benefits our artists.

We look forward to seeing your inspired creations!

Warm regards,

Parva Zarei, FAA Vice President

# FAA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Foothills Art Association warmly welcomes Paul Combs. We are pleased to have you join our artistic community and look forward to your contributions to our family of artists.



Every month there will be an orientation for new members 30 minutes before our monthly member meetings. The next date is March 6 at 5 p.m. Please check in at the front desk.



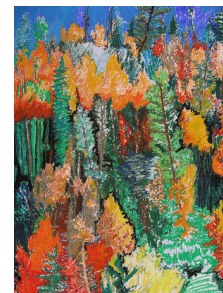
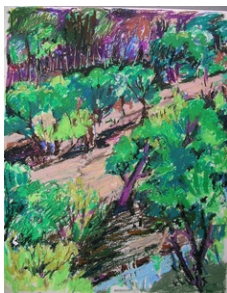
*March Members Reception, Meeting & Demo*  
*Thursday \* March 6th \* 5-7 p.m.*

Revealing a love of energy through line, texture and color, Susan Osborn's drawings are based on her landscapes in mixed media painting collage and assemblage. "There is something very special about the process taking photographs and objects, cutting them and recomposing into a new image on paper. It's a metamorphosis - to take the part of my outdoor life and reassembling them into a drawing of something new."

Susan Osborn lives in Bonita, CA and is currently teaching classes at The Athenaeum in La Jolla. Until 2005, she taught seventeen years at The Bishops School in La Jolla. Her varied teaching experience includes art and photography classes at Southwestern College and numerous private lessons.

Susan received her Master of Arts degree from Cal State University, San Diego. She has held numerous exhibitions and won many prizes for her work including exhibitions at the San Diego Museum of Art, the Palo Alto Research Center (PARC-Xerox) and at the Museo Internacional de Electrografia, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in Cuenca, Spain. Her accomplishments are listed in "Who's Who in America."

Join Susan at our upcoming Members' Meeting on March 6th from 5:30-7 PM where she will demonstrate her process. In addition, there will be a class on Sunday, March 9th from 1 to 3:30 PM.



**FAA BOARD**

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Sharon Meng

To contact a Board Member, please call the Gallery during open hours at (619) 464-7167 or email: foothillsartassoc@gmail.com



**This show is open to members only.  
Take in: Thursday, March 6: 2 - 5 pm  
It is a no fee, nonjuried show.**

## **Selling Art in the Gallery**

In order to facilitate art sales, the Board of Directors recently voted in support of direct sales of art in the gallery.

What does this mean? Your displayed art may be purchased with cash, check, or an electronic payment type of your choice at the gallery. Payments will be collected at the gallery and distributed to the artist, who will then give a 20% donation to Foothills. Any displayed art that is purchased must remain hanging until the end of the show.

### **Art Bin**

We are pleased to announce that we have a gallery Art Bin in which artists have placed their unframed art for sale. Paintings and original prints are acceptable, if you wish to place art in the bin. No reproductions.

Art does not need to be matted, but should be in a plastic sleeve with mat board or foam core behind it to protect the art. Art on boards will also be accepted; no backing is needed, but a protective sleeve is necessary.

The artists who are exhibiting in a particular month, and have met their gallery sitting requirements, may place 3-5 pieces in the bin while their artwork is hanging.



# Featured Artist



## Wendy Kwasny

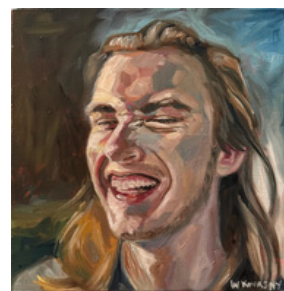
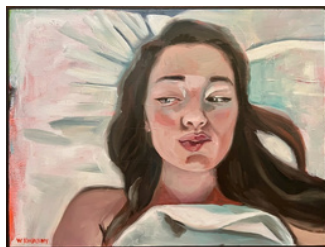
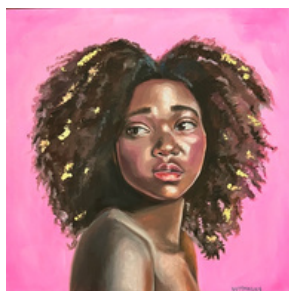


Wendy Kwasny is an award-winning fine artist based in San Diego, known for her mastery in oil and acrylic portraiture. With a BA in Fine Art from SDSU, Wendy has spent over 25 years exhibiting her work in various galleries throughout San Diego, consistently earning recognition for her exceptional craftsmanship and emotional depth.

Currently working from her home studio, Wendy has completed numerous commissioned pieces and maintains active memberships with the San Diego Watercolor Society, the Foothills Art Association, and the Portrait Society of America. For Wendy, painting is not just a practice but an integral part of who she is. The creative process offers her a sense of serenity, calm, and confidence amidst the chaos of everyday life. Her work is infused with that sense of peace, as she carefully chooses each brushstroke and color to capture the unique essence of her subjects—whether a person, a landscape, or an object—ultimately telling their story through her art.

When she’s not painting, Wendy enjoys spending time with her family and friends, drawing inspiration from the relationships and experiences that shape her life.

For inquiries regarding special projects, commissions, or to purchase a piece of art, please contact Wendy at [wendy@wendykwasny.com](mailto:wendy@wendykwasny.com).



Being a Featured Artist is one of the best benefits of being a member of Foothills.

We currently need an artist for July.

We spotlight one of our many talented artists and give them an opportunity to showcase their artwork. Artists audition for this honor and are offered a full wall, as well as prime real estate in front of the gallery, to showcase their art.

Featured artists have the option of hosting an art reception at the gallery. Guidelines for featured artists are posted on the website.



# People's Choice



Jami Wright is the People's Choice! Her art piece is called "A Meeting of the Long Bill Society". Congratulations, Jami!



## Art News!

Lyle Rennick has a one-man show scheduled for the month of March at the Rancho San Diego Library. The show will include about 24 oil paintings, old and new.



## Call for Artists

Lisa Bebi is looking for an artist or artist group to show at the Rancho San Diego Library. The library has column space for paintings 24" wide or smaller and use of the quiet room for larger works. Also, there is a display case available for smaller works or 3D objects. Get your name on the list for 2025 and 2026. Text or call: (619) 916-9040





## Apply Now for ArtWalk 2025 Fine Art Shows

Team ArtWalk encourages you to apply as soon as possible to secure your participation for all other upcoming ArtWalk fine art shows.

All shows are free to attend, expertly marketed to collectors, and produced by our artist-focused team. Fine art artists are encouraged to apply!

ArtWalk @ Liberty Station, August 1, 2, & 3, 2025

ArtWalk Carlsbad, September 20 & 21, 2025

Visit [www.artwalksandiego.org](http://www.artwalksandiego.org) to learn more.



## Call for Artwork Donations: Support L.A. Artists Affected by Wildfires

You are invited to contribute artwork to the “Fine Art Sale to Benefit L.A. Artists Affected by Wildfires,” a fundraising initiative to support artists who have lost their homes and studios in the recent fires in Los Angeles, CA. This benefit is being organized by the Santa Ysabel Art Gallery and the Union Hall Gallery on behalf of the SoCal Fine Art Committee.

Sale will be held two weekends only,  
April 4-6, 2025, and April 11-13, 2025

100% of proceeds from the sale will be donated to the LA Arts Community Fire Relief Fund helmed by the Getty Trust: (<https://www.getty.edu/about/development/LAArtsReliefFund2025.html>).

These funds will be distributed as grants to artists of all disciplines through the Center for Cultural Innovation, a trusted nonprofit with a 97% rating on CharityNavigator.com.

Artists retain control: You set the price for your artwork. Unsold pieces will be returned to you.

Your impact: Every contribution directly supports artists rebuilding their lives and practices.

If you are interested in donating, please contact Heidi Farkash at [hfark29@gmail.com](mailto:hfark29@gmail.com) to let them know if you'd like contribute.

There is much to organize so please respond as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful difference for artists in need.



La Mesa Branch Library invites Foothills artists to display their art. They have wall space for a approximately 10 paintings. They have several months available in 2025.

Please contact the library for further details.  
619-469-2151



Do you have art news that you would like to share with our membership? Email [juditezander@gmail.com](mailto:juditezander@gmail.com) to be added to our next newsletter.



- APRIL 11
  - MAY 9
  - JUNE 13
  - JULY 11
  - AUGUST 8
  - SEPTEMBER 12
- 4 – 6 PM**



Join us for

# FOOTHILLS FRIDAYS

Local Art • Live Art Demos  
Make & Take Projects • Music  
Refreshments & Fun for all

4910 Memorial Drive • La Mesa CA 91942  
619-464-7167



**Foothills Fridays' receptions, in conjunction with the Farmer's Market Outreach, are scheduled for 4-6 PM on the second Friday of the month from April to September (see dates above).**

**This is FAA's marketing initiative to bring community awareness to our gallery and support our artists.**

**Please sign up to volunteer at the gallery receptions or at the Farmer's Market at our next meeting.**

**Email Bonnie Owen (gallery lead) [bonniejowen@gmail.com](mailto:bonniejowen@gmail.com) or Glenn Osga (Farmer's Market lead) [glenn.osga@gmail.com](mailto:glenn.osga@gmail.com)**



## **Foothills Joins the La Mesa Chamber!**

We joined the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce to engage more in the community and promote our wonderful gallery. Please check out the La Mesa Chamber website to see all of the benefits our membership provides us. Currently the main contact for the Chamber is Jo Ann Bray. If there is an event you would like to attend let her know and she can make a reservation for you .

When you are a featured artist you can have your reception promoted through the chamber in an email blast and have it on their event calendar. Send your flyer to Jo Ann Bray. [jobray08@att.net](mailto:jobray08@att.net)

We have a table at the Spring Fling Event. We encourage you to come and check it out.

It is a fun-filled evening to meet local businesses and have the opportunity to win FREE door prizes. The evening will be filled with raffles, great samplings of delicious food from local restaurants and more!

The expo is at our Chamber Member hotel, Courtyard by Marriott San Diego El Cajon – in El Cajon. We fill the 4,500 square- foot ballroom with business vendors, food vendors, a silent auction and more! The foyer is used for our Welcome activities, as well as our Photo Area that will capture photos of our new members, as well as attendees and their teams.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Courtyard by Marriott San Diego El Cajon  
141 N Magnolia Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020

Ticket Cost: \$20

All tickets need to be pre-purchased. NO tickets will be sold at the door.

Beverages: Pricing does NOT include beverages. Beverage pricing is: Beer \$8, Wine \$9, Cocktails \$11, Water \$4 and Soda \$4.

Hope you will join us there!

## February 3, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

Parva Zarei John Engen Jo Ann Bray Judi Zander Judy Sawyer Sharon Meng  
Bonnie Owen Stephanie Henry Cappie Geis

- 1) Meeting called to order by Parva at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) January minutes were approved by all.
- 3) Judy reported that Featured Artist for all months this year have been filled.
- 4) Sharon reported that membership is currently 168 and that the auto-invoice system is working well. Roz is working on new member orientation. Sharon suggested that Judi include a return postcard for all mailed newsletters to ensure that they are still interested in receiving it. Sharon shared that Rhonda Anderson will be taking over membership.
- 5) Exhibition is set to go for this Friday.
- 6) Jo Ann reported that the Demo/Workshop Committee has everything set. Also, Gary Dyak volunteered to fill in for this month's demo /workshop since the scheduled artist bailed out.
- 7) John reported on progress with the Online Gallery and shared how it looks. Links to/from the gallery website. artist focus, 3D gallery, events, etc. There will be a separate level of membership that will include digital membership. Parva will take over social media to allow more time for John to focus on the gallery.
- 8) Stephanie Henry introduced herself as our new classes/education coordinator. She provided background on what has worked for the gallery and what hasn't. She also spoke about new ideas for promoting classes and new ideas for workshops/classes. Time constraints/dates were discussed for openings for classes, including evening options. Suggestions were also made to check any liability issues, particularly for evening. Discussion about how much to charge, how to collect tuition, how/where to advertise, and budget for teaching tech upgrades for our existing system.
- 9) Bonnie suggested sharing student results from classes in the newsletter.
- 10) New member orientation will be 30 minutes before the monthly Member Meetings. Roz can do these for the evening meetings. We need someone for the afternoon meetings.
- 11) Discussion followed having all monthly member meetings in the evening and consider including Zoom for those who aren't in attendance.
- 12) Bonnie updated progress in a new hanging system. All areas have been measured that need new components. Roz will bring in samples of the system that she uses at her shop.
- 13) Judi shared information about the new gallery cleaner and discussion followed regarding frequency of cleaning and cost.
- 14) Motion: Judi moved that the gallery hire our cleaner to clean twice a month for a total of \$160. Bonnie seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.
- 15) Jo Ann Bray discussed exhibition opportunities that would include our gallery participation. She shared her show experience with Linda Morton at San Pasqual Winery on La Mesa Blvd. She also shared networking event she attended with Parva for The La Mesa Chamber of Commerce. Another opportunity is the Taste of La Mesa Village on April 24th. Membership would include sharing mailing list, displaying our work, and promoting our gallery. Another opportunity to promote ourselves is to host a chamber meeting.
- 16) Motion: Judy moved that we spend \$175 for a Foothills Art Gallery table at the next La Mesa Chamber of Commerce event at the Marriott in El Cajon on March 5th, 5:30-7:30 pm. Judi seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- 17) Cappie suggested that we could provide a small piece of art that could be completed in five or so minutes at our table that would include information about the gallery on the back.
- 18) Jo shared that Cecelia Brock has volunteered to take on the People's Choice Award: counting ballots, notifying the winner, making appointment to photograph for newsletter.
- 19) Cappie shared that she is now in charge of hiring jurors and she currently has three of the four juried shows so far. Suggests that when we have a juror, we include a space for highlighting them at the show. Cappie would take care of the details.
- 20) Book in front of gallery needs to be updated: alphabetized, add separators, add new members, etc.
- 21) Cappie asked why we only have Foothills Friday for a short period of time and what do we do when we have a new Featured Artist in the months there is no reception. Featured Artist typically has their own reception. Discussion followed about how Featured Artists are promoted: newsletter, website, Instagram. How can we expand it to maybe 4:00-7:00 pm. Make it more of consistent happening every month.
- 22) Cappie also suggested that In December, a typically slow month, could we have a "gift show", an auction or an art project. Keep the monthly momentum during the year, not just Foothills Friday. Discussion followed about having a reception every month.
- 23) Bonnie offered to coordinate the monthly events. Several members offered to help.
- 24) Motion: Sharon moved that rather than having a Featured Artist do their own reception, the gallery will have a monthly reception (4-6 pm). Artists have the option to have their own separate reception. Judi seconded and it was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:07 p.m.



# FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**New Member**  **Renewal**  **Updated Info**  **Donation**

**Enhanced Membership** (includes hanging/selling + website gallery) \$ 55.00

**Active Member** (includes hanging/selling privileges) \$ 45.00

**Associate Member** (excludes hanging/selling privileges) \$ 35.00

**Junior Member** (under 18-years old) \$ 20.00

I would like to include a Tax Deductible Donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering to help with activities at FAA? 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 form and mail it with your check to:  
Foothills Art Association, P.O. Box 794, La Mesa, CA 91944-0794**

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SHOW...

When you are entering your work in a show at Foothills Art Association, please pre-register your piece(s) on our website. Pre-registering your artwork greatly helps the volunteers working on take-in. When you bring your work to the Foothills Fine Art Gallery on take-in day, all artwork must have D-ring picture hangers and picture wire for hanging. Artwork must also be labeled on the back with your name, title of the piece, price, medium, and your contact phone number. Please print and fill out the Entry Forms below or create your own. Attach one to the back of each piece, and give one (for each piece) to the volunteer accepting the work. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NOTE: IF YOU HAVE NOT PICKED UP YOUR ARTWORK FROM A PREVIOUS SHOW,  
PLEASE COME BY THE FOOTHILLS FINE ART GALLERY AND PICK UP YOUR ARTWORK.  
THANK YOU!**

If you have questions or need more information, please visit our website at [FoothillsArtAssociation.com](http://FoothillsArtAssociation.com), email [foothillsartassoc@gmail.com](mailto:foothillsartassoc@gmail.com), or call the gallery during open business hours at 619-464-7167.

**FOOTHILLS FINE ART GALLERY IS OPEN Tuesday-Saturday from 11-4pm**

### Foothills Entry Form

Show: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Price \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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