FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

FOOTNOTES

July 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Octogenarian Show
Registration & Take In
Thursday, August 6th
11 – 2 PM
(Take Down Sept. 3rd)

Octogenarian Show Reception
Saturday, August 15th
1 – 4 PM

September Small Image Juried Show
Reg: August 10th – 31st
Take In: Thursday,
Sept. 3rd / 2 – 5 PM
Featured Artist: Sharon Finzi
(Take Down Sept. 30th)

Demo "Art Inventory System" by Duke Windsor
Thursday, September 3rd
5:30 – 7:00 PM

Workshop "Art Inventory System" by Duke Windsor
Saturday, September 5th
12:30 – 3:30 PM / $30

September Small Image Show Reception
Friday, September 11th
2:30 – 7 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members,

This month's Featured Artist reception was a special moment for Foothills Art Association. Gwen Small's photography exhibition marked the first time photography has been featured outside of our annual Extended Media Show. Her beautiful work is a reminder that our members' creativity extends well beyond traditional mediums.

It also represents an exciting change for the gallery. For the first time, Featured Artists are able to choose the medium that best expresses their artistic vision. I believe this is an important step toward making FAA a more inclusive gallery that welcomes and celebrates the many ways artists create today.

As we continue to grow, we'll be introducing new ideas and opportunities that strengthen our mission of supporting artists, encouraging creativity, and serving our community. These changes are only possible because of the dedication and support of our members.

Foothills Art Association is an all-volunteer, nonprofit gallery. Every hour you volunteer, every membership renewed, and every event supported helps keep our gallery thriving. Whether you greet visitors, help behind the scenes, or simply share your love of art, you are making a difference.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we're building a gallery that honors tradition while embracing the future of artistic expression.

Best,
John Engen
President, Foothills Art Association

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FAA BOARD

President – John Engen
Vice President – Sharon Meng
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Secretary – Sarah George

MEMBERS AT LARGE:
Barbara Drews
Rosalind Oserin
Judy Sawyer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Art Take-In
Bob Pinner

Class Coordinator
~Volunteer Needed~

Demo / Workshop
~Coordinator Needed~

Exhibition
Barbara Drews

Featured Artist
Rosalind Oserin

Foothills Fridays
John Engen

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Michele Barbour

Gallery Supplies
Joan Merrick

Juried Shows
Patti Palenschat

Membership
Michelle Regan

Newsletter
Cindy Cotner, *co-editor*
& Sandi Whitaker,
graphic designer/co-editor

Social Media
John Engen

Gallery Website
Sharon Meng

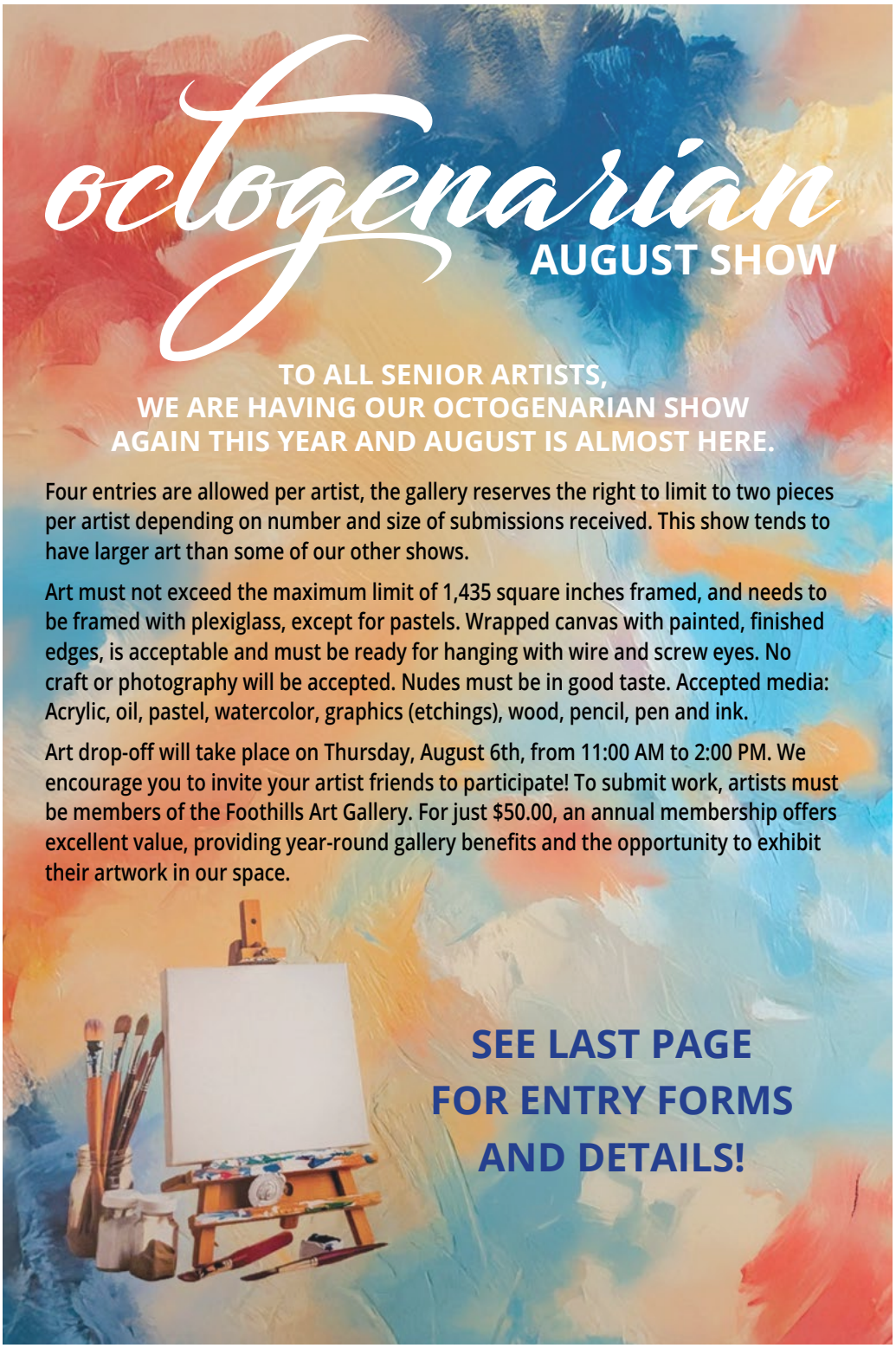
Digital Gallery & Website
John Engen

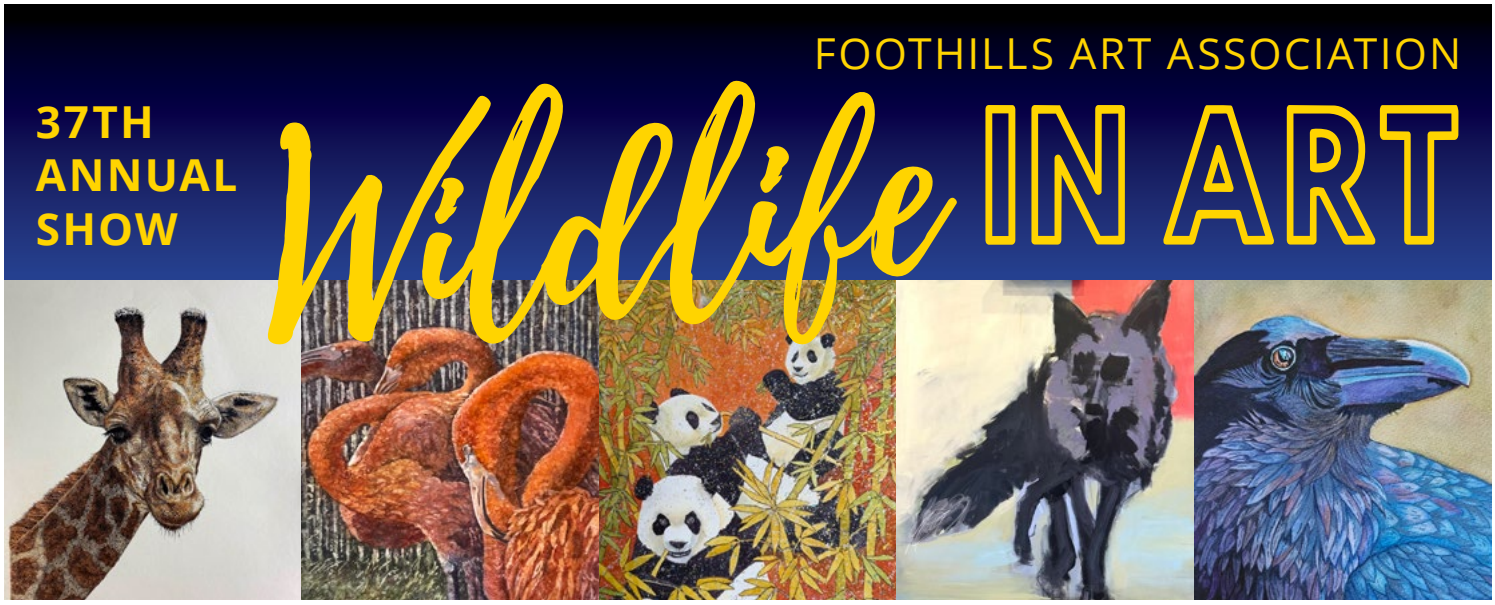
Wildlife In Art
Sharon Meng

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

FAA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Foothills Art Association welcomes new members:
Bruce Burr, Cynthia Devlin, Cindy Dunlevy, Gilbert Jordan, David Kerr, Eileen Mandell, and Robert O'Connor.
We are delighted to have artists and art enthusiasts join our community and we look forward to your contributions to our artistic community.





KEY DATES & FEES

- **Registration:** August 4th – October 15th, 6 PM. Gallery membership is not required.
- **Notifications (Acceptance / Rejection):** October 20th, 2026
- **Artwork Drop-off (Take In):** October 22nd, 2026, 2 – 5 PM at Foothills Art Association Gallery
- **Show dates:** October 27th through December 2nd, 2026
- **Reception:** November 7th, 2 – 5 PM
- **Art pickup:** December 3rd, 2026
- **Entry Fees:**

  1 piece: $40 members / $45 nonmembers
  2 pieces: $50 members / $55 nonmembers
  3 pieces: $60 members / $65 nonmembers
  4 pieces: $70 members / $75 nonmembers

PRIZES

1st Prize: $400
2nd Prize: $250
3rd Prize: $125
Honorable Mention: $50 each

ELIGIBILITY

Artworks must be original in concept and execution. Artwork created in workshops, classes, guided demonstrations, or step-by-step lessons are not considered original and are not eligible for entry.

Wildlife must be the **CENTRAL FOCUS** of the artwork. No **anthropomorphized** animals. No **domesticated** animals nor wild/feral members of species considered domesticated in the U.S., such as horses, cats or parrots.

For More Information

WILDLIFE SHOW JUROR CHELSEA PAULUS

Chelsea Paulus is a San Diego-based artist whose work focuses primarily on creating wildlife and portraiture on scratchboard. Using dramatic lighting and intricate detail, her black-and-white compositions explore the raw beauty of the natural world. She is a village artist and teacher through the Village Arts & Education Foundation at the Spanish Village in Balboa Park, and she exhibits her work throughout Southern California. Having drawn from an early age and exploring several mediums over the last decade, she values the power of expression that wildlife can be portrayed in all mediums. Her artistic vision is driven by a passion for storytelling, technical precision, and creating artwork that evokes emotional connection.

Chelsea Paulus
www.chelseaaynaart.com
Instagram: @chelsea_ayna_art / **Facebook:** ChelseaAynaArt

FOOTHILLS HAPPENINGS IN JULY

GWEN SMALL—JULY'S FEATURED ARTIST!

BOB PINNER & FRANKIE JOHNSON
PROVIDING SOME TUNES

JULY 10TH LA MESA FARMER'S MARKET—@officiallamesafarmersmarket
ANNIE JOHNSTON & ANNE WOODS—THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

SOCIAL MEET UPS

Bring your works-in-progress, exchange ideas, and enjoy the company of fellow artists while building creative momentum and community.

LIFE DRAWING

3RD MONDAY
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Drawing from life is a skill that enriches all artists, regardless of their chosen medium. This group is open to nonmembers. A $10 fee for members and $15 fee for nonmembers covers the cost of live models with an additional $5 if you wish to take photos for future reference. For further information please call the gallery at (619) 464-7167

WORDELL CRITIQUE GROUP

2ND MONDAY, 10 AM – 12 PM

The Wordell group encourages growth and development, providing valuable insights and encouragement in a supportive environment to artists at all stages of their creative journey. In addition to the collaborative critique sessions, participants have the option to take on monthly challenges designed to inspire creativity and expand artistic horizons. Attendance is open to all members.

SAN DIEGO DRAWING GUILD

WEDNESDAY, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

The San Diego Drawing Guild is dedicated to exploring the rich possibilities of colored pencil, pastel and graphite art. This group consists of beginners to experienced artists in a supportive group where creativity flourishes and friendships form around a shared love for drawing. This group is currently at capacity.

OIL AND ACRYLIC

2ND, 3RD AND 4TH THURSDAY
11 AM – 1:30 PM *(NEW TIME!)*

The Oil and Acrylic Painting Group at Foothills Art Association is dedicated to the exploration and mastery of oil and acrylic painting. The group provides an opportunity for artists to refine their techniques and share insights. Join us as we blend colors, experiment with textures, and bring our artistic visions to life on the canvas.

WATERCOLOR

FRIDAY, 10 AM – 1:30 PM

The watercolor group is a community of artists brought together by a shared passion for the medium of watercolor. Whether you're a seasoned painter or a beginner, our welcoming atmosphere encourages exploration, learning, and growth. Join us as we gather to paint, share techniques, and inspire one another.

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UPCOMING SHOWS:

August "Octogenarian" Show Registration & Take In: August 6, 11 AM – 2 PM. Take Down: Sept. 3rd. Honoring Octogenarians (80+), no entry fee. Reception: Saturday, August 15, 1 – 4 PM. See last page for information & registration form.

September "Small Image" Show Registration: August 10 – 31. Take In: September 3, 2 – 5 PM. Reception: September 11, 4 – 7 PM. Take Down: October 1st. Juried, judged, members' show with entry fees & awards. The Small Image Show is a wonderful exhibit that features intricate and inspiring artwork with a maximum image size of 7 inches x 7 inches, excluding the frame.

October Society for Calligraphy Show October 2 – 17. In conjunction with San Pasqual Winery. More information to come.

Mid October – November "Wildlife in Art" Show October 27 – December 2. Registration: August 8 – October 15 Noon. Take In: October 22, 2 – 5 PM. Reception: November 7, 2 – 5 PM. Juried, judged, open show with entry fees and awards. The Show awards more than $2,500 in cash and merchandise at an amazing awards reception. Prospectus available soon.

Holiday Party December 3rd, 5 – 7 pm. Refreshments, opportunity baskets, gallery rummage sale, holiday cheer.

JUNE SHOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Gary Burch "The Road – Dust Bowl 2" is our People's Choice award winner this month. Congratulations!

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

TEMPORARY FILL-IN VOLUNTEER: Volunteers are added to a call list and contacted when assistance is needed.

LEAD FOR FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTIONS: Accessing the list on the Google Drive, confirming volunteers and giving each a position for the evening (with instructions)
a. Greeter
b. Kitchen (put out and clean up food)
c. Hostess (walk around and answer questions, talk about FAA, etc.)

LEAD FOR FOOTHILLS FRIDAYS FARMER'S MARKET: Duties involve monitoring the volunteer list to be sure there are 2 artists for each month, forwarding correspondence from the market with instructions to volunteer artists each month, obtaining a brief artist bio and samples of their art each month and forwarding to the market for their advertising, finding replacements if a volunteer artist is not available, assisting with setup as needed.

DEMO ARTIST SUPPORT: Share responsibility with the lead Demo Artist Coordinator, helping with set up/breakdown of the artist's or speaker's things during the monthly meeting (1st Thurs at 5) and at their workshop (if scheduled).

UPDATED FACEBOOK LINK:
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61575335946912&

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ADDENDUM

One of the Honorable Mentions from the June Show was inadvertently omitted from the June Newsletter. Our apologies to Maureen Kerr.

JUNE SHOW HONORABLE MENTION:

Honorable Mention: Maureen Kerr "Finding Gold"

OCTOGENARIAN AUGUST SHOW

REGISTRATION & TAKE IN:

Thursday August 6th, 11 AM – 2 PM

SHOW DATES:

August 7 – September 2

RECEPTION: Saturday

August 15th, 1 – 4 PM

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SHOW:

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, email foothillsartassoc@gmail.com, or call the gallery during open business hours at 619-464-7167. FOOTHILLS FINE ART GALLERY is open Tuesday – Saturday, 11 AM – 4 PM.

Foothills Entry Form

Show: _____ Month: _____

Artwork Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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