FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

FOOTNOTES

June 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Favorite Things Show Registration
June 8 – June 29 / 6 PM

July Board Meeting
Monday, June 29
10 – 11:30 AM

July Show Take In / Pick Up
Thursday, July 2
2 – 5 PM

No July / August Member Meetings / Demos Nor Saturday Workshops

July Foothills Friday, Show & Featured Artist Reception
Friday, July 10
4 – 6 PM

August Octogenarian Show Registration & Take In
Thursday, August 6
12 – 2 PM
(Take Down Sept. 3rd)

August Show Reception
Saturday, August 15
1 – 4 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members,

The Extended Media Show is always one of my favorite exhibitions of the year. Artists are encouraged to explore creative techniques, unusual materials, and unique subject matter, making it FAA's most unpredictable and imaginative show. Each visit offers something new to discover, and I hope you enjoyed viewing the exhibition as much as I did.

These exhibitions are only possible because of our dedicated volunteers. Whether gallery sitting, assisting visitors, helping with events, or supporting behind-the-scenes activities, your time and effort keep the gallery thriving. Thank you to everyone who contributes to FAA's success.

We are also inviting members to help shape the future of our exhibitions by suggesting new names for our annual show themes. If you have ideas, please email them to the gallery.

A special welcome goes to Anne Woods, who has joined our social media team. Be sure to check out FAA's latest Instagram posts.

The year is still young, and several exciting projects are already in the works. Thank you for sharing your creativity and helping FAA bring art to our community.

Best,

John Engen
President, Foothills Art Association

FOOTHILLS ART ASSOCIATION

FAA BOARD

President – John Engen
Vice President – Sharon Meng
Treasurer – Anne Johnston
Secretary – Sarah George

MEMBERS AT LARGE:
Barbara Drews
Rosalind Oserin
Judy Sawyer
Judi Zander

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

Gallery Sitting
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:
Ida Candelaria, Vanessa Rivera Del Rio, Rachel Tung

We are delighted to have artists and art enthusiasts join our community and we look forward to your contributions to our artistic community.

JULY FEATURED ARTIST
GWEN SMALL

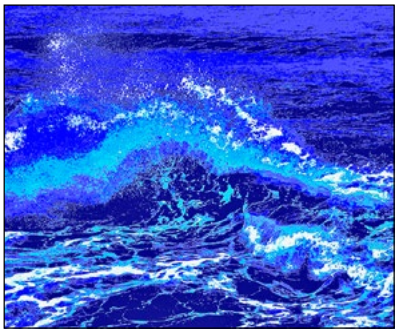
RECEPTION, JULY 10TH, 4 – 6 PM

GWEN SMALL is a Southern California photographer whose current work explores the atmosphere, energy, and emotional resonance of coastal life. Through vivid color, reflection, silhouette, and light, her photographs transform familiar scenes into expressive visual experiences that balance realism with abstraction.

Her artistic focus grew following studies at the Museum of Photographic Arts (MOPA) in San Diego, where she began developing a more personal photographic style. Since then, her work has been exhibited in galleries throughout Southern California.

Inspired by the changing light and rhythms of the Pacific coast, in her current exhibit, Small photographs surfers, shoreline reflections, waves, sunsets, and quiet moments of human connection. Rather than simply documenting a scene, she seeks to capture the feeling of a moment—the warmth of summer air, the movement of water, or the glow of evening light across the landscape.

Color plays a central role in her work. Through selective enhancement and tonal interpretation, familiar environments become luminous, dreamlike, and emotionally charged, inviting viewers to experience Southern California not only as a place, but as a sensory memory.



JUNE SHOW WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

1ST PLACE: "TROPICAL SPLENDOR"
GARY DYAK

2ND PLACE: "SHOOZE"
ANNA LOHSE

3RD PLACE: "SHARING IS CARING"
SHERMA LEWIS

HONORABLE MENTION:
"QUIET EMBRACE"
SHARON MENG

JUROR'S CHOICE
"PLEIN AIR & SPACE"
DREW BANDISH

HONORABLE MENTION:
"RAINY DAY IN TIMES SQUARE"
LYLE RENNICK

FOOTHILLS HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

ESTHER BEISH—JUNE'S FEATURED ARTIST!

CINDY COTNER'S—CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

JUNE "SUMMER SOL" SHOW AWARDS CEREMONY WITH JUDGE JAMI WRIGHT

JUNE 12TH LA MESA FARMER'S MARKET—@officiallamesafarmersmarket
THANK YOU CINDY COTNER & PEGGY HINAEKIAN 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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MAY SHOW PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Donovan Muir, who created "Volcano" is our People's Choice award winner this month. Congratulations!

MAY CERTIFICATE OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

Certificate of Artistic Excellence
Presented by San Diego Drawing Guild
Sue Hubble "After the Storm"

UPCOMING SHOWS:

July "Favorite Things" Show See next page for registration and show information.

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.

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. 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.

December "C Note" Show December 4 – January 6. Take In: December 3, 2 – 5 PM. One simple, flat price: $100, all sales are cash only. In lieu of our standard December Members' Show, we are hosting the fast-paced, high-volume C Note Show! This show features original art priced at just $100 per piece, making it a massive draw for holiday shoppers, new collectors, and gift-givers.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

DEMO CHAIR—Find artists to do demos and workshops, assist them with set up at gallery meeting and workshop.

FEATURED ARTIST CHAIR—Meet with artists who wish to be the Featured Artist, and jury their work.

Foothills Fridays
Farmers Market/Reception

THANK YOU FOOTHILLS FRIDAYS VOLUNTEERS!

Foothills Fridays are a cornerstone of our mission as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to educate the public and foster a vibrant local arts community. These events, held the second Friday of each month from April through September, provide vital publicity for our gallery and offer a unique way for the public to engage with local artists.

The program follows a two-pronged approach, and we need your help to make both successful:

LA MESA FARMERS MARKET BOOTH

We bring the gallery to the street! Volunteers at our Farmers Market booth talk to the public about our current exhibitions. Participating artists consistently report high levels of public engagement and strong sales at this lively location.

Volunteer Roles: Setup and cleanup of the table and cover provided by the market, greeting the public, selling your original art/cards/prints, promoting the gallery, passing out brochures and assisting the public with the "community art canvas" (supplies provided by the gallery).

Shift is 2:30 – 7 PM. Two teams of two volunteers may split the shift. ***Currently all slots are filled, thank you!***

If anyone would like to be on the alternate list for the market in case of cancellations, please let John Engen know.

GALLERY RECEPTION

While the market is buzzing, the gallery hosts a concurrent reception from 4 – 6 pm. This open-house style event invites visitors to explore our latest show and celebrate our featured artist in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

Volunteer Roles: Gallery hosting, kitchen duties including serving light refreshments, providing information about membership and shows and events and clean up and closing of the gallery.

Why Volunteer? A significant amount of work happens behind the scenes to keep our doors open and our programs running. Volunteers are the backbone of Foothills Art Association, and your time directly contributes to the cultural health of La Mesa.

FAVORITE THINGS JULY SHOW

REGISTRATION:

June 8th – June 29th, 6 PM

TAKE IN: July 2nd, 2 – 5 PM

SHOW DATES: July 3rd – August 5

RECEPTION: July 10th, 4 – 6 PM

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU SHOW:

When you are entering your work in a show at Foothills Art Association, please preregister your artwork submissions on our website. Preregistering your artwork greatly helps the volunteers working on take-in. Images must be cropped to show the image only, no mat or frame.

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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