### ARTSTORY

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### **GOOD INTENTIONS**

As we continue this journey of growth and learning, we do so with good intentions. Rest assured that you are in good hands with our leadership team. We want you to know that we love our members very much, and we love this organization. Our goal is to continue to provide great programming. EAA has always operated with integrity and good faith and will continue to focus our intentions on supporting our own members.

The California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation Board and CCAE leadership are still in communication with EAA and have given us a statement of their commitment to a collaboration between our organizations. However, as we are still negotiating together, we have decided to postpone our exhibition plans at CCAE for the near future until we reach an agreement. EAA has been operating in good faith for our contracts, proposals and conversations since June when we were first offered the opportunity to collaborate with CCAE, and we will continue to responsibly and cautiously negotiate on behalf of our organization... always with good intentions. We will not commit to any propositions that are not in the best interests of EAA. That is all that can be said for now, so please be patient and forgive us for these delays.

We are honored to answer any and all questions and concerns. Thank you,

Tokeli Baker President, EAA tokelibaker@escondidoartassociation.org

## What is Gallery Orientation?







### GALLERY ORIENTATION Monthly

VISIT WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND LEARN OUR GALLERY PROCEDURES AND POINT OF SALE SYSTEM IN A RELAXERD AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

TUESDAY OCT. 17 6:30-7:30PM **EAA GALLERY** 121 W. GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO 121 W. GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO

TUESDAY NOV. 14 6:30-7:30PM EAA GALLERY

Gallery Orientation is a new monthly get-together where board members and new and longtime members come together to learn and share about our Gallery Procedures and Point of Sale system. This is a relaxed, fun environment with coffee and cookies and we hope it will make learning how to use the new system a breeze. It's training...but it's fun!

No need to RSVP, just show up. We will start with two orientations, one in October and one in November.

Tues. Oct. 17 6:30-7:30pm Tues. Nov. 14 6:30-7:30pm

EAA Gallery: 121 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025

### WELCOME ABOARD!

You may have noticed some fresh faces around the gallery lately. And you'd be right! Our incredible leadership team has just expanded in a VERY good way! We are excited to welcome Annette Johnson and Christine Spencer to our Board of Directors as the new Marketing Director and Fundraising Director for Escondido Art Association. Read all about them and don't be shysay hello at the next Gallery Reception!



EAA Board is SO EXCITED to welcome our new Fundraising Director, Christine Spencer to our board of directors! We are very LUCKY and we absolutely know it! Christine's history is so impressive! We expect good things out of this amazing woman!

Christine has been a professional fundraiser for 20 years specializing in grants, individual and corporate major gifts, annual giving, and special events, and is currently the Director of Grants and Impact at Coastal Roots Farm. She grew up in North San Diego County and has called Escondido her home for ten years, owning a home in the Old Historic Escondido District. Christine has a passion for the arts, being an artist (playing viola) herself, and helping others in the community gain access to all the beauty and benefits of the arts and cultural activities Escondido has to offer. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Texas Christian University and a Master of Public Administration specializing in Public Policy from the University of



EAA Board is SO EXCITED also to welcome our new Marketing Director, Annette Johnson, to our board of directors! These two additions to our board are going to put us over the top! We have already been working directly on press releases and some marketing items with Annette and she is amazing!

An early pioneer of online advertising, Annette has been a marketing professional for over 20 years, specializing in market research, product launches, PR and advertising. She is currently the Publisher for Metro South Real Producers and BeLocal Magazine coming soon to Escondido. Annette first came to San Diego as a student at SDSU where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in International Business and after living in Northern California for some time, has spent the last 11 years in Escondido. Becoming a volunteer art teacher at her children's school, Annette reconnected with her love of art and has worked for years as a volunteer, PTA President and as the Bernardo Family Liaison to expand art for all students. While there, she was

Colorado at Denver. Christine has been married to her husband and best friend, Derek, for 17 years and has two children, ages eight and fifteen, both attending local Escondido schools.



## October 2023 Intention Exhibition

The Escondido Art Association welcomes a brand new judge: painter, Sheena Rae Dowling!

Our September gallery exhibition promises to be an exciting one with a talented new judge who specializes in sculpture and painting.

Sheena Rae Dowling received her MFA in sculpture from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and her BFA in painting from San Diego State University. Her work employs multiple practices including painting, sculpture, and installation. She has shown her work throughout the United States and in Mexico. She has been teaching art in a variety of settings including classrooms,

essential in growing the participation of Hispanic families on campus and hopes to do the same in her role as interim Marketing Director at EAA. Annette and her husband Ben have 3 children, 2 daughters in college and a son at Escondido Charter High School.

DON'T FORGET

WATERCOLOR WEEKLY
WITH KENE LOHMANN.
THIS INCREDIBLY FUN CLASS
IS HELD EVERY MONDAY AT
10AM IN THE EAA GALLERY!





Escondido Art Association Weekly Watercolor Class

Learn Confidence and Style in the medium of Watercolor!

REGISTER BY EMAIL: kenelohmann@cox.net 760-936-6475 YOU WILL LEARN: Pigment Composition Transparency and Light Your own unique style! Please bring watercolor materials or ask Kene for rental kit.

Monday's 10am-noon EAA Gallery 121 W. Grand Avenue Escondido, CA 92025

REGISTER

Suzanne's Sculpture

non-profit spaces, museums, private studios, and galleries for over the last 15 years.

Sheena has done extensive work independently and through partnerships to provide art services as a means to process trauma, sharing tools that can be used for healing and emotional regulation.

The "Intention Exhibition" will run October 11November 3 at the EAA
Gallery located at 121 W.
Grand Avenue in Historic
Downtown Escondido.

# Take-in 1st Saturday:

Sat., October 7 11am-4pm

EAA Gallery 121 W. Grand Avenue Escondido, CA 92025

We invite all of our member artists, subscribers, donors, friends and neighbors one-and-all to any of our monthly 2nd Saturday Gallery Receptions!

2nd Saturday monthly

4-6:30pm

EAA Gallery

121 W. Grand Avenue

Escondido, CA 92025

Esco Alley Art
Unveiling Event!



If you happen to visit the Galaxy of Glass show at the Fallbrook Art Center going on now through Sunday October 22nd, you may have noticed this tall beauty! The name of the sculpture by our very own Suzanne Nicolaisen and glass-artist-extraordinaire, James Stone, is called "Embrace." It stands a statuesque 6 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It is a wall piece for sale at the Fallbrook Art Center for a cool \$7,800. The piece was brought to life by James and he says Suzanne "brought the soul of the design."

James Stone is a local glass blower and business owner who has made so much beautiful art that has traveled all over the world. He recently collaborated on a long-term project at UCSD with students to make 10 ornate benches. His long-time collaborator artist Rodney Bass was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident a year ago. Bass worked on many sculptures and benches with James.

The current project was a project of passion and love for Suzanne who collaborated with James. James said, "She really brought it to life and made it possible. I love working in collaboration with other artists. This piece would not have come to life without Suzanne's help."

Meanwhile, James has also authored a wonderful book called THE GLASS THREAD about his lonely journey from addiction to enlightenment. The book is available for a discounted price if you buy it in person at STONE AND GLASS shop located at 629 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA 92025. James will also autograph it for you! If not, the book is available online at <a href="https://www.jamesstoneauthor.com">www.jamesstoneauthor.com</a>

Visit the Embrace Sculpture at the Fallbrook Art Center's Galaxy of Glass show soon! 103 S. Main Ave., Fallbrook, CA 92028

Saying Goodbye is Hard to Do



Mayor, Dane White, was invited to the Esco Alley Art Phase III 2023 mural unveiling event. The Mayor was the guest of honor and his birthday was celebrated with much enthusiasm. Adrienne Cisneros-Selekman (Jim Desmond's Community Relations Liaison), Escondido councilmembers, Christian Garcia and Joe Garcia were present. There was a Kids Art Corner where young and "not so young" thoroughly amused themselves. The turnout was very impressive and the ambiance most enjoyable. EAA member, Valorie Ashley created a beautiful mural of a seal, which was placed on the wall of Restaurant Burger Bench. A memorable day, indeed.





Goodby luncheon for Jinx

What can we say about a person who means so much to us, so much that we get a lump in our throats with gratitude just thinking about her? What can we say about a Gallery Director who has held this whole gallery on her slender but capable shoulders for so many years? What can we say about her devotion, her commitment and her incredible strength to just keep it all going?

Jinx Lennon is leaving her position as Gallery Director with the Escondido Art Association to literally sail around the world. If you have to leave EAA, we guess that's a pretty good excuse. Jinx and her wonderful husband Ed Lennon will be setting sail on a world cruise for several months. Jinx is taking this opportunity to step down from her role as Gallery Director. We have been honored and very <u>lucky</u> to have her help with this organization for many years, both as GD but also as Treasurer before that. Jinx has worked SO MANY HOURS in the gallery it is uncountable. She has stayed late and arrived early. She has spent many hours and so much of her generous spirit helping this organization to become all that it is now becoming. We are so grateful to have her as part of our family.

Please help us to wish her and Ed well and their travels! We are NOT losing her, we are just wishing her Bon Voyage. When she returns, she has promised she will still be involved in EAA and we are so happy about that!

Thank you, Jinx, for everything you have done for the Escondido Art Association.

We all love you!

### **North County Veterans Stand Down**



As many of our members know, we at the Escondido Art Association do so much in our community to show our support. This is especially true once a year for the very special event called the North County Veterans Stand Down. One of our very talented artist members, Carrie Foster, and her husband Matt Foster lead this wonderful event each year and we want to help!

The event is held each fall at Green Oak Ranch in Vista. EAA members man an Art Studio tent for 3 days (Thurs., Oct. 19, Friday, Oct. 20, and Saturday, Oct. 21). Time: 9 am - 5 pm

We are seeking volunteers to work a day shift or a 1/2 day shift on those three days. No special talents are needed, just a desire to provide a fun and therapeutic environment where our veterans can partake in one of the many art projects that we will provide for them (painting a T-Shirt, a small canvas, a rock, etc.,) or maybe just sit and listen to what they have to say. This is a very rewarding experience for both the volunteers and the veterans and family members.

Volunteers will be given directions to the park and other specifics. Half day shifts available.

If you are interested, please contact Rosemarie Wolden at

chickeyrose@aol.com

Love On the Hard Road



Recently, I was given the opportunity to donate a painting ("Abundance" 16" x 20") to help raise money during the annual gala and fundraiser. For Love On the Hard Road, a foundation formed by my neighbors for families living with autism. (www.loveonthehardroad.org)

Our neighborhood has watched their autistic daughter grow into a beautiful young woman fully supported by her loving parents and older brother. Their family journey brought them to want to improve the quality of the lives of others who share this "road". Check out their website to see their amazing services.

Webster's definition of the word abundance includes: a very large quantity of something, plentifulness and/or prosperity. However, I think each of us has a very different perspective of abundance. To a migrant fieldworker, it might mean the freedom to live and work in our country. To the parent raising an autistic child, I don't know their concept of abundance but I believe it includes unconditional love and support provided every minute of every day and the goal of securing their loved one's future.

My having the freedom to use paint, brush and canvas to express the surrounding beauty that moves my heart and soul is part of my personal abundance. The opportunity to have a piece of my work not only be chosen by a donor, but to have it raise a little money toward a worthy goal is truly an honor.

### **PAT HUNTER**

https://www.patriciahunterart.com/

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Dear Members and Friends,

Throughout the past few weeks, I've experienced some personal growth opportunities in a variety of challenging situations. I've learned a lot about myself. I have found the strength to reach deep inside and find dignity. I am therefore grateful for the learning.



The other thing I am deeply appreciative of is our board of directors. This small group of dedicated individuals has shown me so much support and grace. I am deeply moved. With my own good intentions, I have always enjoyed working on behalf of our membership. I adore working with this board and the many devoted volunteers who help us to keep our gallery and our organization strong.

Thank you for letting me be a part of this leadership team. I am honored and humbled by your steadfast support.

Thanks for listening...

Warm regards,
Tokeli Baker, President
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