

# ARTSTORY

Escondido Art Association Newsletter

May 2024





**GALLERY RECEPTION: Sat. May 11 at 4pm**

EAA GALLERY

121 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido

**EAA GALLERY**

**121 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido, CA 92025**

Open: Wednesday-Saturday 11am - 5pm

[www.escondidoartassociation.org](http://www.escondidoartassociation.org)

**LIVE ART DEMO: Thurs. May 9 at 6:30pm**

California Center for the Arts Escondido

340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido



**California Center  
for the Arts, Escondido**  
F O U N D A T I O N

This month's judge is a new one for Escondido Art Association, abstract award winning artist, Monty Montgomery. Join us in welcoming this new judge by submitting your art to the May exhibition, "La Vie Quotidienne: Everyday Life in Escondido" (this is our

In thanks to the Community Collaboration established between the Escondido Art Association and the California Center for the Arts Foundation, we are pleased to announce that the Live Art Demonstration by Monty Montgomery will be presented on Thursday May 9 at 6:30pm at the

annual Escondido-themed show).

## Monty Montgomery

Monty Montgomery began exhibiting his work professionally in 1999. Born and raised in Virginia, Montgomery loved straight lines and bright colors at a very young age. He was influenced by his mother who was a kindergarten teacher and his father's craftsmanship. Early memories of creating in the shop beside his father along with crayons and coloring books on the kitchen table guided by his mother left an impression that reflects in his work to this day.

In his teen years Monty discovered that he connected to the world a bit differently; the realization that he was profoundly absorbing emotional and physical energy from every experience in his path led him to interpret that energy and channel it into unique creative expressions. In his junior year at Longwood University he launched Cilli Original Designs and began spreading his word through clothing, paintings, poetry, stickers and culture.

After earning his BFA from Longwood University in 1998, he took his first graphic design-based job with U.S. Graphics in Virginia Beach, VA. In 1999, he made the move to Charlottesville, VA to work for Musictoday.com while simultaneously designing projects in the music/surf/skate industries as well as operating and curating C.O.D. Gallery & Studios on the Downtown Mall in "C-VILLE". After several great years in Virginia, he made the move to Boston, MA. in 2006 to expand his vision in a major city.

In 2008, Montgomery launched the next chapter of his career by making the move to San Diego, California. Monty then spent 2019/2020 in Brooklyn, New York and Santa Fe, New Mexico before hitting the road in 2021 for projects across the USA. In 2022, Monty made the decision to permanently base his life and studios in sunny San Diego, California and the deep woods of Bumpass, Virginia. In recent years he has begun focusing on collaborative projects with various artists

California Center for the Arts Museum which is located at 340 N. Escondido Blvd, Escondido.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure you use the new Take in form available on the SUBMISSIONS page of our website or visit this link:

<https://escondidoartassociation.org/submission>

**Please do not exceed the size limitation of 36" on either side including frame; you can submit up to 2 paintings per show at this time.**

### Take-in Paperwork

Also, please note that our June Demo will also be our ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING where we will hold our annual election of new board members. Please arrive early at the CCAE for this meeting to insure your seat. The June Demo will take place on Thursday June 6 at 6:30pm at the California Center for the Arts Escondido. We will be discussing our annual financial report to members and doing our election for:

President  
1st VP Programs  
Secretary  
Membership Director  
Social Media Director  
Gallery Director

### Dates to Remember:

May Take in: Saturday May 4 from 11am-4pm (2 entry limit).

April Demo: Thursday May 9 at 6:30pm at the California Center for the Arts.

April Reception: Saturday May 11 at 4-6pm at the EAA Gallery located at 121 W. Grand Avenue

who enjoy playing with the juxtaposition of disparate styles with the goal of stretching the boundaries of what each artist does individually. The first in 2012 was the “Kreashun Project” with J Feather and in 2016 he launched the “Kaleidoskull Project” with Tony Philippou. Both of these ongoing collaborations continue to evolve as does his personal work, each feeding off the other.

For more information about this artist judge, please visit his website at:

<https://www.montymontgomeryart.com>

Pick up your art: May 31 or June 1  
(11am-5pm)

## What does Gallery Training look like now?

Please help us by attending a Gallery Orientation monthly meeting or requesting a special training from our group of trainers from our Volunteer Coordinator, Dave Allen. Dave's email address is: [dallen135@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dallen135@sbcglobal.net)

**The next GALLERY ORIENTATION will be TUESDAY May 21st at 6:30PM at the EAA Gallery located at 121 W. Grand Avenue.**

*We will also be discussing the Summer Solstice Soiree Committees! It's going to be a lot of fun and very exciting to plan this fancy gala event!*



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# GALLERY ORIENTATION

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

**OR GET INVOLVED IN A SUMMER SOLSTICE COMMITTEE!**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

**6:30-7:30PM**

**EAA GALLERY**

**121 W. GRAND AVENUE, ESCONDIDO**

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## ROTATIONS

One of the benefits of EAA membership is the Art Rotations program. Currently, member art is being rotated on wall space at the following venues:

Escondido Library  
Cute Cakes  
Hoorah Cafe (RB)  
Bruch Point (Vista)  
Front sidewalk of the Gallery  
North Island Credit Union

These locations are suitable for certain size pieces, and some of the owners are seeking specific art themes. If you have a collection of art pieces and are interested in this opportunity, please contact Rotations Manager Byron Marler ([marlerstorm1@gmail.com](mailto:marlerstorm1@gmail.com)).

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## LOOKING FOR LOCAL ARTISTS

# “Palette of Possibilities”



At the Cinco de Mayo Festival  
May 5th, 2024 - Grape Day Park - Escondido - 11-5 pm

### “Palette of Possibilities Art Exhibition”

**Artistic Expression without Limits and Beyond Boundaries** is a variety of you community members and Mexican artists will have the opportunity to showcase newest artwork for display.

Meet the artists, ask question...what goes on in their mind as they create may

Also,

A blank Canvas for anyone who wants to come and paint, compliments of Suzanne Zanniki Nicolaisen, local artist & owner.

Only 10 complimentary spots available. Interested in displaying your Artwork, contact Sohaila at [Sohaila01@gmail.com](mailto:Sohaila01@gmail.com)



PALETTE OF POSSIBILITIES ART EXHIBITION AT GRAPE DAY PARK ON CINCO DE MAYO

All interested artists who would like to display their art on May 5th at Grape Day Park, please contact Sohaila Handelsman as soon as possible at [Sohaila01@gmail.com](mailto:Sohaila01@gmail.com)

## WINNER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AWARD JENNIFER WALLACE

What is your Full name?

Jennifer June Wallace

Where were you born?

I was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, and grew up on the East Coast, enjoying cold, snowy winters, and beautiful fall trees!

What do you love about the city you live in?

Escondido is a great eclectic mix of people, ethnicities, and culture. Being different is what makes us stand out! I love the rolling hills and their beauty! There is more of a small town feel, to me, which is inviting- and yet I believe there is so much opportunity and room to grow!



### Why do you volunteer with the EAA?

I volunteer with EAA because of the people! It's the people of EAA that make it work, and make it a great community to be a part of! I enjoy being a part of a community that appreciates art like I do, and sees its value!

### What is your art background?

I have always loved art, whether I was entering coloring contests as a child, creating mixed media collages in my teens, painting ceramics, as my mother taught classes, or taking art class in high school and college. When younger, although I enjoyed art, I always questioned the usefulness and meaning of the pursuit of it. After winning a drawing contest in college for art classes, I ended up changing course the next semester, and not pursuing art. I now wish I had pursued art at a younger age, as there is so much I wish I knew more about. I now realize just how meaningful and important art is. To me, not only is it a form of self-expression, representing who you are, and what makes you uniquely you, it is our unique voice that we get to share with others! I believe we are made in the image of our Creator, and that He is the ultimate artist! Think about how just going outside, hearing the birds sing, feeling a cool breeze across your face, or watching an amazing sunset, makes you feel; the colors speak to your soul, and it can bring peace and rest to your being! (Psalm 19 speaks of this exact thing!) To me, that is the "voice" of our Creator, revealing himself to us daily! It is my hearts' desire to use my voice (my art) to inspire and encourage! I am thankful for the time I have now, to pursue art.

### If you are an artist what is your preferred medium and why?

My preferred mediums are watercolor and photography. I really enjoy watercolor, for the looseness of it, and the way the colors blend so easily, although that can also make it hard to control! (it helps me to let go, and remind myself that it doesn't have to be perfect!) Sometimes the best results are those unexpected 'mistakes' or "happy little accidents", as Bob Ross liked to say!) And to me, photography is a way to share what you see, and how you perceive something, to those around you. I enjoy photographing from different perspectives, whether a different angle, or macro. I like the saying, "Afterall, what you see, depends on the lense through which you are looking." In other words, how we perceive something, is dependent upon our own perspective, life experiences, and filters- so although we might be looking at the same thing, we may perceive it very differently.

### Who is your favorite artist, past or present and why?

I have always loved Monet- I once saw his original paintings in the Boston Museum of Art, and it was mesmerizing! What was so amazing, was to get up close to his paintings- it looks as if it is just tons of random color and brush strokes, but when you step back for a different viewpoint- it all becomes clear! I could have sat there for hours staring at them.

### Do you have a hobby other than art?

I love to bake! I find it relaxing and a great way to spend my down time. I'm always looking for takers to eat my baking, often sending it to work with my husband, which has won him some "brownie" points! :) (however, I really dislike the dishes it creates!)

### What is something interesting about you that others might not know?

I enjoy playing the piano, although I am no Mozart! I still like to sit down and try to write some new tunes, even



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## FRIEND AND TEACHER TO EAA, IGOR KOUTSENKO, HONORED BY ARTWALK SAN DIEGO

Spring in San Diego means the return of a celebration of art in Little Italy. On display will be the work of more than 250 artists from throughout the country and across the border at this year's Mission Federal Credit Union ArtWalk. Visitors will also find four stages for live entertainment and food and drinks to enjoy as they peruse fine art displays, vendor booths and exhibits. This year's feature artists include **Igor Koutsenko**, Harut Hakobyan, Marna Schindler and Martínez-Peña. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Little Italy along India Street. Free. [artwalksandiego.org](http://artwalksandiego.org)

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## Weekly and Monthly Classes

Please visit our website Education page to see various classes available now, including Open Studio, Watercolor Monday's, Art Forum, and upcoming Workshops.

EDUCATION





Weekly Watercolor with

**Kene Lohmann**

**\$20**  
per student



**Escondido Art Association  
Weekly Watercolor Class**

***Learn Confidence and Style in the medium of Watercolor!***



**YOU WILL LEARN:**

- Pigment
- Composition
- Transparency and Light
- Your own unique style!

*Please bring watercolor materials or ask  
Kene for rental kit.*

**REGISTER BY EMAIL:  
kenelohmann@cox.net**

**760-936-6475**

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



California Center for the Arts  
Escondido Foundation

Escondido Art Association

**OPEN  
STUDIO**

**\$25**

**PURCHASE:**



<https://artcenter.org/event/open-studio-art-class/>



**Weekly Open Studio for  
Artists**

**Wednesdays 9:30am-12pm**

Bring own supplies, including easel  
Facilitated by: Igor Koutsenko

CCAЕ Education Wing:  
Studio 2

Hosted by



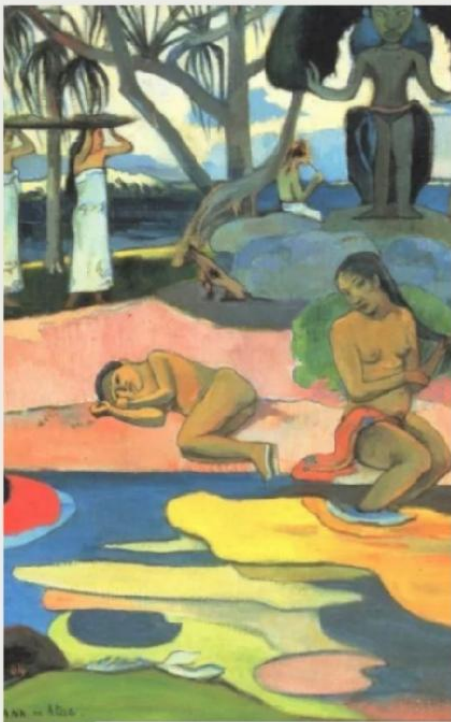
**California Center  
for the Arts, Escondido**

**F O U N D A T I O N**



EAA presents

# ART FORUM AND DISCOVERY



## Art Forum and Discovery: Unleashing Creativity Through Discussion & Insight

Local artist and sculptor Adrian Stewart leading us on a journey of provocative and animated discussions on creativity, inspiration, sharing insights and learnings of great legacy artists and their insights and creative processes as they struggled to discover new expressions and ways of creating art.

**3rd Sunday monthly  
2-4pm EAA Gallery**

[www.escondidoartassociation.org/education](http://www.escondidoartassociation.org/education)

# New Art Forum

The monthly EAA Forum (a members-only perk!) led by Adrian Stewart is an open discussion group that focuses on art and its creation. Adrian facilitates a lively member discussion on what our great artists, living and historical, have discovered, taught and shared.

Each Forum Discussion will open with a short shared ten-minute session of feedback, reflection and shared observations of participants from the previous months forum. Our goal is to engage members in an active and lively conversation about creating art and what we can learn from the great painters of the past and present.

“I’m so glad I came to The Forum! This was a lot of fun and Adrian was a great facilitator in learning more about the teachings and methods of some of the most famous painters. A great discussion!”

## **OUR NEXT SUBJECT: Art Right Now!**

*After our journey through the art of 1880’s Impressionism, Post impressionism and last month’s look at pure abstract painting of Mondrian and live on site sculptures of Andy Woolfolk we come to the current day genre of art. Artists who like us are creating their work in this generation, in this culture and society and reflecting, challenging and observing. We take a look at artists who are being collected at the top of the galleries and exhibitions often fetching over six figures! Artists like Nijdeka Akunyili Crosby, Cecily Brown and Julie Mehretu. Where are they headed? What does today’s art reveal about us today? Where are we headed from here and what is the likely influence on our own work and creativity? Art Forum is a lively give and take discussion with opportunities to share your perspectives, your own insights and preferences so we all share in gaining knowledge and insight in the process of creating art. Please join us.*

## **Next ART FORUM:**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2-4pm**

**EAA Gallery 121 W. Grand Avenue**

**Facilitator: Adrian Stewart**

**FREE**

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EAA presents



# ART EVERY DAY

**A MIXED MEDIA MINDSET WORKSHOP**

**Facilitated by Kat Furrow**

All art supplies and materials provided.

Refreshments included.

**\$50 EAA member**

**\$75 non-members**

Learn to combine a variety of media on canvas to create a single artwork and discover the possibility of "Art Every Day." Each month offers a new and vibrant artwork for you to create subjects varying from loose florals, landscapes, and more. Presented in a warm fun environment, join us, and discover bold color, titillating textures, and artistic opportunity. Only a desire to enjoy and have a fun art experience is necessary. Starting in February.

**Special Dates see >**

**5-7pm EAA Gallery**

**121 W. Grand Avenue, Escondido**

**[kat@katfurrowart.com](mailto:kat@katfurrowart.com)**

**"Art Every Day" Mixed Media Workshop**

KAT FURROW hosts these step by step tutorial classes monthly with refreshments. You don't even have to bring supplies!!! Everything is provided for you. Kat's skill and compassion give new artists confidence to approach mixed media without fear. Take on a new hobby today, or tell a friend who has always wanted to try making art!

See EDUCATION and then MASTERCLASS WORKSHOPS for more information. Click below for link for more information.

Next Mixed Media Workshop with Kat:

***May 18***

***5-7:30pm***

***Email Kat for more info: [kat@katfurrowart.com](mailto:kat@katfurrowart.com)***

**Workshop**

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# Summer Solstice

## SOIRÉE

### 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

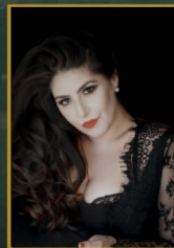
ART AUCTION  
VIP SPEAKERS

EXCLUSIVE FRATICELLI  
WINE TASTING

FULLY CATERED  
SILENT AUCTION

LIVE JAZZ BY GRAMMY NOMINATED SACHA  
BOUTROS FEATURING MIKAN ZLATKOVICH TRIO

05.00 PM-08.00 PM **JUNE 21ST 2024**



### Tickets

**\$25** MEMBERS

\$45 NON-MEMBERS

\$15 CHILDREN 15  
AND YOUNGER



EVENTBRITE

THE CHURCHILL HOUSE  
140 W. 3RD AVENUE  
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025

SEMI-FORMAL DRESS  
FUNDRAISER EVENT

## SAVE THE DATE!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR OUR FUNDRAISER!

Please note that if you are a member, you and your spouse, family, friends, any guests are ALL at the lower rate of \$25 per person. You can purchase as many tickets at this discounted rate as you want.

We want this 65th Anniversary to be a blow out special Gala event! Your ticket

price includes a full dinner provided (no potluck, this will be a fully catered event!), live entertainment, VIP presentations, and a wine tasting by a premium exclusive small batch winery! <https://fraticelliwines.com/>  
We can't wait to see all of our friends dressed up in their finest for this semi-formal party!

Please note that the **SUMMER SOLSTICE SOIREE** will be our **MOST IMPORTANT** Fundraiser of the year! And it is our 65th Anniversary Event so this will be a lovely way for us to honor and **SUPPORT** the Escondido Art Association. Please ***DO NOT MISS*** this wonderful night! We need **YOU** to make it a night to remember! **Purchase your tickets today.**

**PURCHASE**

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Dear Members and Friends,

Our beautiful little community of Escondido, California is a treasure that keeps on giving, because of our people, our artist community, our downtown businesses, the beauty and the surrounding landscape. Let us always love, appreciate, and enjoy Escondido--especially as we celebrate it with our current exhibition, "La Vie Quotidienne, Everyday Life in Escondido."



What does everyday life in Escondido look like to you? Is it a day at the lake? A farmers market? A coffee on Grand with a dear friend? We want to visualize Escondido through YOUR eyes, so don't forget to submit to this wonderful exhibition.

We are approaching summer at a rapid rate, each month swimming by with speed into the next. I hope you're getting geared up for some sun and fun! And also that you are ready for the Summer Solstice Soiree, an event that will be lovingly remembered. Ladies, have you picked out your dress yet? We are excited to partner with soooooo many amazing businesses this year: the Churchill House, Joe's Italian Restaurant, Dominic's, Sunnyside Kitchen, Kettle, Cute Cakes, and so much more! We will be hearing from our VIP guests at the Summer Solstice event like Mayor Dane White, County Supervisor Jim Desmond, Native artist Cathy Ornelia, our muralist and ECF artists. By then, our June election will have commenced and we will be excited to announce several new board members. We are also pleased as punch to offer a live jazz band with Grammy-nominated singer Sacha Boutros who will be amazing! It's going to be a great night, so don't miss it!

And finally, I want to remind you that June is our Annual Membership meeting at the Demo, so we will be offering our annual fiscal report, the voting in of new bylaws, and the board election. This is a very important meeting and every vote counts, so please plan on your attendance. We are growing and excited to meet all of our new members too!

Thank you again.



Warm regards,  
Tokeli Baker, President  
Escondido Art Association  
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