



Newsletter June 2023

The Summer Solstice Soiree is our GIFT TO YOU. This will be a wonderful evening full of surprises--a live band, a collective art project, games on the lawn, great food, drink, and so much more! We want you to come and have a good time on us. Bring a friend, or several! We have plenty of room at the beautiful CHURCHILL HOUSE where the event space is being generously donated by owner, Ryan Saathoff.

*And please, don't forget how **IMPORTANT** it is for you to show up to this event, as this will also be our annual **GENERAL MEETING** and **ELECTION** too!*

Escondido

ART Association

SUMMER SOLSTICE SOIREE

Escondido Art Association's
annual General Meeting and Election
will be a night to remember at

The Churchill House

Friday June 23

5-7:30pm

POTLUCK

We will have live music, guest speakers,
an AV presentation,
a collective painting project
and much more! Bring your partner, spouse, or
friend, all are welcome!

Join us and please RSVP

escoartassociation@gmail.com

140 W. 3rd Ave

Escondido

www.escondidoartassociation.com



The Churchill House

***Bringing Great
Programming to you!***

We are excited about the upcoming
Summer Solstice Soiree, because we have
secured a host of amazing guest speakers



Shelter Exhibition

JUNE 3-30, 2023

Brandon, Missouri

Judged by
Andrea Rushing

Fusion Demo Thurs. Jun. 8 @2-4pm

201 E. Grand Ave, Escondido

Gallery Reception: Sat. Jun. 10 @4-6pm

121 W. Grand Ave, Escondido

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for you as part of the evening's entertainment! We are so excited to bring to our members and friends this exciting event and we know you'll be delighted by these talented and inspiring people!

See below for some of the highlights! >>



Felicia Shaw

Executive Director

San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition

We are delighted to have the accomplished and amazing Felicia Shaw as our guest speaker at this summer event!

A seasoned professional in the field of nonprofit arts management, Felicia's career has spanned more than 30 years and has included an executive leadership as director positions with the San Diego Foundation and City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. Throughout her career, Felicia has led a number of wide-ranging change initiatives with a focus on regional cultural planning, cultural tourism, arts education, diversity, equity and inclusion, and support to individual artists. A life-long advocate for the arts, Felicia currently serves on the boards of Californians for the Arts and California Arts Advocates.

<https://www.sandiegoracc.org/committee>

June 2023

Shelter Exhibition

**The Escondido Art Association
welcomes a brand new judge:
Andrea Rushing!**

Our June exhibition promises to be an exciting one with the very talented judging and demonstrating from Andrea Rushing. Mr. Rushing is a very accomplished artist. He was born in Virginia in 1960.

At an early age his drawing showed promise, catching the praise and encouragement of his parents and of a family friend who gifted him with materials and advice. By fourteen he was painting in acrylics, and in both execution and subject matter his work was considerably more sophisticated than his years. Yet by his own choice Rushing left college, and painting, for a stint in the Navy and after that for a short stay in the defense industry. It was this detour that broadened

Rushing's perspective and provided a great catalyst for change: he learned, traveled, let the world educate him, and then finally came to understand that painting was his future. Rushing returned to creative work, studied at the Academy of Art in San Francisco.

Recognition followed quickly with one-man shows at San Diego State University, San Marcos State University, and at the San Diego Museum of Art. Currently his work hangs in the Sparks Gallery in San Diego, Watercolor Gallery in Memphis, TN, and was awarded the Keeper of the Flame Award from the San Diego Museum of African American Art. Mr. Rushing just finished a large scale mural for the San Diego Padres!

"I never call myself an artist," says Rushing. "I am a painter. I don't wait for inspiration; I just do the work.

www.andrearushingfinearts.com

**Take-in 1st Saturday:
Sat., June 3
11am-4pm
Artists Gallery
121 W. Grand Avenue
Escondido, CA 92025**

***DON'T FORGET YOUR
ARTIST LISTING:***



Dane White

***Mayor
City of Escondido***

We are excited to have our friend, the Mayor of Escondido back to speak at our summer event.

Dane White is a fifth generation Escondido resident. After attending Escondido High School and Escondido Charter, Dane began his career as a construction worker and eventually worked his way up to Project Manager. Dane later started his own small business, WhiteWerks Flooring LLC, providing hard surface flooring installations and refinishing throughout San Diego County. In addition to his career in construction, Dane has worked as a Resident Manager, operating a residence for individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction as well as mental health issues.

Dane was elected to the Escondido Union High School Board in 2016. Throughout his term, Dane has prioritized fiscal responsibility, vocational and trade education, and supporting at-risk youth. In 2020, Dane was reelected by a record setting margin. In November 2022, Dane was elected Mayor of Escondido, after running a campaign based on addressing the homelessness crisis, improving public safety, supporting small businesses, and lowering the cost of living.

Dane lives in central Escondido with his wife Kelsey, a special education teacher, and their two daughters SonnyJan and Hattie.

<https://www.danemwhite.com/>

Make checks payable to EAA, on our website, or you may pay via credit card/cash at the Gallery.

ARTIST LISTINGS are for Members only. This is an opportunity to have a Listing on the Escondido Art Association website with: a photo of your artwork, your social media links, your own website, if you have one, and contact information for interested Collectors/Buyers. Once you have paid, please provide the following information on this form and EMAIL A PHOTO of a piece of artwork for this listing to our web developer: tokelibaker@gmail.com [Changes: \$15 for every update/change.] See www.escondidoartassociation.com/artists for examples of Artist Listings.

Artist Name:

Your website:

Facebook or Instagram Handle:

Contact info for Buyers (email and/or phone):

Bio and/or Artist Statement (one short paragraph, 1-3 sentences).
Or you may email all info to tokelibaker@gmail.com:

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Gina Lopez

Chief Executive Officer
California Center for the Arts, Escondido

A graduate of University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Gina Lopez has had a career as an artist, educator, VIP/Special Event Manager at the Eldorado Hotel Casino and has been the Executive Director of the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City since 2014. The Brewery Arts Center is an independent, multidisciplinary non-profit arts organization on two historic buildings on two city blocks in downtown Carson City, NV. Gina is a mother of three and is the curator for TEDxCarsonCity and served on the Carson City Redevelopment Board in 2020.

Awards: DaVos Scholarship UNLV (1990), Outstanding Graduating Senior UNLV-College of Fine Arts (1994), Nevada Women's Fund: Woman of the Year (1997), Reno Gazette Journal, Best of Education Award (2002), Featured Artist- Artown (2007), Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City-Organization of the Year Award (2013), Northern Nevada's most powerful women (2019), Non-profit of the Year (2022)

"It's been my honor to join the team at the California Center for the Arts. The amazing facilities, dedicated staff, engaged board and supportive community are truly impressive and I look forward to helping to further the mission of CCAEF of celebrating both the visual and performing arts, as that is my passion and life's work."

<https://artcenter.org/>

Escondido Art Association's newest offering for MEMBERS ONLY is your very own Artist Listing on our website. CLICK here to see examples:

www.escondidoartassociation.com/artists

Visit our Square account HERE to purchase your Artist Listing:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/NH6WI6QVJ2RTBWEIQYCP43DO>

Once you have completed payment, send an email to tokelibaker@gmail.com with a short Bio and your favorite photo (jpg) of one of your paintings. Email Tokeli with any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: This Sales promotion will be available only to Members who have submitted artwork for monthly exhibition AND agreed to sit gallery at least one shift during that month.

YOU'RE INVITED!

**“Together”
Day of Prayer**



Did you know that as an EAA member, you are ALWAYS WELCOME at our monthly board meetings. We want to share with you our passion for EAA, while we have transparency of all programming decisions. As board members of a 501(c)3, we are the core volunteers for our thriving non-profit organization, but we NEED YOU to grow!

We volunteer because we love the EAA and our community of artists and art-lovers. We volunteer because we so appreciate having our own gallery as so few art association do - plus we love creating art and working with like-minded inspired members. We volunteer because we genuinely CARE.

Our board meetings are always OPEN to members! If you want to know more about how YOU can get involved and really make an impact with EAA please JOIN US at our next board meeting on Thursday 5/18 at 9 AM in the gallery.

EAA was contacted to entertain guests with an art project at the Interfaith "Together" Day of Prayer event, which took place in Grape Day Park on Thursday, May 4th. It was very cold and there were far less guests than in the past, but it was nonetheless a pleasant experience.

The Master of Ceremonies thanked the EAA for their presence and contribution. Paula and George Mrazek, Wendy Nelson and Suzanne Nicolaisen set up two tables with art supplies. It consisted of hand prints on paper, scissors, markers, glue, etc. The art project had to do with the theme of the day, namely "Connections".

All the hands were placed as leaves around the tree branches, ultimately forming the "Tree of Connectivity". Words, such as, *family, togetherness, unity, bond, trust, love, friendship, relationship, ally, colleague, communication, compassion, chain, handshake, links, etc.* were incorporated in the designs.



CONGRATULATIONS to all the EAA Artists who made into the wonderful



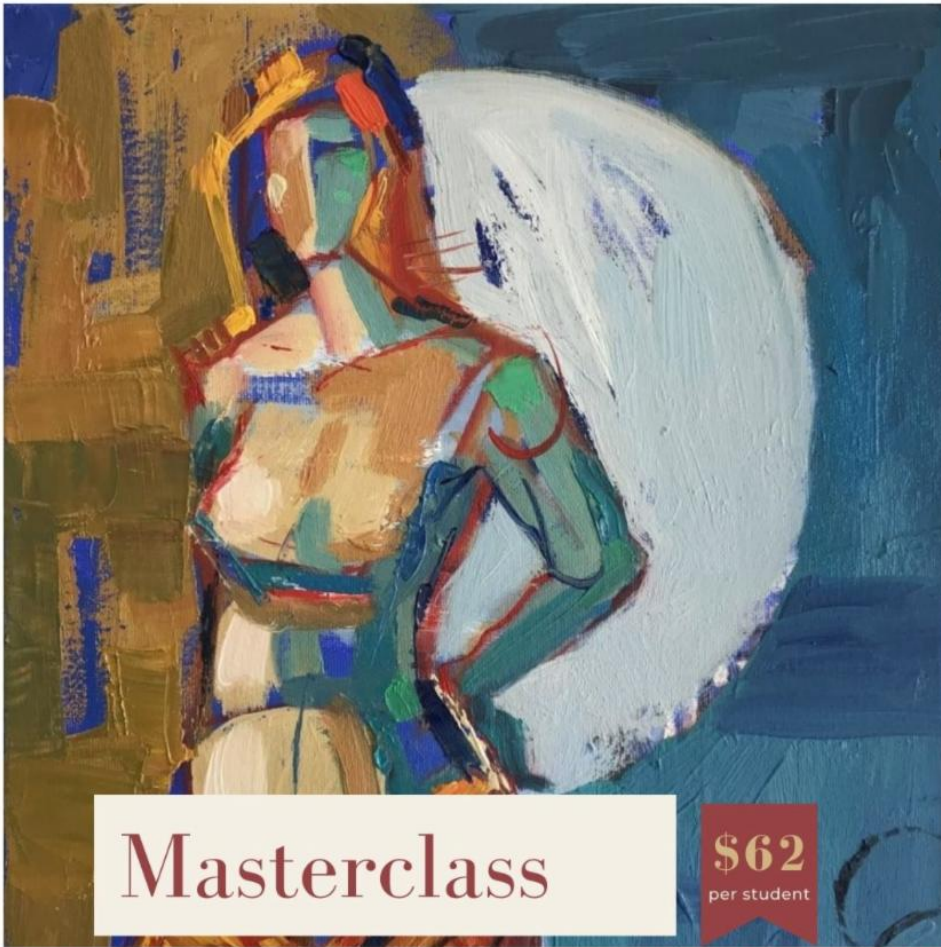
San Diego Fair Art Competition this year! The EAA will also be judging outside artists for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and HM places and giving away free Artist Memberships to some lucky NEW artists! Learn more about the San Diego Fair at

<https://www.sdfair.com/p/participate/entry>

World of Wonder: Artist, ANDREA RUSHING
(our new JUDGE and DEMO ARTIST!)
on KUSI interviewed by Dave Scott:

[\(click for video\)](#)





Masterclass

\$62
per student

Escondido Art Association
Masterclass Workshop Series

Join us for a Masterclass Workshop taught by IGOR KOUTSENKO!

Born in Evpatoria, a resort city on the Crimean Peninsula on the Black Sea, Igor's father brought the promising young artist to the Children's Art School and later the Penza School of Art. A popular teacher and successful artist, Igor's work can be seen in the Riverside Art Museum, Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company, Institute for Specialized Medicine and the Hoffman Trust Collection.

What we cover in the workshop:

- Figurative Painting
- model provided
- please bring materials: canvas, your media (watercolor, pastel, oil, acrylic, etc.), brushes

REGISTER BY DEADLINE June 19TH
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TRINITY MONDAY JULY 10, 2023 12-3:30PM
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 845 Chestnut St, Escondido, CA 92025

QUESTIONS: CONTACT OUR EDUCATION DIRECTOR

WAYNE ADACHI 831-566-4685

PURCHASE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

We are moving and grooving this month! This is going to be a GREAT one for the Escondido Art Association, as we have so many NEW and exciting offerings. We are delighted to invite guests to our Summer Solstice Soiree to share an evening of fun and inspiration through our warm fellowship together, our exciting guest speakers, our food and games, and so much more. I am very happy to have made some wonderful connections in Escondido and beyond in the past few months and happy to share these connections with my beloved EAA. You will have an opportunity to meet some of these impressive individuals at the party.



I hope you will join us for this IMPORTANT event, as this will also be our chance to Elect a new VP of Programs, Steve Hart. Steve is already our Interim VP and has hit the ground running with speed and team spirit. I'm very heartened to start working with him as I think he will be an important addition to our core team. I'm sure you've seen him around town and at Demo; you really can't miss him, as he's like 7 feet tall. Please take a moment to stretch your neck and say hi to Steve at gallery and outside events when you can, make him feel welcome.

Welcome is exactly what I feel when I think about this month's exhibition theme, SHELTER, and that is made doubly so when I see the warm, smiling eyes of our members at receptions, demo and other events. You make me feel at home. You make me feel appreciated and I am honored to be part of this beautiful organization. Keep up the good work, Artists, and we'll see you at the Summer Solstice Soiree!

Warm regards,
Tokeli Baker, President
Escondido Art Association

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