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ART PASSAGES EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTING DISTRICT ART ORGANIZATIONS AT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN MARTINEZ

Art Passages is an exhibition program at the County Administration Building in Martinez, California. ARTSCCC (Arts Contra Costa County) will be curating quarterly exhibitions showcasing the County's creative community. Contra Costa County has five Supervisorial Districts. For the first Art Passages exhibition, ARTSCCC highlighted an arts organization from each District that has demonstrated an impressive and respected dedication to supporting the Arts in their communities.

Featured art organizations include <u>Visual Artists of Richmond</u> (District 1), <u>Alamo Danville Artists' Society</u> (District 2), <u>Art Guild of the Delta</u> (District 3), <u>Concord Art Association</u> (District 4), and <u>Martinez Arts Association</u> (District 5). Participating organizations selected three artists to highlight.

- <u>Visual Artists of Richmond</u> (VAR) is a volunteer advocacy group living in or working in Richmond
 with the mission is to create artist opportunities, share resources, and support each other's art
 practices. Participating artists include Jeanne Rehrig, Jacqueline Sarah Brown, and Jennifer Riggs.
- Alamo Danville Artists' Society is a non-profit organization that fosters fine art appreciation and education within our communities, provides the opportunity for artists to further their artistic development, and supports the school art programs through fund-raising. Participating artists include Charles H. White, Don Cresswell, and Nancy Shake.
- Art Guild of the Delta is a non-profit East Contra Costa County arts organization founded with the
 purpose of building a network of artists that work together to promote and inspire creative
 influences among themselves and their community. Participating artists Jayne Tucker, Julee
 Richardson, and Sherry Cummings.
- <u>Concord Art Association</u> is a non-profit organization that has supported artists and community
 art events with a variety of programs since 1963, including exhibits of member art, classes,
 student scholarships, teacher grants, and public art projects in collaboration with the City of
 Concord. Participating artists include <u>Sharon Petersen</u>, <u>Lisa McElroy</u>, and <u>John Nakanishi</u>.
- Martinez Art Association is a nonprofit organization with the goal to encourage art culture and education for our youth and the community with sponsor art-related events such as SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now), Art in the Park, and the Dia de Los Muertos Altar Festival.
 Participating artists include Jerry Hild, Nathaniel Holbein, and Pamela McCauley.

ARTSCCC, <u>Arts Contra Costa County</u>, is a grassroots service and advocacy arts organization whose top priority is an equitable and sustainable arts organization. ARTSCCC writes grants, manages projects, promotes social media, and advocates policy to support the creative community. The nonprofit <u>Independent Arts & Media</u> is the fiscal sponsor for ARTSCCC.

ARTSCCC signature programs include a *Poetry Series Program* at John A. Davis Juvenile Hall, the *Cultural Corridor Project* connects artists throughout Contra Costa County, and the *Danza de los Diablos de Santiago Juxtlahuaca, Oaxaca* (*Dance of the Devils of Santiago Juxtlahuaca, Oaxaca*) indigenous dance project.

On February 6, 2024, the Board of Supervisors designated <u>Arts Contra Costa County</u> (ARTSCCC), a fiscally-sponsored project of <u>Independent Arts & Media</u>, to serve as the county's official local arts agency.

ARTSCCC is expanding their organization, staff, and network per the 5-year Contra Costa County contract to provide additional services.

ARTSCCC Executive Founding Director Jenny Balisle: "We are honored to highlight the following art organizations and artists. The conceptual focus of *Art Passages* is to uplift, acknowledge, and provide meaningful curations. Our goal is to showcase the world-class creative talent and artistic leaders of Contra Costa County."

The *Art Passages* exhibition is on display from April 1 - July 1, 2024, at the <u>County Administration</u> <u>Building</u> (1025 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553). The building is open Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

To learn more visit <u>www.artsccc.com</u> and follow ARTSCCC on <u>Instagram</u> (@_artsccc), <u>Threads</u> (_artsccc), <u>Facebook</u> (Arts Contra Costa County - artsccc) and <u>Twitter</u> (@_artsccc).

Art Passages Social Media

Instagram:

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Links:

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District 1: Visual Artists of Richmond



Jennifer Riggs, Shoreline Treasure Map, Mixed Media Weaving

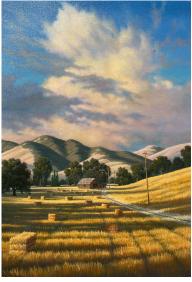


Jeanne Rehrig, *Protea*, Watercolor on Paper



Jacqueline Sarah Brown, A Leopard Can't Change its Spots, Risograph Print

District 2: Alamo Danville Artists' Society



Charles White, In The Golden Hour, Oil



Don Cresswell, The Doorway Awaits You, Color Photography



Nancy Shake, Flow in Spring, Watercolor

District 3: Art Guild of the Delta



Jayne Tucker, Southwest Vibes, Weaving on Wine Barrel Ring



Julee Richardson, Neema, Ceramic Sculpture



Sherry Cummings, I C U, Watercolor on Paper

District 4: Concord Art Association



Sharon Petersen, Remembering Armando's, Watercolor



Lisa McElroy, All Gold Canyon, Acrylic Paint and Mediums on Canvas



John Nakanishi, *Heart Healthy - HOPE*, Acrylic

District 5: Martinez Arts Association



Jerry Hild, Spring, Glass



Nathaniel Holbein, *Chain Reaction,* Reclaimed Steel



Pamela McCauley, Let's Eat Cake, Oil Paint