

CAROL BOWER FINE ART

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ARTIST'S STATEMENT, BIOGRAPHY

I am an impressionist painter in acrylics, oil, and pastel who particularly enjoys the beauty and spiritual connection I feel while interpreting the natural landscape, human figure, animal life, and plant life while using a brush, palette knife, or pastel.

For me art is a sentimental journey...a recording of feelings and an opportunity to show reverence for the beauty and variety of the natural world. I hope to connect with people who share my love of landscape and living things. Through the language of art I can express the joy I feel when creating a magical world of unlimited possibilities for combining colors, shapes, lines, and textures.


Although I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I grew up in the San Fernando Valley of Southern California. After receiving a BA at CSUN in 1972, I moved to the San Francisco Peninsula to work as a Graphic Designer for an ad agency, followed by positions in marketing for high-tech companies. For the last several years I have been able to devote more time to my passion for art making, foreign travel, and enjoying memberships in two plein-air painting groups. As a docent for the San Jose Museum of Art's "Let's Look at Art" program I bring a very interactive 50-minute art presentation covering the elements of art, and art history into local elementary school classrooms.

I have won recognition in local art shows and online competitions, but to see my

work in person...visit **Gallery 9:**

Gallery 9

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Education

California State University, Northridge, CA
BA, Graphic Design

Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
Advertising Design

San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Marketing Communications

Workshops/Classes

Peggy Kroll-Roberts, Award-winning Figurative, Still Life, Landscape Painter

Terri Ford, IAPS Eminent Pastelist, Plein Air Landscape Painter

Ray Mendieta, MFA, Portrait, Landscape Painter

Barbara Bailey-Porter, MFA, Plein Air Painter

Michael Azgour, MFA: Abstract Figurative Painter

Lucy Cain Sargeant, MFA: Portraits, Still Life, Landscape Painter

William Rushton, MA, Member of The Outsiders: Plein-Air Painter

Selected Group Exhibitions/Competitions in California

2017 "Pensive" was accepted by juror, Nancy MacDonald, into the Pastel Society of the West Coast 2017 Online Membership Exhibition of February 22 to March 20.

2016 Gallery 9, "The Color of Light," is the December theme for "Fall at Ghost Ranch," and "Abiquiu Vista."

2016 Gallery 9, "Summer" is the August theme for my "Summer Roses," "Carmel Beach," and "Moored."

2016 Doon Gallery, featured artist June 25 and 26, at Suzanne Elliott's occasional gallery in Bonny Doon, CA

2016 "Kami" was accepted into "Figures and Faces," Pacific Art League's show juried by Lynne Todaro, faculty member and gallery director at Mission College, Santa Clara. Show runs May 6-26 at Pacific Art League gallery, Palo Alto.

2016 "Pajaro Valley: the Land and People," Santa Cruz Oil Painters Member Juried Show, Watsonville Community Hospital, April 4-August 22. Juried into the show by the Hospital Director were my pastels, "A Pretty Dress," "Home Music," and "An Old Settler."

2016 "PSWC 2016 Online Membership Exhibition," This Pastel Society of the West Coast Show, juried by Barbara Jaenicke, was viewed online February 10-March 10, including my pastels "Home Music," and "An Old Settler."

2015 "Greater Bay Area Open," Third Place ribbon for pastel "Kami," Peggy Kroll-Roberts juror, at this LGAA open juried show in the NUMU, New Museum Los Gatos, CA, August 1-30

2015 "Painting The Golden State," SCOP Member Show, Pacific Grove Art Center, Jan 9 - Feb 26

2014 "Art In The Council Chambers," LGAA Member Juried Show, Los Gatos Town Hall Council Chambers, Aug-Oct

2014 Gilroy Gardens Gallery, June through July 29, 2014, inside Red Barn Gifts, three pieces of my work

2014 "Los Gatos Art Walk," last Thursday of the month, Featured Artist at Harvest Furniture, Downtown, Los Gatos

2014 "Landscapes, A Sentimental Journey," Featured Artist/April, Gallery of Dreams, Campbell

2014 "Salon 2014," Backwater Arts, San Jose

2013 "Landscapes, Seascapes & Urbanscapes," Pacific Art League Juried Show, October, Palo Alto

2013 "LGAA Spring Member Juried Show, Rose Shenson Gallery, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara

2013 "Let's Look at Art/SJMA Docent Art Show," San Jose Museum of Art, Wendel Center

2012 "LGAA Fall Member Juried Show," Jewish Community Center, Los Gatos

2012 "LGAA Spring Member Juried Show," Rose Shenson Gallery, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara

2011 "Midsummer Art Celebration," Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara

2010 "Fresh Paint," Los Gatos Art in the Council Chambers, Los Gatos

2010 "LGAA Plein Air Artists," Main Street Cafe and Books, Los Altos

2010 "Etch, Sketch, Stroke," Los Gatos Plein Air Painters Exhibition, The Art Museum of Los Gatos

2010 "Abstractions--in perception or reality," Honorable Mention for 8"x10" Photograph Modern Scrolls, Pacific Art League, Palo Alto Juried Exhibition. Image also selected for reception postcard graphic.

2009 "Silver Mountain Vineyards," Group Tasting Room Exhibit, Santa Cruz Mountains

2009 "Los Gatos Art Association Member Juried Show '09," The Art Museum of Los Gatos

2009 "Vine To Wine," Forbes Mill History Museum, Los Gatos

2009 "Six LGAA Artists Exhibit," Health and Wellness Spa, San Jose

2009 "Vintners Festival/LGAA Plein-Air Painters," Black Ridge Winery, Los Gatos

2009 "14 Plein Air Artists, A Tribute to Nick White," Main Street Cafe and Books, Los Altos

2009 "Touch My Heart," The Art Museum of Los Gatos

2008 "A Breath of Plein Air," Leonard and David McKay Gallery, San Jose

Affiliations

2016 Gallery 9, Los Altos, I was juried into this co-op gallery on February 1

2015-2016 Pastel Society of the West Coast

2012-2016 Docent for "Let's Look At Art," art appreciation/education program at the San Jose Museum of Art, CA

2010-2016 Board Member, Santa Cruz Oil Painters, "Madam Secretary" for 2016-17

2010-2016 Member, Los Gatos Art Association, Los Gatos, CA



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