



Nevada County Plein Air Painters begin month long showing at ASIF Gallery

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The Artist's Studio in the Foothills Gallery & Visual Arts Center presents The Nevada County Plein Air Painters (NCPAP) Show.

Early this year, the group joined ASIF Studios, gathering weekly in the center's community classroom to paint, share ideas and techniques, and become part of the greater, and ever growing community of Nevada County visual artists seeking a centralized local art venue.

A great resurgence and new appreciation for plein air painting brings this group of painters together each year to celebrate and carry on this much loved tradition with an annual group show. Many of the artists have been painting together for more than 10 years. This year's show at ASIF will be NCPAP's sixth annual exhibit.

The NCPAP follow closely in the footsteps of some of California's earliest painters, the French impressionists, who discovered this gorgeous landscape during the turn of the 19th century. Venturing out to paint on location, their ongoing challenge is to capture a scene in about two hours before the light changes. Their inspiration comes from being totally immersed in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature while coping with wind, heat, and bugs.

Painting outside rather than from photographs means learning to edit a 360 degree view. This does take some practice, but most plein air painters will agree, that in order to capture the true experience, the magical presence of the landscape, you need to be in it!

The show will feature 14 artists' works, mostly landscapes. Any place within a day's drive is fair game, Tahoe, Napa, the Sierra Buttes, Hope Valley, and, of course, Nevada County!

Nevada County Plein Air Painters show includes Wanda Avery, Odette Brush, Sandra Delong, Warren Knox,

Susan McConnell Moreno, Mim Meakin, Penelope Partch, Daniel Peck, Linda Roemisch, Linda Shepherd Byrne, Jim Stettler, Patricia Sussberg, Jane Welles and Kathleen Woolsey.

The Plein Air Painters Show at ASIF will run from Friday through July 24, and will open with a reception for the artists from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The Artist's Studio in the Foothills is a fully equipped studio arts facility offering private and shared studio space, a community ceramic and 2D studio, a gallery to promote participating artists, private mentoring and drop-in studio use and instruction in painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramic sculpture, wheel throwing, glaze chemistry and mosaics.

The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment on Sundays.

Don't miss the new Fine Art Gift Gallery - ASIF-GIFT, featuring small handmade functional and decorative works of art. The gallery gift area will also feature a number of local painters and printmakers on an ongoing basis, offering original, one of a kind works and giclee prints.

Upcoming shows at ASIF Gallery include the Student-Teacher Show in August and Mythic Beasts & Sacred Altars in

October.

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