

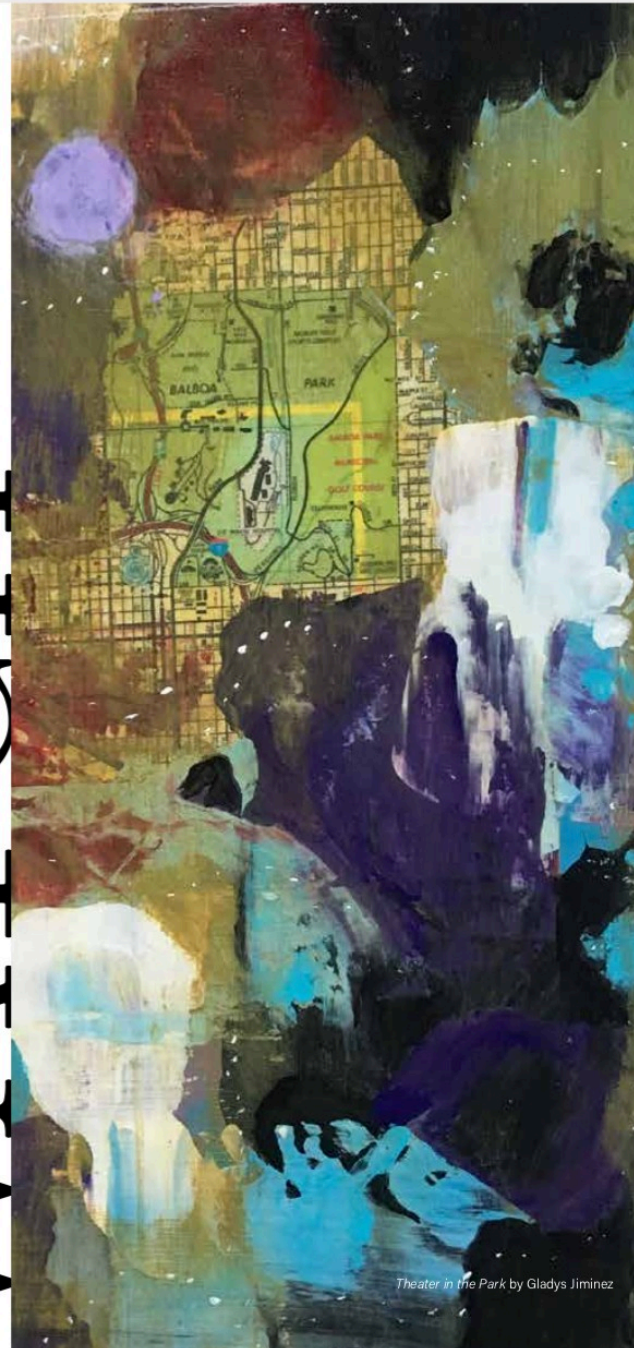
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LA JOLLA COMMUNITY CENTER AND THE ALLIED ARTISTS ASSOCIATION SHOWCASE LOCAL ARTISTS THIS SPRING

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ARTIST WATCH



Theater in the Park by Gladys Jimenez

LA JOLLA IS KNOWN FOR ITS GORGEOUS SCENERY OF THE COVE AND SHORES, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST THE SEA. The community is filled with artists who will be showcasing their work at the La Jolla Community Center this February and March. The La Jolla Community Center offers many activities including its new art series with the Allied Artists Association.

The Allied Artists Association of San Diego is a community of award-winning artists founded by world-renowned artist Dottie Stanley. Dottie is an art instructor and cultural adviser for the La Jolla Community Center.

Artists displaying their work from February through March 2019 include watercolor painter Ralph Kingery; Virginia Howett, who uses watercolors, photographs and digital imagery to spark curiosity in the viewer and evoke a meditative quality of the natural world; Gladys Jimenez, who uses different mediums, from oil, acrylic, collage and sometimes even organic items found in nature to create work that is spontaneous and full of loving energy; and Beverly Brock, whose photography themes include night, nature and creative images.

RALPH KINGERY

Ralph was born in Chicago, Illinois, and received the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts in industrial design from the University of Illinois. Later, he received a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Arizona and practiced that field along with environmental planning for the next 37 years in Arizona and California. After his retirement, Ralph started watercolor painting in March 2013, enrolling in watercolor classes taught by Kate Fitzsimmons at the JCC in La Jolla. Around that time, he also joined the San Diego Watercolor Society, hoping to learn from its many experienced members.

That has been a good move, and he has learned a lot from "Paint-Outs" with other members of SDWS and from demonstrations at the monthly SDWS member meetings. Ralph is now a member of the Allied Artists Association of San Diego, showing his art at La Jolla Community Center, Liberty Public Market and at the San Diego Watercolor Society gallery. He served as SDWS' first vice president for a year, then a year as president and is now president emeritus. As of October 2018, 57 of his paintings have been juried into the monthly SDWS member shows and the SDWS International Show (twice).

His work has also been accepted into the Western Federation Watercolor Show in Eugene, Oregon, and is on temporary loan to the Office of the Mayor of San Diego. His paintings also have been exhibited at the Southwest Yacht Club, the Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center and the San Diego County Fair. He has won awards for his art at the latter two venues, as well as at SDWS. His work has also been exhibited in Salamanca, Spain, and Avignon, France, under the auspices of the European Confederation of Watercolor Societies.

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La Jolla Waterman by Ralph Kingery

VIRGINIA HOWLETT

Canadian-born artist Virginia Howlett received a BFA from Ohio State University and an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Formerly an assistant professor of painting at Hampton University and at New Mexico Highlands University, she won a Mellon Foundation grant to create artwork in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Virginia's work combines lyrical images of nature to challenge our perceptions of place, time and space. She uses watercolors, photographs and digital imagery to spark curiosity in the viewer while evoking the intriguing meditative quality of the natural world.

GLADYS JIMENEZ

While she has always been a creative person—in high school she created the posters for art production department, the flyers and programs for the high school theater, and in her senior year she created the school mural—it was her summer trip to Europe in 1985 that inspired her to use oil as her preferred painting medium.

Gladys' first juried art exhibit was in 1985 at the Barnsdall Municipal Art Gallery in Hollywood, California. She had a buyer for her painting the first day of exhibit.

Although Gladys has taken the equivalent of two full-time years of fundamental art classes at CSUSM and Palomar College in San Marcos, California—where she studied under Michael Steirnagle, Ken Joudrey and Steven Curry, to name a few—she considers herself a self-taught artist.

Gladys has exhibited her artwork in numerous juried art exhibitions and group shows. She has received numerous awards, including first place in visual arts by the national award-winning *Bravura Magazine*. Her artwork has been published in several publications and is collected by national and international collectors.

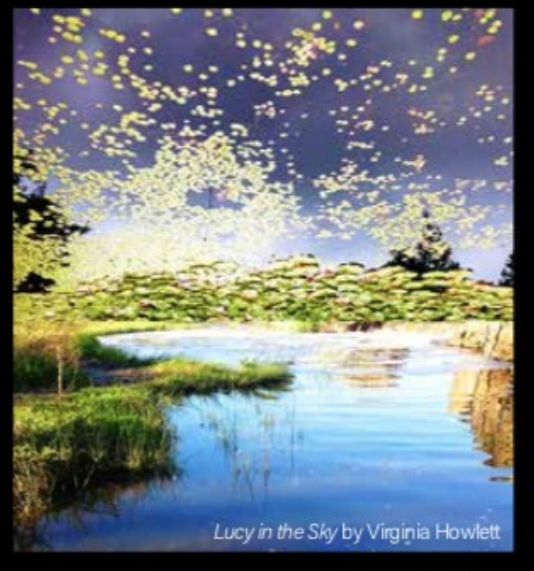
Gladys taught art in public schools for 18 years and is the founder of Boldly Creating Life Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises funds to provide school supplies to elementary schools that do not have an art program. She is also the founder of Happy Scribbles, an art website for children. Gladys is a member of her local art associations.

BEVERLY BROCK

Beverly enjoys all photography, but her favorites are night, nature and creative. Whether it's a hummingbird in search of dinner, star trails tracing lace patterns across the night sky or the luminous detail of a flowering cactus, Beverly's artistry brings her special vision of nature to vivid life for your pleasure.

"Most of all, it gives me a chance to use my senses to create something that makes me feel like I'm seeing deep into my creative eyes. Then I'm able to share my vision with others and hope they enjoy what I see," Beverly says.

Because of her love of photography, she is always teaching and learning. She is active in different photography clubs where everyone works together to help each other become better photographers. Sharing creative ideas with others and taking input she has received from judges has helped her to grow in her art and to win many awards. Beverly received a Certificate of Photography from the New York Institute of Photography in January 2000. She started out as a business called Kidnapper of Images photographing weddings and parties. She is an active member of the Allied Artists Association of San Diego, serving on the board and as webmaster. Her slogan is: "Memories are made by you, I make them last forever."



Lucy in the Sky by Virginia Howlett



Peace on Earth by Beverly Brock