



April 2023 Newsletter

Associated Artists of the Inland Empire



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APRIL DEMONSTRATOR

Master Acrylic Artist, Joe Oakes
At CCMA Chaffey Community Museum of Art
217 S. Lemon Ave. Ontario, Ca 91761

Artist Statement

My landscapes are about the joy of nature and the colors it offers us. I paint with colors that evoke feelings of the first brilliant seconds of sunrise and the last fiery moments of sunset. Expressing those feelings through the use of bold, vibrant highlights and shadows of violet hues is my signature. I paint tributes to the mountains, fields and trees in the hopes it will slow us down long enough to appreciate them. Every painting is a challenge to examine the colors of our world and reconnect with nature.

Biography

Joe A. Oakes was a curious and observant child that started drawing at the age of five. He has been painting full time since 2008 and like other artists, previously worked at other things including substitute teacher, art consultant and graphic designer. Oakes has survived cancer and the loss of a child and has used these life changing events to propel his art career forward. His landscapes burn with the excitement of bold, bright color and draw on scenes from all over the U.S. but especially the Southwest and the state of California. Oakes' work offers a new perspective on color and place while offering a meditative sense of calm, happiness and reverence for the land. He holds a BFA from California State University, Fullerton and among his awards are the Distinguished Artist Award from the City of La Quinta, CA in 2011 and a First Place Award for his work in "Visions" Exhibition at Chaffey Community Museum of Art in Ontario, CA in 2019. Oakes resides near Riverside in Southern California.

Recent Awards

- Honorable Mention, "Landscapes Show", Grey Cube Gallery, Online, 2021
- Honorable Mention, "Bold Expressions", Sacramento Fine Art Center, Sacramento, CA, 2020
- Best in Show, "Nature of Color Show" Art Brut 27, Online, 2020
- Third Place, "5th Annual Landscapes Juried Exhibition", Fusion Art, Palm Springs, CA, 2020
- First Place, "Visions", Chaffey Community Museum of Art, Ontario, CA, 2019



CAT DAY Re-cap



President Mark Rush welcomes and conducts a brief meeting.



Winner Don Markofski



Karen Clark critiques and chooses winning art



Water colors, Inks, Acrylics, Sketches, Pastels, Sculpting, Still Life, Chalk, and Craft Pieces were all part of our very unique CAT Day on March 08th. Members enjoyed the comradery and refreshments, and our esteemed judge, Karen Clark gave a great critique and chose the **March Art-of-the-Month** winner, Don Markofski , (above) for his beautiful watercolor.



Still Life Room





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AAIE Art Show

"ARTFUL EXPRESSIONS"

Juried Art Show with Display at CCMA

Opens: May 15, 2023

Closes: June 9, 2023

To qualify for entry you must be a current AAIE Members and willing to display your art work at CCMA June 22 through September 23.



Rectilinear by Mark Rush , President of AAIE

AAIE Membership = \$35.00.

AAIE Members: =1-3 Entries \$ 15, \$25 or \$30

Theme:

This is an open Theme and follows General Rules and Information found on the AAIE website under **Juried Show**. <https://associatedartistsinlandempire.org>

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Awards:

1st Place \$50.00; 2nd Place \$25.00; 3rd Place \$15

20% of entries chosen as *Excellence in Art Award*

Total of 40 Art works chosen for display

Display:

40 juried art works will be chosen for public display at the Chaffey Community Museum of Art (CCMA) in Ontario, CA- June through September. Displayed art must be framed with wire for hanging. CCMA will handle sales and receive a 35% commission of the purchase price. **For more information Contact Nancy Speaker at nspeaker1@gmail.com Put in Subject Line AAIE art show**



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SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

VICTORIA GARDENS, RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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How time flies...don't miss out! Art entry deadline is March 31st



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AAIE Membership Virtual Juried Art Show

Opens: March 13, 2023

Closes: March 31, 2023

One free entry with current AAIE
Membership expiration date of April 1, 2023.

AAIE Membership = \$35.00.

2nd and 3rd Entries \$5- \$10.

CCMA members = 1-3 Entries \$20.-\$30.

Non Members: = 1-3 Entries \$25- \$35.



1st place 2021 Carolyn Cunningham
"What Goes around comes around"

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10%-20% chosen as *Excellence in Art*. (depends on number of Entries)

Display:

Winning Art works will be displayed for public viewing at the Upland Library- Thursday April 13 to Sunday April 16. Upland Library will handle sales with 10% of the purchase price to support the Friends of the Upland Library.

For more information Contact Nancy Speaker at aaieartshow22@gmail.com

On View March 16 – May 20, 2023 in the Spotlight Gallery



Overcast Day in Owens Valley – Ada M. Passaro

Out and About

Join us as we travel around the region taking in the beauty that is around us. Selections from our collection include works by Laurie Chamberlain, Cindy English, Edna Friedenbach, Flora Hamilton, Tony Ivins, Donal C. Jolley, Harold Knott, William McDermitt, James Arthur Merrain, Don O'Neill, Ada M. Passaro, Carl Schmidt and Vera Wise.

At the Museum, 217 S. Lemon Ave., Ontario

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Opening March 16 in the Spotlight Gallery: *Out and About*, a selection of paintings from the museum's collection.

Meet the Artist: March 18 – 1 pm to 3 pm



CAT FISH – John Egan

What it is, Such as it is John Egan

Living in Ontario, and thinking back onto the sage words of Tom Wesselmann, I make art that reflects my physical and emotional environment. I embrace the accidents and accept the nuances of the many materials I employ to make the art I currently create and exhibit.

I like playing with language. My work is haphazard in many ways and fashions but is not shoddy in its construction. I was heavily influenced by the West Coast artists (boys' club) of the Ferus Gallery (1957-1966). However, I have fallen more in style towards the ilk of George Herms, Bruce Conner, and Ed Kienholz.

I make unlikely scenarios involving disparate materials and hand-hewn objects that reflect the impermanence of our culture and our planet. Nothing lasts forever, and our current population of homo sapiens can only imagine the many treasures already lost to destruction either through our own species' inclination of self-destruction, or the natural disasters fashioned by our Mother Earth.

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Meet artist John Egan in CCMA's Spotlight Gallery from 1 pm to 3 pm on Saturday, March 18.