

## 40th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit: Meaning Through Making



Artists' work featured (detail), (L to R): Jamila Harris, Shari Benson, Carol J. Marlin, Renea Turner, Ulysses Duterte

Adobe Art Gallery presents the *40th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit: Meaning Through Making*. This exhibit explores the relationship between process, materials and expression. Emphasis is placed on the essential connection between what artists use to express themselves and how meaning is discovered through their hand.

Congratulations to all the selected artists: Hollie Adamic, Jonathan Barber, Tanna Bellia, Shari Benson, Louis Bodas, Nick Calarco, Susan Chung, Debra Collins, Susan Deming, Philip Denst, Anthony Michael Diaz, Patricia Doyne, Ulysses Duterte, Kim Gabel, Phillip Garbutt, Jamila Harris, Mercie Harris, Glenn Hemanes, Juanita Hemanes, Susan Howell, Vaughn Hutchins, Geir Jordahl, Natalie Juntz, Niambi Kee, M. Kathleen Kelly, Elizabeth Kennen, Sally Lampi, Nicole Leming, Carol J. Marlin, Ray McGinnis, Edward Ortman, Kathy Ries, Lynne Shephard, Kevin Street, Ruey Lin Syrop, Susan Taira, Gerald Thompson, Renea Turner, Doyle Wegner and Grace Yun.

Juror Christine Koppes, Assistant Curator at the Bedford Gallery, had the extremely challenging task of selecting 50 works of art for exhibition from the 131 pieces entered. She worked in a thoughtful manner to include a diversity of media and content. Ms. Koppes was impressed with the wide range of materials used, including acrylic, assemblage, ceramic, clay, collage, colored pencil, encaustic, glass, gouache, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, textiles, watercolor and wood. She appreciated the amount of experimental work, saw evidence of play and discovery, and could tell that the artists were having fun.

This exhibit is special to Gallery Director Leah Virsik, because as an exhibiting artist, she feels a real connection with artists submitting their work to be judged. The exhibition features many local artists from the Bay Area and she appreciates their participation and support. Leah Virsik is happy that artists return to exhibit at the Adobe Art Gallery, a beloved gallery in the East Bay, year after year, showcasing an impressive amount of high quality work.

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**Artists' Reception:** September 23, 1–3 p.m.  
Awards will be announced at 1:45 p.m.  
The public is invited. Free admittance.

**Exhibition Dates:** Sep. 23–Nov. 11, 2017  
Open Thurs.–Sat., 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and by appt.

**Location:** Adobe Art Gallery  
20395 San Miguel Avenue, Castro Valley, CA  
Visit [www.adobegallery.org](http://www.adobegallery.org) for more info.

The Adobe Art Gallery is a program and facility of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. It is a public fine art gallery, committed to promoting and encouraging visual arts within the District.



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