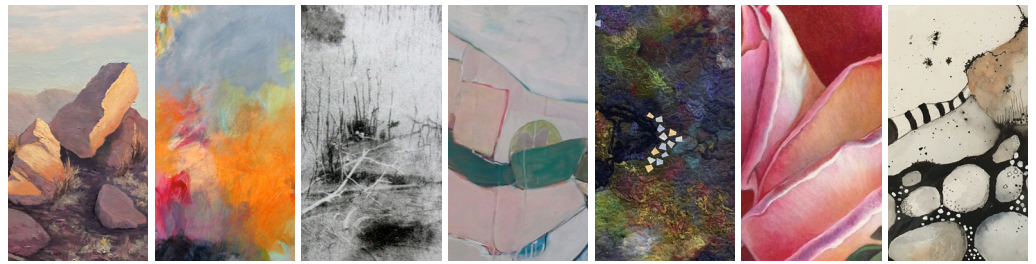


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Nature & Abstraction

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A group exhibition featuring artwork by seven Adobe Art Gallery Artists

Curated by Adobe Art Gallery Director, Leah Virsik

Presented by the Alameda County Arts Commission

Alameda County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Closed County holidays

Adobe Art Gallery is pleased to present *Nature and Abstraction* featuring the work of Nick Calarco, Debra Collins, Mercie Harris, Niambi Kee, Sally Lampi, Lynne Shephard and Gerald Thompson. These artists were chosen from their participation in two of the gallery's annual exhibitions: the Spring Open Exhibition: Wake, Sleep, Repeat: Repetition in the Everyday and the 40th Area Artists' Annual Exhibition: Meaning Through Making in 2017.

The seven artists utilize a broad range of media including acrylic, oil, collage, hand-dyed fabric, experimental photography, pen, ink and watercolor. Their works include representational images from nature and abstracted imagery suggesting the natural world. The sun convincingly reflects off the rocks in Gerald Thompson's *Mojave Lava* and fills the kitchen window with light in Debra Collins' *End of Summer, Mendocino*. Sally Lampi's *Abstract Doodle Series* and Lynne Shephard's *Bird's Eye View Series* are reminiscent of flattened landscapes viewed from an airplane window. Mercie Harris and Niambi Kee include bits of paper or fabric in their overall textural compositions. Nick Calarco's *Patterns in Spring*, a color print, almost looks like it was painted, with similar organic forms as seen in Sally Lampi's *Abstract Doodles*.

Adobe Art Gallery showcases five group exhibits a year with many opportunities for artists to display their work. This year, the *A.R.T., Inc. Members' Exhibit: Anything Goes, Almost* runs through March 10. The Annual Spring Open Exhibit: *The View From Here* is open to all artists and runs March 24–May 5 with an artist reception on Saturday, March 24 from 1–3pm. *The Magic of Collaboration Invitational* is May 26–July 7; the inaugural *Art Fundraiser* happens August 11–September 22; and the *41st Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibition* will run October 13–December 1.

For more information about Adobe Art Gallery including calls for entry, visit adobegallery.org.

The Adobe Art Gallery is a public fine art gallery, committed to promoting and encouraging visual arts within the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. The gallery is located at 20395 San Miguel Avenue in Castro Valley and hours are Thursday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. during exhibits and by appointment. Admittance is free and open to the public.

To inquire about purchasing or commissioning work by the Adobe Art Gallery artists in this exhibit, email Leah Virsik at adobegallery@haywardrec.org or call 510-881-6735.

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