



# SEQUOIA BARK

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**MARCH 26, 2025, RAFAEL DeSOTO (watercolor Southwest landscape), In-Person Presentation, 7:00pm:**

Rafael is a lifelong artist whose father was a renowned New York illustrator. This fostered an informal maestro-apprentice way of learning traditional art that no school could ever offer. During his teens and early 20s Rafael participated in many seasonal outdoor art festivals from Florida to Maine and won several awards as a young artist. He augmented his fine art pursuits with a degree in advertising art and illustration and has worked as a graphic designer throughout his career. Rafael is a self-taught digital artist. An early adopter of Photoshop, he also worked at Adobe as a quality insurance engineer. In the mid-1990s Rafael moved to Silicon Valley where he was employed as an art director and senior

designer for Adobe, SGI, Apple and other marketing design firms. He is now retired from commercial art and paints every day. He conducts public art classes around the San Francisco Bay Area and holds private classes in his San Carlos studio. He is a member of Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, the Pacific Art League, the Burlingame Art Society, the Society of West-Coast Artists, and the Los Gatos Art Association. Visit his website at <https://www.rafaeldesotojr.com/>.

**POPULAR VOTE SUBMISSION:** If you wish to participate in our Popular Vote this month you must bring it to our in-person meeting and hang it on back wall in appropriate category. SAG's meeting will be at the Veterans Memorial Building, Sunset Room, 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City, CA.

FEBRUARY 2025 VOTE WINNERS		
<p><i>Winner's Circle</i></p> <p>1st Place: Anne Oseberg 2nd Place: Ann Gahagen/ Dave McClure 3rd Place: Marla Lehr</p>	<p><i>Popular Vote</i></p> <p>1st Place: Premi John 2nd Place: Edna Aciri/ Camilla Roos 3rd Place: n/a</p>	<p><i>Photography</i></p> <p>1st Place: Bob Hills/ Rick Oldano 2nd Place: Taki Stamates 3rd Place: n/a</p>

**SAG MEETINGS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY NIGHTS FOR 2025:** The Redwood City Parks Department has requested that we change our meeting nights to Wednesday and we will be alternating Zoom and in-person meetings until June to determine which meeting form garners the most attendance. Along with this we have been assigned the Sunset Room instead of the Gold Star Room. Please make a note of these changes! In addition, we expect a move over to the new Veterans Memorial Building Center around August 2025. Visit our website at [www.sequoiartgroup.com](http://www.sequoiartgroup.com) under the Calendar/Demos webpage for more information about the following demonstrations:

- April 23, 2025, via Zoom: Michael Rodman (oil cityscape)
- May 28, 2025, in-person: Aaron Alvarez Mendoza (photography)
- June 25, 2025, via Zoom: Sonja Hamilton (watercolor rocks and water)

**2025 SAG MEMBERSHIP DUES:** We are still one of the least expensive art groups around, only \$30 for full member and \$15 for associate member (usually spouse). Make your check payable to SAG, and mail it to our Treasurer Dave McClure, 702 California Way, Redwood City, CA 94062-4007, and he will mail you the current member roster.

**SAG ROSTER CHANGE:** Please delete Tatiana Lyulkin's information from our roster, as she is no longer a member.

**SAG GROUP LIBRARY EXHIBIT FEBRUARY-MARCH:** The SAG February-March exhibit at the downtown Redwood City library features artwork by Bryan Beck, Marlene Cohen, Linda Fernandez, Premi John, Dave McClure, Sandra Smith, and Inna Zatulovsky. These exhibitors need to remove their artwork by Monday, March 31, or the weekend before that date.

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**MEMBERS WELFARE:** Edna Aciri was accepted into the San Mateo County Arts Commission’s annual show entitled “Women’s View” at the Twin Pines Art Center in Belmont that runs until March 30. The reception is Saturday, March 15, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

**MEMBERS’ IMAGES AND BIOS:** If you haven’t already done so, please email your digital image and bio to Ann Gahagen at [amgahagen@gmail.com](mailto:amgahagen@gmail.com), our webmaster. She will then post your image and bio to the Artists section of our website at <https://sequoiaartgroup.com/artists/>.

**MEMBERS ONLY VIRTUAL ART SHOW:** Our 2024 Members Only Virtual Art Show is online at <https://sequoiaartgroup.com/membersartshow2024/>. Please share this link with your friends and relatives, as you may encourage other artists to join our group! Social media is another way to encourage new members. We recently advertised our March meeting on Nextdoor (thank you, Premi John).

**SWA UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** Check in for their Zoom connection on the Society of West Coast Artists website from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- March 15: Warren Chang (oil)
- April 19: Biz Rasam (portrait in red charcoal from life)

**PORTOLA ART GALLERY:** Located at Allied Arts, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park, is open Monday-Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm. Their current exhibit is “Wandering Over the Line” featuring Patricia Jones until March 31.

**MAIN GALLERY:** The gallery is located at 883 Santa Cruz Avenue, Suite 1, Menlo Park, and is open Tuesday-Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm. These rotating exhibits feature art books, ceramics, glass, jewelry, mosaic paintings, photography, prints, sculpture, and woodwork. The current exhibit is entitled “Homecoming” featuring Samuray Akarvardar until April 13.

**DeYOUNG MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO:** Free Saturdays from 9:00am-5:00pm. Leilah Babirye: We Have a History until October 26, 2025; About Place: Bay Area Artists from Svane Gift until November 30, 2025; Matisse’s “Jazz” Unbound until July 6, 2025.

**LEGION OF HONOR GALLERY OF SAN FRANCISCO:** Dress Rehearsal: Art of Theatrical Design until May 11; Celebrating 100 Years at the Legion of Honor until November 2, 2025.

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