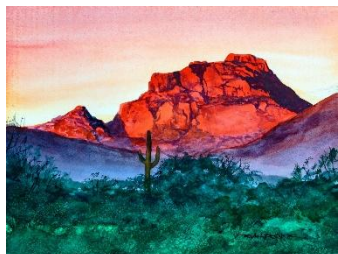




SEQUOIA BARK

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2026, RAFAEL DeSOTO (WATERCOLOR LANDSCAPE) IN-PERSON AT THE VMB BLUESTAR ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, 7:00PM:

Rafael, a lifelong artist, was fortunate to have his father, a renowned New York illustrator, as his mentor. This provided a unique learning experience that no art school could offer. To complement his fine art pursuits, Rafael obtained a degree in advertising art and illustration, which paved the way for a lucrative career in graphic design. In the 1970s he moved to Santa Cruz, CA, and expanded his creative horizons to encompass music, poetry, and

photography into multimedia events. In the mid-1980s he extended his pursuits to local community television in Monterey. In 1990 he established his own company Vital Visions specializing in broadcast and print design, becoming an early adopter of Adobe Photoshop. He moved to Silicon Valley in mid-1990s where he was employed by notable high-tech companies including SGI, Adobe and Apple. He is now retired from commercial art and enjoys painting in watercolor and acrylics. Rafael conducts public art classes throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, including in his San Carlos studio. He is a member of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society, the Pacific Art League, SWA and the California Watercolor Association.

REFRESHMENTS: Dani Weber will bring refreshments to the September meeting. We need volunteers to bring refreshments for October and November. Each meeting has about 20 or less attendees, so you don't have to bring much. In fact, you can just voluntarily bring a snack to share anytime! Please contact Pat McClure, Refreshment Chairperson, at 650-369-1893, to sign up.

AUGUST 2026 VOTE WINNERS

<i>Winner's Circle</i>	<i>Popular Vote</i>	<i>Photography</i>
1st Place: Anne Oseberg	1st Place: Catherine Delfs	1st Place: n/a
2nd Place: Dave McClure/ Marla Lehr	2nd Place: John Spotorno	2nd Place: n/a
3rd Place: Bob Hills	3rd Place: Camilla Roos	3rd Place: n/a

SAG MEETINGS: Visit our website at www.sequoiartgroup.com under the Calendar/Demo section for more information about the following calendar events:

- October 28: Deborah Shea (pastel)
- November 18: Bob Hills (photography)
- December: no meeting
- January: luncheon to be announced

6TH ANNUAL MEMBERS ONLY VIRTUAL ART SHOW: Bryan Beck has volunteered to facilitate this year's SAG Members Only virtual art show on our website along with Ann Gahagen. Once it is posted around mid-October, it will be judged with ribbons and cash awards given out at our October 28 and November 18 meetings. To participate, between September 26 and October 3, email Bryan Beck bryan_beck@sbcglobal.net (there is an underline between his first and last name) a JPG/JPEG of your entries complete with their title, media, and category along with the top half of the entry form (see attachment to this emailed newsletter). The digital image should not be wider than 1020 pixels. The bottom half of the entry form should be snail mailed to our Treasurer Dave McClure, 702 California Way, Redwood City, CA 94062-4007, along with a check in the amount of \$10 per entry. The check should be made payable to Sequoia Art Group. You may enter up to three pieces (hopefully nothing that has been

entered in any of our previous virtual art shows). We had 53 total entries last year (only one per member) and we hope to get at least twice as many this year as this is our only show. If you entered three pieces last year, divided by 53 total, that equals 17 participating members. We can do much better than that! Cash awards are \$60 for 1st Place, \$40 for 2nd Place, \$30 for 3rd Place, and an Honorable Mention ribbon only. You can easily recoup your entry fee(s).

BLICK ART MATERIALS OPENED A NEW STORE: Blick opened a new store at 3430 Stevens Creek Boulevard, San Jose, CA 95117. So now you don't have to order by catalog.

SWA UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Their programs are back to in-person demonstrations at their San Bruno Gallery, 1:00pm-3:00pm. You can check their website one week later for a recorded Zoom demonstration.

- September 19: Aina Clotas (charcoal)
- October 17: Sherry Vockel (critique member artwork)
- November 21: Natasha Foucault (painting on silk)

SWA PACIFIC ARTISTRY SHOWCASE ONLINE UNTIL NOVEMBER 2: This international exhibit contains 186 paintings and our own Edna Acri won 1st Place Non-Representational. This show only awards 1st Places in each category.

CALIFORNIA ART SUPPLY: They have a "Wee Showcase Exhibit" online of 111 miniature artworks. Our own Nicole Joshi entered. To vote on your favorite you must do so in their San Mateo art store at 3600 S. El Camino Real (on West side of El Camino), San Mateo.

PORTOLA ART GALLERY: Located at Allied Arts, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park, is open Monday-Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm. Their current exhibit is "To Ground and to Flow" paintings by Christina Lim through September.

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 4th Friday of each month features live music on Santa Cruz Avenue from 6:00-9:00pm and the Main Gallery will be open throughout. Their current exhibit is entitled "Innovation" abstract watercolor paintings by Edna Acri to November 1.

DeYOUNG MUSEUM OF SAN FRANCISCO: Free Saturdays from 9:00am-5:00pm. "Treasures of the Pharaohs" through January 31, 2027; Nengi Omuku: "The Gathering" through May 18, 2028; "Rooted in Place: California Native Art" through December 6, 2026; Rose B. Simpson, "Lexicon" through February 7, 2027.

LEGION OF HONOR GALLERY OF SAN FRANCISCO: The current exhibit is the Etruscans: From the Heart of Ancient Italy through September 20; Miro: Proof Against All through May 14, 2028; Eternal Paris: Photographing the City of Light through August 4, 2027.

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