

SAN DIEGO ART INSTITUTE

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WHO WE ARE: MISSION

The mission of SDAI, since 1941, is to advance the visual arts through exhibition, outreach and education, accomplished by: service to artists; promotion of public awareness and appreciation of the visual artists of the San Diego region; advocating for the support of the visual arts; providing resources and encouraging the professional development of artists. SDAI endeavors to support the making of quality art in all media, as a reflection of the San Diego area's diverse population, available and accessible to the community; to provide a nurturing environment for artists' professional development; promulgating local, national and international recognition; and by connecting artists with the potential for increasing income and exhibition opportunities.

WHO WE ARE: EXHIBITION

A new exhibition of works by talented San Diego regional artists opens every four to six weeks in this specially designed 10,000 square-foot state-of-the-art gallery space, dedicated to the advancement of the visual arts through outreach, education and exhibition.

These juried exhibits display works in all mediums including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen & ink, monoprint, collage, assemblage, mixed media, digital art, photography and sculpture among others, (excluding crafts/functional art which is displayed in the Artisan's Shop.) Featured artists' work are also exhibited along with the main gallery exhibition and the Members' only "One Foot" Show. The *David G. Fleet Young Artists Gallery* showcases work from elementary, junior and senior high public, private & parochial schools in San Diego County. The Artisan Shop offers an enticing variety of jewelry and gift items made by artists and artisans in the area.

The Art Institute is neither a museum nor a "for profit" gallery - rather we function much like a municipal gallery and offer a comprehensive look at the visual art scene here in San Diego. We are unique in that our exhibitions offer the individual an opportunity to experience the contemporary visual arts of San Diego in a professional and elegant setting, as well as, offering the regional artist an opportunity for exposure, thereby supporting both the local and visitor community. We fill in the gap between the past and the present here in Balboa Park. Donations, grants and membership dollars support, in part, continuation of SDAI programs and events to advance the visual arts through exhibition, outreach and education. SDAI is the largest & oldest (since 1941), all-media regional artist's advocate and exhibition organization in the region.

Open Tuesday - Saturday 10 to 4: and Sunday noon to 4. (Closed major holidays) Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors/military/students with ID; children 12 and under admitted free.

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