

KATHY BIRDSONG

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Kathy got back into her art making after retiring from teaching in 2005. She has moved from predominantly acrylic painting to oils, but still keeps active with acrylics, pastels, watercolor, collage and pen and ink drawings. Her style moves from abstract to realism, with an emphasis on figurative work. She is greatly influenced by the Bay Area Figurative Movement and the work of Ray Turner and Mark Daniel Nelson. She has studied with Bay Area painters Melinda Cootsona, William Rushton, Jerrold Turner, and Timothy Horn. She studied with Philippa Blair at the Santa Reparata Institute of Art in Florence, Italy (2008), and has painted with Robert Burridge in his studio (2010, 2013). She has also studied with Mark Daniel Nelson (2014, 2015), Martin Campos (2016), Karen Kaapcke (2017) Harry Stooshinoff (2017) She is a member of The Joules painting group, Benicia's Plein Air Group (Da Group), and is a working artist at Healdsburg Center for the Arts.

Education

1967: Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University with a major in Commercial Art, emphasis in illustration.

1970: California Teaching Credential, Sonoma State University.

Art Studies post graduation

2005-present: Erin Neal Tangney, bi-monthly art studio instruction

2008: Santa Reparata Institute of Art, Florence, Italy, Painting with Philippa Blair

2009- present: Plein Air studies with Tim Horn, Jerrold Turner, Harry Stooshinoff
Figurative studies with Melinda Cootsona, William Rushton, Vicki Long, Karen Kaapcke, Martin Campos

Studio painting with Robert Burridge, Peggy Kroll Roberts, Kwok Wai Lau, Mark Daniel Nelson.

Exhibits

Healdsburg Center for the Arts juried and invited shows 2011-present

China Camp Heritage Festival exhibits 2012, 2013

Umpqua Bank, Benicia, group exhibit 2013; Best of Show 2014-15.

Palm Springs Art Museum annual juried exhibit of work done in museum workshops.

Scene On the Strait 2014, invitational Bay Area plein air exhibit, Martinez Shoreline Park.

Harrington Gallery at The Firehouse Arts Center, Pleasanton: "Inside and Out"

The Joules group show August 2015; Invited artist to paint during gallery anniversary celebration, September, 2015; Alcove show of works painted at Anniversary Celebration, November, 2015

Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce: Featured artist. May - September, 2016

Healdsburg Center for the Arts: Current paintings on recurring exhibit