

# Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

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## **“FROM LIFE - A DIRECT PAINTING EXHIBIT” AT SANTA YSABEL ART GALLERY**

The group show “From Life - A Direct Painting Exhibit” will be at Santa Ysabel Art Gallery November 14th, 2015 through January 3rd, 2016. Direct painting, popularly referred to as plein air when it is a landscape, is a term referring to the process of painting directly from life. Six well known San Diego County artists will exhibit paintings in the show. The categories of work on display will be still life, landscape, and the figure. Opening Reception for “From Life - A Direct Painting Exhibit” will be Saturday, November 14th, 4-8 PM. Admission is free. The public is invited.

The iconic American painter Edward Hopper always carried a piece of paper around with him. On it was this quote from Goethe referring to an artist’s perception: “Look until you become fascinated. Trust that you will see something. If you learn to wait, the objects will slowly sink into your consciousness and they will acquire a significance that can be measured in color and feeling.” It is in this spirit that this exhibit is crafted. It is the intent of Santa Ysabel Art Gallery to suggest that, for painters, making art directly from life can be a way of seeing. Not merely a mirror of what is there, but a look beyond that could lead a painter, and the viewer, toward a discovery of an internal reality.

The artists exhibiting in this show are Jane Culp, Joe Garcia, Catherine Grawin, Larry Groff, James Hubbell, and Margaret Larlham. James Hubbell will be bringing the figurative paintings on black that he makes from his painting table at his Hubbell life drawing group. Catherine Grawin will focus on still life. Margaret Larlham will be

showing still life in addition to a group of contemporary landscapes. Joe Garcia, Larry Groff and Jane Culp are exhibiting landscape paintings.

Joe Garcia and James Hubbell are artists known around the world. Garcia for wildlife and landscape painting and Hubbell as visionary designer and builder of houses and maker of parks, as well as sculpture, stained glass, painting and drawing. Catherine Grawin is a noted painting instructor, teaching privately, and through the Athenaeum and UCSD Extension. Grawin's paintings mirror one of her most successful classes which is titled "Big and Loose". Margaret Larlham has just this year retired as a professor in the theatre department at San Diego State freeing her to focus full time on the painting that she has been doing all along. Larlham has had an amazing across the board creative career as painter, dancer, storyteller, choreographer, and theatre director. Catherine Grawin is a Solana Beach artist. Margaret Larlham is from the Tierrasanta in San Diego. Joe Garcia lives and works in Julian. The James Hubbell residence and studio compound is in Santa Ysabel.

New to Santa Ysabel Art Gallery shows are landscape painters Jane Culp and Larry Groff. Jane Culp is a respected contemporary painter from Anza, famous for getting out there into wilder places to paint on large heavy boards. Larry Groff is able to paint out of doors in a larger format also, and has been inventive with the equipment that he uses to do this. Groff lives in the San Carlos area of San Diego and is well known for his blog "Painting Perceptions".

Santa Ysabel Art Gallery is located at 30352 Highway 78 at Highway 79 in Santa Ysabel, seven miles below Julian. Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 11AM - 5 PM, and by appointment. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call 760-765-1676.