

# Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

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## **WARREN BAKLEY'S SMALL ON SITE PAINTINGS AT SANTA YSABEL ART GALLERY**

At Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, March 12 through April 17, 2016 will be "On Site - 60 Years of Small Paintings", a one person exhibit featuring a selection of on location paintings by well-known San Diego artist Warren Bakley. Opening Reception for the exhibit is Saturday, March 12, 4 - 8 pm. Admission is free. The public is invited.

Although known primarily as an accomplished ceramic artist based at San Diego's Clay Associates who moves in the world of sculpture, Warren Bakley is also a painter. Through the years Bakley has painted the landscape, the neighborhoods where he has lived and the places that he has traveled to. The paintings in the upcoming Santa Ysabel Art Gallery exhibit have been chosen from 120 paintings made on site during a time period covering sixty years. They are a kind of visual journal, with each piece usually being a personal record of a place that Bakley has at one time visited or lived at or by. He says that each painting carries for him some memory of a specific place and observations of the detail of that place and reflections on that day. The locations for the points of view of these paintings were chosen by nothing more than being there.

"The sizes of these small pieces may suggest that these might be sketches as reference for larger studio paintings, however", Warren Bakley explains, "these are finished paintings. Any additional work would be a violation of the moment of light in which they were painted. For the artist doing on site painting there is the consideration of time and color of the day, the constantly changing nuances of light, the variables of the atmosphere, the workability of the media chosen plus the time required to cover the area of surface which determines largely why on location paintings are generally not large".

In addition to being a working/ teaching artist at Clay Associates. Bakley has taught either ceramics, design or painting at schools such as Drexel University, Moore College of Art, Trenton State University in Florence, Italy, San Diego State University and Cuyamaca Community College and Southwestern Community College. The work of Warren Bakley has been included in many public and private collections including the Museum of Contemporary Crafts, New York City, the Norfolk Art Museum, Norfolk, Virginia, and the United Information Agency traveling exhibitions. He was the subject of a biographical video which was part of the Profiles series produced by the San Diego City Library.

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.