

Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

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ANDREA GAYE TO EXHIBIT LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS AT SANTA YSABEL ART GALLERY

At Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, January 4th through February 9th, 2014, will be *From Plein Air to Studio*, a one person show featuring the work of well known San Diego painter and world traveler with paintbox Andrea Gaye. Featured in the exhibit will be the artist's plein air and larger studio landscape oil paintings, local and international scenes from her painting trips. A selection of Gaye's studio pieces will also feature her beautifully crafted figurative work within the context of a landscape painting. Opening Reception for the Andrea Gaye exhibit will be Saturday, January 4th, 4-8 PM. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Andrea Gaye has been painting and drawing as long as she can remember. Art has always been her passion. A painter since early childhood in her native England, she first exhibited in London at the age of 11. She attended the Brighton School of Art and went on to spend a year of independent art study in Paris. Gaye regularly paints plein air and likes to explore the diverse areas around San Diego County, as well as traveling to paint in other countries. She also does a great deal of painting in her studio: larger landscapes, figurative work and portraits, especially portraits of children at play on the beach.

Gaye says this of her experience of traveling and plein air painting: "Plein air trips can present some unusual challenges. Small children crowding around to touch the paints in

Guatemala, being entertained by marmots who wanted to get into our backpacks while painting in the mountains in Austria, and rescuing my hat from tourists in China who removed it to take my photo! It can be a challenge when the wind is threatening to blow down the easel or fingers are numb when painting in the snow, but the experience and friendships with other artists are priceless".

Andrea Gaye is also known in art circles here as painting teacher, juror of shows and for her professional association with her mentor, the late Spanish artist Sebastian Capella. She has exhibited throughout the United States and overseas. She lives and has her studio in the La Jolla area.

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. The gallery is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call 760-765-1676.