

# Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

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## **SALLY SNIPES EXHIBIT 'FRIENDS' AT SANTA YSABEL ART GALLERY**

At Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, May 24 through June 22, 2014 will be *Friends*, a one person show featuring the watercolor and acrylic paintings of well known Julian painter and personality Sally Snipes. Opening Reception for the exhibit *Friends* will be Saturday, May 24, 4-8 PM. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Capturing light and a sense of place has been the focus of Sally Snipes' paintings. A painter of studio and plein air landscapes, flowers, figurative pieces, and animals, Snipes is also an amateur botanist, garden designer, master gardener and daffodil specialist. The title 'artist' needs to be used in the broadest sense when describing Sally Snipes and her creative work.

Sally Snipes' paintings reflect her love and knowledge of nature. The exhibit title *Friends* refers to the subject matter of the paintings on display, work reflecting the artist's preference for painting the outdoors and its creatures; plants and animals, both wild and domestic. Snipes has lived in Julian for decades and gives a great deal of credit to her picturesque rural surroundings for ongoing artistic inspiration. "Cows have fascinated me for years", she says. They have

chased me, eaten my gardens after breaking down fences ... then captured my imagination as an artist with their darks and lights." Also from the artist on subject matter: "Some of my best friends have been dogs - so of course I have included them as subject matter in the show.

Snipes is known in Julian as 'The Daffodil Lady'. This because of the Julian Daffodil Project that she conceived and put into play in 1990. There have been well over two million daffodils planted to date by volunteer residents in Julian. She is an artist who has literally painted the hills of Julian with daffodils. In 2001 she received the Volunteer Horticulturist of the Year award for San Diego County. In 2003 she took second place for National Community Gardener in the United States.

Born and raised in Dana Point, California, Snipes attended the University of California, Santa Barbara and the San Francisco Art Institute. She also studied art at the Instituto Allende de Guanajuato in Mexico. In addition to being a practicing artist, she has taught art to children privately and in public school for over 40 years.

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.