

Santa Ysabel Art Gallery

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ROBERT TREAT'S VOLCAN MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS AT SANTA YSABEL ART GALLERY

At Santa Ysabel Art Gallery, October 27 through December 9, 2018, will be the exhibit *Animistic Ground: The Volcan Project*, a one person show featuring photographs of Julian's Volcan Mountain by San Diego County artist and photographer Robert Treat. Opening Reception for the exhibit is Saturday, October 27, 4-7 PM. The public is invited. There is no admission fee.

Robert Treat is a California artist whose paintings and photographs are exhibited and collected nationally. Primarily nature oriented, his photographs exhibit a strong structural awareness often verging into unconscious abstraction. These concerns of nature and structure also become a basis in his paintings. Working with primitive materials such as beeswax and asphalt, Treat's paintings result in sensuous tactile surfaces and strong active shapes. For him it is a way of recovery to a primary sense of self, a quality that tends to get repressed by today's modernity in general and media-representation in particular.

Robert Treat's formal training is in Architecture and Fine Arts from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. After graduation, his interests expanded to include large format photography and film animation. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to study and teach with a variety of creative individuals including Ansel Adams and Chuck Jones. Along with his photographic and painting career, he has been involved in the Hollywood animation industry for over twenty years and currently resides in San Diego.

In 2017 Robert Treat was given a grant from the Volcan Mountain Foundation to photograph the Volcan mountain range. Rising 5,700 feet, Volcan Mountain (common term) is the dominant scenic feature for a significant portion of San Diego's backcountry and is visible from the Pacific coastline 60 miles away. It is the headwaters for four major watersheds, including the San Dieguito and San Diego watersheds flowing to the Pacific Ocean. Treat says of the project: "I have found Volcan Mountain to hold a wonderful mystique and quietness within its wildlands. In this project I've explored this mystery and solitude by photographing its regions that are normally not open to the public".

Santa Ysabel Art Gallery is located at 30352 Highway 78 at Highway 79 in Santa Ysabel, seven miles below Julian. A feature of the gallery is the James Hubbell Room, where the art of Hubbell, San Diego County's internationally known artist, poet and builder of organic houses is on exhibit. 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 gallerist Annie Rowley at (760) 765-1676.