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The Monterey Museum of Art offers a range of K-12 programs that encourage critical thinking, collaboration, and interdisciplinary learning.

School Visit Program: Removing Barriers to Art Experiences for the K-12 Community

Each year, the Museum's School Visit Program provides thousands of students with exposure to art, as well as opportunities to express individual creativity. After classrooms visit the Museum—many for the first time, teachers often contact us to let us know how their visit positively impacted their students. Here, Nancy Carroll, a third-grade teacher from Marina Vista

Elementary School in Marina, shares about how the School Visit Program made a difference for her students: "The majority of our students do not have exposure to the arts, museums, or professional performances unless the experience is provided by the school. Visiting the Monterey Museum of Art not only allows children to view, discuss, and create art, it provides the opportunity to teach expected behaviors and encourage them to reflect back on the experience and discuss it with their families. The program provides ample opportunity for our students to discuss art with one another as they answer

questions and participate in a scavenger hunt. This is especially important for our English learner population. Students are exposed to new vocabulary to describe paintings and have ample opportunity to use these new words. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to visit the Museum each year, and for the bus transportation that the Museum provides which makes school visits possible. It is an enriching experience for all students, but even more for students from Title 1 schools like ours."

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Learn more about our K-12 School Visit Program on our website at montereyart.org/education



From the Executive Director

Many thanks to all for taking the time to share views about how we can make the Monterey Museum of Art the best it can be. I look forward to continuing my listening tour to hear your thoughts about the Museum and the community.

In 2018 the Museum will be implementing new approaches to sharing art. Exhibitions and programs in the new year will honor women as artists, innovators, and leaders, and contribute to the Museum's renewed effort to express the diverse artistic perspectives of California. The Museum also has plans to increase public displays of art throughout Monterey County.

In the meantime, you will not want to miss the Museum's exhibitions and programs offered through the end of 2017. Bring a friend and join us for *Miniatures 2017*, or get creative at an upcoming Art Night or Maker's Series workshop. The Museum offers something for everyone. Stop in and say hello, and we'll see you in the galleries soon.

Stuart A. Chase
Executive Director



Miniatures showcases artwork by 250 different artists—bringing together diverse artistic and cultural perspectives.

Miniatures 2017

Celebrating Local Artists and Keeping a Tradition Alive

In 1969 the Festival of Trees launched at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. A spin on the established Christmas Creations Show, the Festival of Trees featured Christmas trees decorated with handmade ornaments which were sold to raise funds. In 1981, Elsa S. Williams created the first ever "Masters Tree," which was a special tree decorated with miniature paintings. In 1989 the "Masters Tree" was renamed "Miniature Works of Art."

Expanding on the idea of a tree decorated with miniature works of art, the first *Miniatures* art exhibition was held at the Monterey Museum of Art and the Masonic Lodge in 1993, and it served as the model for MMA's annual *Miniatures* tradition—as we now know it. This year marks the 24th anniversary of *Miniatures*, and the exhibition continues to celebrate our local community of artists and Museum Members. These artists and Members generously donate original miniature artworks to be showcased and raffled at

the Museum. All funds raised support the Museum's dynamic exhibitions and education programs, as well as conservation of the permanent collection. *Miniatures* is the perfect example of an initiative that brings the community together through art!

On view November 3 – December 17, 2017. Visit montereyart.org/miniatures for more about *Miniatures 2017*.



SPECIAL MINIATURES 2017 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

- ➔ Join at any level and receive an additional month of membership
- ➔ Join or upgrade to a Contributor Membership or higher and receive an additional month of membership, an MMA tote bag, and 4 guest admission passes

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS January 1, 2017 – August 31, 2017

TRIBUTES

In honor of Ronda Eubanks
by Peter and Incy Brooks

*In honor of Craig and
Christine Johnson*
by Peter and Incy Brooks

In honor of Claire Lerner
by Shelia and Jacqueline
Hollander

MEMORIALS

In memory of Betty Roth
by Bonnie Portnoy



On View:

California Watercolor Landscapes from the Collection

This selection of works brings attention to the early European style, as well as the later California School of watercolor—through scenes of cities, beaches, and vast landscapes. The exhibition features works by Eugenia Francis McComas, Armin Hansen, and Henry Percy Gray, as well as recently acquired watercolors by June Felter and Charles Surendorf—on display for the first time. On view through January 29, 2018. Visit montereyart.org for details.

◀ **ABOUT THE WATERCOLOR:** George Booth Post was born in San Francisco, lived for a time in Gold Hills, Nevada, with his family, and later settled in Oakland. He attended the California School of Fine Arts, now the San Francisco Art Institute, where he studied under Gottardo Piazzoni, among others. He was an important contributor to the “California style” watercolor movement of the 1920s–1950s. George Booth Post (1906–1997), *Old Captain's House, 300 Pennsylvania, SF, 20th c.*, Watercolor on paper, Anonymous Gift, 1996.190.

Board Notes from the President

Kim Negri Reflects on Why She Serves as Board President

Lately, a lot of people have been asking me, Why? Why are you a trustee at the Monterey Museum of Art? Why did you commit to being the Board President? (I like to call it my full-time, nonpaying job!) So here it is, here's the reason—art tells the story of our lives and our world. There is something that I am able to find through art, and the museums that hold these incredible treasures, that I cannot find anywhere else.

I have seen first-hand how art changes people's lives—the first time a young girl or boy walks into the Monterey Museum of Art and sees an Armin Hansen with its vibrant colors and strong images of man and nature. Or, maybe they see the iconic photographs of Edward Weston and realize they too can be a photographer, and all of sudden they're participating in, and being recognized through the Weston Scholarship program.

Art and museums are the way we share our world and our history. Art moves us, lifts us up and teaches us about ourselves and others. Think about this for just a moment: Where would we be without the *David* or the *Mona Lisa*?

That is why I serve. I am honored to sit on the Board for the Monterey Museum of Art, and to give back to our community. I hope my time and support will help make our community a better place for that girl or boy that walks into the Museum for the first time and sees the world through the eyes of Armin Hansen, E. Charlton Fortune or Edward Weston.

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” —Edgar Degas



Students look closely at an Armin Hansen painting during one of the Museum's school visits.

Annual Fund: Support Lifelong Learning Through Art, Culture, and Community

As 2017 comes to a close, all of us at the Museum wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who have supported our work throughout the year. With that,

we invite you to be a part of our effort to make art a reality for everyone in our community from young children to seniors—now and into the future. By contributing to the Museum's Annual Fund, you become part of a vital philanthropic community that supports lifelong learning by expanding a passion for the visual arts in California. Thank you in advance for your support!

Visit montereyart.org/give to donate to the Annual Fund.



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OUR MISSION

The Monterey Museum of Art expands
a passion for the visual arts and inspires
an appreciation of California art—past,
present, and future.

OUR VISION

MMA is a celebrated center where art
and community intersect.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

OCT

➔ NEW

Friday, 10/6
Art Night
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 10/18
(Through 12/28)
Afternoon Art
Club for Kids
3:30 – 5:00 pm

➔ NEW

Thursday, 10/26
Music Night
6:00 – 7:30 pm

➔ FREE

Saturday, 10/28
Family Day
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

NOV

Friday, 11/3
Miniatures 2017
Opening Reception
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, 11/5
Listening Place
1:30 – 4:00 pm

Monday, 11/6
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

➔ NEW

Tuesday, 11/7
(Through 11/28)
Maker's Workshop
Series:
• Hand Lettering
• Wood Etching
6:00 – 7:30 pm

➔ MEMBERS ONLY

Saturday, 11/11
Miniatures 2017
Workshop
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sunday, 11/12
Listening Place
1:30 – 4:00 pm

Monday, 11/13
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Friday, 11/17
Brews for a Cause
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Monday, 11/20
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

Closed 11/23
Thanksgiving
holiday

Monday, 11/27
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

DEC

➔ FREE

Saturday, 12/2
Family Day
11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, 12/4
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Friday, 12/8 &
Saturday, 12/9**
Christmas in the
Adobes
5:00 – 9:00 pm

Monday, 12/11
Lecture Series
1:00 – 2:00 pm

**Closed 12/24
& 12/25**
Christmas holiday

Sunday, 12/31
First Night
3:00 – 8:00 pm

Closed 1/1/2018
New Year's Day

Upcoming

➔ SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Art in Bloom Gala at
the Tehama Golf Club

Enjoy a fabulous evening
which will include dinner,
art-inspired cocktails, a
live auction, dancing,
and more!

Please contact
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for inquiries.



Visit us online at montereyart.org
for the latest exhibition, event, and
program details.