



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 31, 2021

Contact: Rob Vogt
925-931-3456
rvogt@cityofpleasantonca.gov

THE FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER AND HARRINGTON ART GALLERY HOST EIGHT TAKES: CALIFORNIA IMPRESSIONISM

Pleasanton, Calif. – The Firehouse Arts Center and the Harrington Art Gallery announce the upcoming exhibition “EIGHT TAKES: California Impressionism” opening on Saturday, September 11, 2021, and running through Saturday, October 30, 2021. The Opening Reception with artists in attendance will be held Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

The “Eight Takes: California Impressionism” exhibition features eight nationally known Northern California Impressionist artists. This exhibition revolves around each artist’s interpretation of California Impressionism reflected in the landscape and through figurative work. Each of the artists embrace the impressionistic style in their paintings with their attention on the effects of light, loose brush work, and rich color. The work in this exhibition exemplifies the artists’ ability to capture the atmosphere and emotion of a scene.

The terms “California Impressionism” and “California Plein-Air Painting” describe the large movement of 20th century California artists who worked out of doors, directly from nature in California. Their work became popular in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Southern California in the early 1900’s. Artists working in this style embraced several key Impressionist interests, including loose brushwork, rich color, and, most of all, a fascination with the effects of sunlight. Some of the more famous early California artists included Edgar Payne, William Wendt, Guy Rose, Armin Hansen, Anna Althea Hills, E. Charleston Fortune and Granville Redmond.

Artists featured in the Harrington Art Gallery exhibition include Nancy Seamons Crookston, Terri Ford, Ellen Howard, Ryan Jensen, Laurie Johnson, Jim McVicker, Carole Rafferty, and Tonya Zenin.

Opportunities to meet the artists include the following artist demonstrations:
Nancy Seamons Crookston: Portrait Demo on Saturday, September 19th 1-3 p.m.

Laurie Johnson: Portrait Demo on Sunday, October 3rd 1-3 p.m.

Ellen Howard: Seascape Demo on Sunday, October 10th 1-3 p.m.

The Harrington Art Gallery will be open Thursdays 10 a.m.- noon., Fridays 3-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., and additional times by appointment only.

The Firehouse Arts Center is owned and operated by the City of Pleasanton and dedicated to inspiring passion through the arts. The center is comprised of the 227-seat Firehouse Theater, the 2000 square foot Harrington Gallery, classrooms and rehearsal space, the grand atrium lobby, and the famous interior glass bridge. With world-class performing and visual arts, exciting interactive programs for all ages, and a state-of-the-art venue which opened in 2010, we combine the sophistication of the culturally rich Bay Area arts landscape with the hospitality and intimacy of our own hometown. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

Follow us on Twitter @FirehouseArts, Instagram @FirehouseArts, and Facebook
www.facebook.com/FirehouseArtsPleasanton.

###