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Calendar Item

ALLIED ARTISTS WEST:” CALIFORNIA DREAMING” New installation featuring 21 professional South Bay artists. Exhibition opens at the Harrington Gallery January 14, on display through February 20. Each painter interprets the theme in as many different ways as there are artists. Urban and rural landscapes, figures and still life are just a few of the subjects. Styles range broadly from abstract to realism, conceptual to fantasy, and various approaches in between. RECEPTION: Free opening reception with artists, will be held on Thursday, January 14, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

PAINTING DEMONSTRATIONS: Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Exhibiting artists will conduct painting demonstrations for the public on most Saturdays during the run of the exhibition: January 16 – Pat Suggs – Pastel; January 23 – Jane Hofstetter – Watercolor; January 30 - Teresa Ruzzo – Pastel; February 20 – Michael Rogan and Gary Coleman – Acrylic. (NOTE: no demos February 6 and 13.)

Regular gallery hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Avenue. Donations always appreciated.

Press Release

***ALLIED ARTISTS WEST: California Dreaming
New Harrington Gallery Installation opens January 14***

Pleasanton, Calif. The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center announces its first major exhibition of 2016. Allied Artists West, a South Bay consortium of professional artists, have been invited to present a thematic installation titled “California Dreaming.” The paintings by 21 different artists will be on display from Thursday, January 14, through Saturday, February 20.

RECEPTION: Free opening reception with many of the artists will be held on Thursday, January 14, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Harrington Gallery. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to come explore the exhibit, and ask questions and chat with the artists.

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Allied Artists West, also known as The Professional Artists Group of Santa Clara County, (<http://alliedartistswest.com>) is a group of nationally known and emerging professional artists. All associates have received wide recognition and have won awards for their works, some in prestigious national exhibitions. Many are sought after as art teachers and art competition jurors. Many also have pieces in private and corporate collections nationwide, with the membership representing a diversity of painting media, techniques and viewpoints.

Participating artists in “California Dreaming:” Rajani Balaram, Gary Coleman, Kay Duffy, Veronica Gross, Jane Hofstetter, Karen Honaker, Yao-pi Hsu, Jeane Kluga, Belinda Lima, Shirley Motmans, Jen Norton, Sandi Okita, Sam Pearson, Carole Rafferty, Teresa Ruzzo, Michael Rogan, Pat Suggs, Judy Welsh, Julie Watson, Karen White, and Floy Zittin. Most of the artists have public websites where more information and images can be found.

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The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton, Calif. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and also one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

Information about the Harrington Gallery:

Located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, the Harrington Gallery is a state-of-the-art 2000 square foot exhibition space operated by the City of Pleasanton. Exhibits are located in the

gallery, the grand atrium lobby, the upper mezzanine, and across the glass bridge in the Firehouse Lounge. The gallery and exhibit spaces maintain a lively schedule of rotating art installations featuring a variety of media, themes, and styles. Exciting interactive programs in performing and visual arts are on-going. The Firehouse Arts Center opened in 2010, and also houses the 227-seat Firehouse Theater which presents world-class performances. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton.

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For more information about this exhibit, contact Harrington Gallery Director Julie Finegan at 925-931-4849, or jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov