



# North County Society of Fine Arts

## APRIL'S FEATURED ARTIST

AWARD-WINNING ARTIST AND EDUCATOR  
ROSE IRELAN



Join us in April for a special Artist Demonstration and Workshop with **Rose Irelan**, an award-winning plein air painter known for her luminous landscapes and expressive use of light and color. Based in San Diego, Rose draws inspiration from coastal, desert, and mountain environments, translating moments from life into paintings that feel both immediate and enduring. A respected educator and nationally recognized artist, she brings deep experience and insight to her teaching. Plan to attend the demonstration—and be sure to sign up early for the workshop. **See details page 6**

### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### April Artist Rose Irelan

##### Demo & Workshop

**Demo** - Tuesday 4/14/26 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library

**Workshop** - Saturday 4/25/26. 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Oasis RB

#### May Artist Susan Berkowitz

##### Demo & Workshop

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### Next Newsletter

The next Newsletter is May 2026. Please send your submissions by April 26 to [joan.bonetti@gmail.com](mailto:joan.bonetti@gmail.com)

#### RB Library Upstairs Gallery

Outside community artists will be showing until the end of June, 2026. Then ... New NCSFA member **Aditi Bhatia July 1 - August 31**



### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Momentum & Mastery: keep creating, refining, and preparing. As we move into this exciting season, our focus turns toward one of the highlights of our year—our upcoming **Member Show at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts**. This venue offers a wonderful opportunity for our artists to share their work in a vibrant, professional setting, and to connect with a wider audience.

This month's theme is all about momentum—continuing to create, refine, and bring your artistic vision to life. Whether you are putting the finishing touches on a piece or just beginning something new, now is the time to stay engaged and inspired. Every brushstroke, sketch, and experiment brings you closer to a piece you'll be proud to exhibit.

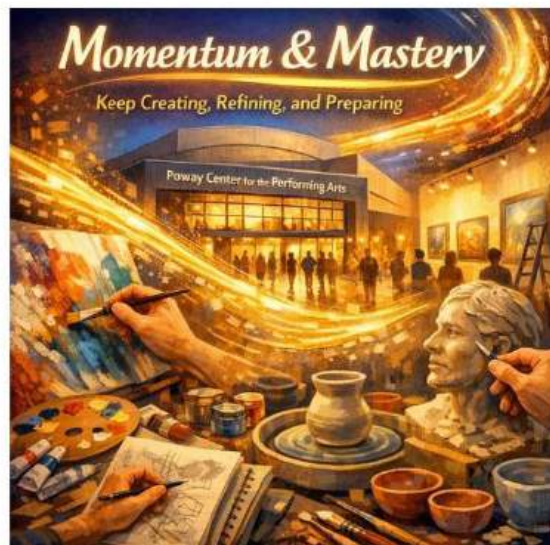
## **OUR PURPOSE**

**NCSFA is dedicated to advancing education and the appreciation of art. Our club objective is to promote education of fine arts to our members and through a scholarship program for students in our community.**

### **Important dates to remember for the Member Show:**


- **Drop-off:** Tuesday, May 5, 9:00–10:30 AM
- **Reception:** Sunday, May 24, 2:00–4:00 PM
- **Pick-up:** June 1, 9:00–10:00 AM

Be sure to review the prospectus on our website at **NCSFA.org** for all the details.



PLAN TO JOIN US  
DEMONSTRATION AND WORKSHIOP DETATILS

*Painter of Seascapes and Water*



**Free art demonstration**  
Workshop \$45 members / \$55 non-members  
Sign up at [NCSFA.org](http://NCSFA.org)

Gen'l Mtg/Demonstration: Tuesday 4/14/26, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo CA 92128. The Demo is FREE to members and the general public. At the demo, Rose will demonstrate how she manages her palette, how she captures waves in action, how she paints light, and composes for interest.

Workshop: Saturday 4/25/26, 11:30 pm to 4:00 pm at Oasis, 17170 Bernardo Center Dr., RB, CA 92128. You must pre-register and pay for the workshop. \$45 members / \$55 non-members. Register at [NCSFA.org](http://NCSFA.org). Come join Rose for a workshop on painting the Seascape. Rose is known for painting luminous color and light in contemporary and impressionistic landscapes and seascapes. She will guide you in this 3 hour workshop and give you some key take aways on painting a Seascape. We will work from a photo

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## NCSFA AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Honorable Mention

Congratulations - Jo-Lind Eckstein!!



*"Do I Hear a Chain Saw"*  
(14" x 12")

We are thrilled to congratulate **Jo-Lind Eckstein** on receiving an Honorable Mention in the Ashton Gallery's Art on 30th for her mixed-media artwork "Do I Hear a Chain Saw" (14" x 12"). The piece is featured in *Mix It Up*, the Regional Juried Show

Member Recognition: Honorable Mention  
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Jo-Lind's work reflects an adventurous and intuitive creative spirit. Embracing a wide range of media, she moves fluidly from one approach to another—intentionally avoiding repetition and allowing inspiration to guide her in the moment. Whether responding to a fleeting scene or a compelling idea, her practice is rooted in immediacy, curiosity, and creative freedom.

Her distinguished exhibition history includes solo shows on both the East Coast and in the San Diego region, notably at the **San Diego Art Institute in Balboa Park**. Jo-Lind has also participated in numerous national and international exhibitions, including the **Grumbacher Show, Torpedo Factory** (Alexandria, VA), **Maryland Federation of Arts** (Annapolis, MD), **SDMAAG En Plein Air International Shows** (San Diego), and the **Biennale International Contemporary Art in Florence, Italy**.

THE NEXT NCSFA  
NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAY  
2026. PLEASE SUBMIT  
YOUR WINS AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY  
APRIL 25, 2026.  
SEND TO  
JOAN.BONETTI@GMAIL.COM

NCSFA is proud to announce the unveiling of *Aspire*, a new mural by member artist Kat Furrow, installed along the Esco Alley Art Creek Trail. Kat is one of six local artists selected for this community-focused public art project, which transforms original artwork into large-scale murals through digital imaging and installation on 15' x 10' aluminum composite panels.

Join us for the unveiling celebration:  
Saturday, April 18, 2026  
3:30–5:30 PM

📍 460 N. Elm Street, Escondido, CA

This project celebrates the vibrant creative spirit of our region and honors the artists whose work brings beauty, inspiration, and connection to our public spaces. We look forward to celebrating with the community.

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ESCO ALLEY ART INVITATION  
CREEK TRAIL MURAL UNVEILING  
460 N. ELM STREET ESCONDIDO  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026  
at 3:30 PM  
Connecting with Nature, Art, Culture and Self

ARTS, CULTURE & CREATIVITY MONTH  
neighborhood HEALTHCARE  
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