# North County Society of Fine Arts

## CALENDAR At A Glance

### March Artist Robin Douglas Demo & Workshop

**Demo** - Tuesday 3/10/26, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library

**Workshop** - Saturday 3/28/26, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Oasis RB (pg 3)

## Looking ahead...

### April Artist

**Rose Irelan**

Demo 4/12. Workshop 4/23

*See NCSFA.org for details*

### 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**

# March Artist

## Robin Douglas

*Award Winning Artist and Teacher*

The next NCSFA Newsletter will be April 2026. Please submit your wins and announcements by April 25th.
Send to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com.

## President's Message

March reminds us that growth begins quietly. Beneath the surface, seeds are taking root long before we see the first blossoms of spring. Our creative lives work the same way. Every sketch, experiment, class, and conversation plants something.

Not every piece we begin will bloom immediately. Some ideas need time. Some skills develop gradually. But when we continue to show up — to meetings, to our easels, to one another — we are cultivating something meaningful.

This month, I encourage you to plant a creative seed. Try a new technique. Start a small study. Revisit an unfinished piece. Support a fellow member's artistic journey.

With patience, attention, and community, those quiet beginnings will grow into something beautiful.

Let's keep planting. 🌱 🎨

*Joan Bonetti, President*
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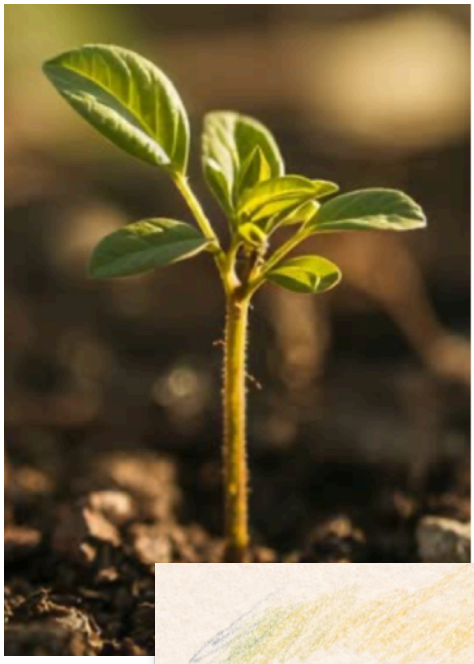
# Our Purpose

***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.***



*As we look to the year ahead,*
*your willingness to help makes all the difference.*
*Please consider volunteering with NCSFA.*

## This Month's Demonstration and Workshop

North County Society of Fine Arts *presents*

# Robin Douglas

*Painter*

Robin Douglas has been teaching art since 1973, beginning as a high school art teacher and later serving as an Art Professor, administrator, and artist at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (1981–2015). She has also been affiliated with the Krannert Art Museum, Spurlock Cultural Museum, and Urbana Arts Council. Since moving to Oceanside in 2015, Robin has led art studio classes and lectures at the Oceanside Museum of Art, Osher at Cal State San Marcos, and other professional venues. Her many honors include the Oceanside Museum of Art Medal of Distinction, and her artwork is featured in collections worldwide.

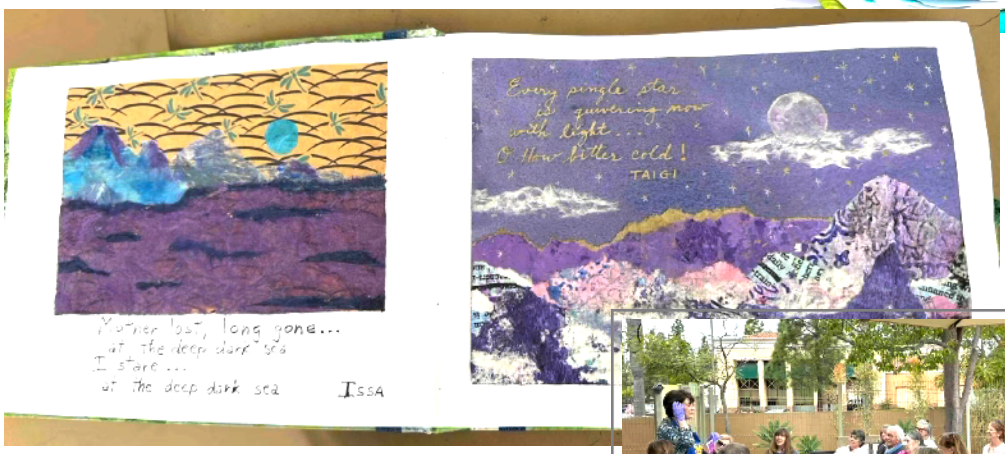
- **Gen'l Mtg/Demonstration: Tuesday 3/10/26, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. RB Library**, 17110 Bernardo Center Dr., Rancho Bernardo CA 92128. The Demo is FREE to members and the gen'l public. *At the demo, Robin will demonstrate painting techniques and paper cut-outs in the style of Henri Matisse, and talk about color palettes & mixing techniques.*
- **Workshop: Saturday 3/28/26, 11:30 am to 3:30** pm at **Oasis**, 17170 Bernardo Center Dr., RB, CA 92128. **You must pre-register and pay** for the workshop. $40 members / $50 non-members. Register at NCSFA.org. *Participants will learn how to create in the style of Matisse, using his color palette and techniques.*

# February's Demonstration

## Artist Demonstration – Janet Keto (February 10)

Our February artist, Janet Keto, presented her demonstration on February 10 on the RB Library's outdoor patio. Despite a bit of a challenge from a light breeze and the occasional airplane overhead, Janet came thoroughly prepared and carried on with enthusiasm. She was assisted by her granddaughter, who helped manage materials and setup throughout the presentation.

More than a dozen members attended and were very impressed with Janet's process and the unique project she introduced for the upcoming workshop. Janet shared beautiful papers she had created using gel plates and demonstrated how these handmade prints could be incorporated into small handmade books. The finished pieces she brought to show the group were especially inspiring—quiet, thoughtful books combining her printed papers with Haiku poetry.



*Her demonstration offered an engaging preview of the creative exploration participants would experience at the workshop later in the month.*

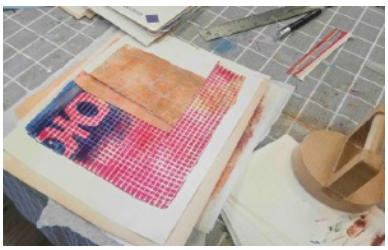
# February's Workshop

## Artist Workshop – Janet Keto (February 28)

Janet's workshop on February 28 was held at the RB Oasis Learning Center and was attended by 12 enthusiastic participants representing a range of experience levels. Those already familiar with gel plate printing quickly began creating their own papers, while Janet was able to spend time guiding and encouraging participants who were newer to the process.

Janet generously brought a wide variety of materials to share, allowing everyone to experiment and explore. Participants created their own gel-printed papers and began envisioning how they could use them in handmade book projects similar to the beautiful examples Janet brought to display. Her finished booklets—combining gel plate prints with thoughtful Haiku poetry—continued to inspire the group.

By the end of the workshop, tables were filled with colorful printed papers and plenty of creative energy. In fact, there's already a rumor circulating that a **"Keto Workshop 2.0"** might happen sometime this summer or maybe next term, which begins September 2026!



# Members Wins and Announcements

**Feb 14 – March 20, 2026**
**DAMES ON GRAND in the Expressions Gallery at Escondido Arts Partnership.**

NCSFA members selected for this exhibition included:
Doris Bertch, Carol Mansfield, Kathryn Peterson, Karen Krugman, Vita Sorrentino, Shelli West, Susan Berkowitz and Janet Keto.

This was the third year celebrating the gorgeous work of local women artists who contributed 2D and 3D art pieces, assemblages, sculptures, pottery, and clothing. The Valentine's Day reception was very well attended by the public and the show continues until March 20 at the Escondido Arts Partnership Gallery. Pictured below is Janet Keto's entry, " Fragrance Exotica" (bottom, center). Susan Berkowitz sold her beautiful collage. Congratulations to all who participated in this lovely event. This year was the biggest and best so far!

## Vita Sorrentino – Fallbrook Art Center

*"Effluence" juried into the Fallbrook Art Center 17th Annual Signature Watermedia Exhibition.*

*Vita would like to invite her friends to the award ceremony, which will take place on Saturday March 21, 4 to 6 pm at the beautiful Fallbrook Gallery.*

We LOVE to share your great news! Please send the following information to Joan.bonetti@gmail.com: Name of show, gallery, dates, painting name(s), medium, and size. AND SEND PHOTOS. The more info the better! ❤️