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State Fair Piece Gets Award of Excellence!

Yes! After being accepted into the State Fair five times over the last six years (one year I didn't apply) I finally garnered an Award of Excellence. So happy for the recognition. I love this piece and so glad the judges did too. Can't wait to get the rosette that they give out and of course the prize money is good to have too.

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Dream Big and you Might Actually Achieve it

For several years and especially this past year, I've been working toward one goal. I wanted a gallery to take my art not just for a one-month show but long term so that people wandering into the gallery could see it and purchase it. I've been in several shows in and around Sacramento but after a month you usually remove your artwork to make room for another show.

In chasing that goal I've researched galleries and I've visited many while traveling. After sending out my portfolio to over 40 galleries the **Edward Montgomery Fine Art Gallery in Carmel-by-the-Sea** contacted me and asked if I would put my artwork there. Of course I said yes and my husband and I immediately loaded up the car and made the three hour drive to that lovely village.

The gallery owner accepted 9 of the 11 paintings I took him. Below is "Rock and Roll" one of the paintings he is currently showing. If you are in the area, drop by to see the rest of my art along with so many other artists' pieces he has in his gallery.

It just goes to show that dreams can come true if you work hard at making them happen.



What's on My Easel?

I don't know if you've noticed but I don't paint a lot of figures. I decided to take an on-line workshop called Abstracting the Figure because I wanted to put more humans into my art.

It's been so much fun to tackle a subject that I've been avoiding and to do it in a different way. Below are two of the paintings I created using some of the techniques in the workshop. Let me know what you think—I'm curious to hear what you have to say about this new direction. Just email me at judy@knottjustart.com



The Sac Open Studios Tour – Sept 15 & 16

For the third year in a row, I will be part of a group that will be displaying and selling our artwork in and near Galt. For those of you who don't know where Galt is, just drive 10 miles south of Elk Grove and you're there. **I'll be at 676 Adare Way in Galt along with Tracy DiVita.** The Open Studios Tour happens over two weekends in September—we'll be showing on the 2nd weekend **Sept. 15 & 16.**

I will be displaying new artwork as well as some pieces I'm bringing out of "retirement." Some of the pieces are as small as 6" x 6" and they go up from there. Prices will start small as well.

And don't forget about my great greeting cards that are both funny and poignant.

Tracy DiVita, the artist I will be showing with, is a master at painting animals. You will love her paintings of man's (and woman's) best friend.

I hope you will be able to come to see our art.



The Lineup

- Studio Tour – Sept. 15 & 16 at 676 Adare Way, Galt CA
- Stay tuned for an animal show at the Tim Collom Gallery in Sacramento during November. More to come.