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## Drawing Classes

I've taught two drawing workshops and have been so impressed with the outcomes I can hardly contain myself. One comment from a student was "I will never look at anything the same way again...you changed my life." Others have said it's helped them with perspective and how they will now be able to see how to fix problems in their own work.

The workshops are held at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Each workshop consists of three days of drawing exercises (contour, gestural and perspective). Call 916-685-5992 to register. Or register on-line at <http://www.elkgrovetfineartscenter.org/new-events/> click on the calendar link under events and scroll down to May 18.

May 18, 21 & 25, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

June 20, 23 & 27, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm



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## New Directions

I am pleased to say the new direction of my artwork is being well received. I've gone from strictly representational to incorporating collage and adding layers of abstractness. I haven't given up my roots—I like to put something in my artwork that people will recognize or that tells a story. It seems to be more authentic to who I am.

I showed my work at Sparrow Gallery in Sacramento and I SOLD FIVE PIECES! So my new direction must be touching a chord with folks. It's really about having fun and being true to myself. Perhaps that's what folks are seeing when they buy my art.

Below are a couple of my small pieces where I'm bringing the two styles together. The top one is called "Uncharted Life" and the one below that one is called "Vase in a Niche."



## Recognition

I've putting my artwork out into competitions and have been lucky enough to be recognized with a few awards over the last year. I enjoy competing because it really does take me out of my comfort zone and also shows me what other artists are doing in this field. I've met some amazing artists that have become my friends (and sometimes my competition).

My artwork has been accepted into several of these shows throughout California. Here are a few of the places where my artwork has been accepted and shown...

- Gallery 621(Benicia)
- Arts Benicia (Benicia)
- KVIE Arts Auction (Sacramento) - **Curator's Award**
- Tracy Art League Expressions and Expressions Selections
- Lodi Spring Art Show (**two Honorable Mentions**)
- Central California 2016 Art Showcase (Carnegie Art Center Turlock & Mistlin Gallery Modesto)

So as you can see my artwork is going farther afield. Folks are recognizing my work and appreciating it as well. I might not always get accepted nor will I always win an award but it for-sure is making me up my game. I can only get better when there are so many excellent artists out there to compete against.

## France Here I come

I'm off to France and I'm very excited! I'm trying like crazy to learn some French words but it's difficult as you get older. I guess that's why they created translator apps. Love those smart phones.

I'll be there with a small group of artists and we will be following the "Path of an Artist." We'll start in Paris and then go to Bordeaux for a few days and finally on to Bergerac. I'm thrilled, nervous and a bit unprepared. I will be taking my art supplies and painting while there and I will share my sketches and studies with you all when I get back.

## *The Summer Lineup*

- Drawing class in May and June at Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. Sign up through their web site at <http://www.elkgrovefineartscenter.org/new-events>
- Crocker Art Museum "Big Names Small Works" auction. May 19 5- 9 pm
- Upcoming trip (fall) to the newly expanded and renovated San Francisco Museum of Modern Art sponsored by Northern California Artists. More details to come.

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