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Plein aire beginners and pros brave the elements

By CHRIS COUNTS

FROM PROFESSIONAL artists to virtual beginners, the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association features a varied and eclectic membership. A new exhibit, "The Painted Landscape," which opens Friday, July 18, at the Pacific Grove Art Center, aims to showcase that diversity.

"Not everyone is a professional artist, but all our members have a love and appreciation for plein aire painting," explained Rolf Lygren, a co-organizer of the exhibit. "This is the first showing of our entire membership."

Among the more recognizable names in the show are local artists Cyndra Bradford, Erin Gafill, Lindy Duncan, Jeff Daniel Smith, Julia Seelos, Jeff Crozier, Stan Robbins and Andy Williams.

In addition to the plein aire exhibit, the art center is opening shows this weekend by Somer R. Harrold, Yves Goyatton and

Monterey Peninsula College's "lensless photography" class.

Harrold, a Carmel Valley resident, says "not one model sat before me" for the paintings in her exhibit, "Rites of Passage: Seven Years of Oil Portraits."

"All my portraits are invented characters inspired by my travels, by women on the street, in books, heavily influenced by history, language, politics and personal experience," she said.

Goyatton, a native of Lyon, France, offers new sculpture in a display he calls, "Juxtaposé."

"His current body of work represents his fascination with the mystery of abstract shapes and their juxtaposition with the human form," explained Joan McCleary, director of the art center. "His work has taken this concept most literally by combining the human form and the abstract shapes of modern landscapes."

And 16 members of MPC's Spring 2008 lensless photography class show their experiments with the many varieties of pin-hole photography and many manifestations of the photogram — a cameraless image made on light sensitive papers or fabrics.

"Other cameraless techniques involve drawing with flashlights, 'chemical' prints, and cliché verre techniques," McCleary said.

The art center will host a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibits will continue through Aug. 28. The gallery is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.



This plein aire painting by Jeff Daniel Smith will be featured in a new exhibit at the Pacific Grove Art Center.

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A great weekend for jazz, Southern rock and bikes

By STEVE VAGNINI

RUSHAD EGGLESTON, a graduate of Carmel High School, is taking the cello to new dimensions. The first string player to ever be awarded a full scholarship to the Berklee College of Music, Eggleston may only be 27, but his resume is already impressive. After releasing his first album, "Nico and Rushad," in 1999 (with fellow Carmelite Nico Georis), Eggleston made his major label recording debut with the Fiddlers 4, a record that was nominated for a 2002 Grammy. In addition to performing on a number of major recordings, Eggleston tours extensively with Darol Anger's Republic of Strings, Fiddler's 4, and the alternative folk/bluegrass group he helped found, Crooked Still. Eggleston performs Wednesday, July 23, at 8:30 p.m. at Monterey Live on Alvarado Street with his latest project, The Tornado Riders, a group that also features Scot Manke on drums and Graham Terry on bass. An original artist in the finest sense, Rushad is an innovator with chops to spare.

Also performing at Monterey Live, jazz vocalist **Julie Capili** sings selections from her debut CD *Passing Fancies* on Sunday July 21. A talented singer/songwriter who recently moved to the Monterey Peninsula from Honolulu, Capili will be backed by a top notch group of musicians including Bob Phillips on piano, Skyler Campbell on drums and bassist Heath Proskin. Call (831) 375-5483.

Animal Friends Rescue Project celebrates its 10th Anniversary with the Paws Fur the Cause Music Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. at theHidden Valley Theatre in



Julie Capili

Carmel Valley. The event is free to the public and features live music, food, beer, wine and a raffle. Artists scheduled to perform at the festival include Alisa Fineman & Kimball Hurd; folk singer Michael Gaither; Trusting Lucy featuring Linda Arceo; and Jonah & the Whalewatchers. For information on Animal Friends Rescue Project and the event, visit the group's website at www.AnimalFriendsRescue.org.

Lynyrd Skynyrd was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in 2006. This Saturday, July 19, at 7 p.m., the band that gave us "Sweet Home Alabama" performs at the **Salinas**

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Rodeo Complex as part of the California Rodeo Salinas. Despite the death of founding members Ronnie Van Zant and Steve Gaines in a plane crash in 1977, the band has persevered and continues to tour regularly. The group released their latest album, their 23rd, "Lyve From Steel Town," in 2007. The Road Hammers, featuring Canadian County Music Artist Male Vocalist of the Year Jason McCoy, open the show. For tickets, call (831) 775-3100.

Summer music series on the Monterey Peninsula continues this week, featuring jazz artist **Scott Brown** at the **Carmel Plaza** Friday, July 18, at 5 p.m., and Morgan Hill blues guitarist **Shane Dwight** at the Sunday Blues in Park Concert Series in Seaside.

Also, don't forget that, with the MotoGP underway at Laguna Seca, motorcycles will gather en masse Friday and Saturday evenings on Cannery Row. San Jose band, **The Groove Kings**, will entertain with their hip and urban brand of rhythm and blues Friday and Saturday evenings at **Sly McFly's**. The music starts at 9 p.m.

And, with the big fire finally over, at the **Big Sur River Inn** this Sunday, music maven **Tim Jackson** takes a break from his duties as general manager of the Monterey Jazz Festival and executive director of the Kuumbwa Jazz Center and leads his group, **Real Time** through some swinging sets of jazz beginning at 1 p.m. Call (831) 667-2740 to make reservations.

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■ Historic home art sought

The Pacific Grove Art Center — in partnership with the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Pacific Grove Heritage Society — is seeking poster art for the Oct. 5. Pacific Grove Historic Home Tour. Acceptable mediums include pencil, watercolor, crayon, poster paint, chalk, acrylics, or oil. Pieces should be no larger than 24 inches by 36 inches. Suggested subjects include historic homes, buildings and churches. Artwork must be submitted to the art center by July 30.

The winner of the contest will receive two tickets to the home tour and two tickets to a related wine tasting event the same day. For more information, call Julie Heilman at (831) 646-1392.



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■ Here Comes the Sun

Between the smoke from nearby wildfires and its famous fog, the sun hasn't been seen much in Pacific Grove this summer. But that isn't stopping gallery owner Robert Lewis from paying tribute to the center of our solar system.

A new exhibit, "Summer Sun," opens at Le Beau Soleil Gallery Friday, July 18.

Featured in the show will be work by Judy Christen, Tom Davies, Susan Ewell, Annette Foisie, Carol Heaton, Elizabeth Meyer, Eva Nichols, Karlene Ryan, Sarah Madsen, Rose Sloan, Murray Wagnon, and Cindy Wilbur.

"The show is a mix of oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and pen and ink drawings," Lewis explained. "There's a little bit of everything."

The gallery, which is located at 210 1/2 Forest Ave., will host a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The exhibit continues through Sept. 3. For more information, call (831) 402-8406 or visit www.lebeausoleilgallery.com.

■ P.G. Chamber hosts art walk

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce presents its monthly art walk Friday, July 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. In addition to receptions at the P.G. Art Center and Le Beau Soleil Gallery (see above), The Loft Gallery, Tessuti Zoo, Gallery Christine, Artisana Gallery and Trotter Galleries are participating. Other downtown businesses will also be open and displaying art.

Maps are available at participating galleries and the chamber office, which is located at 584 Central Avenue. For more information, call (831) 373-3304.