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## *Some Exciting News to Share*

*Art With Elders uses the power of art, creativity, and community to enrich the journey of aging.*



### ***Berkeley Evening***

by Toba Herman  
Rhoda Goldman Plaza  
AWE 2023 31st Annual Exhibit



## **A Message from the Executive Director**

Hello Jason ,

As we see a new year arriving just around the corner, reflecting back a bit, there's no doubt that 2023 brought with it a mix of surprise, excitement, challenge and promise to our creative community. Our exhibit at San Francisco's City Hall, presented in partnership with the San Francisco Arts Commission back in February, signaled a powerful and celebratory return to our in-person exhibition planning after COVID's unwelcome interruptions. Many thousands of visitors were shown the incredible artistic

joy, wisdom and talents produced by our elder students for an unprecedented six month run!

Then after collecting artwork and framing it over the summer, some of the most beautiful art we've ever seen from our students, we were unceremoniously forced to postpone our much-anticipated annual opening. Delayed from its debut in October at Laguna Honda Hospital, our embattled and beloved partner, we know this next show will raise our creative bar even higher. We now hope for, with great anticipation, the nod, which can come at any minute, that Laguna Honda's recertification process has finally concluded, and that the show can and must go on!

As I mentioned in my September letter sharing the difficult news of this year's exhibit delay, we are a creative cohort that is uniquely suited for such unexpected tribulation. As skilled and confident artists, supported unflinchingly by our close-knit community, we see challenge as opportunity and refuse to be cornered by adversity. Just as our drawings and paintings rarely, if ever, materialize exactly as we anticipate, we have confidence that whatever unexpected new paths we find ourselves exploring, the results will be informative, beautiful and inspiring.

Onward, my dear friends and colleagues!



Gratefully,

Mark Campbell  
Executive Director

## ***African Queen of Butterflies***

by Geri Hill

Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center  
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***Honoring My Father in  
the Artesan's Workshop***

by Bonnie Perez  
Mission Neighborhood  
Centers, Inc.  
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***Lotus Blossom***

by Shiquan Li  
SF Senior Center  
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## *Seascape*

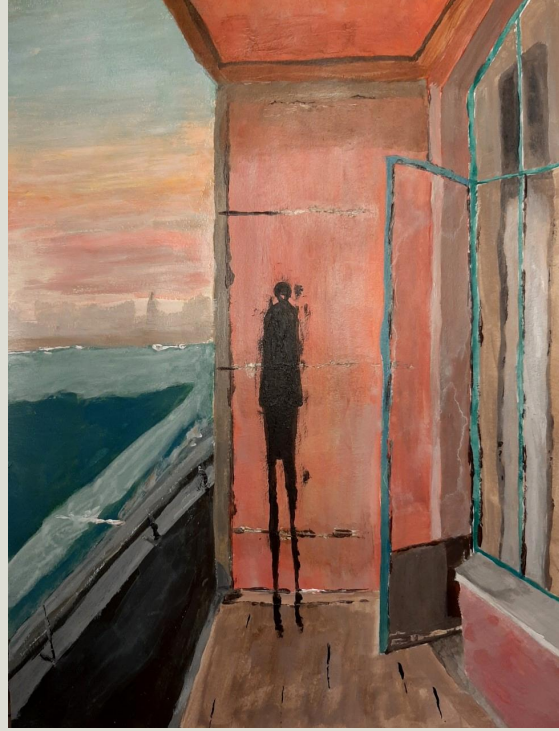
by Fanny Liu  
Visitacion Valley  
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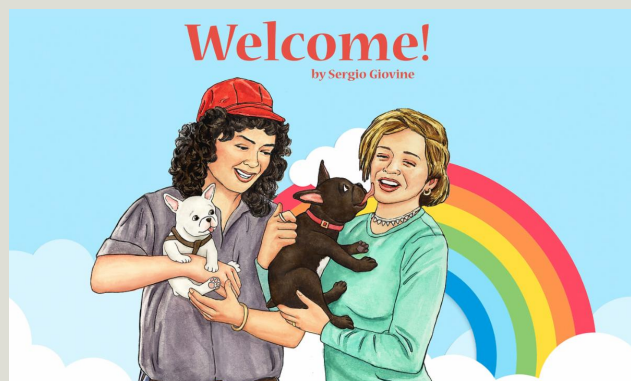
## *Shadow Man*

by Robert Leone  
Openhouse  
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## Welcome to our Newest Artist Instructor Sergio Giovine

Sergio began illustrating covers for books when he came right out of Parsons School of Design in 1982. Semi-retired and living in the Bay Area, he has worked as an illustrator of young adult books for a number of children publishers. A list that includes American Girl Mystery Novels, The Karate Club by Puffin Books, Jennie McGrady Mystery Series by Bethany House, and other kids books as well as hundreds of western novels for Penguin Books. He's authored and illustrated a children's picture book, "Welcome." It can be viewed here on his website. Other clients have included, Harper Collins Publishers, Avon Books, Random House, Scholastic Books and Catstudio. Most of his illustrations are created using and combining traditional media with contemporary apps, with a decided preference for working in watercolors. <https://www.sergioillustration.com/>



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## **Welcome Back Returning Artist Instructor Patrick St. Clair**

Patrick was born in Houston, Texas. He comes from a creative family that fostered an interest in art and music. At the suggestion on an art professor while pursuing his B.A. in History he decided to take more art classes. Later he moved to San Francisco to attend the San Francisco Art Institute, where received his MFA in Painting. Starting out as a figurative painter, he moved to painting spaces and interiors as they offered a more open-ended experience. In his latest work he depicts modernist interior spaces that are furnished with objects that reveal some of the character the absent occupants. Color and light are an important part of his work, acting as the bridge between the outside and interior world. He lives and works in San Francisco. Patrick returned to the Bay Area and AWE after several years living in Lyon, France!

<https://www.gallerymar.com/artists/patrick-st-clair>



***After the Rain***  
by Patrick St. Clair



***Interior Garden***  
by Patrick St. Clair

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**Currently on Exhibit**



## **AWE Artists at Imago Gallery**

Trinity St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
1668 Bush St. SF CA 94109

**Open to the public second Sundays 1-3p**

Cover Art - *Behind the Flowers* by Connie Manning

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## **Upcoming Exhibits:**

### **AWE at Gallery 190 UCSF Memory and Aging Center**

Opens January 2024

### **AWE at SF Women Artists Gallery**

Opens January 2024

Stay tuned for details:

<https://www.artwithelders.org/exhibit-schedule/>

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## **AWE 2023 So Far...**

### **2023 Public Exhibits**

- SFAC Galleries at City Hall "Art With Elders – The Power of Creativity and Community" - Feb. 2 – Aug. 25, 2023 – SF City Hall, Ground Floor and North Light Court - (Including class group visits by Mission Neighborhood

Centers, Inc. and Crescent Park Apartments)

- AWE at Genentech, South San Francisco - Jul. 18 – Aug. 18, 2023 – Genentech, 1 DNA Way
- AWE 30th Annual Exhibit at the SF War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Veterans Building - Jan. 6 – Mar. 1, 2023
- The Women of AWE at the [SF Women Artists Gallery](#) 647 Irving St. at 8th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122 - Jan. 10 – Feb. 3, 2023

### **2023 Events**

- Public Program - Art as Healthcare: AWE at Laguna Honda Hospital - Jul. 11, 2023- SFAC Main Gallery
- Public Program - San Francisco Cares: Inclusivity and Accessibility in Senior Arts Programming - May 23, 2023 - SFAC Main Gallery
- Public Program - The Role of the Arts in Building Social Connection: The Art With Elders Senior Bridge Project - Apr. 1, 2023 - SFAC Main Gallery

### **2023 Media**

- Interview about AWE by Mark with KALW Radio
- Interview about AWE by Hugh Willard – Aging Well: Finding Beauty in the Gray podcast
- SF Chronicle Senior Living Section 6/25/23 – “Creativity, community abounds at Art With Elders”

### **Current Exhibit**

AWE Artists at Imago Gallery Trinity St. Peter’s Episcopal Church – July 15, 2023-TBD - Open to the public second Sundays 1-3p, 1668 Bush St, SF CA

### **Upcoming Exhibit**

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### **Various AWE Community Exhibits**

Art With Heart at Crescent Park  
AWE at the Carlisle  
And more...

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AWE Artist Participant Ida Marksman delighted to see her artwork, "The Cheetah," on display at the SFAC City Hall Gallery Exhibit.

## Thank you to our Donors!

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Art With Elders appreciates all of our supporters. Together we are truly changing the lives of hundreds of Bay Area seniors. We strive to open hearts and minds to new worlds, new discoveries, new joys, and subsequently, fresh meaning in life.

Thanks again to all of our donors for making this work possible!



## AWE Staff and Artist Instructors

Row 1 L-R: Yvette Brown, Mark Campbell, Insio Che, Mei Mei Everson, Emma

Fenton-Miller, Keesje Fischer, Santiago Gervasi. **Row 2 L-R:** Sergio Giovine, Dmitry Grudsky, Virginia Jourdan, Dulama Trotter, Min Lee, Hugh Leeman, Megan Majestic. **Row 3 L-R:** Andrew Mills, Darcie O'Brien, Miranda Putman, Betty Rothaus, Patrick St. Clair, Jason Varner, Stephanie Vlahov



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