



Community Outreach

A Look Back

Alameda County Fair Youth Awards

It's summertime in the Bay Area. For many people an anticipated summer activity is participating in or attending the Alameda County Fair. CWA traditionally sponsors three youth awards for watercolor paintings. This year, due to Covid19, the fair has been canceled.

However, Kari Estabrook, Exhibit Coordinator for Youth and Education, is presenting the youth watercolor paintings in a virtual fair format. She inquired if CWA would consider making our awards using this format. CWA Community Outreach has happily accepted. This is the best way we can encourage these students to continue to create art.

We look forward to presenting the 2020 Alameda County Fair Youth Awards in our August newsletter. The paintings we present here are those of runners up from last year's Alameda County Fair youth exhibitions.



The Memory Project

Last year Community Outreach was fortunate to connect with and sponsor the Memory Project with the Art Club at John Swett High School in Crockett. The students did a terrific job painting the portraits of Pakistani students.

The project provides participating U.S. students with a photograph of a student from a different culture; for example, Bangladesh. The student's job is to create a portrait using the photograph (on paper, any media, and a specific size). These portraits and photos are sent back to the students by the Memory Project. A ceremony is held in the schools presenting the finished portraits to the students. They love receiving both the artworks and photos of themselves.

Based on this success, we've been hoping to expand the Memory Project to other high schools. Happily the Community Outreach committee has connected with Evan Hughes, the art teacher at Clayton Valley Charter High School, and he is interested! We've set a date to reconnect at the beginning of the coming school year. We are very pleased at the prospect of extending the Memory Project to another group of high school students.

Project Website: www.memoryproject.org

