



Community Outreach

Georganne Zaro Visits Campolinda High School

“What makes watercolor media so special?” was one of a number of subjects that Campolinda High School teacher, Justin Seligmanrhe, asked Georganne Zaro to address on her visit to his art class. Justin has been teaching art with enthusiasm for 15 years. One of his classes specializes in watercolors. The class met in the library with their artwork on display for Georganne’s critique. She discussed composition and demonstrated the use of two corner mats to crop out the unnecessary and reveal the focal point. One feature unique to watercolor is transparency—by layering washes a painter can increase a painting’s contrast and a great richness of color can be achieved.



The students gathered around Georganne as she illustrated her points with pieces from her portfolio. She brought many examples of loosely and quickly painted small, even postcard-size, watercolor paintings that she had painted in plein air over the years. She called them her "little jewels." Then back in her studio, she would use these “jewels” as a reference for a full-size finished painting. She encouraged the students to go out in nature and notice what attracted their eyes. Then quickly paint it using the convenient media of watercolor. This practice, Georganne explained, teaches one’s eye to see the world from a painter’s viewpoint.

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- Who:** Volunteers, YOU, and Maggie Metcalf plus Georganne Zaro
- What:** Assisting veterans with watercolor painting
- Where:** Martinez VA Hospital, 150 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553
- When:** Twice a month at 1:00 pm, day TBD (on Tuesdays or Wednesdays)
- How:** Call Maggie at (925) 849-5212 or Georganne at (925) 980-7722 for more info or to volunteer