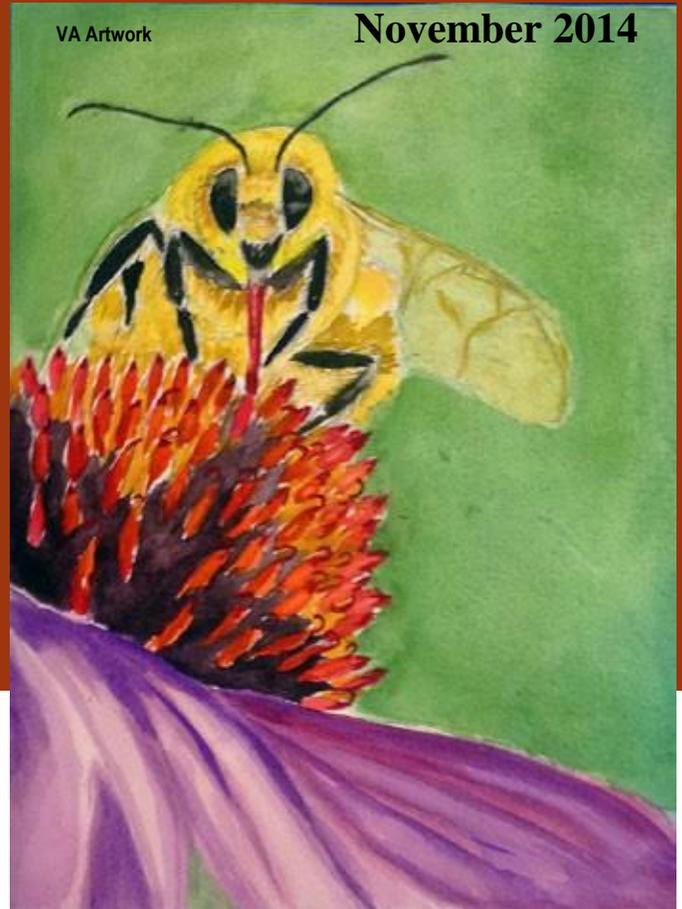


John's Painting



VA Artwork

November 2014



# CWA Outreach

**Thank You CWA Outreach  
Alameda County Fair Prize Winner**

Our award winners from the Alameda County Fair appreciate CWA.

**CWA Autumn Art Festival**  
Alameda County Fair Prize Winner

Dear California Watercolor Association,

I thank you so much for the award and money gift I received for my watercolor painting through the Alameda County Fair. I was so honored to be recognized as the co-winner of the First Award for Best Watercolor 9-10th grade. It was very generous of you to think of young painters like me! I plan to continue painting and especially with watercolors because they are my favorite media! Thank you again!

Sincerely,

Charlotte Miranda

## VA Martinez

The collaboration between the CWA Outreach Program and the Veterans in Martinez continues to develop and grow. Since we began our work with the vets, we have witnessed and experience the growth of several promising artist. At the last meeting, they brought in selected paintings painted with CWA Outreach. CWA volunteers, Victoria Bianco, Marianne Elliot and Sheila Cain assisted them in matting their works and matting the works of others who were not present.

Toward the end of the days Outreach John, a vet, rolled up in his wheel chair and commented on great the paintings looked. We pointed out that the painting being mounted was his. He gave us a big smile and said, "I painted that?" We assured him that it was his work. He'd signed it. He was an artist. He was thrilled by the impact matting added to his painting.

We were all delighted with how matting added to the impact of the art work. All together 32 pieces were matted in preparation for the upcoming "in house" show. The hope is that this show will go on the road to local galleries or restaurant venues.

The Autumn Art Festival will be held on the 22nd of October from 10 - noon at the Recreational Therapy Center. The Festival will feature the mounted art, live music, refreshments and painting demonstrations. We CWA volunteers are honored to work with these veterans