



THE SAN DIEGO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

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# PRESS RELEASE

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## Oceanside Artist Wins Third Place

Oceanside artist Nancy-Jo Klaphaak has won Third Place in the highly competitive November Members Show on display in the San Diego Watercolor Society gallery at 2825 Dewey Road in Liberty Station, San Diego. Nancy-Jo's painting entitled "Pelican" was selected by nationally known juror Barbara Tapp for this honor, out of one nearly 300 entries. Tapp said of the painting, "All the edges are defined by contrast. The background has harmonious color choices, and it has an exciting design. I react to it because it is a nice narrative painting. Complementary opposite colors make for great contrast. The wing plays against the beak, and all the shapes are connected very well. This is a very well composed painting, yet loose in technique. It is aesthetically pleasing, with elements of unpredictability."

Nancy-Jo Klaphaak is an award winning fine artist and illustrator. Nancy has a B.S. in Art from Skidmore College with a major in drawing and painting and a Masters in Painting from Stanford University. She has experience doing illustrator and design work, in addition to teaching her passion for art. In a teaching role, has been a K-12 bilingual educator, and taught in the Graduate School of Education at U.C.L.A. Her art work can be seen in juried national and international shows. Ms. Klaphaak's art is on display in private collections around the world, and reflects her interest in indigenous cultures and nature, as well as her extensive travels and experiences living abroad. Find her work at

<https://www.instagram.com/nancyjoklaphaak/?hl=en>

The Gallery Exhibit will run through November 28, 2021. The works can also be found on the San Diego Watercolor Society's website at [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org) where the paintings can be both viewed and purchased from the Online Store.

## ABOUT SAN DIEGO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

The San Diego Watercolor Society, a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1965, is dedicated to expanding the appreciation of and involvement in watermedia painting through education, exhibition and promotion. More information can be found at <http://www.sdws.org>.



**"Pelican" by Nancy-Jo Klaphaak  
Mixed Media, 18 x 24"**

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