

Quarry Cove Art Gallery: "California Reflections"
Artists' Reception, Saturday, April 14, 3 to 5 p.m.
Rockaway Beach, Pacifica

Honoring the natural environment through their art, photographers Donna Doney and Josie Johansen, as well as ceramic artist and potter Sandy Slick present 40 photographs and 16 ceramic pieces. "California Reflections" is a mosaic of art that envelops the viewer in the beauty of nature that is California.

Doney evokes a sense of place and transports the viewers into that environment. In "Mendocino Waves," Doney embodies the power of the Pacific Ocean as she photographs a turquoise blue ocean of waves crashing against rock outcroppings. Bringing us to our national parks, she portrays the grandeur of formation in "Yosemite Peaks," a chiseled monument of history at dawn. In "God's Cathedral," Doney shares a moment of awe as she looks up into the sky through a canopy of redwood tree branches. "Golden Treasure" glistens with the sun's reflection on the ocean in late afternoon. Through her photography, Doney conveys the complexity of earth and her concern for preserving the environment.

Continuing the celebration of California, Johansen exhibits ocean scenes and close-ups of nature as found moments of art. In "Sunset at Moss Beach Distillery," Johansen portrays the brilliance of the sun setting into a horizon of ribboned colors while cradled by a tapestry of twigs and branches. Johansen has an eye for finding and seeing the unique, especially on road trips and hikes. On a roadside near Lake Tahoe, she envisioned "Ice Falls," a photo that transforms a group of icicles into a stunning flash-frozen waterfall. While hiking near Eureka, Johansen came upon her "Heart of Nature," a joyful find of a heart-shaped wood burl nestled in the plant life at the forest floor. Her ability to be in the moment is also illustrated in her photos "Moon Eclipse," "Red Panda," and "Fox's Den".

Inspired by her deep religious faith and the beauty of living in the Central Valley, the Sierra, and now Pacifica, Slick has created a striking and thought-provoking collection of functional pottery. Her design reflects both the colors and the forms of ocean and rivers. "Deep Calls

Out” beckons to the imagination with its abstract overlay of turquoise, aqua, cobalt, brown, and black glazes that fill this large bowl. Slick offers a tribute to the symbolism and functions of water in her unique two-holed vessels, “Cleansing Water” and “Pour Your Spirit”. Consistently and beautifully, Slick showcases her artistry with glazes. One sees the intersection of land and water in the vase “Indian Pools,” the movement of blue-hued currents in the vessel “Running Water,” and the transformative features of water in the ceramic basket “Deep Well”.

Each photograph and ceramic piece in “California Reflections” offers an intriguing story. The artists invite you to attend a reception on Saturday, April 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. “California Reflections” is exhibited through Saturday, May 12. Quarry Cove Art Gallery is at 225 Rockaway Beach Avenue next to Avani Salon. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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