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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Nature &  
Abstraction**



**Alameda County Arts Commission Presents *Nature and Abstraction* Exhibition  
at Alameda County Administration Building in the Treasurer-Tax Collector's Lobby Gallery**

**Oakland CA – (March 12, 2018)** – The Alameda County Arts Commission is pleased to present the group exhibition *Nature and Abstraction* featuring artwork by seven Adobe Art Gallery Artists. The exhibition is on view through August 2, 2018 at the Alameda County Administration Building, Treasurer-Tax Collector's Lobby Gallery, 1221 Oak Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. The gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and closed for County holidays.

The *Nature and Abstraction* exhibition was coordinated and curated by Adobe Art Gallery Director, Leah Virsik. The exhibition features the work of Nick Calarco, Debra Collins, Mercie Harris, Niambi Kee, Sally Lampi, Lynne Shephard and Gerald Thompson chosen from two of Adobe Art Gallery's 2017 annual group exhibitions.

The seven artists utilize a broad range of media including acrylic, oil, collage, hand-dyed fabric, experimental photography, pen, ink and watercolor. Their works include representational images from nature and abstracted imagery suggesting the natural world. The sun convincingly reflects off the rocks in Gerald Thompson's *Mojave Lava* and fills the kitchen window with light in Debra Collins' *End of Summer, Mendocino*. Sally Lampi's *Abstract Doodle Series* and Lynne Shephard's *Bird's Eye View Series* are reminiscent of flattened landscapes viewed from an airplane window. Mercie Harris and Niambi Kee include bits of paper or fabric in their overall textural compositions. Nick Calarco's *Patterns in Spring*, a color print, almost looks like it was painted, with similar organic forms as seen in Sally Lampi's *Abstract Doodles*.

Located in Castro Valley, Adobe Art Gallery showcases five group exhibits a year with many opportunities for artists to display their work. This year, the *A.R.T., Inc. Members' Exhibit: Anything Goes, Almost* runs through March 10. The Annual Spring Open Exhibit: *The View From Here* is open to all artists and runs March 24–May 5 with an artist reception on Saturday, March 24 from 1 - 3pm. *The Magic of Collaboration Invitational* is May 26–July 7; the inaugural *Art Fundraiser* happens August 11 - September 22; and the *41st Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibition* will run October 13 - December 1.

The Adobe Art Gallery is a public fine art gallery, committed to promoting and encouraging visual arts within the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District. For more information about Adobe Art Gallery including calls for entry, visit [adobegallery.org](http://adobegallery.org).

Details of images above (left to right) by: Gerald Thompson, Mercie Harris, Nick Calarco, Lynne Shephard, Niambi Kee, Debra Collins and Sally Lampi.

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