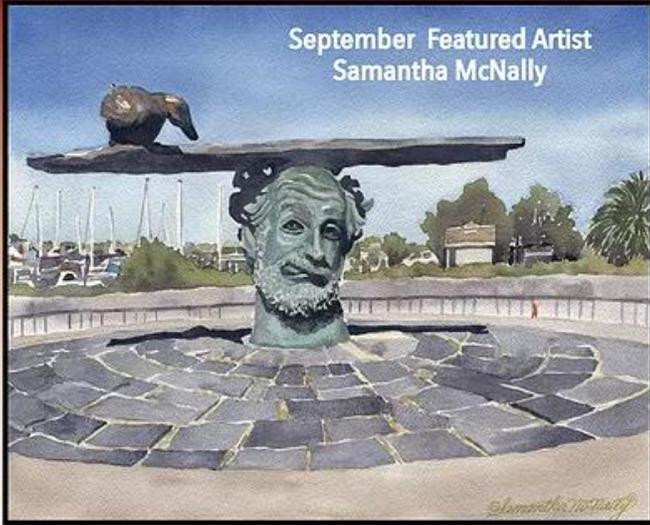


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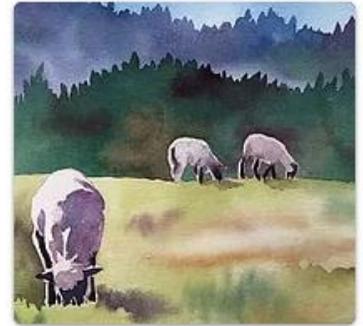
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Open Thurs- Sun 11-5

HQ Gallery
333-D-First Street
Historic Benicia, CA 94510
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Ask about the scavenger hunt game when you come to HQ. This month's winner will get a hand painted watercolor by [Samantha McNally](#).

September Featured Artist– **Samantha McNally**

About Samantha McNally



Samantha is an award-winning, professional watercolor artist, whose works are collected and appreciated across the country. Known for her realism and delicacy in capturing florals and nature-inspired subjects, Samantha also teaches watercolor to students online, and is past President of the California Watercolor Assoc.

Samantha studied art at Ramapo College and Ridgewood School of Art, NJ, and the School of Visual Arts in NYC. She honed her eye for creating finely detailed work during her 15 year career as an embroidery designer in the NY garment district.

August Featured Artist- **Tibby Lerner**

Tibby Lerner has been taking photographs since she got her first Brownie camera as a young girl. She is self-taught and transitioned to a digital camera in 2009. Her photographs have been shown at the Marin County Fair and other venues around the Bay Area, and in HQ Gallery since 2017.

Starting primarily as a nature photographer, Tibby expanded her photography into urban art, abstract, and photographs that look like paintings. "I enjoy finding those moments that might otherwise go unnoticed, and I like showing nature as abstract, where you ask yourself, what is that??" She also likes finding the hidden aspects of Benicia, as well as presenting the more well known sites in the city.

"I used my quarantine time during the early months of COVID," she says, "to set up a shop on etsy.com and to take classes on zoom from local artist Beth Grimm. From her, I learned about cell phone artistry and began a whole new era of my photography."

Tibby's photos on Etsy.com are at [tibbysphotos](https://www.etsy.com/shop/tibbysphotos). You can also see her work at HQ Gallery, 333D First Street, Benicia, and on the HQ Gallery website at [hqgallery.net](https://www.hqgallery.net)

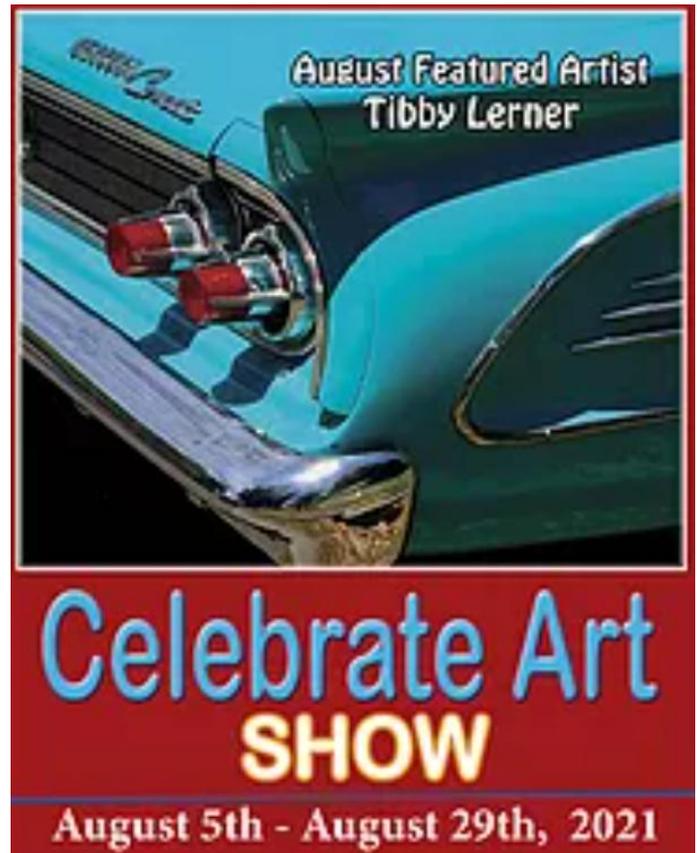
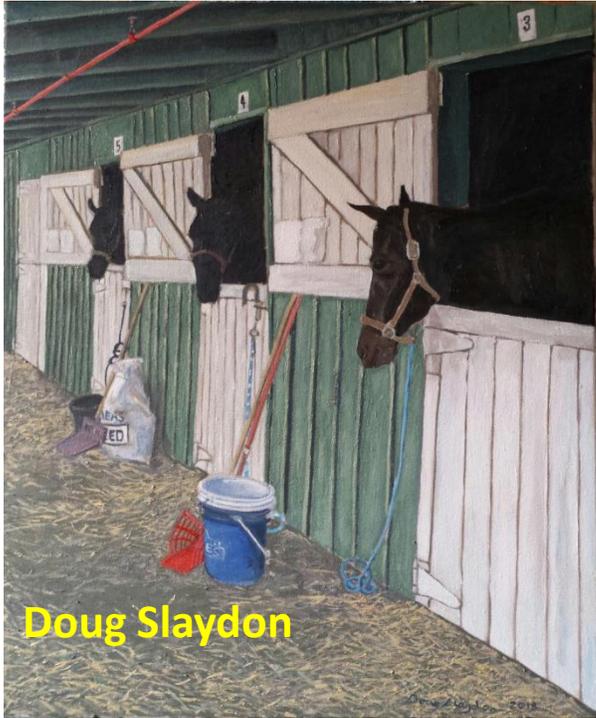


Photo on right: Frank Senor won Tibby Lerner's photo, "Sunset on the Carquinez Straits," in the August Scavenger Hunt drawing at HQ

Welcomes new artist members:



Doug Slaydon



Charlynn Throckmorton

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Selected art from the *Autumn Days* show in the gallery until October 31

Peddler's Fair Booth August 14 2021

Photos by OK Kyong Hanrahan



Saturday Sketches – Artist Gay Roche

HQ artist Gay Roche sketched musicians playing on First Street this summer. The City of Benicia and Benicia Main Street event “Music is in the Air,” scheduled free concerts at St. Paul’s Square and on the capitol building lawn every Saturday through September 4. Gay decided to sketch the musicians to make a positive contribution to the city’s effort to promote a cultural experience for residents and visitors. She gave her finished sketches to the musicians who always seemed delighted. Gay has been painting and drawing all of her life and studied art at several design schools. She particularly enjoys doing portrait sketches. Look for her doing 10 minute portrait sketches in front of HQ gallery during the art walks. Shown below is her sketch of the group “Out Doors.”

2021 Gallery Show Calendar

SEPTEMBER SHOW:

September 2nd to October 31st

NOVEMBER SHOW:

November 4th to January 2nd 2022

NOV 25th THANKSGIVING DAY-CLOSED

DEC 25TH CHRISTMAS-CLOSED



September Happenings – Press Release by Fiona Hughes

- Original watercolor artworks by Featured Artist, Samantha McNally, award-winning local artist and teacher, whose artwork is prominently showcased at HQ Gallery throughout the month of September. A preview, and information on the artist and her artwork can be viewed at <https://www.hqgallery.net>.

Participants in the Scavenger Hunt have an opportunity to win a prize painting (see image on page two) donated by Samantha McNally.

- A new art exhibit entitled, 'Autumn Days' is displayed throughout September. It showcases original paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, assemblage art, digital and mixed media pieces, all created by 20 local member-artists.

-HQ will participate in the free annual Benicia Art Walk on Sept. 11, 2021 from 2-5pm, and invites visitors to enjoy:

-Live music performed by Marcy Orendorff on acoustic guitar and vocals, playing a mix of classic and contemporary folk. A fun specialty of Marcy's is creating an original 'song-on-the-spot', upon request. For more information about singer/songwriter Marcy Orendorff visit MarcyOrendorffMusic.weebly.com

- HQ Gallery will again contribute to the Benicia Art Passport competition, for a chance to win a \$200 prize to be spent at any of eight participating art galleries.

October Happenings

-Watch for HQ Gallery's scarecrow in front of the gallery during Benicia Main Street's Scarecrow Competition all during the month of October.

Samantha McNally and Fiona Hughes will be doing on-the-spot dog portraits in front of HQ Gallery during the Benicia Dog Festival on October 17 . They will also be taking portrait orders. See Samantha's work at samanthamcnally.com and Fiona's work at www.petprojects.net