

## Celebrating the Creative Spirit Area Artists' Annual Exhibition

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Register in advance online <https://form.jotform.com/241965348168165>  
Exhibition Dates September 21 – October 12, 2024  
Delivery of Artwork Adobe Art Gallery  
Monday September 16 4-6 pm  
Tuesday September 17 6-8 pm

IN PERSON delivery only to the Adobe.

Ensure artworks are framed and wired properly.

Ensure 3D artworks are stable for exhibition.

Label each artwork with the Artist's name, title of artwork, medium,  
phone number, and price.

Bring biography/artist statement for inclusion in binder.

Reception & Awards Adobe Art Gallery  
20395 San Miguel Ave, Castro Valley, CA  
Saturday, September 21, 3-5 pm  
Awards Presentation by Linda Cliff, Winifred and  
Gerald Thompson 4:00 pm

Exhibition Open Thu, Fri, Sat 11 am – 2:00 pm  
September 26 – October 12

Exhibition Closes Saturday, October 12  
Pick-up Artwork Adobe Art Gallery Saturday, Oct 12 4-6 pm

## **History of the Area Artists' Annual (AAA) Juried Exhibition by Gerald Thompson**

Upon my 2013 retirement, I constructed an art studio. After a hiatus of 26 years, I painted an oil portrait of our home titled "Madison Home".

I entered "Madison Home" in a juried exhibition – it was rejected. Later in 2014, I entered it in the AAA Juried Exhibition at the Adobe Art Gallery – it was accepted!

Being welcomed into the Castro Valley art community was heartwarming. Since 2014, I entered the AAA exhibit every year and was thrilled to receive an Honorable Mention, Merit, and Mona Froyland award.

In 2018, when CVUSD took over management of the Adobe Art Gallery from HARD, the 41-year tradition of the AAA Juried Exhibition ended.

In 2023, I negotiated with the HARD Foundation, CVUSD, and A.R.T., Inc. to revive the AAA Juried Exhibition.

My efforts resulted in the 2024 AAA Exhibition. Although this is not a juried exhibition, the number and award money of the Merit and Honorable Mention awards equals the historical AAA Juried Exhibition. In addition, Winnie and I are presenting awards in honor of our artistic mothers: the Margaret Robbins and the Eupha Thompson Awards.

Steven Love, Executive Director of the HARD Foundation, provided funding and A.R.T., Inc. provided gallery space for this exhibit.

Winnie and I hope you enjoy participating in the AAA exhibition and awards ceremony!