

# ***Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California: the art and science of native plants***

**January 11- March 15, 2014**

Opening Reception:

Saturday, January 11, 2:00-4:30 p.m. with artists' demonstrations on techniques and processes and jury results at 3 p.m.

The Theodore Payne Foundation is pleased to present this juried exhibition in recognition of the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California (BAGSC) and the continuing importance of botanical art in the service of both science and art, knowledge and beauty.

The BAGSC, a chapter of the American Society of Botanical Artists, is dedicated to encouraging the development of botanical art and the promotion of public awareness of this artistic tradition.

Throughout history, botanical art has played a crucial role in the discovery and identification of plants – including the California flora – and the dissemination of scientific knowledge.

Botanical art has the power to communicate the importance of plants to our world, whether through conservation, horticulture or agriculture. Botanical art adheres to the highest standards of both art and science, making it unique among all the art forms.

The exhibition consists of 23 artworks by 14 BAGSC artists, including:

Nina Antze, Diane Daly, Estelle DeRidder, Clara Josephs, Joan Keeseey, Patricia A. Mark, Arillyn Moran-Lawrence, Lesley Randall, Mitsuko Schultz, Gilly Shaeffer, Janice Sharp, Deborah Shaw, Gayle Uyehara, and Jude Wiesenfeld.

The show encompasses a range of styles and media: from scientific illustration to plant portraits. Works effectively use pen and ink, watercolor on paper and vellum, colored pencil on paper and film, and mixed media to depict California native plants — many with their pollinators.

Jurors:

- Olga Eysymott – Artist and teacher; founder of the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California
- Bart O'Brien – Director of East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden, Tilden Park, Berkeley; former director of special projects, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden; co-author of *California Native Plants for the Garden*
- John Wickham – Past president of the Theodore Payne Foundation; curator of the TPF Archives; native plant gardener, specializing in bulbs

Jury results are listed on several exhibition sheets in the gallery.