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Theodore Payne Gallery To Host A Juried Exhibition By The Botanical Artists Guild Of Southern California

***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 3:00 p.m.

The Theodore Payne Gallery is pleased to host a juried exhibition of work by members of the Botanical Arts Guild of Southern California (BAGSC). 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 following jury will make their selections based on botanical accuracy and artistic merit:

- Olga Eysymott – Artist and teacher; founder of Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California
- Bart O'Brien – Newly appointed 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

Images of botanical artwork by Joan Keesey are attached to email.

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