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‘THE ART OF NATURE’ RETURNS TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

*OVER 30 LOCAL ARTISTS INCLUDED IN THIS ANNUAL SCIENCE ILLUSTRATION EXHIBIT,
FEATURING WORKSHOPS, MAKER’S MARKETS AND FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS
APRIL 2 THROUGH JUNE 5*

SANTA CRUZ, CA — MARCH 29, 2022 — The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History’s annual spring exhibit, [The Art of Nature](#), opens to the public April 2, on view through June 5. The exhibit features works from over 30 local artists in a variety of mediums, all sure to inspire curiosity and deepen connections with science and nature. Hands-on activities within the exhibit inspire budding artists of all ages to engage their observational skills while illustrating museum specimens.

“The Museum has been exhibiting science illustration since 1989 and this beloved annual show is guaranteed to appeal to lovers of both science and art,” says Visitor Services Manager Liz Broughton, who has organized the show for over ten years.

An online version of the exhibit will also launch on April 2, with expanded interpretation, deeper dives into the artists’ work, and links to Museum educational content about scientific illustration for adults and children. Fans of science illustration can also find a wide array of prints, cards, and stickers from exhibit artists in the Museum Store, both online and in-person.

“What I love most about scientific illustration is its power to convey scientific concepts in artwork that is both beautiful and accessible,” says Executive Director Felicia B. Van Stolk. With this exhibit, and the accompanying programs, the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History continues to advance its mission of connecting people with science and nature in meaningful ways.

EXHIBIT EVENTS

- **Opening Reception** for Members | April 1, 6-8 p.m.
- **Field Sketching Workshop:** Wildflowers with Sami Chang | April 9, 10 a.m. to noon
- **Maker's Market** | April 30, noon to 4 p.m.
- **First Friday** | May 6, 5-8 p.m.
- **Family Fun:** Nature Journaling in the Redwoods | May 7, 10 a.m. to noon
- **Illustrating Trees Workshop** with Patricia Larenas | May 14, 10 a.m. to noon
- **First Friday** | June 3, 5-8 p.m.
- **And more!**

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Krista Anandakuttan, Rebecca Botelho, Molly Brown, Hannah Caisse, Jade Case-Barnes, Sami Chang, Sondra Cohelan, Andrea Dingeldein, Peggy Edwards, Maria Cecilia Freeman, Pilar Gagliasso Barnes, Erin E. Hunter, Kathy Kleinstein, Nicole Kit, Patricia Larenas, Vance Lawry, Calene Luczo, Glenda Mahoney, Stephanie Martin, Kaelin O'Hare, Meegan Painter, Katie Rider, Lora Roame, Melissa Robbins-Eugene, Elizabeth Romanini, Kylie Kathleen Smith, Claudia Stevens, Laurel Teague, Vincent Waring, Kevin Wiseman, Ben Witzke, Sophie Wood Brinker.
Attached artwork: "Mantis From Dwight" by Kevin Wiseman.

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About The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History's mission is *connecting people with nature and science to inspire stewardship of the natural world*. The Museum was first established with the personal collection of local naturalist and lighthouse keeper Laura Hecox. Founded in 1904, becoming an independent nonprofit in 2009, it has a proud history as the first public museum in Santa Cruz. The Museum is located in Tyrrell Park, bordered by its Garden Learning Center featuring native plants and grasses, and a life-size gray whale model greeting the public. The historical collection, public programs, and location make this institution a cherished landmark located across from the entrance to Seabright State Beach. Learn more about the Museum at santacruzmuseum.org.

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