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SCIENCE ILLUSTRATORS FEATURED AT FIRST FRIDAY AND MAKER'S MARKET

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT ARTISTS FROM "THE ART OF NATURE", AN ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF SCIENCE ILLUSTRATION, OPEN THROUGH MAY 14

SANTA CRUZ, CA — MARCH 29, 2023 — The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History's annual spring exhibit, [The Art of Nature](#), features 45 local artists who excel at representing nature through fine detail and accuracy. The Museum has been exhibiting science illustration since 1989 and this year's show includes a wide variety of mediums, including 3-D printing, that bring an array of species to life.

Exhibit artists will be showcasing their talents at upcoming free First Friday events on April 7 and May 5, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. These events take place in beautiful Tyrrell Park outside the Museum and include food vendors, drinks, and a fun atmosphere to meet the artists. The Museum will be open for extended hours with free admission to take in the exhibit and connect with art and nature.

"The Museum is an amazing gathering place for people who love both art and nature. The artists who join us for these events are incredibly talented and I guarantee there will be something for everyone," says the Museum's Community Education and Collaboration Manager, Marisa Gomez.

Fans of science illustration can also meet exhibit artists during a Maker's Market on April 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This daytime event is a great opportunity for people to support artists through the purchase of merchandise like stickers, prints and cards, all featuring their original artwork. Museum admission will be free all day for those who want to explore *The Art of Nature* inside the galleries. 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 unique ways.

EXHIBIT EVENTS

- **First Friday** | April 7, 5-8 p.m.
- **Maker's Market** | April 29, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **First Friday** | May 5, 5-8 p.m.
- **And more!**

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Adara Koivula, Andrea Dingeldein, Ben Witzke Brynna Reilly, Calene Luczo, Charin Park, Constance Speer, Elaine Goldstone, Elizabeth Conway, Elizabeth Romanini, Erin E. Hunter, Erin Ellis, Esmeralda Cabrera, Glenda Mahoney, Hannah Caisse, Hannah Kanne, Jean M. Witzke, Jennifer Zee, Jonathan Broberg, Kaelin O'Hare, Kathryn McCullough, Kristen Burroughs, Kylene Gilmore, Kylie Kathleen Smith, Lindsay Newey, Lora Roame, Maria Cecilia Freeman, Meegan Painter, Melissa Robbins-Eugene, Mica Carr, Molly Brown, Nicholas Ta, Noelle Valdez, Patricia Larenas, Rachel Strader, Rebecca Botelho, Sami Chang, Sophie Wood Brinker, Stephanie Martin, Susan Butler-Graham, Suzy Radonsky, Tina Fuller Somers, Torie Robinson, Vance Lawry, Zia Abraham

The Art of Nature is supported by Santa Cruz County Bank and the Hyatt Family.

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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