

**CITY OF FOLSOM
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 14, 2024
6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CA 95630
www.folsom.ca.us**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:**
- 2. ROLL CALL:** Commission Members: Marc Allaman, Kat Bahry-Vice Chair, Jacob Cantu, Shivesh Sinha, Chad Vander Veen, Lucinda Winward, Maribel Wyatt-Chair
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**
Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Folsom Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
A. September 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 6. ACTION ITEMS:**
A. Selection of the Arts Achievement Recognition Award Program Winners
- 7. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**
A. 2025 Gallery at 48 Natoma Exhibit Schedule
- 8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
A. Gallery at 48 Natoma Exhibit
B. Manager's Report
- 9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Notice: Members of the Public are entitled to directly address the Commission concerning any item that is described in the notice of this meeting, before or during consideration of that item. If you wish to address the Commission on an issue, which is

*on this agenda, please raise your hand and when your name is called, you may unmute and be recognized by the Chairperson and then proceed to speak. If you wish to address the Commission on any other item of interest to the public, when the Chairperson asks if there is any “**Business from the Floor**,” follow the same procedure as described above. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.*

As presiding officer, the Chairperson has the authority to preserve order at all Arts & Culture Commission meetings, to remove or cause the removal of any person from any such meeting for disorderly conduct, or for making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, using profanity, or becoming boisterous, threatening or personally abusive while addressing said Commission, and to enforce the rules of the Commission.

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Any documents produced by the city and distributed to the Arts & Culture Commission regarding any item on this agenda will be made available at the Parks & Recreation Department at 50 Natoma Street, Folsom, California during normal business hours.

**CITY OF FOLSOM
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Arts and Culture Commission meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. with Vice-Chair Kat Bahry presiding.

2. ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present: Marc Allaman, Commissioner
Kat Bahry, Vice-Chair
Jacob Cantu, Commissioner
Lucinda Winward, Commissioner – Arrived at 6:35

Commission Members Absent: Shivesh Sinha, Commissioner
Chad Vander Veen, Commissioner
Maribel Wyatt, Chair

Staff Present/Speaking: Tom Hellmann, Community & Cultural Services
Manager

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. August 15, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lucinda Winward, second by Marc Allaman to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2024. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Allaman, Bahry, Cantu, Winward
NOES: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vander Veen, Sinha, Wyatt
ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s): None

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

6. PRESENTATION:

A. Introduction of Staff and Art Center Programs and Art Center at 48 Natoma,

Tom Hellmann introduced Nadia Khokhhar-Roberts, Recreation Coordinator II and William Simmons, Art Specialist-Gallery Curator. They shared an informative presentation with the commission about the important Art Center programs and the Art Gallery at 48 Natoma.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Manager's Report

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, provided a written report to the commission. Tom reviewed the items on his written report and updated the commission on upcoming events.

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Marc Allaman said he took his granddaughters to the current gallery show "Tide Pools" and said that they really enjoyed it. He commended the senior service projects that Folsom does, it's an outstanding program and he can't speak well enough about the fact that we do that. He spoke about the "vampire building" in Sacramento which is only 20% occupied and in Folsom we retain such a high occupancy rate in our buildings. He welcomed Nadia and William.

Commissioner Kat Bahry welcomed William and Nadia and said she looks forward to working with them and said they gave a great presentation. She commented that her daughter attended the Cave and had great feedback about the program. She thanked Tom for a great report.

Commissioner Jacob Cantu thanked Tom for all his information. He congratulated William and welcomed him on board. He mentioned Community Service Day and said he would be there as he has been for several years. He brought up the circus that was in town and said it was entertaining and fun. He asked about having dinner on the bridge and wanted to know how we do that in our community, this opened a discussion and Tom Hellmann spoke about the hurdles for the city to do this type of thing versus a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Shivesh Sinha was absent.

Commissioner Chad Vander Veen was absent.

Commissioner Lucinda Winward mentioned she was glad to see the new faces and to hear that although we love Cynthia she is happy to hear the gallery openings and things are going well. She also mentioned she loved Tom's lists of events and activities, and she appreciates him putting that together.

Commissioner Maribel Wyatt was absent.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business brought before the Folsom Arts and Culture Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ATTEST:

Dawn Klamm,
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation Department

Maribel Wyatt, Chair

TO: Arts and Culture Commission
FROM: Tom Hellmann, Recreation & Community Services Manager
**SUBJECT: SELECTION OF THE ARTS ACHIEVEMENT
RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM WINNERS**

BACKGROUND

The Arts Achievement Recognition Program was developed in 2004 by the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) to increase awareness and recognition of outstanding arts individuals and organizations in Folsom. There are two award categories that are available for submission. The first is the Folsom City Council Resolution of Commendation which is awarded to larger groups or organizations that meet the Arts Achievement award criteria. The second is the Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition which is appropriate for individuals or smaller organizations that meet the Arts Achievement award criteria.

DISCUSSION

Staff opened the recognition awards following commission approval on August 15, 2024 and closed it on Friday, November 1, 2024. At the time of closing, we received 3 nominations for the Arts Achievement Recognition Awards.

The first nomination was submitted for Tiffany Ramirez, an individual and founder and creative director of the non-profit, Artisan Mind. She provides creative experiences that support people living with physical and cognitive challenges. (*Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition*)

The second nomination was submitted by the Folsom Arts Association, a non-profit membership organization founded in 2003 and comprised of over 200 members dedicated to visual arts. Their purpose is to promote the appreciation of and participation of visual arts. (*Folsom City Council Resolution of Commendation*)

The third nomination was submitted for Hasitha Mallavaram, an individual for Visual Arts with two submissions of artwork of Buddha Art and Ardhanarishvara Art. (*Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition*)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Arts Achievement Recognition Awards Submitted Nominees

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Arts and Culture Commission select one deserving nominee for the Folsom City Council Resolution of Commendation and one deserving nominee for the Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition.

ATTACHMENT 2

ARTS ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION AWARDS SUBMITTED NOMINEES

INFORMATIONAL ITEM 8A
Arts and Culture Commission
November 14, 2024

TO: Arts and Culture Commission

FROM: Tom Hellmann, Community & Cultural Services Manager
William Simmons, Arts Specialist Gallery Curator

SUBJECT: GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA EXHIBIT

INFORMATION

Attached is the Gallery at 48 Natoma exhibit postcard for the next show titled, "ORGANIC FORMS". The exhibit will run from November 15, 2024, through January 16, 2025 in the gallery and is open to the public Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

The Artist's Reception will be held on Friday, November 15 from 6pm-8pm at the Gallery at 48 Natoma with refreshments provided by the Folsom Arts Association and live music for all to enjoy.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. ORGANIC FORMS

ORGANIC FORMS

GALLERY AT 48 NATOMA

November 15, 2024 to January 16, 2025



Roy Lizama
CERAMICS



Mary H. Russell
PASTELS



Garrett Hicks
METALWORK



CITY OF
FOLSOM
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

**Gallery at 48 Natoma
Folsom Parks & Rec
48 Natoma Street
Folsom CA 95630**

(916) 461-6601

www.folsom.ca.us

Gallery hours 9AM-4:30PM
Monday through Friday,
and Tuesday, Thursday evenings 6-8PM

COMMUNITY GALLERY DISPLAY

Folsom Arts Association
Folsom Focus Photography Contest
November 8 – January 16

2024 Category: Folsom Outdoors
"Fall Tunnel" by Lauren Klonaris

All exhibitions are free and open to the public.
Exhibitions are sponsored by Take pART in the ARTs, and the Folsom Arts Association

You are invited to the opening
of *Organic Forms & Folsom
Focus Photography Contest*

Friday, November 15, 6-8PM

Refreshments and live music!



INFORMATIONAL ITEM 8B
Arts and Culture Commission
November 14, 2024

TO: Arts and Culture Commission

FROM: Tom Hellmann, Recreation & Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: MANAGER'S REPORT

Updates:

- Recruitment for Commissions is open and closes on November 14. For more information about the Commissions and Committees please refer to [Commissions and Committee Recruitment Brochure](#). Those interested must complete an application at [City of Folsom Committees and Commissions | Folsom, CA](#).
- The 6th Annual Folsom Glass Pumpkin Patch took place on October 12 and 13 with over 6,000 visitors attending the two-day event. Revenue generated from this event help offset costs at the art center for art education and upgrades to aging program supplies and materials.



- The 32nd Folsom Renaissance Faire returned to Rodeo Park and City Lions Park on September 28-29. Roughly 4,000 visitors attended daily the many vendors and events that were held on the grounds.
- Folsom Community Service Day was held on Saturday, September 21 with over 2,000 volunteers contributing over 9,000 volunteer service hours to beautify the community. Several projects at city properties were completed as well as over 28 tons of food donated to Twin Lakes Food Bank. Our very own Commissioner

Vander Veen completed a restoration and beautification project for the railroad. Additionally, Commissioner Cantu was out and about taking pictures of the great day. Thank you both very much!



- The first art experience will be installed on the Johnny Cash Trail on Thursday, November 21 at 3:00pm. Cash's Pick No. 1 will have an unveiling event at the art experience site and the commission is encouraged to attend. Please plan to walk to the site and park in the Folsom Historic District.

JOHNNY CASH TRAIL

THE CITY OF FOLSOM
Cordially invites you
TO ATTEND CASH'S PICK NO. 1 ART DEDICATION FOR

THE JOHNNY CASH TRAIL ART EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024 at 3 P.M.

Cash's Pick No. 1 will be unveiled by artist Adan Romo, from Romo Studios, as a public art sculpture at the beginning of the Johnny Cash Trail, located at the corner of Scott Street and Greenback Lane.

RSVP with your attendance to estrawn@folsom.ca.us

*Please park in the Folsom Historic District and walk to the art experience site. This event will be held rain or shine.
For more information, call 916-461-6606.*



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2024

Art Achievement Award Nomination Form

Please complete the nomination form and include a written description of the nominee for the award. A thorough description articulating the success, accomplishments, and justification for the nomination are critical for assessing eligibility for the award. Please limit your nomination to two pages typed with 12 font and single-spaced. Please include pictures if applicable to showcase the nominee. Submit all nomination forms to [Tom Hellmann](#) by Friday November 1, 2024, to be considered for this year's Arts Achievement Award.

1. Name of Individual or Organization: Tiffany Ramirez, Artisan Mind

Folsom resident or Folsom-based organization **(check one)**

Individual

Non-profit Organization

Local Business

2. Type of Award Recommended: (identify one)

Folsom City Council Resolution of Commendation

(Appropriate for larger groups and larger organizations)

Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition

(Appropriate for individuals and smaller organizations)

3. Related to one of the following art categories: (check one or more)

Visual Arts

Performing Arts

Arts Education

Cultural Arts

4. Please describe the arts activity, its benefits to the community, the long-term service of the individual or organization, or the recent achievements that may have been recognized by a larger organization that warrant public acknowledgement.

****Attach page(s) if necessary. This information may be used in future reports and publicity.***

2024 Art Achievement Award Nomination

Tiffany Paige Ramirez - Artisan Mind

Tiffany Paige Ramirez is the Founder and Creative Director of the non-profit, Artisan Mind. She provides creative experiences that support people living with physical and cognitive challenges (website: <http://www.artisanmind.org>).

Tiffany lost her grandfather to Alzheimer's, which influenced her decision to pursue starting a creative arts program. Tiffany started pursuing her passion to bring the healing properties of art and imagination to lives of people living with dementia.

Through partnership with ARTZ: Artists for Alzheimer's and the I'm Still Here Foundation, Tiffany launched ARTZ Sacramento in 2011 and then founded Artisan Mind in 2014. She is responsible for initiating an art liaison program for hospice care and developing numerous person-centered life enrichment programs throughout Northern California, including Folsom.

Tiffany believes that one of the great needs in the world is Truth and Love. Tiffany is committed to raising awareness of the value of creativity and faith for people living with cognitive challenges among memory care communities, care partners, support groups, and spiritual organizations, especially in Folsom. Her work has been recognized by the County of Sacramento with the Hero of Human Services Award. Artisan Mind serves numerous individuals and retirement/memory care communities in Folsom, including Eskaton, Oakmont, and Prairie Landing.



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Folsom resident or Folsom-based organization (check one)

- Individual Non-profit Organization Local Business

2. Type of Award Recommended: (Identify one)

- Folsom City Council Resolution of Commendation
(Appropriate for larger groups and larger organizations)
- Folsom Arts and Culture Commission Certificate of Recognition
(Appropriate for individuals and smaller organizations)

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Folsom Arts Association (FAA) is a nonprofit membership association, currently comprised of more than 300 members, dedicated to the visual arts. Founded in 2003, its purposes are:
(A) To promote the appreciation of and participation in the visual arts;
(B) To promote and encourage the expression of creativity through the visual arts;
(C) To improve, promote, and provide art-oriented educational services to the community;
(D) To promote facilities for an art center and gallery for instruction, creation, and display of paintings, statuary and other objects of the visual arts; and
(E) To promote the creative growth of our members with the community.
Attached is a description of the myriad ways FAA works to fulfill its purposes.

Folsom Arts Association

Attachment to Art Achievement Award Nomination Form

Overview of FAA Activities

- FAA hosts monthly art demonstrations by regional artists that are open to FAA members and the general public. These demos cover a variety of mediums, reflective of the diversity of our membership. This past year, for example, we have had demos of thrown pottery, watercolor, acrylics, encaustic, oil, and gouache.
- We also conduct workshops at Folsom Lake College, again open to members and the general public [over age 18]. This year we're conducting 5 art workshops, 2 in watercolor, and 3 in oil or acrylics.
- We provide support to Gallery 48 Natoma – a City of Folsom treasure. FAA helps hang art shows and staffs the artist receptions whenever a new Exhibit is hung in the Gallery.
- FAA sponsors member art shows at Gallery 48 Natoma and The Harris Center for the Arts. FAA pays for the judging of these shows, and awards cash prizes to the winning artists.
- Every other year, FAA sponsors an amateur photography contest open to the community at large. Children and adults are allowed to participate; participating artists are allowed to hang their photo art in the Community Gallery at Gallery 48 Natoma; and cash prizes are awarded by Folsom Arts Association.
- In addition to these direct activities, FAA promotes and many of its members participate in other locally-sponsored art and community benefit activities – e.g.:
 - This past year, FAA members have painted and donated tiny artworks to the “Free Little Art Gallery” at Folsom Lake College.
 - Also, around the winter holiday time, FAA members donate gift items of all kinds to needy families in the Folsom area. In addition to filling large grocery-bags with donated gifts, members gather at Gallery 48 Natoma to decorate the bags in holiday themes, and some help deliver those bags to the receiving families.

Types of Arts FAA Members Create

- Our member artists span a wide variety of mediums: Acrylics, Alcohol Inks, Ceramics, Drawing, Glass, Jewelry, Mixed Media, Oil, Pastels, Photography, Resin, Sculpture, Watercolor, Woodworking. For practical reasons, monthly demos generally feature two-dimensional mediums for which equipment and supplies can be easily transported.
- FAA is currently working on organizing a sub-group of artists who work in ceramics and pottery, and hopes to offer demonstrations and workshops in those mediums.



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1. Name of Individual or Organization: HemaHasitha Mallavaram

Folsom resident or Folsom-based organization (**check one**)

Individual Non-profit Organization Local Business

2. Type of Award Recommended: (**identify one**)

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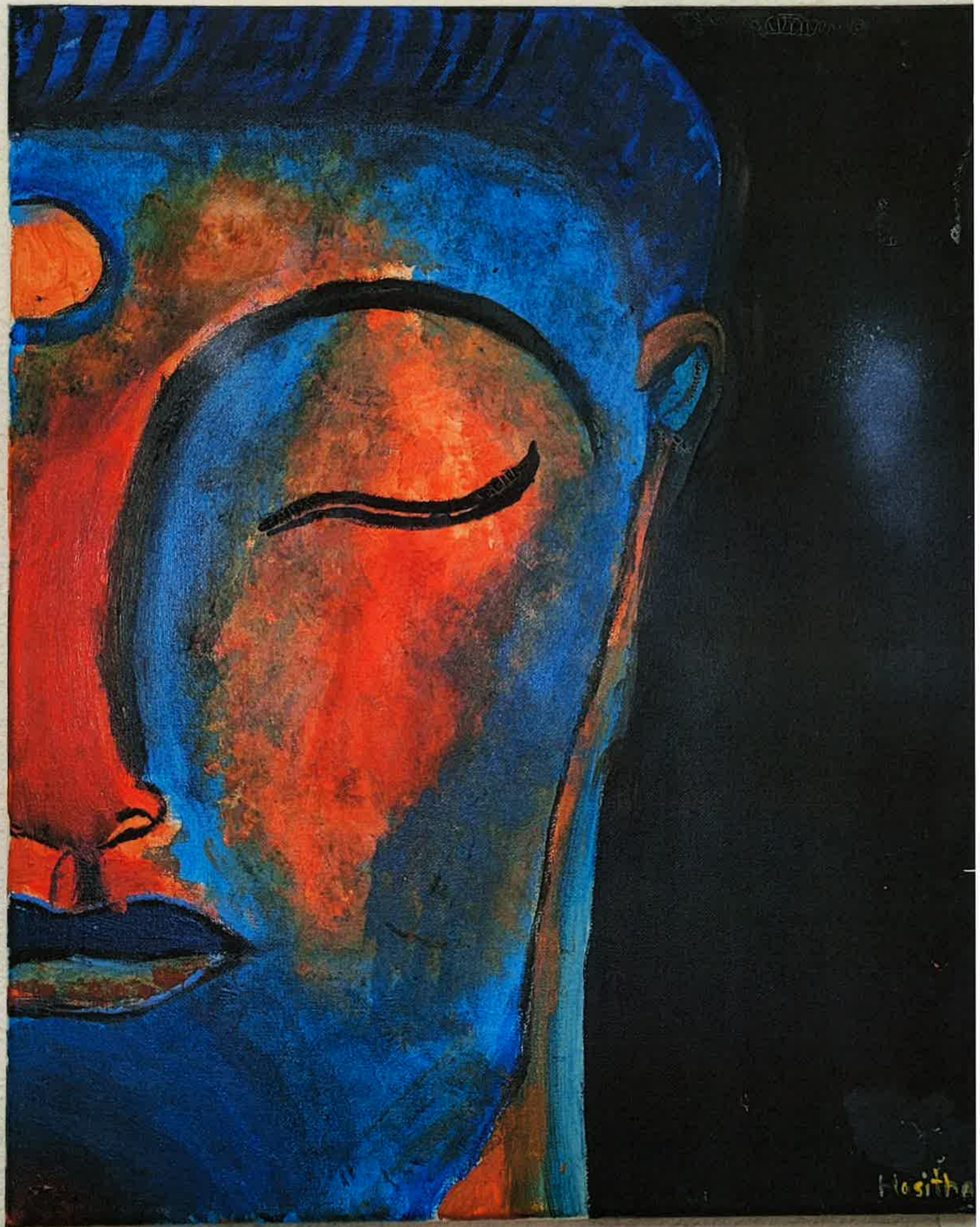
Our submission includes two meaningful pieces: Buddha Art and Ardhanarishvara Art. Buddha art work represents peace, mindfulness and inner wisdom. Through this art, we aim to remind people of the importance of meditation and staying calm in today's fast-paced world. The Ardhanarishvara art depicts a unique combination of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, symbolizing the balance between masculine and feminine energies. This piece highlights how both strength and compassion are essential parts of life, and it teaches us the power of unity and harmony in diversity. Both art pieces remind us the importance of inner peace and balance, which ultimately leads to a

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Both of the Art pieces got appreciated by San Joaquin County and got first place in the junior High category.





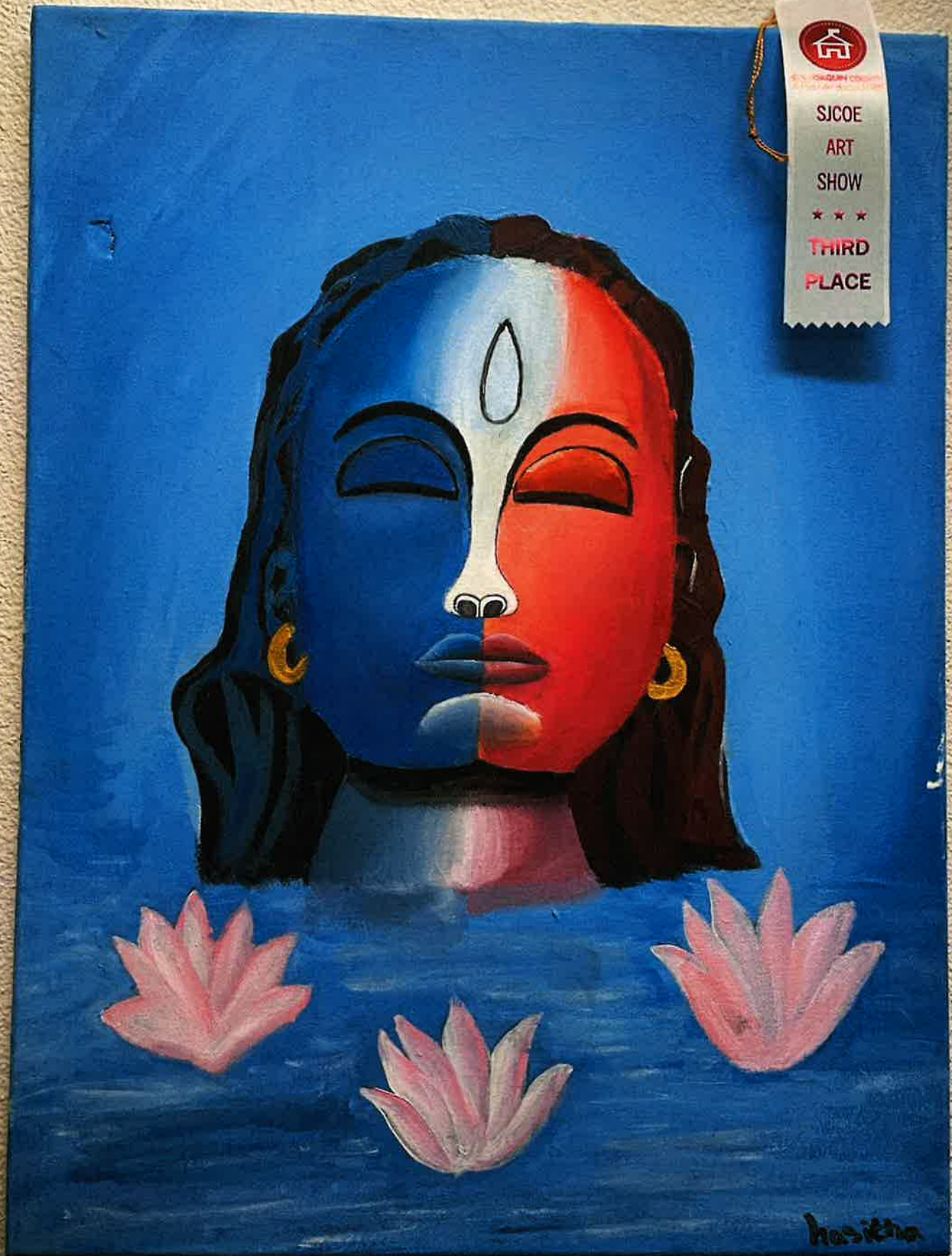
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