

## This Month

October 2024

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# The Whale

## October Artist of the Month: Criss Raintree

We are thrilled to shine the spotlight on the remarkable talent of Criss Raintree, October's Artist of the Month at the Crescent Harbor Gallery.



*October's Artist of the Month Exhibition*

Criss Raintree was born in midtown Sacramento and grew up with art and constant and ongoing part of her life, starting in early childhood with daily drawing activities, continuing throughout her school years when she could be found sketching instead of dutifully working out her algebra equations.

Her grandmother helped Criss start her first garden and to appreciate nature as they took walks in the rain. Eventually natural subjects emerged as the focus of Raintree's artwork. In addition to high school art classes, Criss also received art education at Sacramento State University and American River Community College as well as several adult education classes and independent workshops taught by established professional artists.

In the late 1990's Criss moved to the Sierra Nevada foothills and lived for 24 years in the historic Gold Country where in 2010, she helped launch a small, successful cooperative art gallery on the Georgetown Divide. She became known in the community for her watercolor paintings of hummingbirds and her imaginative fairy series.

Raintree moved to Crescent City towards the end of 2021, fulfilling a longtime dream of living near the ocean among the giant redwood trees. She enjoys sketching and painting, primarily in transparent watercolor.

Criss's favorite subjects are botanical studies, birds, insects and other animals as well as occasional portraiture, both animals and humans. Criss is presently a member of Crescent Harbor Art Gallery in Crescent City and is also represented in Brookings, Oregon at the Fog & Fine Art Gallery within Wright's Custom Framing Shop.

Congratulations to our award winning artists from the September juried Fine Art Show:

- First Place to Sheila Mason for "Lady of the Lake"
- Second Place to Arlene Krogstad for "Equinus"
- Third Place to Rebecca Russell for "Reflection Time"
- Honorable Mentions to Criss Raintree for "Abalone", Deborah Dawson for "Sojourn in Utah", Carol Long for "Redwood Trillium", and Eva Shaw for "Canopy Gossip"

Thank you to all who participated, and also to everyone who turned out to support the arts!



## Contact Us

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*Sharon Sheets, our publicity chair, at the Chamber of Commerce Mixer. Thanks for representing us, Sharon!*

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### Announcements:

- We are *always* looking for volunteers to sit during gallery hours. Please contact the Gallery to schedule a date. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.
- We are looking for more photographers and youth artists to display their work at the gallery
  
- Welcome to new members Kathleen Hunter and Wolfgang Smith

### **Classes and Activities**

- October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am Oil Painting Demo and potluck with Stephen Washburn
- October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Watercolor Class with Deborah Dawson
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Studio “Art with Friends”
- November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Watercolor Class with Deborah Dawson
- November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm Family Art Experience Free Children’s Class
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm Watercolor Class with Deborah Dawson
- Mondays at 10am Drawing Class with Criss Raintree