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# KNOTTJUST ANY NEWSLETTER

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March - April 2018

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## Let's Paint a Bouquet



On Monday March 12 I will be conducting a fun and colorful class on creating a lovely French bouquet like the one I saw in Paris. The mixed media piece above is based on that bouquet and you can create a similar piece using acrylics, collage and perhaps even fabric on a 12 x 12 panel. It will be a three-hour class starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center. If you are interested in taking this class (or any of the classes that will be held there) please contact me at [judy@knottjustart.com](mailto:judy@knottjustart.com) or call 916-715-3749. The cost of the class is \$30 + \$20 materials fee.

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## Crow Show at Sparrow

It's finally here. I've been talking about this show for a while now. On March 10 there will be a reception at Sparrow Gallery at 1021 R Street, Sacramento from 6 to 9. At least 19 artists will be participating in this show with their best crow/raven artwork.

There will be a wide range of prices coordinating with a wide range of sizes for this show. The show will be up from March 10 to the closing reception on April 6.

I have a special interest in this show since I have curated it—meaning I have been responsible for the art and the artists that are in the show. It has been scary but also very rewarding and I'm very proud to be associated with all of these great artists.



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or commissions

## My Latest Artwork

A Boy and His Dog (below) was accepted into the Elk Grove Fine Arts Center's spring competition. The reception for that show is the First Saturday in March—March 3. Would love to see you there.



## ARTSBeat in Elk Grove

The entire month of March will be celebrating arts of all kinds in Elk Grove. If you go to the <http://theartsadvocacyproject.com> website, there should be a calendar of events that will be helping to launch this first ever arts appreciation month in Elk Grove.

## How to tell if it's Good Abstract Art or Not

Have you ever looked at a piece of art and said "I could do that" or "my two year old could do that." I'm sure you have. And you know what? You might have been right at least a few times. But how do you know a good piece of abstract art from a bad piece of abstract art? (Below is an excerpt from an article written by Nicole Tinkham)

Most of the time, good abstract art is comprised of layers. There's typically an underpainting and these layers often create texture.

All great art has some sort of meaning behind it. Some type of emotion, whether positive or negative gets thrown onto the canvas. There's thought and planning put into it. You'll know when an abstract piece is done at random. It lacks personality.

In contrast to what you may think about abstract art, the techniques used in this style (by a professional) cannot be easily replicated. So look for uniqueness of the work.

Timid paint strokes will tell you right away that the artist is an amateur. Experienced artists are confident and produce every mark with intention. Paint splatters may look random but they're put there for a reason.

So the next time you think you can create a piece of abstract art, take a closer look and see if you can determine if it has the above characteristics. My recent piece "Leap of Faith" (bottom left) should stand up to some of the above statements, but that's really up to the viewer. What do you think? Would love to hear your opinion. Email me at [judy@knottjustart.com](mailto:judy@knottjustart.com) to comment.

## *The Lineup*

- ArtsBeat opening night March 1 at The Falls in Elk Grove. See link on left for details of all events
- Crow Show at Sparrow Gallery Opening Reception March 10.
- Let's Paint a Bouquet Monday March 12 EG Fine Arts Center.
- ArtsBeat Extravaganza at Laguna Town Hall March 24. Art Competition and vendor fair.



# "The Crow Show"

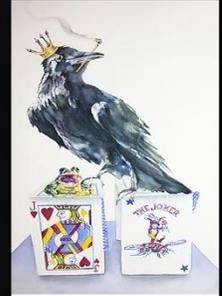
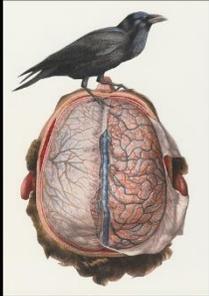
Curated by Judy Knott  
 March 10, 2018 through April 6, 2018

Second Saturday  
 Opening Reception:  
 March 10, 2018, 6pm to 9pm

First Friday  
 Closing Reception:  
 April 6, 2018, 6pm to 9pm

Sparrow Gallery 1021 R Street, First Floor Sacramento, CA 95811  
 916.382.4894 SparrowGallerySacramento.com  
 Tues -Fri 10am to 6pm Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 4pm

## SPARROW GALLERY



Bob Androvich Maria Baker Lisa Bone Sean Bonito Charlotte Cooper Sandy Delehanty Taylor Gutermute Karen Irish  
 Judy Knott Jared Konopitski Joann Lindelof Brie MacGill Kiny McCarrick Gary Miller Sea Miller  
 Rhett Regina Owings Ann Ranlett Christian Raymond Diana Coco Russell Nicky Ruxton Barbara Sebastian Merridee Smith  
 Jill Allyn Stafford Teresa Steinbach-Garcia Susan Silvester Kerri Warner Paula Wenzel-Bellacera