

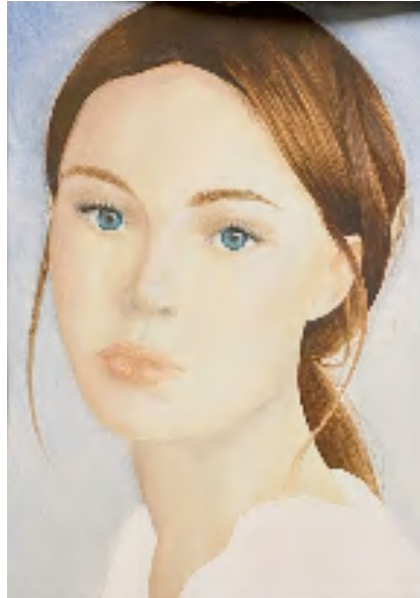


## Youth Awards: Alameda County Fair Virtual Exhibit



**Winner**  
**6th-8th Grade Category**  
***Pre-impressions* by Aarsh Mittal**

Judges comments:  
"Aarsh's *Pre-impressions* show great use of perspective to open the space and wonderful use of color and values."



**Winner**  
**9th-10th Grade Category**  
***Gazing* by Nancy Heppe**

Judges comments:  
"Nancy's *Gazing* demonstrates a fine understanding of skin tones and wonderful color in the hair. A very contemplative portrait."



**Winner**  
**11th-12th Grade Category**  
***Butterflies* by Katelyn Bermudez**

Judges comments:  
"Katelyn has portrayed a very imaginative and convincing butterfly hat which she's matched with eye makeup and a scarf. A very high fashion and well executed creation."

Flexibility saved the day when the Alameda County Fair was canceled due to COVID-19. Many exhibitors and students had already prepared their works and paintings for the exhibit. Community Outreach was pleased that Kari Estabrook, Exhibit Coordinator for Youth and Education, presented the youth watercolor paintings in a virtual fair format.

The entries were sent to Community Outreach via an email. Georganne Zaro-Eddy and I viewed the youth exhibit and juried the awards from our home computers. The three student winners will each receive a ribbon and fifty dollars. We hope these students feel encouraged to find and follow their creative paths.

*Sheila Cain*



## Community Outreach

### Community Outreach Receives a Fabulous Donation

Helena Katz has made a wonderful donation to CWA, specifically for the veterans Community Outreach project. The donation is in memory of her partner Gerald Arnold Lester and his art supplies make up the donation. He had served in the U.S. Army Reserves at Fort Meade.

Gerald (Jerry) Lester had the soul of an artist and was a gifted photographer and painter. Throughout 30 years of teaching K-5th in the New York City public schools he dreamed of being an artist. Upon retiring he began painting and drawing in many mediums with great vigor. His work was shown in many galleries. He continued to draw and paint up till his recent passing.

His passion and plans for creating art were clearly shown by the quality and quantity of supplies he gathered for future works. The donation to CWA includes numerous brand new drawing tablets, ten watercolor blocks and several hundred full sheets of 100% cotton watercolor paper.

CWA Community Outreach is very grateful for this very generous donation. We are anxious for the pandemic to be over so that we can resume our work in person with the veterans in Martinez and Oakland. In the meantime, we will be thinking how these materials can be used to the veterans' benefit.

Thank you Helena Katz. Rest in peace Gerald Arnold Lester

Thank  
You!



*Gerald Lester enjoying his backyard in Berkeley.*



*Self portrait G.A. Lester*