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## *Plein aire beginners and pros brave the elements*

By CHRIS COUNTS

FROM PROFESSIONAL artists to virtual beginners, the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association features a varied and eclectic membership. A new exhibit, "The Painted Landscape," which opens Friday, July 18, at the Pacific Grove Art Center, aims to showcase that diversity.

"Not everyone is a professional artist, but all our members have a love and appreciation for plein aire painting," explained Rolf Lygren, a co-organizer of the exhibit. "This is the first showing of our entire membership."

Among the more recognizable names in the show are local artists Cyndra Bradford, Erin Gaffill, Lindy Duncan, Jeff Daniel Smith, Julia Seelos, Jeff Crozier, Stan Robbins and Andy Williams.

In addition to the plein aire exhibit, the art center is opening shows this weekend by Somer R. Harrold, Yves Goyatton and

Monterey Peninsula College's "lensless photography" class.

Harrold, a Carmel Valley resident, says "not one model sat before me" for the paintings in her exhibit, "Rites of Passage: Seven Years of Oil Portraits."

"All my portraits are invented characters inspired by my travels, by women on the street, in books, heavily influenced by history, language, politics and personal experience," she said.

Goyatton, a native of Lyon, France, offers new sculpture in a display he calls, "Juxtaposé."

"His current body of work represents his fascination with the mystery of abstract shapes and their juxtaposition with the human form," explained Joan McCleary, director of the art center. "His work has taken this concept most literally by combining the human form and the abstract shapes of modern landscapes."

And 16 members of MPC's Spring 2008 lensless photography class show their experiments with the many varieties of pin-hole photography and many manifestations of the photogram — a cameraless image made on light sensitive papers or fabrics.

"Other cameraless techniques involve drawing with flashlights, 'chemical' prints, and cliché verre techniques," McCleary said.

The art center will host a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibits will continue through Aug. 28. The gallery is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.



This plein aire painting by Jeff Daniel Smith will be featured

## A great South

By STEVE

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