

FRIDAY OUTSIDERS (2024)

Fridays, 9:00 til about noon.

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Dress in layers (don't forget a hat), bring your materials to sketch and/or paint, water to drink, a folding chair, and a lunch or snack. The informal critique is more like a show and tell...and leave!

RAIN CANCELS!

March 1 - Templeton Park, 550 Crocker St., Templeton. I will set up on 6th Street between Blackburn and Old County Rd. across from Templeton Guest House (formerly the Fig Restaurant), but you may want to drive around the Park first - some interesting houses in the area.

NOTE: I will be out of town this weekend.

March 8 - Historic Vine Street at approximately 13th Street in Paso Robles. Vine Street is one of the first residential streets in Paso Robles with many vintage Victorian homes, located mostly between 8th and 21st. Before parking, drive Vine Street to locate what you'd like to capture. I like the few blocks between 12th and 14th streets. On street parking is generally available. **NOTE:** I will be attending Plein Air Live, an online 3-day workshop - all media. Look it up! And I'll see you next week.

March 15 - Castoro Cellars, 1315 N Bethel Rd., Templeton. From the 101, take Exit 228 for CA-46 WEST/Green Valley Rd. Proceed WEST about 1.5 miles to a left turn onto Bethel Rd. Peachy Canyon Tasting Room is on your left as you make the turn onto Bethel Rd. About $\frac{1}{4}$ mile at the top of the hill, Castoro Cellars is on your right. The gate opens at 10 so **TODAY ONLY**, we'll meet up at 10. Drive in and look around before you settle. Past the parking lot on the right and the tasting room and event parking on the left and mostly straight up the small hill, there's a wonderful old falling-apart house, which I love to sketch. BUT the patio area outside the tasting room begs you to get comfortable and enjoy the wonderful views. No food to speak of here but picnics are welcome and I plan to bring mine.

March 22 - Paso Robles Horse Park, 3801 Hughes Pkwy, Paso Robles, CA. From the 101, take CA-46 East to Airport Rd. where you TL. (The Waterpark is at this turn). Go for .7 mi and TL onto Dry Creek Rd. and then another .3 mi. to TL onto Hughes Pkwy. At this point, you can veer either right or left. Veering right takes you into **the Horse Park which WILL BE CLOSED**. You want to veer left into a turn-out which overlooks "Dry Creek"? and the surrounding hills.

March 29 - Sunken Gardens, 6505 El Camino Real, Atascadero. From Paso Robles, take the 101 south to exit 220 for Traffic Way. TL onto Traffic Way; TR onto El Camino Real. The Park is a few blocks on the left. I will park on East Mall facing the fountain.

FYI from www.visitatascadero.com:

The grounds in front of City Hall, flanked by East and West Mall and El Camino Real, was created in the very earliest development as the city's first public park. Founder E.G. Lewis took the "Sunken Gardens" concept from the World's Fair which was held in St. Louis, Missouri in 1904. The 24,000-pound statue known as "The Wrestling Bacchantes" was created from a single piece of Carrara marble. It was submitted to the St. Louis Exposition by the Italian government. Following the World's Fair, Lewis purchased the art piece for his new Colony here in Atascadero.