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Item No. 3
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Presentations

An Illustrator of Cupertino's Wild Beauties

Jean Zuo

Art, Community, and Conservation

- About Jean Zuo
- My journey through Wildlife Photography
 - **2025** National Park Foundation Annual Photo Contest 2nd Place
 - **2024** California Wildlife Photo of the Year
 - **2023** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Annual Photo Contest 2nd Place





Black-tailed Jackrabbit, Rancho San Antonio

Red-winged Blackbird, Rancho San Antonio



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Bobcat, Rancho San Antonio



Bobcat and Ground Squirrel, Rancho San Antonio



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Lazuli Bunting, Rancho San Antonio





Hooded Merganser, Rancho San Antonio

Great-horned Owlets, Rancho San Antonio

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Ladybug, Blackberry Farm Park



Western Screech Owl, Blackberry Farm Park



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Western Screech Owl, Blackberry Farm Park

Conclusion

- Digital Photography vs. PhotoShop vs. AI
- Art can change minds and save wild lives
- Art can also archive Cupertino's nature history

Thank you

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Item No.4
Artists Award
Program

Presentations

2025 Artist Awards Program

Arts and Culture Commission

July 28, 2025



CUPERTINO

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Agenda

- Background
- Artist Awards Descriptions
- Art Submission Types
- Application Requirements
- Evaluation Criteria
- Timeline
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Background

- Program started in 1988
- Recognition of Artists in Cupertino
- Program Materials updated in 2024



The 2024 Artist Award Winners Display can be viewed at the Cupertino Library

Artist Awards Descriptions

Distinguished Artist

- Recognizes established artists having a substantial body of work that display merit and excellence, as well as a history of contributions to their artistic field and the community.
- Prior winners of the Distinguished Artist Award have taught art classes, participated in shows or performances, and won awards for their work.



Artist Awards Descriptions

Emerging Artist

- Established to encourage and recognize demonstrations of artistic promise.
- This award recognizes younger artists as well as those rediscovering their love of artistic expression later in life.

Artist Awards Descriptions

Young Artist

- This award is presented to deserving young artists in recognition of local achievements in the visual arts in the following age groups:
 - Group A (6 to 10 years old)
 - Group B (11 to 14 years old)

Art Submission Types

- **Visual Arts** (Painting, drawing, photography, sculpture)
 - Young Artist Award Category focuses on Visual Arts Only
- **Performing Arts** (Dance, music, theater)
- **Literary Arts** (Poetry, essay writing)
- **Digital Arts** (Film, video)

Application Requirements

Distinguished/Emerging Artist Award Online Application

- Personal Statement (maximum 1 page)
- One Letter of Endorsement and/or Support
- Digital Portfolio (up to 3 pieces)
 - One piece in the portfolio must connect to the 2025 awards program theme.
- Resume and Exhibition Record (if any and maximum 2 pages)

Young Artist Award Online Application

- Artwork Entry

All applicants must live in Cupertino or attend an educational institution or art school physically located within Cupertino.

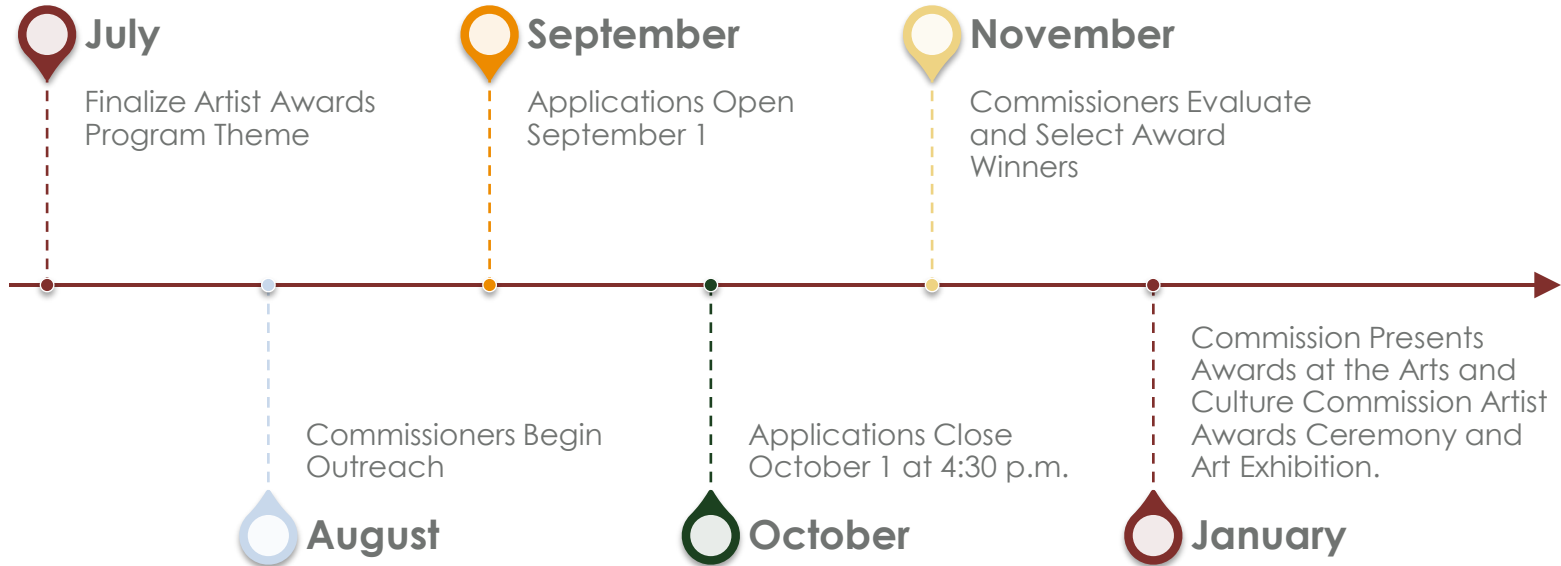
Evaluation Criteria

- Media/Tools
- Creativity and Originality
- Personal Statement*
- Design and Composition**

*Emerging and Distinguished Artists Only

**Distinguished Artists Only

2025 Timeline



Next Steps

Discuss and Select 2025 Artist Awards Program Theme

- Examples from Previous Years:
 - Your Vision for the Future of Cupertino*
 - Your Dreams for the Future*
 - A Day Without Screen Time*
 - What Makes Me Smile*
 - The Year 2020 – The New Normal*
 - Artist's Identity: What Influences You*
 - Building Sustainable Community

*Young Artist Awards Category Only