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Local Artists Become Art at New City of San Diego Central Library Exhibit

THE ARTIST PORTRAIT PROJECT CAPTURES REGION'S CREATIVE SPIRIT IN PHOTOS OF 50 SAN DIEGO ARTISTS

SAN DIEGO – Local artists are the primary subjects in a new photography exhibit opening Saturday at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common. Jennifer G. Spencer, a painter and photographer, debuts *The Artist Portrait Project: A Photographic Memoir of Portrait Sessions with San Diego Artists, 2006-2016* in the ninth floor Art Gallery. The exhibit chronicles influential artists in the San Diego region by capturing their portraits with Spencer's 4x5 field camera. A free, public reception for *The Artist Portrait Project* will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Dec. 15, 2018.

“When people go to a museum or art gallery, they see what artists have created, but rarely do they have a chance to see the person behind it all,” said artist Jennifer G. Spencer. “This exhibit is an homage to our local art community by highlighting the artists themselves as opposed to showcasing their work.”

While the portraits take prominence in the *Artists Portrait Project* exhibit, pieces by Kenneth Capps, Jean Cornwell Wheat, Helen Redman, Susan J. Osborn, Joseph Bennett, Jeanne Dunn, James Watts, Anne Mudge, Nilly Gill, Cindy Zimmerman, Robert Treat, and Polly Jacobs Giacchina who were photographed for the exhibit will also be on display.

The *Artist Portrait Project* will be available for public viewing from Dec. 15, 2018 through March 17, 2019. The Art Gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The gallery is closed on Mondays.

About the San Diego Public Library

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