

## Watercolorist's painting to be donated for CHS fundraiser

By Jessica Garcia  
jgarcia@nevadaappeal.com

The Nevada Artists Association will be raffling off a painting by former watercolor impressionist Lady Jill Mueller with funds to benefit Carson High School's art department this summer.

Thanks to the painting donated by Mueller's family, NAA president Debbie Foster and Joe Rousse, owner of FastFrame at 931 Jacks Valley Road, Suite E in Carson City, will present a framed print of Mueller's painting "Hope Valley," created in warm fall colors, in a fundraiser for school art supplies for the CHS art department.

Vickie Kingman, a member of the NAA, said the association had spoken with several of the CHS teachers about holding the fundraiser for the school and it had been decided that Mueller's painting would be a generous gift to benefit the purchase of supplies as well as to honor Mueller's memory with her artwork.

Mueller, a lifelong professional artist and a resident of Reno well known for her landscapes representing the Carson Valley and the Mammoth Lakes areas, died July 4 last year after a battle with cancer.

She was born in 1944 in Hollywood, Calif., and received a scholarship at the Laguna Art School, formerly the Laguna Beach School of Art and Design, where she studied



PROVIDED

**Nevada Artists Association president Debbie Foster holds a framed print of former watercolor impressionist Lady Jill Mueller's "Hope Valley" painting, which will be raffled off this summer in a fundraiser for Carson High School's art department.**

with other professional artists, including late Impressionists David Milard and Ted Gorschner. However, she was influenced heavily by transparent watercolorists Rex Brandt, who co-founded a successful art school in Corona del Mar during the 1950s, and Milford Zornes, whose works became property of the U.S. Army and would belong to the Pentagon war art collection after he served in World War II.

In the 1980s, Mueller took up teaching in California, Nevada and Yosemite National Park. She led weeklong workshops in a castle in Scotland, and after coming to Nevada, she taught at Western Nevada College, Truckee Meadows Community College and more recently at the E. L.

Cord Museum School of Art in Reno.

She lived at Washoe Lake and enjoyed capturing the Eastern Sierras in her work. She frequently took trips in her wooden camper, went on hikes with her Border collie Katie and stopped in spots that provided the wilderness images that wound up in museums, exhibitions or galleries and earned her accolades.

Alisa Kuniya, ceramics teacher in her second year at CHS and formerly taught in Japan, said Monday that plans for the fundraiser are still being determined at this time with the current COVID restrictions, but the school graciously is accepting the contribution.

"Hopefully we'll have an event that will include the print and it would be nice to have an event in person," Kuniya said.

The high school in the past

has held craft fairs that typically receive a high amount of foot traffic that could be ideal for featuring the image, she said. Kuniya also was thankful for the NAA's support of the school's art program and said CHS now is registering for a new Advanced Placement art class for next fall and is collaborating with teacher Karen McCraw.

Kingman said the NAA hoped the contribution would benefit Carson High School's art department.

"Lady Jill captured the unique beauty of Nevada, and that includes our incredible clouds and skies," Kingman said. "Her watercolors lifted our appreciation of the high desert."

Mueller's watercolors are on display and can be seen at the NAA Gallery at 449 King St. The NAA has 120 members and has been active for 41 years.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Raymond R. Craig**, 56, died March 12, 2021 in Carson City, Nevada. Arrangements are in the care of Capitol City Cremation & Burial 775-882-1766.

**Dennis M. Moltz**, 68, died March 5, 2021 in Carson City, Nevada. Arrangements are in the care of Capitol City Cremation & Burial 775-882-1766.

**Chester J. Claudino**, 82, died March 10, 2021 in Reno, Nevada. Arrangements are in the care of Capitol City Cremation & Burial 775-882-1766.

**Dorothy Jean Pratt**, 94 of Carson City passed away on March 11, 2021. Arrangements are in the care of Walton's Funeral & Cremation. 775-882-4965.

**William B. Selah Jr.**, 91, died March 10, 2021 in Gardnerville, Nevada. Arrangements are in the care of Capitol City Cremation & Burial 775-882-1766.

## OBITUARY

### Frank Homan February 25, 2021

Carson City has lost a dear friend.

Frank Homan, 87 years, died in his sleep on the morning of February 25, 2021. Frank was the best of men in that he would laugh first and ask questions later.

# LIFT CHAIRS NOW IN STOCK

