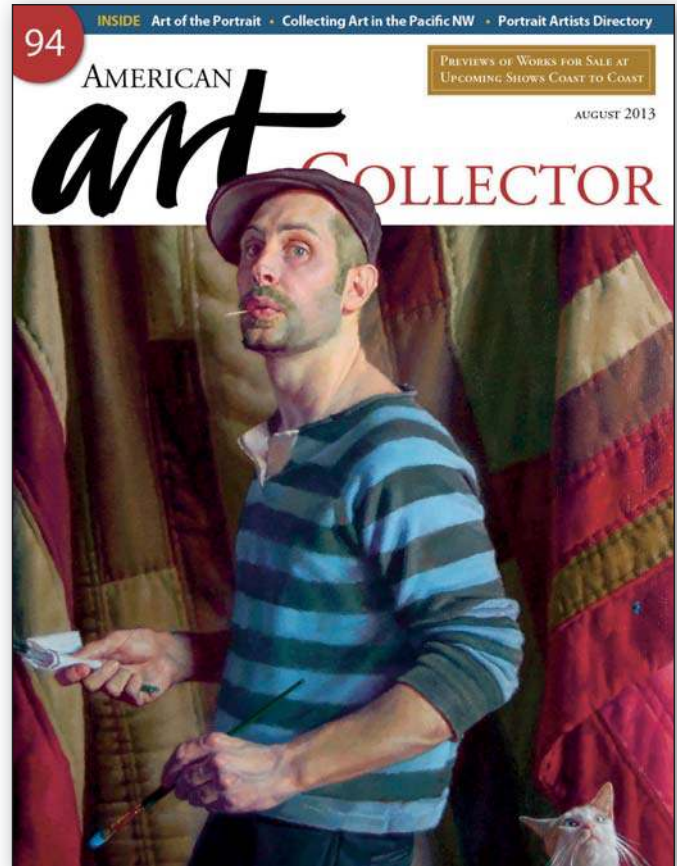


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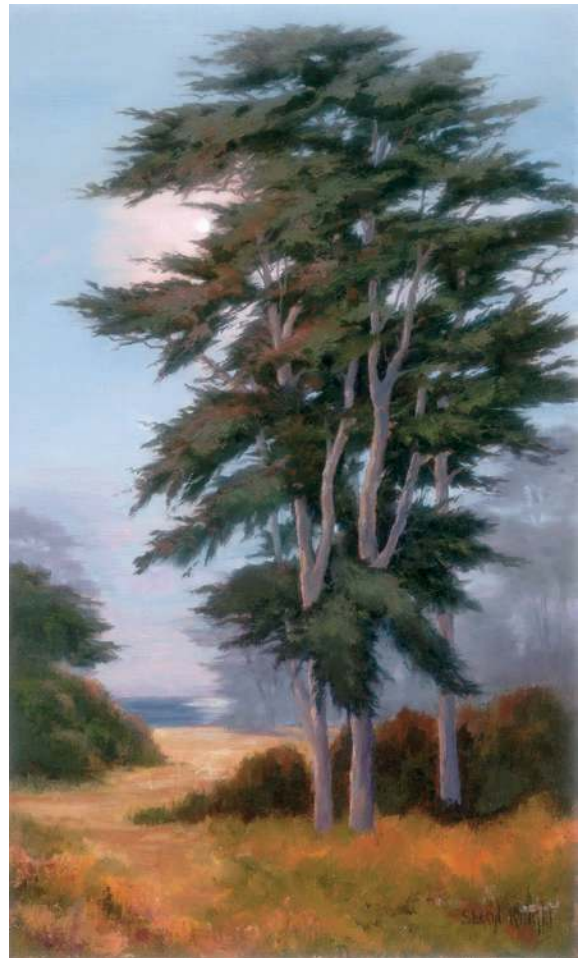
Napa Valley Art Festival marks its sixth year with fresh creations from 26 of the foremost representational artists.



The 2012 Napa Valley Art Festival.



Sheryl Knight, *Eucalyptus Grove*, oil on linen, 20 x 30"



Sheryl Knight, *Moonlit Cypress*, oil on linen, 20 x 12"

The sixth annual *Napa Valley Art Festival* convenes August 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a day of fine art featuring 26 of the West's leading representational artists in Yountville, California. Happening at the Yountville Community Center, a portion of the proceeds from the one-day event will benefit the Connolly Ranch Education Center in Napa. Along with more than 300 original paintings on display and for sale, artist **Paul Kratter** will

hold a painting demonstration at 1:30 p.m.

In order to take part in the festival, artists from across the West submitted entries with the top 26 artists being selected to exhibit. Joining Kratter will be artists **Sheryl Knight, Bryan Mark Taylor, Douglas Morgan, Kristine Pallas, Brent Jensen, Janette Jones, Paul Youngman, Thalia Stratton**, and more than a dozen more.

Knight is an award-winning plein air artist from Central

California known for her vibrant colors and strong expressive style. Her impressionistic landscapes reflect clarity and simplicity in a unique way while capturing the light and the mood of the scene. Her technique is one she developed years ago, using a limited palette for harmony and always finishing with a palette knife for texture.

"I am always intrigued by the design and mystery of trees," says Knight. "They are definitely my favorite subject to paint, especially the California

eucalyptus and the coastal cypress. The beauty of creation never ceases to inspire me and capture my full attention." ●

Napa Valley Art Festival

When: August 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Yountville Community Center, 6516 Washington Street, Yountville, CA 94599

Information:
www.NapaValleyArtFestival.com