

Sam Hinton sea animal drawings on display

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Some 31 drawings of sea animals by artist, folksinger and educator Sam Hinton are currently on display in the Urey Hall display cases in Revelle College, at the University of California, San Diego.

Urey Hall is open free to the public seven days a week. The drawings will remain on display through September 18.

Hinton, who is Associate Director of the Office of Relations with Schools at UCSD, did the drawings for his weekly San Diego Union feature "The Ocean World." He began drawing the feature, which includes his drawing and a short, descriptive paragraph, in 1958.

Hinton was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1917. He spent two years as a zoology student at Texas A&M College and one year as a field biologist studying the animal and plant life of Walker County, Texas, for the United States Interior Department before joining the Major Bowes Vaudeville unit in 1937. Two years later he entered UCLA as a zoology major receiving his degree in 1941.

In 1946, Hinton was named curator of the Aquarium and Museum at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, a post he held for 18 years until joining the Office of Relations with Schools at UCSD in 1964.

Hinton has taught biology, art, folklore and music for University of California Extension and currently serves as a Lecturer in Folklore in the UCSD Department of Literature. He is the author of "Exploring Under the Sea," a children's book on marine biology, and author-illustrator of "Seashore Life of Southern Californa."

He has written scientific articles for such publications as "Copeia," "Pacific Discovery," and "Zoologica," and has illustrated scores of articles for scientists at Scripps.