

Marie Du Barry exhibition at UCSD

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UCSD GROVE GALLERY TO SHOW WORKS OF SAN DIEGO ARTIST MARIE DU BARRY

The paintings of San Diego artist Marie Du Barry will be shown at the Grove Gallery at the University of California, San Diego from Feb. 21 through March 18.

An opening reception will be held at the gallery on Feb. 24 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited.

Du Barry actively painted outdoor scenes of San Diego from the early 1920s through the 1940s. During her career she also was known for her realistic drawings of animals, and it was from these that she made her living.

The hundreds of plein air paintings she worked on in the hills, fields and beaches around San Diego County were her passion. She painted Mission Valley's equestrian arena and gravel works, beach scenes of La Jolla and Ocean Beach, fishing boats in San Diego Harbor, groves of eucalyptus and palms in Balboa Park, sunny arroyos, and little dirt roads that disappear into the county's hills.

According to Du Barry, she wore out two new cars and several used ones running around the countryside with her paints and easel. Now in her nineties, she lives in an East San Diego nursing home and has not painted in years because of arthritis.

Originally raised on an Idaho farm, Du Barry came to San Diego as a young woman. She studied art in San Diego under artist Otto Schneider, at the now-defunct San Diego Academy of Fine Arts. Schneider, an internationally known painter who had studied at the famed Academie Julien in Paris, died in 1950.

The Grove Gallery is open from Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The UCSD information kiosk on Gilman Drive at the entrance to the UCSD campus can supply parking information and directions to the Grove Gallery. Parking at UCSD is free on weekends.

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