

Natividad exhibits plein-air paintings of local fields

Plein-air exhibit on display at Natividad Medical Center

Herald Staff Report

An exhibit of “field work” by the Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association goes on display Friday at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas.

The “From Field to Fork” paintings chronicle last year’s growing season in local fields from May to October. Plein air artists worked at farms and ranches owned by the founding members of The

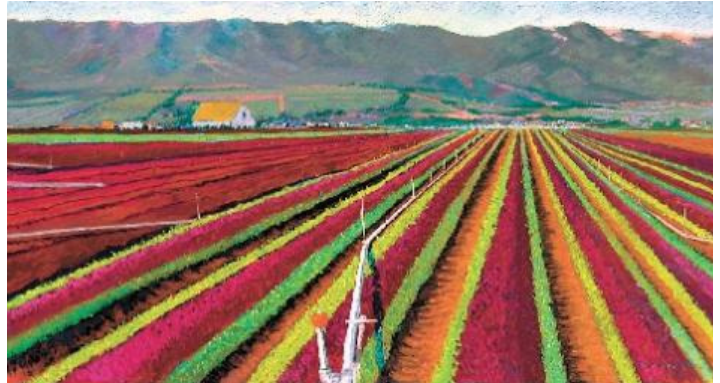
Agricultural Leadership Council, which has raised \$820,050 for Natividad Medical Foundation since 2010, with \$214,000 raised in the 2013 campaign alone.

Money raised by TALC is earmarked for improving the health of farmworkers and their families. TALC funds have paid for diagnostic tools, services and medical equipment, including state-of-the-art

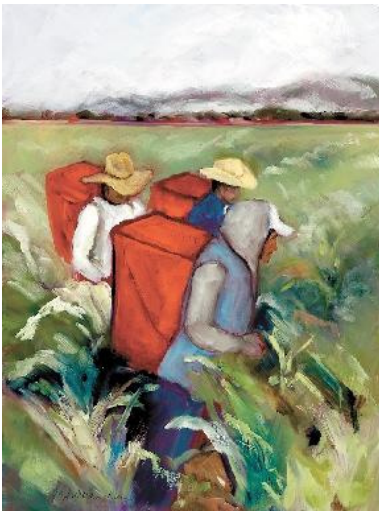
incubators for premature and neonatal babies at the medical center’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Other TALC funds have provided medical equipment used in the Maternal Infant, Pediatric, Medical/Surgical and Intensive Care units and the emergency room, as well as for diabetes education.

Half of the money raised from the sale of paintings in the exhibit will benefit Natividad’s Spiritual Care Program.

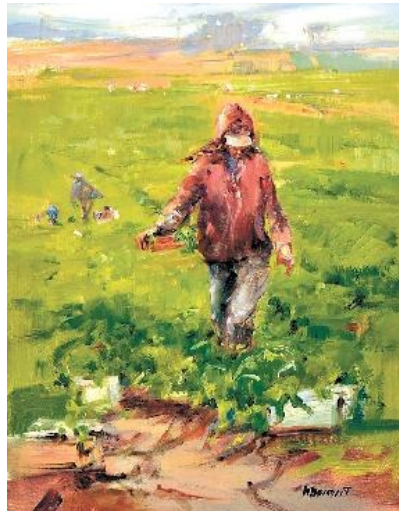
“From Field to Fork” will be on exhibit through 2013 on the second floor of Natividad Medical Center, 1441 Constitution Blvd., Building 200, in Salinas.



“Spring Mix Lettuce Fields” at RC Farms, by Rhett Regina Owings, is on display as part of the “From Field to Fork” exhibit at Natividad Medical Center. (COURTESY OF NATIVIDAD MEDICAL FOUNDATION)



Left: “In the Field,” at Ocean Mist Farms, by Mary Jo Dunn-Ruiz. (COURTESY OF NATIVIDAD MEDICAL FOUNDATION)



Right: “Lettuce Picker,” at Huntington Farms, by Maria Boisvert. (COURTESY OF NATIVIDAD MEDICAL FOUNDATION)

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Plein air artist Lisa Couper paints at Ocean Mist Artichoke Ranch in Salinas. (COURTESY OF NATIVIDAD MEDICAL FOUNDATION)

TALC was founded in 2010 by third-generation Salinas Valley grower John D'Arrigo. It's 22 founding members (TALC now has 116 members) includes Ed Boutonnet and Joe Pezzini of Ocean Mist Farms, David Gill and Jamie Strachan of Growers Express and Bob and Rick Antle of Tanimura and Antle.

On Thursday, Natividad Medical Foundation presented TALC with it's annual Hero Award for its contributions to Natividad.

Learn more about TALC and the exhibit at natividadfoundation.org.

If you go - *The "Field to Fork" exhibit opens Friday and is on display through 2013 at Natividad Medical Center, 1441 Constitution Blvd., Building 200, Salinas.*



"Relic," by Jean Thomas, The Yuki & Bunn families. (COURTESY OF NATIVIDAD MEDICAL FOUNDATION)