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Cupertino Names 'Distinguished Artist'

The city's Fine Arts Commission has selected Kate Curry, a Cupertino artist, as the 2004 "Distinguished Artist of the Year."

"The natural world is always my starting point," says Curry who is known for her vivid expressionistic landscapes. Her work can be seen at SFMOMA Artist's Gallery in San Francisco, the Foxhall Gallery in Washington, D.C., as well as her studio in downtown San Jose.

Previous Distinguished Artist award winners include painter & photographer Constance Guidotti, ceramic artist Mahoko Dahte, singer-composer Robert L. Harrison, visual and performing artist Ann Stamm Merrill; pianist Makiko Ooka, and visual artist Sara Loesch Frank.

The Cupertino Fine Arts Commission plans to present the "Distinguished Artist" award to Curry before a performance of Free Shakespeare in the Park in August at Cupertino's Memorial Park.

Further information about either the annual Distinguished Artist award or the Shakespeare Festival performances is available from the Cupertino City Clerk's Office at 777-3223.

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