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Nine East Bay photographers, including two de Young Museum Alumni, featured in Walnut Creek advanced photography exhibit



From left: Jeff Heyman, Sunyo Suhaimi, Westeigh, Rosemary Wheeler (front), Jonathan Bitz (rear), Robin Sullivan, and Kimberley Enright. Photo Bill Helsel Nine East Bay photographers are featured in a photography and art exhibit, including two who have previously shown at San Francisco's de Young Museum. The show, at the De Valle Educational Center in Walnut Creek, runs now through May 23, 2024.

The exhibit is the culmination of an Advanced Photography Workshop led by longtime Acalanes Adult Education photography instructor Bill Helsel. The nine photographers are Jonathan Bitz, Kimberley Enright, Rob Hamner, Jeff Heyman, Rich London, Sunyo Suhaimi, Robin Sullivan, Westeigh, and Rosemary Wheeler. Also on display are paintings and drawings by students in several Acalanes Adult Education art classes.

The Advanced Photography exhibit is a wide-ranging collection of photographic genres and styles: Bitz displays a unique array of black and white and color photos, while Enright presents a series of "rustic" photographs. Hamner explores camera movement in beautifully rendered color images, and London uses a

lightbox to create a unique view of everyday objects. Suhaimi explores Niles in vivid, nostalgic color photos. Sullivan tells

a uniquely "noir" story in black and white, and Wheeler features photographs of outdoor scenes from a different perspective.

Heyman and Westeigh both had landscapes exhibited as part of The de Young Open, held at the de Young Museum in San Francisco last year. In the Advanced Photography exhibit, Heyman juxtaposes clouds, land, and water, while Grant explores "Echoes of Absence." Both are a series of black and white photographs.

Running now through Thursday, May 23, the exhibit can be seen at the Del Valle Education Center, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek, Calif., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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