A watercolor illustration of a mountain landscape. The scene features rolling green hills and mountains in the background, with a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground. Several birds are shown in flight against a light, hazy sky. The overall style is soft and artistic, typical of watercolor painting.

# *Box Springs Mtn Reserve*

*By Jacqueline Truong*

Moreno Valley Utility Box Art Program

I discovered my love for art at 15, when I placed in my first juried exhibition. That early experience shaped the path I followed into college, where I earned an art degree in Photography, Sculpture, and Mixed Media with a minor in Art History.

Teaching grew from that same passion—I found my purpose in sharing the arts with students and seeing their confidence and creativity develop. My work has always been a way to document my story, and I enjoy collaborating to bring ideas to life. Over time, social justice became central to what I make and what I teach.

My work has been shown nationally and internationally in galleries and museums, and I've been featured through local newspapers, magazines, and news stations. In 2022, I began working on community art projects and haven't looked back.

# About the Artist

## Jacqueline Truong



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## Education

University of Redlands  
Major: Photography, Sculpture, Printmaking, and Mixed Media  
Minor: Art History  
  
Studio Arts Center International  
Florence, Italy

## Artistic Accomplishments:

California Elementary Art Teacher of  
the Year, 2025  
Teacher of the Year, 2024  
Utility Box Projects, Perris, CA  
2024  
Restoration of Library Mural,  
Perris, CA 2024  
Enchanted Hills Community Park  
Murals in Perris, CA, 2022  
Schoolwide Rock Garden, 2020  
Love & Kindness Quilt, 2019  
California Day of the  
Teacher/Teacher of the Year  
Award 2018



# Jacqueline Truong

## Juried Exhibitions:

- RCOE, The Spider Woman, Riverside, CA 2026
- La Quinta Museum, The Spider Woman, La Quinta, CA 2026
- Grace Mellman Community Library, The Hundred Dresses Trunk Show, Temecula, CA 2025
- RCOE, The Hundred Dresses Trunk Show, Riverside, CA 2025
- International Photography Awards, Honorable Mention, New York, NY 2009
- Lyceum Gallery, The Art of Photography Show, San Diego, CA 2009
- Dishman Art Center, 23rd Annual Texas Photographic Society Members Show, Honorable Mention, Beaumont, TX 2009
- Joyce Gordon Gallery, Glimpses In Time, Oakland, CA 2009
- Center for Contemporary Art, TPS 17 - National Show, Abilene, TX, 2009
- Dougherty Art Center, TPS 17 - National Show, Austin, TX, 2008
- Annual Del Mar Fair Show, 1st Place, 2nd Place, Honorable Mention, Del Mar, CA, 1993
- California Center for the Arts, Teenager in a Bedroom, 2nd Place, Escondido, CA, 1991

## Invitational Art Exhibitions:

- San Bernadino County Museum, San Bernadino, CA 2024
- Potocki Center for Art, Mission Viejo, CA 2021
- SAC Arts Gallery, In the Studio #6, Santa Ana, CA 2017
- Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Chain Letter, Los Angeles, CA 2011
- LA Downtown Market Gallery, Language, Los Angeles, CA 2011
- 410 Boyd ST., Los Angeles, CA 2010
- Bloomfest: Artshare & Freedom Gallery, Los Angeles, CA 2010
- Prospect Bar & Grill, Interplay, La Jolla, CA 2010
- LACDA, L.A.NDSCAPES, Los Angeles, CA 2010
- A&I, Le Neu, Hollywood, CA 2010
- LA Downtown Market Gallery, Round, Los Angeles, CA 2011
- Drkrn Gallery, The Last Picture Show, Los Angeles, CA 2009
- Spring Arts Collective Gallery, Four Frames, Los Angeles, CA 2009
- JDPW, Show Off: The JDPW Annual Alumni Exhibit, Venice, CA 2009
- JDPW, Four Frames, Venice, CA 2008
- Abstract Exposure Exhibition, 2008
- Shotgun Space Gallery, Night of the Witches, Los Angeles, CA 2007
- Watson Studio Gallery, Abstract Expressions - Reality Obscura, Johnson City, TX, 2008
- Ann Peppers Art Gallery, A Room with a View, Redlands, CA, 1998
- Annual SACI Student Show, Florence, Italy, 1997
- Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Poway, CA, 1993





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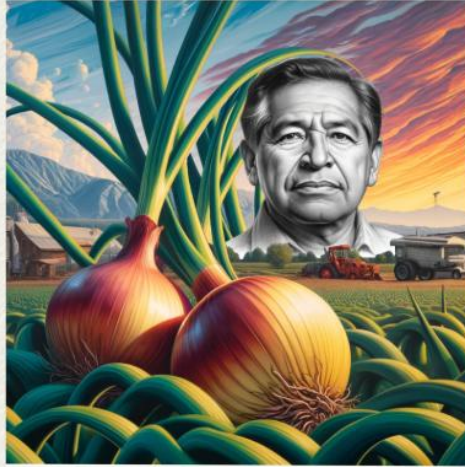
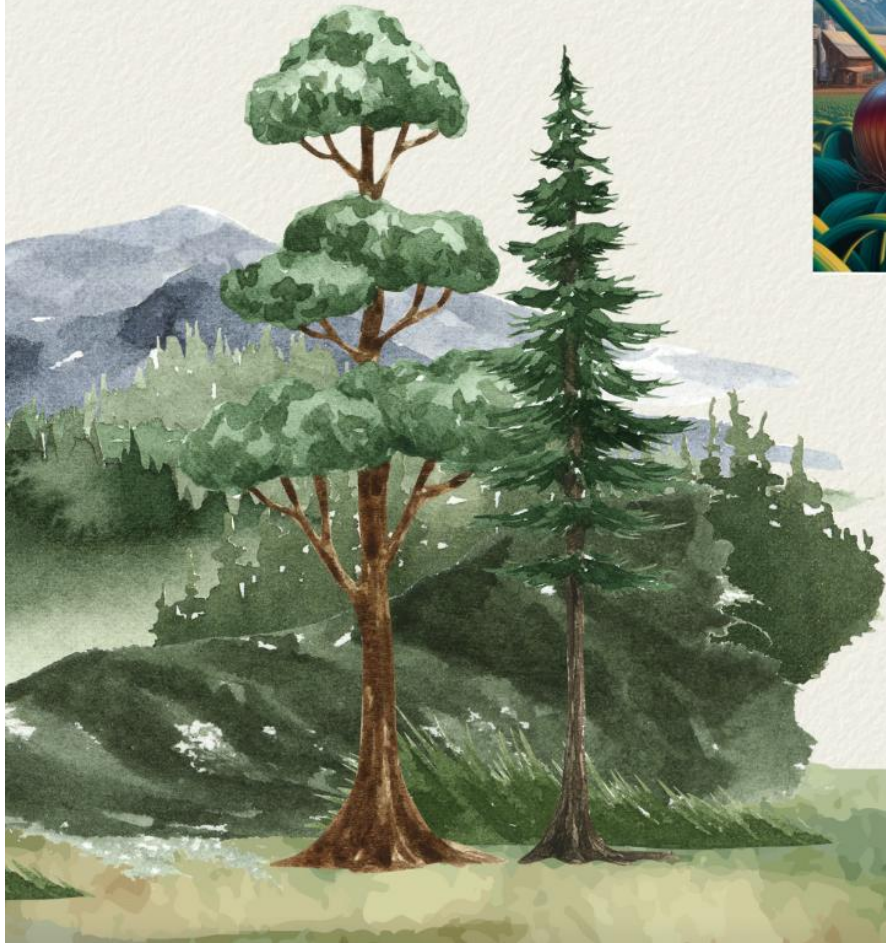




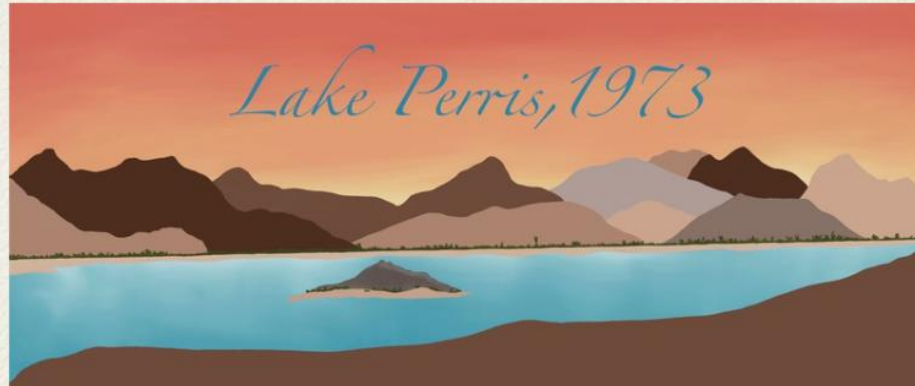
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**“In every walk with Nature  
one receives far more than  
he seeks”**

— John Muir

# The Beauty and Importance of Box Springs Mountain Reserve

## A Natural Sanctuary

Box Springs Mountain Reserve is a stunning natural sanctuary located between the bustling cities of Riverside and Moreno Valley. It serves as a serene escape, offering breathtaking views that sweep over the urban landscapes, providing a tranquil contrast to the city life. This reserve is a treasure trove of natural beauty, featuring lush oaks and coastal sage scrub that paint the landscape with rich textures and colors. Here, nature enthusiasts find solace and inspiration, as it truly is a place where the "Mountains meet the Sky."

## Inspiration for Artistic Expression

The natural splendor of Box Springs Mountain Reserve has served as a wellspring of inspiration for many artists, myself included. The interplay of light and shadow across the mountainous terrain, the vibrant hues of the landscape, and the serene ambiance have all profoundly influenced my work in the Moreno Valley Utility Box Art Program. By capturing the essence of the reserve in art, we celebrate its beauty and emphasize its importance to our community.

## A Haven for Wildlife and People

Beyond its scenic allure, Box Springs Mountain Reserve plays a crucial role in preserving the region's biodiversity. It is home to a variety of wildlife species, making it an essential habitat for conservation efforts. For residents and visitors alike, the reserve offers a chance to connect with nature, making it a vital space for mental and physical well-being. Its trails invite hikers, cyclists, and nature lovers to explore and appreciate the myriad wonders it holds.

## Why It Matters to the City

Preserving Box Springs Mountain Reserve is not just about protecting a beautiful landscape; it is about maintaining a vital resource for our city. The reserve enhances the quality of life, supports ecological health, and fosters a sense of community pride and identity. It stands as a testament to the natural heritage of the region and as a reminder of the harmony we can achieve between urban development and nature. In presenting this to the city council, I hope to convey the reserve's significance and encourage continued support for its preservation. It is a jewel in our community, deserving of protection and appreciation for generations to come.

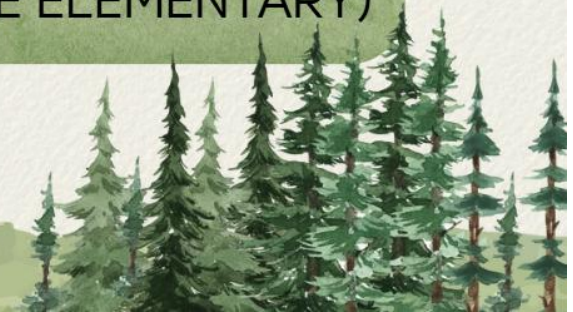


# LOCATIONS

LASSELLE ST & IRONWOOD AVE

HEACOCK ST & IRONWOOD AVE

PERRIS BLVD & KALMIA AVE (NORTH RIDGE ELEMENTARY)



# Box Springs Mountain Reserve

I love creating landscapes that feel layered and full of life. In this painting, I recreated the valley as seen from a high point in the Box Springs Mountain Reserve, with the surrounding hills and mountains stretching across the foreground and background. The valley opens clearly in the center, and I aimed to capture what this place may have looked like long ago.



# Proposed Contribution

**As a working artist, I bring skilled creative work shaped by years of practice. This piece reflects careful planning, many hours of hands-on creation, and the use of digital tools that require paid licenses. The \$500 fee supports the time, craft, and resources needed to produce artwork that adds beauty and value to the community.**



*Thank  
You*

