

**Roberta Labastida** / San Carlos Branch Library display January 2025  
Drew's Art Pals group

Roberta Labastida was born and raised in San Diego, California. She went to Mission Bay High School where she aspired to be a commercial artist. She attended San Diego State University earning a BA in Liberal Studies and teaching credential with a second in Visual Arts.

While Roberta taught, she brought many art experiences to her students as well as establishing art venues for her students to show their art.

Upon retirement she has focused on refining her art skills and establishing art programs in the Mountain Empire School District. She wrote and illustrated a children's book to share with her students: My Ancestor's Village, which was published by Sunbelt Publication and is used in the San Diego City and county schools to teach children about the Kumeyaay culture. It also was presented and sold at Mission Trails, Cabrillo Museum, and other local museums.

Roberta enjoys and finds great freedom and spirit in watercolor techniques. She has taken art classes with Drew Bandish, Elsimae Cleeton, and Ken Goldman. She was Vice President of the East San Diego Art Association and many years as Vice President of the Foothills Art Association and received a life membership.

She enjoys being a member of Foothills Art Association and enters paintings monthly for members' shows. Roberta also enjoys being able to paint with friends and fellow artists at our Friday Watercolor Group.

Roberta's goals are to bring movement, freshness and rich color excitement to the figure, floras, and fauna she creates. She now enjoys experimenting with different watercolor techniques, and mixed media.

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