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Local environmental group will present award to Woodside Artist Jim Caldwell at October 30 event

Committee for Green Foothills will present the first Jane Gallagher Award to Woodside artist Jim Caldwell at *Nature's Inspirations: Celebrating the Arts* on Saturday, October 30.

The award is given in memory of Jane Gallagher, a dedicated Committee for Green Foothills board member, a celebrated painter and passionate defender of open space on the Peninsula. The Committee is presenting the award in recognition of another artist whose work, like Jane's, honors the places, people and organizations that inspire the protection of open space.

Award winner Jim Caldwell is one of twelve Bay Area landscape painters selected to show at the art exhibition and sale *Nature's Inspirations: Celebrating the Arts* on October 30 in Woodside.

Jim Caldwell says of his work, "With my painting I am trying to make the public more aware of the beauty of nature which surrounds us on the Peninsula, and the importance of its preservation." Caldwell was born in New York in 1942 and moved to the Bay Area in 1950. Caldwell has had 24 one-man shows and participated in 18 group shows. He has paintings in more than 250 collections worldwide from Paris to Japan. He divides his time between painting and a practice in residential architecture at his studio in Woodside, California.

The runner-up for the Jane Gallagher Award is Patricia Wallis of Novato. Other artists selected for the exhibition are JoAnne Horsfall Beasley, Kay Duffy, Timothy Horn, Kerri Lawnsby, Julia Munger Seelos, Carolyn Shaw, Sheila Sondik, Michelle Waters, Alex White, and Thomas Wood. Selected paintings by all of the exhibition artists can be viewed at www.GreenFoothills.org/Art.

Works by all twelve artists will be for sale at *Nature's Inspirations*, and will also be featured in a live auction led by Assemblymember Joe Simitian. The Mercury News is the Official Media Sponsor for the event. Tickets for the event are \$75 and are available online at www.GreenFoothills.org/Art or by calling the Committee for Green Foothills office at (650) 968-7243. Space is limited and tickets will be sold only in advance. *Please note that this event is closed to the press.*

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For press photos of Jim Caldwell, visit www.GreenFoothills.org/pressphotos.

About Committee for Green Foothills

Committee for Green Foothills is a regional grassroots organization working to establish and maintain land-use policies that protect the environment throughout San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. Committee for Green Foothills, established in 1962, is a Bay Area leader in the continuing effort to protect open space and the natural environment of the Peninsula, Coast, and south Bay. For more information about the Committee, visit www.GreenFoothills.org.

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