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“California Butterfly Illustrations” and “Composition #4”

California Butterfly Illustrations



Artist: MaryAnn Nardo

Location: Library | Parks and Recreation Center, First Floor Corridor

This series of nine fine art giclée prints showcases California butterflies frozen in time, highlighting their delicate wing patterns and life cycle stages. The original watercolors were painted on Douglas fir panels, allowing the wood grain to show through the transparent layers of color. Acquired in 2012, the collection features the endangered Mission Blue Butterfly, an official symbol of the City of South San Francisco

Composition #4

Artist: Michael Gustavson

Location: Library | Parks and Recreation Center, Third Floor Lobby

Crafted from Raku ceramic and concrete, this functional bench blends vivid color and texture to create a visually striking, tactile experience. The work celebrates both artistry and utility, encouraging viewers to engage with its intricate surfaces. Dedicated in 2024, it honors former Cultural Arts Commissioner Shane Looper for her outstanding contributions to the South San Francisco community.



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