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Youth Art Month Central California Virtual Art Exhibit

This event was sponsored by Fresno State University and by the CA Art Education Association.

This judged competition made Kathleen Fuller, Madera South High School Art Teacher, proud for her students to be accepted in the competition. The students were from her Ceramics II Art Class and completed the pieces during remote learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/9 Alternative Education Graduation
- 6/10 Madera South High School Graduation
- 6/11 Madera High School Graduation
- 6/11 Last Day of School
- 6/14 Summer School Teacher Institute Day
- 6/15-7/2 Summer School for Students.

For information contact your child's school.



Karla Ayala Barron
MSHS Student



Thomas Hudson
MSHS Student



Roxanne Lopez
MSHS Student

Madera Unified School District will truly miss retiring Madera South High School Ceramics Teacher, Kathleen Ann Fuller. Mrs. Fuller is originally from Minnesota and moved to the Central Valley in 1980. First receiving her degree in Studio Art at Carleton College in Northfield, the city where Jesse James held his last bank robbery, she was attracted to attend the school because of the nearby opportunity to cross country ski. Led by friends to move to California, she accepted a volunteer, expense-paid job working as an arts and crafts director at a boys and girls club in Fresno, and a part-time artist assistant position with the well-known local artist, the late Margaret Hudson.

After working for about seven years, she returned to school to complete her single subject credential in art, and began working at Madera High in the late '80s. In 1992, she began working at the Madera South Campus teaching Art I, Art II, and eventually AP Art. Upon completion of Madera South High, she served on the leadership team and was instrumental in setting up the art department and the current art building. After a few years, she was able to begin offering ceramics classes.

Growing up, Mrs. Fuller was "always good at drawing and enjoyed music." She felt that you should select a career that is something you enjoy.

She plans to use her retirement to travel, visit family, do something artistic, and possibly play music, maybe pick up the pipe organ again.

When asked for her 20-year-old self to give advice to her current self she responded, *"Take a risk. Travel more."*

Things she will miss? *"The comradery of working with other teachers; the sense of being able to orchestrate and making things come together, and making students successful; work with the community and the arts council; the accomplishments that we have made at Madera South; learning new things all the time and the sense of doing something important."*

