

Grow Together

Artist: Roan Victor

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473 Hyde Park Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Dr., San Jose, CA 95136 / Council District 2

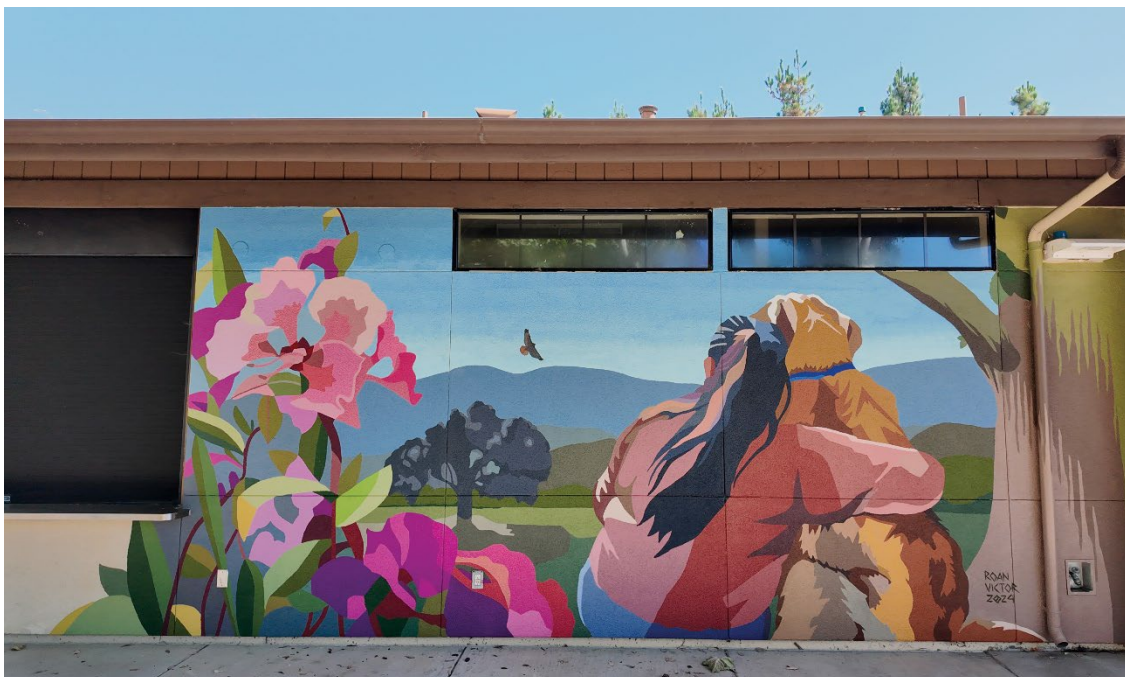
ABOUT THE PROJECT

Vista Park is a 9.9 acre park with amenities that include: a basketball court, soccer field, two softball fields; two playgrounds; restrooms; snack shack; picnic areas; and a community room.

Artists considered for this project are in the Public Art Program's Mural Artists Roster which features Bay Area artists. The Public Art Program released a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) on September 19, 2022 on Café, the online platform that is widely used for artist call, and staff actively promoted and recruited Bay Area artists. From this roster artist Roan Victor was selected for the Vista Park commission by the Public Art Program.

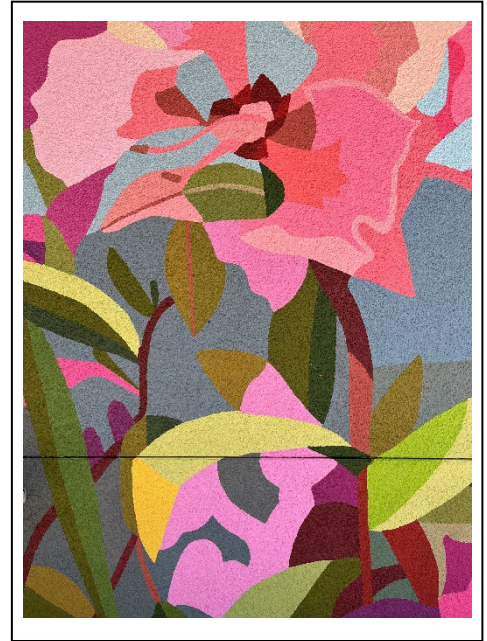
San José artist Roan Victor is interested in the natural history found in the Vista Park-Encore (Echo Valley)-Parkview Valley neighborhood (VEP). Her mural design is inspired by the local residents, and the important values, relationships, and stories shared during the artist's community outreach meeting.

The main focal point in the mural design is a young woman hugging her dog, looking at a scenic view of the valley: a hawk soars above a distinct oak tree found at nearby Martial Cottle Park with mountains in the distance, an homage to the beauty of our surrounding landscape in San José.



Roan Victor, Grow Together, 2024, at Vista Park Community Room

Drawing from her background in horticulture, Roan’s design includes native plants that would have been found prior to development in the central oak woodlands that make up the VEP neighborhood. Roan included the Elegant Clarkia for its symbolic meaning as a “celebration of adaptability and the joy in nurturing life. It is a living testament to the rewards of attentive care and the beauty of resilience.” This mural is dedicated to the VEP community who came together to advocate to keep Vista Park an open space for sports activities, social gatherings, and all those who continue to raise their families in this area generation after generation.



*Roan Victor, Grow Together (detail) 2024,
at Vista Park Community Room*

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Roan Victor is a fine art painter and muralist based in San José. Lush foliage, textile patterns, and figures in passive poses are common subject matters in her artworks. Roan’s recent watercolor and gouache paintings explore the dichotomy of strength and vulnerability. Her compositions are painted in detail with decisive strokes and bold colors. Roan is a resident artist at Know Future Gallery in Japantown, San José.

More information on the artist can be found at www.roanvictor.com.

ABOUT THE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The City of San José Public Art Program seeks to build community identity by initiating artworks and exhibitions that enhance the civic landscape. Through active community engagement, public art strives to reflect the City’s diversity, historic richness, and envision its present and future.

The Public Art Program is part of the City’s Office of Cultural Affairs, a division of the Office of Economic Development. The Public Art Program was established by a 1984 municipal ordinance that provides public art through funding from City capital improvement projects and eligible private development.

For further information and photos, please contact the San José Public Art Program.

