

40 Acres Art Gallery Presents -- *OAK PARK TREASURES:* *Paintings by Patris*

Oak Park resident Patti Miller has devoted the last several years to expressing the beauty of the Sacramento neighborhood through colorful paintings of churches, historical sites, house, parks and buildings familiar to many Oak Park residents. According to Patris, "I aspire to create vibrant images of Oak Park that reveal a positive perspective, focusing on the hidden beauty and unseen charm woven in the design of Sacramento's first established suburb. My greatest aspiration is to support the renaissance of this neighborhood and invite others to enjoy the treasures of Oak Park."

Patti Miller grew up in northwest Montana. Her love of different cultures eventually led to several jobs in California tutoring Asian refugees as a Language Development Specialist at Sacramento State University. Still feeling unfulfilled, Patti returned back to her childhood love of art as a way to seek answers to life after the loss of her mother to cancer. Enrolling in art courses at Sacramento City College, Patti changed her name to "Patris" and dedicated her energies to contributing to the revitalization of Oak Park through the creation of positive images of the community.

"My current work celebrates a community rediscovering itself: depicting images of the past, highlighting transformations of today, and embracing optimism for tomorrow."

For further information about Patris' work, please contact Kim Curry-Evans, Director of Visual Arts, at (916) 489-HOPE.



