St. Madeleine Sophie’s Organic Garden is the perfect place to learn about and experience nature first hand. Recently our students had an unexpected guest, a baby opossum who visited their outdoor classroom. It quickly became a teachable moment, as Garden Instructor Kate Boyce picked up the baby opossum by the tail and let students know it was a marsupial, an animal that has a pouch. She placed it in a bucket with some water until it could be dropped off at Project Wildlife after class. "I was surprised to see an opossum walking around in the daylight; they are usually out at night", Anthony Wardlow remarked. "I think it must have fallen off its mother. I work at Lions, Tigers & Bears and see many animals, but a baby opossum... that’s something you don’t see everyday!" he added.
At Sophie’s Gallery we are painting skateboards for the upcoming show, Skate of Mind - State of Mind. My skateboard was inspired by the Anza - Borrego Desert State Park.

Every year, people wait and watch to see if the town of Borrego Springs will again host scores of visitors intent on one thing. . . wildflowers!

This year there was enough rain to produce a spectacular bloom in Anza - Borrego Desert State Park, which surrounds Borrego Springs. This is great news for a town that relies on tourist dollars.

When the flowers bloom it is like living in an amusement park. Their quiet town undergoes a transformation. The streets swell with throngs of happy people drinking in the rare and remarkable beauty of a desert draped in color!

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Hello everyone! I would like to talk about the fashion show. The Haute with Heart Fashion Show, Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend is on August 13th. This year John Agostini, Coleen Baucom, Katie Broderick, Ethan Coss, Rachel Guerrero, Aiden Grant, Jillian Hodgetts, Aaron Kevane, Amy Mansour, and Jean Poutous are the students who will be modeling in the show. I remember going to the fashion show previously. I wore clothes from Macy’s and I went up on the stage with my mom! It was so much fun and I still remember it to this day. See you all next time and I hope you all have a great day!
This is not John Agostini's first time at Haute with Heart, in fact, this is his 8th time as our featured artist. Known for his bright and bold paintings of the leading ladies of the golden screen, John's artwork is always an easy choice for our fashion show cover art.

John Agostini has been with St. Madeleine Sophie's Center for more than 20 years and is a beloved figure on campus. He is always willing to share his wisdom, "If you respect and love yourself, it will materialize with other people. If you are friends with yourself, everything comes to you. Dream big and believe anything is possible!"

John Agostini proudly holds his original painting of Marilyn Monroe that was framed by the Frame Station as an in-kind donation. The painting is available for purchase and will be on display at the Haute with Heart Fashion Show!
11th Alley Cat Art Walk
Celebrating the Arts in Downtown El Cajon
Friday, September 16, 2022
4-8PM

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state of Mind
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Aug 1st Sweet & sour chicken stir fry
Aug 2nd Tamale, Spanish rice, black beans
Aug 3rd Spaghetti, Italian sausage marinara, side Caesar salad
Aug 4th Oven roasted pork loin, herbs over mashed potatoes, vegetables
Aug 5th Pizza, side salad

Aug 8th Creamy honey mustard chicken, garlic roasted potatoes, vegetables
Aug 9th Rolled tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice
Aug 10th Adobo over steamed rice, roasted broccoli
Aug 11th All American cheeseburger, fries, pickle
Aug 12th Pizza Caesar salad

Aug 15th Meatball sub sandwich, chips
Aug 16th Enchiladas, cilantro-lime rice, refried beans
Aug 17th Sticky honey garlic shrimp over rice
Aug 18th Chicken carbonara, garlic bread
Aug 19th Pizza, side salad

Aug 22nd Eggplant parmesan over noodles, side garden salad
Aug 23rd Roasted lemon chicken over mashed potatoes, green beans
Aug 24th Enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice
Aug 25th Philly cheesesteak sub sandwich, fries
Aug 26th Pizza, side salad

Aug 29th Grilled cheese with pesto, tomato, chips
Aug 30th Chicken piccata over pasta, garlic bread
Aug 31st Ground beef tacos, Spanish rice, beans