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MARY-AUSTIN KLEIN AIRLIGHT

JULY 1 - AUGUST 22, 2022

OPENING RECEPTION:

1ST THURSDAY, JULY 7TH | FROM 5-8pm

SANTA BARBARA - Sullivan Goss - An American Gallery is pleased to announce our first solo exhibition for **Mary-Austin Klein**. Klein has shown in galleries throughout Southern California for many years, and has been included in assorted group shows with us for nearly a decade. We are extremely excited to feature her work in a more focused presentation.

Airlight showcases Klein's skilled renderings of the storied California light in some of her most traveled places. From Death Valley to the Pacific Ocean, she captures impressive vistas in high detail. Keeping her paintings at a smaller scale, they still capture the grandeur of long horizons and high skies.

Klein's direct representation of these places evokes silence for the most part. If a figure appears, they are not the dominant subject. It is the landscape and the rustle of wind in the palm trees, the humming silence of a desert plain at twilight, the slap of waves against a SUP board, or the shush of bike tires on the sand at low tide, that are the true stars of the scenes. Klein seeks out what matters in these paintings: quiet scenes in a noisy world. Klein, who lives in Echo Park, spent an increasing amount of time in Santa Barbara over the past few years, seeing with fresh eyes the best of what the town has to offer. With exquisite precision, her work captures the zone between the mountains and the ocean with its deep blue sky and magical light.

Mary-Austin Klein is a graduate of the Otis Art Institute. Her work has been exhibited at the Riverside Museum of Art, Oceanside Museum of Art, Bakersfield Museum of Art, and Santa Paula Art Museum. Country-Alt band I See Hawks in L.A. feature a song *Mary-Austin Sky* on their 2012 CD, *A New Kind of Lonely*. She is featured in artist Kim Stringfellow's book *Jackrabbit Homestead*, and *The Guide to the Wild Mojave* publication sponsored by the California Wilderness Coalition.

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