

About Rebecca Hamm

A Southern California native, Rebecca Hamm received her B.A. from California Polytechnic University, Pomona and her M.F.A. from the Claremont Graduate University. She shows her artwork throughout the region including solo and selected exhibitions at Los Angeles City College, the Carnegie Art Museum in Oxnard, the Claremont Museum of Art, the Ontario Museum of Art & History, the Huntington Beach Art Center, and the University of Houston, Texas.

Rebecca has taught a wide variety of fine art and design courses at three local universities. Her writings on *Creativity and Inclusive Arts* have been published internationally and she has been invited to speak for many groups and organizations both locally and nationally. She was a featured presenter for a TedX program and was honored by Senator Carol Liu as “Woman of the Year” for 2015 in the twenty-fifth senatorial district of California.

In 1990, Rebecca was introduced to artists who identify as experiencing developmental disabilities at the First Street Gallery and studios of the Tierra del Sol Foundation. She joined in as a guest artist and was quickly hired as a Mentor. Now, as Director of Arts for the Tierra del Sol Foundation, she leads Tierra’s progressive studio programs with ambitious exhibition and event schedules, featuring the important work of the artists who are involved with the inclusive studios. In providing innovative and effective opportunities, this team of art professionals works alongside the more than 100 artists who are currently advancing their own professional careers in the arts.

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