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Laguna College Of Art + Design Presents "*The Art of Nellie Gail Moulton*," an Exhibition of LCAD Co-Founder and Legendary Orange County Pioneer Woman, Artist and Philanthropist

LCAD Gallery Exhibit Opens with October 7 Reception Featuring Nellie Gail's Family and Continues Through November 21

September 29, 2021 (Laguna Beach, CA) - [Laguna College of Art + Design \(LCAD\)](#), an Orange County private arts college in Laguna Beach, California, in collaboration with [Moulton Museum](#), an Orange County-based museum that works to keep the history of the region and its ranching era alive by archiving, restoring and preserving historical artifacts, will present an exhibition of paintings and drawings of Orange County pioneer, artist and philanthropist Nellie Gail Moulton at the LCAD gallery located at 374 Ocean Avenue in Laguna Beach. Curated by Jennifer Keil and Cindy Keil (Moulton Museum), Bryan Heggie (LCAD Gallery), and Hope Railey (Chair of LCAD Fine Arts), *The Art of Nellie Gail Moulton* will open with a reception on October 7 at 6 pm to 9 pm and will run through November 21. Two of Moulton's great grandsons - Jared Mathis, CEO of Moulton Company and President of Moulton Museum and Scott Barnes, CFO of Moulton Company - will be on hand sharing the family history in person at the opening reception next Thursday.

"*The Art of Nellie Gail Moulton* is intended in part to promote the process of art and the power of studying art, and as a learning institution, this is aligned with the Gallery's mission of serving the educational and cultural objectives of LCAD's students," said Heggie.

Moulton, who was an avid plein air painter, belongs to a larger movement of female artists who have recently gained significant recognition for their contributions to the arts. She created art throughout her entire life and studied with renowned artists such as William Wendt, Anna Hills,

Frank Cuprien, and Edgar Payne (whose work will also be showcased within this exhibition). Her work captures the rich beauty of nature, expressing her keen eye for detail and impressive use of color.

"Nellie Gail Moulton's retrospective exhibition showcases her natural gift and formal training with en plein air masters. We are emphasizing her process from sketch to final painting on artist's board and canvas." said Jennifer Keil, who, along with Cindy Keil, is also curating the collection for the Moulton Museum's opening in Spring 2022 in Laguna Hills, CA.



Nellie Gail Moulton, Three Arch Bay, c. 1925, Collection of Jared and Kate Mathis and Courtesy of the Moulton Museum. Images are owned by Moulton Museum ©.

The celebrated matriarch of the Moulton family and the wife of legendary Orange County pioneer Lewis F. Moulton, she was one of the founding members of the Laguna Beach School of Art (LBSA, the predecessor to LCAD). Nellie Gail Moulton gave the then fledgling LBSA its first significant gift, and her legacy continues to sustain LCAD's operation. The exhibition will also feature works on loan from Chapman University and Sherman Library and Gardens.

Visitors must adhere to safety protocols in place mandated by the California Department of Public Health. Please visit for more information <https://www.lcad.edu/news/coronavirus-information>.

About Laguna College of Art + Design

Founded in 1961, Laguna College of Art + Design (LCAD) is a dually accredited, non-profit college located in Laguna Beach, CA. LCAD offers undergraduate degrees (BFA) in Animation, Drawing + Painting, Drawing + Painting with Sculpture Emphasis, Drawing + Painting with Illustration Emphasis, Entertainment Design, Experimental Animation, Game Art, Graphic Design + Digital Media, Graphic Design + Digital Media with Action Sports Emphasis, Graphic Design + Digital Media with Illustration Emphasis and Illustration. LCAD also offers Graduate degrees (MFA) in Drawing, Game Design, and Painting. LCAD Gallery is home to exhibitions by world-renowned artists and emerging students and artists alike. LCAD Gallery's mission is to serve the educational and cultural objectives of LCAD's studio majors. LCAD gallery is located at 374 Ocean Avenue in Laguna Beach, CA. For more information visit www.lcad.edu. Facebook and Instagram at @lagunacollege.

About Moulton Museum

Moulton Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, works to keep the history of Orange County and its ranching era alive. Starting in 1874, twenty-year old Bostonian, Lewis F. Moulton, learned to run a ranching operation by working at Rancho San Joaquin. Over the course of the next ten years Moulton leased and purchased 21,723 acres which became the Moulton Ranch. Today, the land comprises much of Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, Laguna Beach, Dana Point, and Aliso Viejo. Moulton Museum is committed to heritage, community, and philanthropy. Its core values are reflected in its archives, exhibits, educational programs, and partnerships. Moulton Museum is scheduled to open in 2022. The Moulton Museum will have rotating exhibits that feature Lewis F. Moulton's ranching legacy, Nellie Gail Moulton's artwork, daily life, business culture and local history. For more information, visit www.moultonmuseum.org. Facebook and Instagram at @moultonmuseum.