

DREAMING CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA, the shining promised land of the American Dream.

Free from the Historical Chains of the East. Isolated by the Great Western Desert. Washed by the Waves of the Pacific. California waits "like an angel standing in a shaft of light."

Generations of seekers have been drawn here; not just as a destination, but as a hopeful fulfillment of their highest aspirations seeking Gold, Opportunity, Freedom of Expression, the Ultimate Wave, Spiritual Enlightenment, Fame....

Ranking as the world's seventh largest economy, California exists virtually as a sovereign nation. Located at the hub of the Pacific Rim, and indeed the center of the Modern World, trends that orignate here sweep the planet.

Molded by multiple cultural influences: Hispanic, Yankee, Asian... Okie, Hippie, Techie...California has become a Mecca, a multi-layered repository of all the hopes and dreams of its devoted citizens. Inspired visions compete in this mad, dynamic, pulsing, living gallery. As one of my generation of seekers, I have been a delighted participant painting the California scene. Stepping back from this body of work I have noticed a common thread.

The treasures that Californians collect, build, restore, and display represent these dreams. Other societies do the same, but they are integrated over years into the fabric of their culture. In California these icons mix and overlap in a rich colorful stew...all set against the great natural wonders of the West.

Chinatown, Hot Rods, Spanish Revival, Quaint Victorians, Nautical Relics, Unspoiled Wilderness....

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