

Central Coast-based photographer Gary Williams, captured this serene-scape of surf and seagulls at Moss Landing. Williams says photography, for him, is a form of meditation, an opportunity to slow down, be alive in the moment. The camera is a tool to capture the order and rhythm and balance of the natural world, to reveal what is always there.

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Artists drawn here by breathtaking landscapes



Magnificent geography has lured the likes of Ansel Adams and Salvador Dali

From the surrealist artist Salvador Dali to the famous photographer Ansel Adams to renaissance man Jo Mora, Monterey County has drawn artists to its diverse geography for decades.

Adams made his home in the Carmel Highlands south of Carmel for many years. Dali

hung out at what is now Santa Catalina Academy in Monterey. Mora, whose studio was in Carmel, created many works that remain on public display today.

The Monterey Peninsula is now home to many galleries and several museums, including the Monterey Museum of Art. The National Steinbeck Center and Hartnell College in

Salinas host art shows throughout the year.

At the former Fort Ord Army base's East Garrison, an arts center is being planned with 64 affordable live-work artists' rentals.

Whether you create art with a brush, clay or a camera, there's much to offer here.

— Tom Leyde