

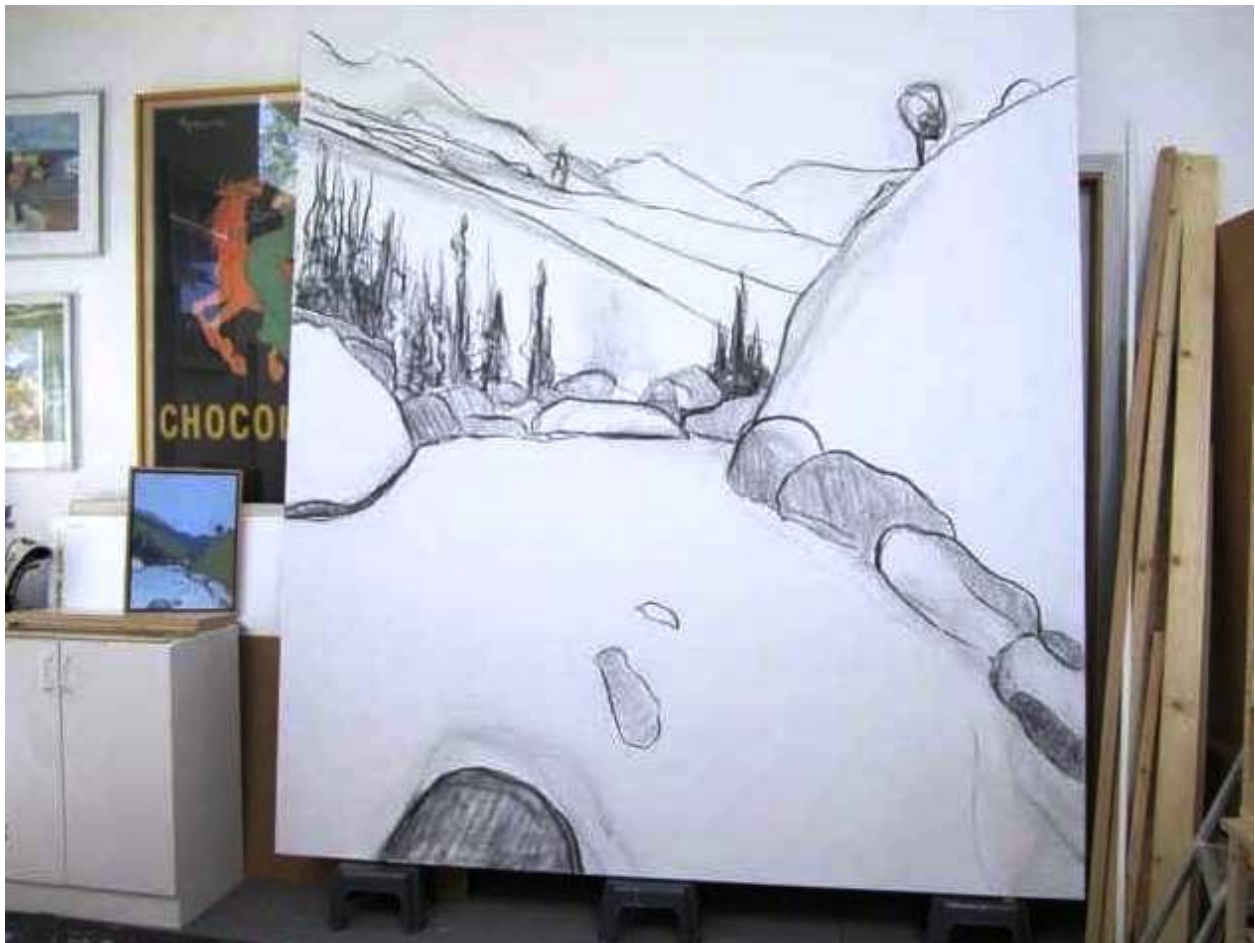
GREGORY KONDOS

"Sutter's Gold"

ARTWORK DESCRIPTION

Gregory Kondos' 8'x12', oil on canvas painting is titled *Sutter's Gold*. The primary element in the composition is the North Fork of the American River running vertically through rolling hills in the heart of California Gold Rush landscape. The painting is inspired by the discovery of gold in 1848 and its historic significance to the Sacramento region. The colors, shapes, textures, and details are meant to welcome the traveler to the region, giving him a glimpse of what's in store beyond the International Arrivals exit. Additionally, it offers the viewer insight into the region's rich history.

ARTWORK IN PROGRESS



The artist begins the work with a drawing, shown above.





Gregory Kondos stands next to his artwork in progress in his studio.



The images above were shot during installation of the painting.

COMPLETED ARTWORK





The image on the left shows the completed 8' x 12' painting that was installed at the entrance/exit to International Arrivals. The image on the right is of the artist's pallet.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Gregory Kondos made his name in landscapes and is known for azure skies and a style that borrows from abstract expressionism. He has won numerous awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the 1999 International Biennial in Florence, Italy and a Master of Drawing Award from American Artists Magazine in 1996. His work is included in permanent collections around the world, including the Yosemite Museum, where he has been a member of the Artist-in-Residence Program since 1989. A retrospective at the Crocker Art Museum is among his recent solo exhibitions. Mr. Kondos received both a BA and MA in Art at the California State University at Sacramento and taught at Sacramento City College for 27 years. He was the founder and director of the campus gallery. With fellow artist and friend, Wayne Thiebaud, Mr. Kondos founded the Artists Cooperative

Gallery (now the Artists Contemporary Gallery), one of the earliest showcases for aspiring artists in northern California. Mr. Kondos was recently elected to the National Academy of Design in New York and was featured in a PBS Special Program documentary, "A Passion for the Land".