

Joy Phoenix graduated from Dominican College cum laude with a degree in art from the Honors Program. She is a multiple award winner for her photography. She is now in her second term of serving on the Dominican Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a Founding Circle member, in 2008, of Dominican's Women, Leadership & Philanthropy Council. She is also the co-chair of the Membership Committee of WLPC. Joy is also a Program Officer for the Fenwick Foundation, a small family foundation based in Chapel Hill and Raleigh, North Carolina and here in San Rafael.

Joy is a long-time community volunteer. She is a committed member of the Sunny Hills Services' Glenwood Guild, where she has served as President of that three times, been the guild treasurer since 1995, and is on the committee for the annual fundraiser. She is the President of the Sunny Hills Services Guilds' Volunteer Forum, has been on the Sunny Hills Services Board of Directors since 2014 and serves on two board committees. In 1983 Joy founded, and was the first president of, the Marin County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. She held many positions in that organization and the two that she enjoyed the most were planning educational events and chairing the MADD Poster/Essay Contest for eleven years. The first year of the contest there were 48 entries.

In 1993, she joined the Youth in Arts Board of Directors and served until 2008. Since art is a love of Joy's, street painting seemed to be a perfect fit, and she became the chair of the Photography Committee for the Youth in Arts' Italian Street Painting Festival. This event ran from 1993 until 2010. Two years after this event closed down a new organization, Italian Street Painting Marin, recreated it. Joy is on the ISPM steering committee and is chair of the ISPM Grants Committee, which gave grants to 11 arts organizations in Marin County. This year there is a new component to the street painting event, the Venetian Mask Contest, which Joy co-chairs. Joy is also co-chair of the ISPM photography committee. If you come to Fifth Avenue and A Street in downtown San Rafael, on the last weekend in June, you may just see her up on a ladder with her camera.

Another favorite pastime of Joy's is traveling, which provides a wonderful opportunity for photography. As much as she enjoys volunteering and traveling, she really loves spending time with her family and her granddaughter, Kylie Grace. She and Kylie love working on projects for the Marin County Fair, playing word games and board games, working on art projects, and much more.