

Homeless artist inspired by love of painting



Martin Justin David has lived “on the nondomestic side of life” for the last 14 years. Technically, he’s homeless, but he’s far from helpless. A plein air artist, he makes a living moving from town to town, painting commissioned works on the spot.

It’s a tough living, but it works for him for now, he said. Sometimes he paints for money, sometimes for food or gas — and sometimes for good will.

Last week, he stayed in Grass Valley an extra day or two to paint a picture of Hospitality House’s homeless shelter, Utah’s Place.

“You can’t be all about the money,” he said. “Often success comes when you’re just doing it for love.”

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