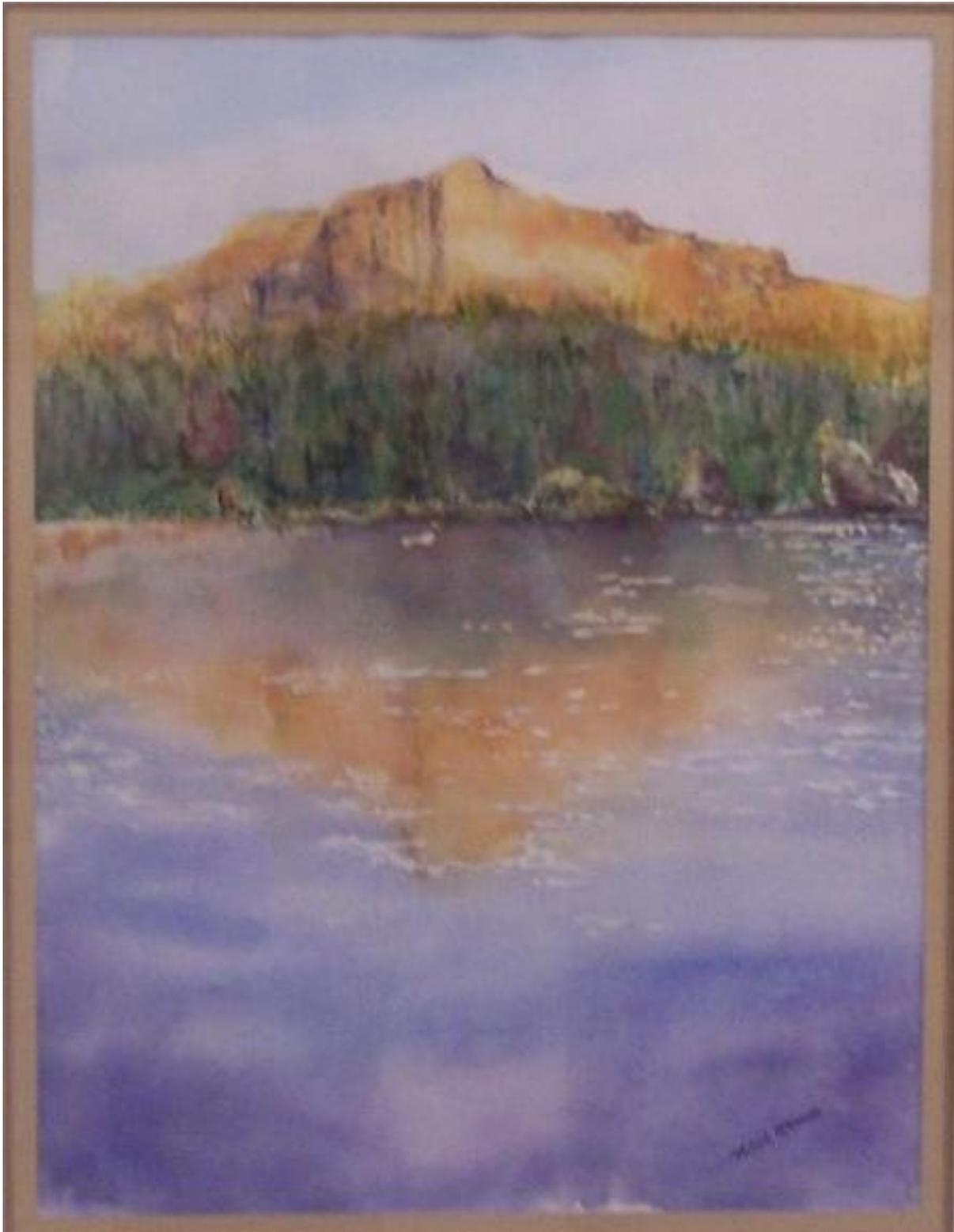


Gridley resident and Gridley High School student **Michael McConnell** was named the winner of the 2009 Congressional Art Competition for California's Second Congressional District.

Michael's winning entry, entitled "

Silver Lake

," was created using watercolor. His piece was selected as the winner by a panel of respected members of local communities, including local elected officials, business leaders, and members of the media.



Wild Sky at the USA Fencing Club in Washington, DC. Art by the artist in the photo.