

ELLEN ALLGAIER FOUNTAIN

EDUCATION

BFA, University of Arizona, Tucson (With Honors)
MA, University of Arizona, Tucson (With High Honors) - Art Education
Watercolor Workshops with Nationally/Internationally-known painters

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS:

National Watercolor Society (signature member)
Watercolor West (signature member)
Western Federation of Watercolor Societies (signature member), Delegate 1985-86
Rocky Mountain National Watermedia (signature member)
Arizona Watercolor Association (signature member)
Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild (signature/honorary member)
Arizona Aqueous (Signature Member)
Transparent Watercolor Society of America (member)
American Watercolor Society (associate member)

HONORS:

2003 - *Ponies del Pueblo* artist, sponsored/purchased by the City of Marana and Tucson-Pima Arts Council
1992 - Finalist for Public Art Commission - Minimum Security Facility, Tucson
1991 - Finalist / The Artist's Magazine Painting Competition
1989 - Visual Artists Fellowship Award (\$2500) - Tucson/Pima Arts Council
Finalist / ArtQuest'88 / Los Angeles, CA (200 selected from 5000+ entries)
Finalist / The Artist's Magazine 1987 Landscape Painting Competition (99 chosen from 5000+ entries)
Past President [1984-85] and honorary member of the Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild

PUBLIC ART:

2003 - "*Cactus Pony*", my entry for the *Ponies del Pueblo* non-profit fund-raising project; purchased by the City of Marana
1991-1992 - Public Art Commission: Entry to Children's Room, Tucson-Pima Main Library, Tucson - Two 8x10 foot murals, acrylic on wood panels (In 2018, the Children's Room was renovated, and these murals found a new home in the cafeteria at Ocotillo Learning Center, 5702 S. Campbell Ave. in Tucson)

ONE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

A Desert Love Affair, Oro Valley Town Council Chambers, Oro Valley, AZ: Nov 2012-Feb 2013
Paint, Play & Patterns / Karin Newby Gallery, Tubac, AZ: October 1988
Unity Gallery, Tucson, AZ: 9/7-9/27/88
University of Arizona, Student Union-Rotunda Gallery, Tucson, AZ: 8/22-9/14/86
University of Arizona, Student Union-Hall of Fame Gallery, Tucson, AZ: March 1976

INVITATIONAL & SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

SAACA/Cox Communications Exhibition / Tucson, AZ: Jan 24-Apr 24, 2019
Waddell Reed Invitational / Tucson, AZ: Oct 2016-Feb 2017
Tohono Chul Small Works Invitational / Tohono Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ: Oct-Dec 2013
Rural Artists of Pima County / Joel Valdez Main Library, Tucson, AZ: Nov 2008, 2007, 2006
Ventana Medical Systems Gallery - The Drawing Studio Exhibit / Oro Valley, AZ: January-April 2014, May 2005
Surface Intrigue / Tohono Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ: January-March 2005
University of Arizona Art Department's 100th Anniversary Invitational / Joseph Gross Gallery, Tucson, AZ: Oct-Nov 1993
Common Ground / Four-Person show / Tohono-Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ: Oct-Dec 1992
The White Dove of the Desert Invitational / Tohono-Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ: Jun-Jul 1992
National Watercolor Society Invitational / Arizona Artists Alliance, Phoenix, AZ: 10/91
Fine Art for Fine Causes / Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ: Feb-Mar 1991
Mountains, Valleys & Plains Invitational / Tubac Center for the Arts, Tubac, AZ: 10/90
Desert Celebration Invitational / Tohono-Chul Gallery, Tucson, AZ: Feb-Mar 1990
Two-person Invitational / Tucson-Pima Arts Council Offices, Tucson, AZ: 12/88-3/89
Artist's Liaison Invitational / Ruth Vold Gallery, Chicago, IL: 9/9-10/22/88

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National Watercolor Society Invitational / Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO: 7/6-7/30/88
Casa Grande Friends of the Arts 2nd Annual Invitational / Casa Grande, AZ: 4/88
Watercolor '88 / 4-person show / Fifth Avenue Designs Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ: 3/88
National Watercolor Society *Inscapes* Invitational / L.A. Artcore Gallery, Los Angeles, CA: 3/21-4/9/88
Realism Invitational / 4-person show / Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ: Feb-Mar '88
Contemporary Realism in Watercolor Invitational / Alpha Gallery, Denver, CO: May 1987
21st Southwestern Invitational / Yuma Art Center, Yuma, AZ: 1987
Watercolors '87 / Six artists / Austin Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ: April 1987
Featured Artist / Eleanor Jeck Gallery, Tucson, AZ: June 1985
Primavera Women's Invitational / Tucson, AZ: March 1985
Three-person show / Eleanor Jeck Galleries, Tucson, AZ: Dec 1982
Cochise College Invitational / Three artists / Sierra Vista, AZ: Feb 1982
Tubac Invitational / Three Artists / Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ: Nov 1981
Three-person show / Knox & Campbell Galleries, Tucson, AZ: Feb 1981
Tubac Invitational / Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ: 1979

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Signature Members Show / Tucson, AZ: 2019-2022, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1992
WOW and various summer shows / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Gallery, Tucson, AZ: 2013-16
Capturing Nature's Light / The Drawing Studio, Tucson, AZ: Sep 2012
Out of the Box / The Drawing Studio, Tucson, AZ: Feb 2007
Faculty Show / The Drawing Studio, Tucson, AZ: 2002-2014
Artists-in-Education Traveling Exhibition / Arizona Commission on the Arts: 1988-1992
Watercolor West Membership Exhibition / Brea, California: 1988
University of Arizona Alumni Show / One Columbus Plaza, Phoenix, AZ: Apr 1987
Faculty Show / Tucson Art Institute & Design Center, Tucson, AZ: 1984-1988
University of Arizona Alumni Show / Union Gallery, Tucson, AZ: 1981-85, 1987-88
New Faces of 1981 / Martin Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ: Jan 1981
Faculty Show / University of Arizona / University of Arizona Art Museum, Tucson, AZ: 1981

JURIED SHOWS: International/National:

Watercolor USA / Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, MO: 2018,1993, 1990, 1989, 1985
National Watercolor Society All Members Juried Show / 2007, 1994, 1987, 1986
Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition / Golden, CO: 2019,1991, 1989, 1985
Watercolor West Annual Exhibition / California: 2022, 2020, 2000, 1987, 1986, 1982
California Watercolor Association 47th Annual / Pleasanton, CA: Jan-Feb 2017
Spokane Watercolor Society National / Spokane, WA: April 2023
Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition 2015 / Wichita, KS: Nov 2015-Jan 2016
Arte de Avian / Tubac Center of the Arts / Tubac, AZ: Mar-Apr 2015
Annual Exhibition / Emerald Art Center / Springfield, OR: May 2015
Reflections / 1650 Gallery / Los Angeles, CA: December 2014
Animals / Colors of Humanity Virtual Gallery: Nov 1-30, 2014
Associated Artists of Ocean Shores 43rd Annual / Ocean Shores, WA: April 2012
Bon Appétit / Pacific Art League / Palo Alto, CA: February 2012
SAACA/Ventana Medical Systems Photography & Digital Art *People and Places* Show / Oro Valley, AZ: Oct 2010-Jan 2011
SAACA/Ventana Medical Systems *Plein Air* Show / Oro Valley, AZ: Jan-Mar 2011
SAACA/Ventana Medical Systems *People and Animals* Show / Oro Valley, AZ: Apr-Jun 2011
Aquarius National Show / Sangre De Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo, CO: 2010
Small Waters Show / Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL: 2010
Kansas Watercolor Society Great 8 Show / Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS: 2008
Waterworks / Northwest Watercolor Society, Kaewyn Gallery, Bothell, WA: 2009
Northwest Watercolor Society 59th Annual Exhibition, / Seattle, WA: 1999
Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition / La Grange, GA:1999, Macon, GA:1990
National Watercolor Society Signature Member Juried Exhibition / Norwalk, CA: 1994
Texas Watercolor Society 45th Annual Exhibition / San Antonio, TX: 1994
Louisiana Watercolor Society International / New Orleans, LA: 2000, 1991-93, 1989, 1987
Mississippi Watercolor Society Grand National / Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS: 1992
National Watercolor Oklahoma / Oklahoma City, OK: 1991, 1989, 1988, 1987, 1983

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Watercolor Society of Alabama 50th National / Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL: 1991
Arizona Aqueous / Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ: 2022, 2017-2019, 2014, 2007, 1986-1990
Western Colorado Watercolor Society Annual National / Grand Junction, CO: 1992
Montana Watercolor Society Watermedia '91 / Billings, MT: 1991
New England Watercolor Society North American Open / various locations, MA: 2008,1992, 1990
Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society 2nd National / Lockport, NY: 1992, 1990
Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Annual / New York, NY: 1990, 1986
Cimarron National Works on Paper / Stillwater, OK: 1989
15th Transparent Watercolor Show / Panama City, FL: 1989
San Diego Watercolor Society International / California: 1988, 1987, 1983, 1982
Kentucky Watercolor Society Aqueous / University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, KY, 1989;
Owensboro Museum of Art, Owensboro, KY, 1987
Pittsburgh Aqueous Open / Pennsylvania: 1988, 1985, 1982
American Artists Professional League Grand National Exhibition, New York, NY: 1988
Watercolor Art Society-Houston Annual / Houston, TX: 1990, 1989, 1988, 1983
Madison National Watercolor Exhibition / Madison, WI: 1987
National Arts Club Annual Watercolor Open Exhibition / New York, NY: 1986, 1983
Brand XVIII (1988), Brand XVI (1986) / Glendale, CA
Women's Sensibilities / WARM Gallery, Minneapolis, MN: 1986
Telluride National / Telluride, CO: 1986
Watermedia US Open / Taos, NM: 1985
National Watercolor Society Annual / California: 1984
Women's Caucus for Art National Juried Show / Bethlehem, PA: Mar 1984
Midwest Watercolor Society 7th Annual Open / Davenport, IA: 1983
Arizona Watercolor Association Rhode Island Exchange Show: May 1983
Two Flags Festival Show / Douglas, AZ: 1981

JURIED SHOWS: Local/Regional:

Love Your Mother (Earth) / The Drawing Studio, Tucson, AZ: April 2014
Mesquite Show / Tohono Chul Park Exhibit Gallery, Tucson, AZ: April-July, 2012
Arizona Centennial Show / Tohono Chul Park Exhibit Gallery, Tucson, AZ: January-April, 2012
Best of AWA / Mesa Contemporary Arts Gallery and Arizona Watercolor Association, Phoenix, AZ: Dec 2011 - April 2012
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Desert Gala / Tucson, AZ: Annually in April since 2010
Earthlings III / Tubac Center for the Arts, Tubac, AZ: Feb 2008
Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild / Fiesta Sonora Show / Tucson, AZ: 2023, 2016-2020, 2000
Western Federation of Watercolor Societies Annual: 2016 (Arvada, CO), 2015 (Lubbock, TX), 2008 (Tubac, AZ), 2005 (Phoenix), 2000 (Houston),1994 (Phoenix, AZ), 1993 (Dallas, TX), 1989 (Lubbock, TX), 1988 (Tucson, AZ), 1985 (Tubac, AZ), 1982 (Phoenix, AZ)
Reflections / Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ: 1999
Tri-State Aquamedia Exhibition / El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX: 1992, 1987
25th Anniversary Southwestern Exhibition / Yuma Art Center, Yuma, AZ: 1991
Arizona Biennial / Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ: 1988
The New New Southwest - Coyotes Need Not Apply / Contents, Tucson, AZ: 1989
Humor in Art / Tempe Arts Center, Tempe, AZ: 9/16-10/23/88
Tubac Festival / Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ: 1985-1990, 1979-1983, 1976
Arizona: Past, Present and Future / State Capitol, Phoenix, AZ: Feb 1987
Don Ruffin Memorial Art Exhibition / Paradise Valley (AZ) Community College: May 1987, Nov 1989
Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: 2018 (Fall), 2017(Spring and Fall), 2015, Peoria, AZ: 2014, Glendale, AZ: (2001, 2002, 2004, 2012, 2014(Oct));Scottsdale / Sedona, AZ: 1991(Apr), 1990(Nov), 1989(Apr and Nov), 1988(Nov), 1983-1987(Apr and Nov), 1982(Sep)
Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual / Tucson, AZ: 2018-2021, 2017, 2016, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1983-1987, 1977-1981, 1975

AWARDS:

Best of Show / Annual Show / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild / Tucson, AZ / 2022
Merchant Award (\$250) / Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Show / Evergreen, CO / 2019
Best of Show / Fiesta Sonora / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild / Tucson, AZ / 2018
Award of Merit / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual Show / Tucson, AZ / 2018
Award of Excellence / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Signature Show / Tucson, AZ / 2017

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Peoples Choice Award / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild *Summer Solstice* Show / 2017
Third Place Award, Electronic Media / Associated Artists of Ocean Shores 43rd Annual / Ocean Shores, WA: April 2012
Honorable Mention / *Bon Appétit* / Pacific Art League / Palo Alto, CA: February 2012
Award of Excellence / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Glendale, AZ: April 2004
First Place / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual Show / Tucson, AZ: 2001
Past Presidents Award of Merit / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual Show / Tucson, AZ: 2000
Presidents Award, Georgia Watercolor Society 20th National Exhibition / La Grange, GA: 1999
Honorable Mention: National Watercolor Society Juried Membership Show / Norwalk, CA: 1994
Show award: University of Arizona Union Galleries Alumni Show / Tucson, AZ: 1993
Patron Purchase award: Watercolor USA / Springfield, MO: 1993
Grumbacher Gold Medal (\$200) Award / Louisiana Watercolor Society International Exhibition / New Orleans, LA: 1993
American Frame Company (\$50) Award / Louisiana Watercolor Society International Exhibition / New Orleans, LA: 1992
Travel Show / Rocky Mountain National Exhibition / Boulder, CO: 1991
Merchant Award / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Sedona, AZ: May 1991
Award of Excellence / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: November 1990
Winsor & Newton Award / Georgia Watercolor Society 11th National Exhibition / Macon, GA: March 1990
Cara Wood Memorial Award (\$300) / Kentucky Watercolor Society Aqueous '89 / Lexington, KY: November 1989
Wm.B. Schimmel Award (\$500) / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: November 1989
Purchase award: *The New Southwest - Coyotes Need Not Apply* / Tucson, AZ: November 1989
First Place / 15th Annual Transparent Watercolor Show / Panama City, FL: 1989
Dick Blick Award / Louisiana Watercolor Society International / New Orleans, LA: 1989
Honorable Mention / Tubac Festival Juried Show / Tubac, AZ: 1989
Honorable Mention / University of Arizona Alumni Show / Tucson, AZ: 1988
Juror's Award (one of four) / *Humor in Art* Show / Tempe, AZ: 1988
National Watercolor Society (\$500) Award / Western Colorado Center for the Arts NWS Invitational / Grand Junction, CO: 1988
Arizona Women's Caucus for Art / Scottsdale, AZ: 1985, 1983 Arizona State Fair (professional division) / Phoenix, AZ: 1979, 1975, 1974
Pima County Fair (professional division) / Tucson, AZ: 1979-1982
Best in Show / Arizona Aqueous / Tubac, AZ: 1988
Award of Excellence / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: November 1987
First Place / National Watercolor Oklahoma / Oklahoma City, OK: 1987
Travel Show / National Watercolor Society membership Exhibition: 1987
Honorable Mention / Don Ruffin Memorial Art Exhibition / Paradise Valley, AZ: 1987
Award of Merit / Tri-State Aquamedia Exhibition / El Paso, TX: 1987
Award of Merit / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: April 1987
John Wilkinson Award of Merit / Louisiana Watercolor Society 17th International Exhibition / New Orleans, LA: April 1987
Award of Distinction / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild annual / Tucson, AZ: March 1987
Award of Excellence / Arizona Aqueous / Tubac, AZ: March 1987
Award of Excellence / Tubac Festival Juried show / Tubac, AZ: February 1987
Zoltan Szabo Best Small Painting Award / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual, Scottsdale, AZ: November 1986
Katherine A. Lovell Memorial Cash Award / Catherine Lorillard Wolfe 90th Annual / New York, NY: October 1986
Award of Excellence / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: April 1986
Award of Excellence / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild annual / Tucson, AZ: March 1986
Merchant Award / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild annual / Tucson, AZ: Mar 1986
Award of Merit / Tubac Festival Juried Show / Tubac, AZ: 1986
Honorable Mention / Tubac Festival Member's Show / Tubac, AZ: 1986
Patron's Cash Award / Pittsburgh Aqueous Open / Pittsburgh, PA: 1985
Honorable Mention / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild annual / Tucson, AZ: May 1985
Award of Merit / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: April 1985
Award of Merit / Primavera Women's Invitational / Tucson, AZ: Mar 1985
Honorable Mention / Watermedia US Open / Taos, NM: 1985
Honorable Mention / Sno-Bird Gallery Exhibition / Green Valley, AZ: Jan 1985
Honorable Mention / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: November 1984
First Award / Arizona Womens' Caucus for Art / Scottsdale, AZ: Nov 1983
Honorable Mention / Arizona Watercolor Association semi-annual / Scottsdale, AZ: May 1983
Traveling Show / San Diego Watercolor Society International Exhibition: 1982

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Governor's Choice Award / Pima County Fair / Tucson, AZ: 1982
Purchase Award (Valley National Bank) / Pima County Fair / Tucson, AZ: 1981
Honorable Mention / Pima County Fair / Tucson, AZ: 1981
Second Place / Pima County Fair / Tucson, AZ: 1981
First Annual Women's Art Competition / Jerome, AZ: 1981
Two Purchase Awards (Valley National Bank) / Tubac Festival Show / Tubac, AZ: 1981
First Place / Tubac Festival Juried Show / Tubac, AZ: 1981
Fifth Place / Pima County Fair / Tucson, AZ: 1979
Honorable Mention / Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild semi-annual / Tucson, AZ: 1977

WORK IS INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING (SELECTED) PUBLIC/CORPORATE COLLECTIONS:

Tucson Museum of Art (Tucson, AZ)
Citibank (Tucson, Arizona)
Bank One [formerly Valley National Bank] (Arizona, statewide)
St. Joseph's Hospital (Phoenix, AZ)
Knight Insurance Company (Boston, MA)
Tucson Medical Center (Tucson Arizona)

WORK APPEARS IN THESE PUBLICATIONS:

The Desert Leaf, Tucson, AZ, April 2015
Splash 11-New Directions, 2010, North Light Books, Edited by Rachel Rubin Wolf
The Palette Magazine, Issue published quarterly by Cheap Joe's
[Watercolor , Winter 2004 / Use Your Computer to Paint Better Watercolors](#), published quarterly by American Artist Magazine
The Best of Watercolor, 1995, Rockport Publishers, Selected & Compiled by Betty Lou Schlemm & Tom Nicholas
[Watercolor '91 / Spring, Making Good Paintings Even Better](#), published semi-annually by American Artist Magazine
[Watercolor '90 / Fall, Art About Art](#), published semi-annually by American Artist Magazine (link has several large images totaling 533k, so it takes a while to load)
Cats Magazine, November 1989 (cover)
The Artist's Magazine, [Limber Up Your Imagination, July 1988](#) (some large images...takes a while to load)
The Complete Guide to Creative Watercolor, by Miles G. Batt, 1988
The Artist's Magazine, (Strictly Business Column), February 1988
Watercolor '87, January 1987, published annually by American Artist Magazine
Palette to Palate, 1976, published by the San Diego Watercolor Society chapter of the Western Federation of Watercolor Societi

JURYING EXPERIENCE:

Awards Judge: 2022 All Members' Show, Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild – Tucson, AZ (October 2022)
Awards Judge: 2015 All Members' Show, Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild – Tucson, AZ (April 2015)
Co-Selection/Awards Juror (with Andrew W. Rush): Annual Show, Santa Rita Art League — Green Valley, AZ (2011)
Selection/Awards Juror: Fiesta Sonora 2011, Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum – Tucson, AZ (2011)
Selection/Awards Juror: Annual Show, Contemporary Artists of Southern Arizona — Tucson, AZ (2010)
Awards Juror: It's Not Easy Being Green, Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Show – Tucson, AZ (2009)
Selection/Awards Juror: Tubac Center of the Arts Members Juried Show – Tubac, AZ (2008)
Selection/Awards Juror: Northern Arizona Watercolor Society Experimental Watermedia Show-Sedona, AZ (2008)
Curator: In and Around Tucson: Plein Air Works in Watercolor (Invitational), The Drawing Studio Gallery, Tucson, AZ (2008)
Awards Juror: Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild annual Signature Members Show–Tucson, AZ (2008)
Awards Juror: Central Texas Watercolor Society Annual Show–Waco, TX (2004)
Awards co-Juror: Saddlebrook Fine Art Guild–Tucson, AZ (2004)
Selection/Awards Juror: Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual Show–Tucson, AZ (2004)
Selections Juror: American League of American Pen Women Show–Phoenix, AZ (2000)
Awards Juror: Southwestern League of Fine Arts Guild Annual Show–Tucson, AZ (1999)
Selection and Awards co-juror: Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild Annual Show–Tucson, AZ
Awards Juror: Paintings under Glass, Pima County Fair–Tucson, AZ
Awards Juror: Good Things in Small Frames show, Ann Original Gallery–Tucson
Awards Juror: Pima Community College 4th Annual East Campus Student Art Exhibition–Tucson, AZ

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Awards Juror: Tucson Estates Artists Guild Show–Tucson, AZ
New Members Juror: Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild–Tucson, AZ

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