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March-April Museum of Ventura County Events



March 1 at 5:30 pm: free lecture **"How An Early**

[1917] Homestead Family Endured Against the Odds In Our Santa Monica Mountains"

March 6 at 3 pm: first of three Stuart monologues for the **"Renaissance & Reformation Exhibit of George Stuart Historical Figures®"** \$Entry

March 11 at 2 pm: Archaeo-musicologist Luis Perez



demonstrates

his "**Pre-Columbian Musical Instruments & Mesoamerican Inspired Pieces**" \$5



March 25 at 2 pm: Guest Lorenzo Bautista on "**The Weavers of**

Teotitlán del Valle" \$5

April 1 at 1 pm: free **Dyeing Demonstration** by Porfirio Gutierrez

April 21 at 3 pm: **Gizmo Guys master jugglers** (Family Fun at the Museum series) \$Entry

The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 am-5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Admission to the exhibitions is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, members and children under 6 are free. For more museum information go to www.venturamuseum.org or RSVP 805-653-0323 x7.

Ballet, Opera & Theater in HD Cinema Series
Continue March 1-July 11



HD broadcasts at three local cinemas continue for ballet, opera and theater performances including National Theatre Live from London, Metropolitan Opera Live in HD, Ballet and Opera in Cinema, and Fathom Events.



For a revised schedule click links below:

[Experience Live in HD Performances \(pdf\)](#)

[Roxy 11 Ballet & Opera in Cinema Series \(pdf\)](#)

[Fathom Events at Century 16 Ventura \(pdf\)](#)

"Gerd Koch and Carole Milton: Together" reception March 3



"Walking into the Channaral"

Over decades as life partners and art colleagues, Ventura artists Carole Milton and Gerd Koch have exhibited their works widely, but never at the same place and time until their joint show at the Buenaventura Gallery through March 24. An opening reception is planned 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 3. Koch and Milton each paint brilliantly colorful abstract visions, primarily in oil on canvas and often large, though their subjects and processes diverge



"Mystical Unfolding" oil on canvas, 48" x 36", Carole Milton

oil on canvas, 48" x
36", Gerd Koch

widely. Launching and guiding young artists has been Koch's life work in a varied teaching career. Locally, his creative imprint is on such local arts groups as Studio Channel Islands Art Center. Milton calls herself an expressionist and a colorist.

Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., 12-5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 am to 5 pm. Saturdays. Visit www.buenaventuragallery.org or call 805.648.1235.

Dianne Bennett "Birds I View" at Cancer Center now through April 15



Dianne Bennett's "Birds I View" temporary

public art exhibit, now through April 15, in the outdoor windows of the Coastal Communities Cancer Center, at the corner of Joanne and Loma Vista in Ventura, features images of eight species of birds in Ventura County threatened by loss of open space and climate change. Since moving to Ojai from the LA area, the artist "began creating art that is motivated by my inner process and inspired by the world around me." For more information visit: www.beforeourveryeyes.com.

The artist will have a solo exhibit featuring new retablos in the Logan Gallery of the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts May 12-June 29 with an opening reception on Saturday, May 12, 2-5 pm. More details at www.diannebennett.net.

Horace Bristol Exhibit & Reception March 4 at Agricultural Museum



In the new exhibit "Putting Down Roots: Ventura

County's Immigrant Farmers, 1800-1910," visitors can learn about the farmers and laborers who settled here after traveling from across the country and around the world. Historic photographs put faces to the laborers and farmers who came here long ago. An exhibition of 1930s photographs by Horace Bristol opens March 3 with a free reception for both exhibits on Sunday, March 4, 2-4 pm, which will include screenings of the 1936 Dust Bowl documentary "The Plow That Broke the Plains."

The Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad

Avenue, Santa Paula, near the



Depot railroad tracks.

Hours are 10 am-4 pm Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for Museum of Ventura County members & children ages 5 and younger. First Sundays of each month are free admission for all ages. For more information, go to www.venturamuseum.org or call (805) 525-3100.

Cultural Funding Grant Applications go online March 5 and are due July 6

City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs
Cultural Funding Program

ARTS ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES



The City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs 2012-13 Cultural Funding Grant applications and guidelines will be available online starting March 5. \$90,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis to 501 © 3 non-profit arts organizations with grants ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000. The grant deadline is July 6. The City of Ventura Cultural Funding Program, first developed in 1993, supports the following cultural goals of the community as stated in the 2005 Ventura Cultural Plan and in the "Our Creative Community" section of the 2005 Ventura General Plan: to support

Ventura's cultural infrastructure of arts organizations and artists; to ensure comprehensive access to and involvement in cultural opportunities by all segments of the community; to support economic development and increase tourism; and to enhance lifelong learning opportunities in the arts for all ages. Visit www.cityofventura.net/cs/arts/public-art/cultural for online documents or contact Georgeanne Lees at 805/658-4720 or glees@cityofventura.net.

Artists Union Gallery Tuesday Poetry Series March 6-May 29



Image Deleted Poets and lovers of poetry are welcome to hear the following featured poets and participate in "open mic" at the "Tuesday Poetry Series" at 7:30 pm at the Artists Union Gallery, 330 S. California St.

- March 6 Perie Longo
- March 13 Carol V Davis
- March 27 Joyce LaMers
- April 3 Razor Babes
- April 10 Mary Kay Rummel
- April 17 Roe Estep
- May 8 Gwendolyn Alley
- May 15 Howard Smith
- May 22 Enid Osborn
- May 29 Sandra Knapp

Mark your calendars and visit www.venturaartistsunion.org/ for coming gallery events and readings. Email ptagga@aol.com to be added to Phil Taggart's monthly literary events distribution list for readings in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

Ventura Film Society
New Season Continues March 6 with "La Mission"



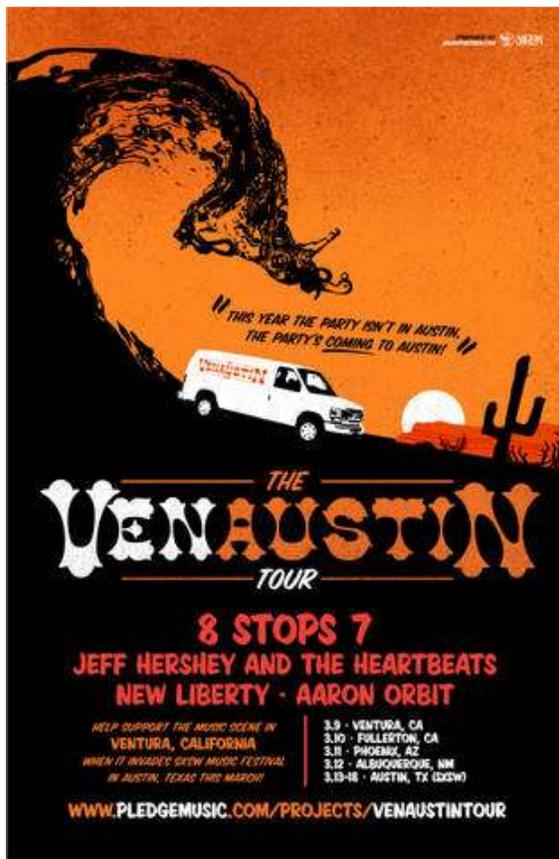
The Ventura Film Society have moved its screenings

to the Urban Encore Center at 420 E. Santa Clara @ Oak, in Downtown Ventura. For more information call 805/628-2299, or e-mail at venturafilmsociety@gmail.com. Screen information and advance tickets plus membership is available at www.venturafilmsociety.com.

Click here for flyer schedule (pdf):

Mar 6-La Mission; Mar 20-The Garden; Apr 3-The Fast Runner; Apr 17-The Woodmans

Ventura invades SXSW during VenAustin Tour starting March 9 in Ventura



Ventura's thriving band scene will no longer be secret to the larger music world when four of our city's most popular acts, *Jeff Hershey and the Heartbeats*,

8stops7, *New Liberty* and *Aaron Orbit* join forces to take on the SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas as part of the **VenAustin Tour** that starts in Ventura on March 9 at Bombay Bar & Grill, 1435 South California Street, Ventura. With over twenty people in two vans and a trailer carrying a full PA system, the four bands will spend a week touring out to the festival, perform together at the VenAustin showcase at SXSW and will also add individual shows throughout the week in Austin.

For tour locations/dates **visit** or contact Chris Jay at 805.258.9420 or **chris@fitzhart.com**

MB Fest at Zoey's on March 11
to Raise Funds for Artist's Medical Bills



Join our community in a daylong fundraising event at

Zoey's, 185 E Santa Clara St, on March 11, 11 am - 9 pm, in support of MB Hanrahan - a recent accident has left her with medical bills and, like many artists, she has no health insurance.

The Sideshow Preachers, AlastairGreene, Cole Citrenbaum and Phil Salazar are part of the music lineup along with food, a full bar, fantastic poetry reading, art for sale, raffle prizes and auction items.

Donate raffle/auction items at Bell Arts Factory, 432 North Ventura Ave. Ventura, at 805.643.1960 or **www.bellartsfactory.org**

Click here to buy tickets or **click here to make cash**



donations.

For details visit **Facebook**.

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Commission your own VHS Chalk Festival masterpiece
March 15-16



I Madonnari chalk festival, a fundraiser for

the visual arts, comes once again to the front sidewalks of Ventura High School at 2 North Catalina Street for its 26th year on March 15-16, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Inspired by the itinerant street artists who traveled Italy from town to town in the 16-17th centuries to create images of the Madonna on the pavement in public squares, over 100 VHS students will create images on natural craft paper

commissioned by teachers, staff and the



public ranging

from copies of master artworks to pop culture images - suitable for later framing and display on home, library and classroom walls throughout the campus.

For more information - and to commission your own masterpiece contact Maryanne Irving at **Maryanne.Irving@venturausd.org**.

"Hello! My Baby" at The Rubicon March 21-April 15



From Golden Globe and Emmy-Award winning,

Tony nominated writer Cheri Steinkellner, award-winning composer Georgia Stitt, and a dream-team of great American songwriters comes "Hello! My Baby," a riotous new-fashioned musical comedy that reboots Berlin, Gershwin, Kern and a score of others; smartly weaving their updated hits into a timely romantic farce for all ages.

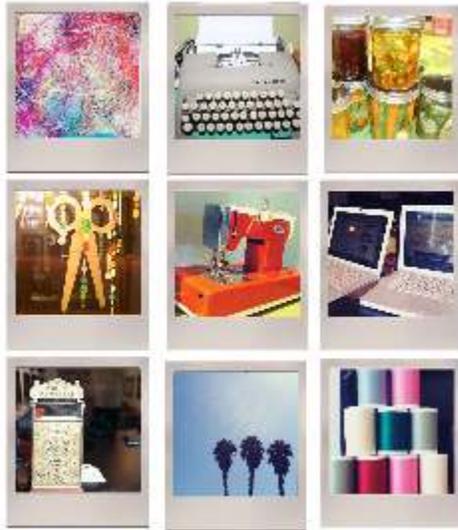
[Click here for more information and to buy tickets.](#)

"Craftcation" Indie Business Conference
comes to Ventura March 22-25



Craftcation, an indie business and DIY (do it

yourself) conference, comes to Ventura's Crowne Plaza Hotel on March 22-25 for its first ever Southern California weekend of workshops and panel discussions with leading industry professionals on art, craft and food-centered small businesses as well as DIY workshops in art, craft and food including screen-printing, needle art, cheese making, canning, preserving, sewing, jewelry, organic bath products and eco-crafting. Recreational and networking activities such as beachside yoga and cocktail/barbeque socials, a craft supply pop-up shop and historical and art trolley tours of Ventura round out the vacation angle. The event is a partnership of the City of Ventura Economic Development Division and Delilah Snell and Nicole Stevenson, co-producers of Patchwork Indie Art & Craft Festival.



A sample of crafting heavyweights slated to

present include: Cathy Callahan (featured on Martha Stewart, in Sunset Magazine and author of 2011's Vintage Craft Workshop), Jenny Hart (award-winning author of eight titles on embroidery for Chronicle Books), writer/artist Kathy Cano-Murillo (authors the popular craftychica.com and her handmade "Chicano pop art" crafts have been carried in Bloomingdales, Target, and Hallmark), Evan Kleiman (host of KCRW's Good Food and owner of Angeli Café), Aida Mollenkamp (host of The Food Network's Ask Aida and Food Crafters on The Cooking Channel) and Dana and Melanie Harvey (owners/ designers Harvey's Original Seat Belt Bags).

Residents with a City of Ventura mailing address will receive a 25% discount on registration: use registration code ccventura1293001. Click **HERE** for more information and a full list of speakers.

Art Show by Dammeyer, Horwick and Crank at Fox Fine Jewelry Mar 22-May 14



By Duane Dammeyer is drawn to 19th century artistic styles focusing on beautiful and interesting scenes and people. Kerry Crank paints like her personality: brightly and expressively.

Three local artists will display their art at Fox Fine Jewelry from March 22 through May 14 in a group show titled "Three Visions Ojai Style" with an artists' reception on Saturday, March 24, 6-9 pm. Duane Dammeyer's sculptures combine geometric forms and integrate multiple stones into a single sculpture. Oil painter Nancy Horwick





By Kerry Crank

Fox Fine Jewelry is located at 210 East Main Street, in Historic Downtown Ventura, across the street from the Mission. Hours are Mondays-Thursdays, and Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 am-8 pm.

By Nancy Horwick

For more information on the show, contact Debbie Fox at (805) 652-1800.

Olivas Adobe Annual Quilt Show March 24 & 25



The Olivas Adobe, at 4200 Olivas Park Drive,

will showcase quilts made by quilting enthusiasts from around Ventura County on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25, 11 am to 3 pm, in the Olivas Adobe Exhibit Hall. This free, annual event will showcase traditional, handmade quilts and more modern and art quilts. Some of these quilts have won awards and have been displayed in museums. Also shown will be examples of embroidery and tatted items. In addition to the free exhibit, historical tours of the Olivas Adobe are available, as well as a unique gift shop, where tickets for tours can be purchased. For more information and driving directions, visit www.olivasadobe.org. The event is presented by the Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters.

March 27-May 22 Artist Spotlight Interview Series
with Donna Granata

FOTM

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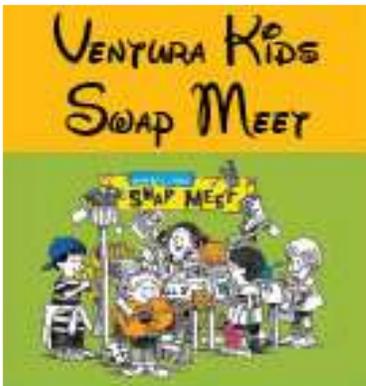
Focus on the Masters' venerable artist interview series

resumes at The Comedy Club at Ventura Harbor Village, 1559 Spinnaker Dr., Ste 225, Ventura, Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm.

- **March 27 - Luther Gerlach**, *a photographer whose work captures modern images using old-world techniques.* www.LutherGerlach.com
- **April 24 - Jenchi Wu**, *Ventura College faculty ceramist* www.JenchiWu.com
- **May 22 - Helle Scharling-Todd**, *a glass artist whose work is "a duet with architecture."*

For tickets visit focusonthemasters.com. \$10 general admission, \$5 students and seniors (65 and older). FREE to FOTM members and students under 18.

Apply by April 30 for Kids Swap Meet Saturday, May 12, 9 am-1 pm



The Swap Meet "by kids for kids" runs from 9 am-1

pm on May 12.

Kids are encouraged to clean out their closets of gently used, toys, books and games. It's a great place to shop for cared for second hand items. The Festival will also host booths for community groups and those who want to participate should complete and send a **fillable entry form** by March 30.

Questions? Contact Kathryn Dippong-Lawson at 805-644-6542 or kdippong@cityofventura.net.

April 6 open Call to Artists for VCAC "Installations"



The Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) Visual Arts

Committee invites artists to submit proposals by April 6 for one-off artworks to be installed indoors and out in late August within the Atrium Gallery and work areas of the Ventura County Hall of Administration (HOA) and outdoor areas surrounding the HOA. "There is no theme for this show and the unexpected is possible," says Gallery Coordinator Todd Collart. "While work could be installed on the normal exhibition walls, the Council is looking for work that could also occupy other niches." Past installation art has included sculptures of a full-sized bear in the HOA landscape, of swans in the entrance fountain, of jellyfish suspended mid-air by skyhooks and tapestries hung from balcony railings.

Contact Todd Collart at (805) 644-2923 or collart@west.net or mail proposals to Ventura County Arts Council, 646 County Square Drive, Suite 154, Ventura, CA 93003.

April 21 reception for Exhibit "Connections"
at Hillcrest Center for the Arts



Eleven LA and Ventura County

artists express their "Connections" to their art forms, lives and what inspires them during this multi-media group show of painting, photography, mixed media, fiber art, and sculpture at the Galleria at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, from March 1 to May 30, presented by The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley (ACCV). The public is invited to an Artists' Reception on Saturday, April 21, 4-6 pm.

For more information contact Connie Tunick, ACCV Public Relations & Co-Curator at ctunick@roadrunner.com and 805.402.7294 or Co-Curator Janet Amiri at janart4@mac.com and 805-390-7983.

Third "Paint Ventura" event to bring 100 artists
to Downtown Ventura April 26-29



Paint Ventura 2012 is currently seeking

artists for its expanded 4-day weekend art experience April 26-29. Each day is FREE to the public, encouraging people of all ages to visually explore historic Downtown Ventura's art scene and Ventura County's creative individuals. After two days of "Paint Out" and workshops artists may participate in a Saturday umbrella art fair followed by a Sunday easel show at Red Brick Gallery. For entry details visit www.PaintVentura.com.

Submit five-minute "Art Break" videos to CAPS Channel 15



The City of Ventura Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) - the

seven-member, all-volunteer body that oversees cultural programs in the City of Ventura - invites submissions of broadcast quality "shorts" for its new series of five-minute (or less) videos called "Art Break" for CAPS channel 15 programming to help connect the arts community to cable viewers. Videos may be "evergreen" or have a "shelf life" and cover such topics as the artistic promotion of an arts organization, poetry reading, creation of a visual art piece, theatre performance, local band video, art exhibit or show, etc. Short videos created for review as part of the Cultural Funding process are also encouraged. Please observe broadcast standards for nudity, swearing and violence and include video and art credits and contact information. CAC Commissioner Phil Taggart will curate and manage the programming and edit segments to include the Art Break opening and closing brand. Send QuickTime movies, AVI or MP4 video files (no DVDs please) to Office of Cultural Affairs Supervisor Georgeanne Lees at glees@cityofventura.net.

Become a "Music Under the Stars" Sponsor



The Office of Cultural Affairs cannot present the 25th annual Music

Under the Stars summer concert series at the historic Olivas Adobe without the generous support of our business community. Promote your business by becoming a sponsor and receive valuable recognition for your business through distribution of your promo materials and banner plus display ads with your logo in newspapers and city publications. Click **HERE** for the 2012 music lineup and sponsor benefits package, then contact Georgeanne Lees at **glees@cityofventura.net** or 805/658-4729. Thank you!

California Poets in the Schools visit Saticoy School

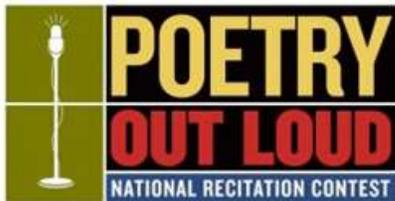


There were no purple elephants in the room. Yet, first,

second and third grade students at Saticoy Elementary School had no trouble imagining them during their first poetry-writing workshop with poet/teacher Shelley Savren. The workshop will run for five weeks and is part of a Cultural Funding Program grant that the Ventura chapter of California Poets in the Schools received from the City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs. Over the course of the workshops, Shelley will introduce students to several aspects of poetry, including the use of the imagination, five senses, imagery, emotions and rhythm. She will read poems to them by both professional poets and students and give them open-ended assignments that will enable students to draw upon their own life experiences and create poems that use their imaginations and express their feelings. Students will also have the opportunity to read their poems out loud and receive positive feedback from their peers. During the first workshop, first and second graders were asked to imagine that something that cannot talk could, in fact, talk. They had to imagine what their dog or cat would tell them, what the

sidewalk or the stars would say, what their ice cream or Teddy bear would say. Third graders were asked to climb inside a small rock or seashell and imagine a world inside there. Each student was given her or his own special rock or shell and could create the craziest world they wanted inside of it. There could be Martians or a rock 'n' roll band if they wanted. So poetry has entered the lives of these young people. Her first visit left the students knowing how to reach into their imaginary pockets and pull out something special - something they could create with - something that could find its way into a poem.

"Poetry Out Loud" contest results



Jeremy Brooks, a student at El Camino

High School at Ventura College, took first place in the Ventura County "Poetry Out Loud" competition on February 9. Brooks advances to the California state finals in Sacramento on March 25 & 26. The judges selected Giuliana PeBenito, a student at Westlake High School in Thousand Oaks, as runner-up. Brooks and PeBenito were two of thousands of students across the state to participate in the national recitation contest, a program run by the California Arts Council in the state and started by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to engage high-school students in the presentation of poetry through memorization and performance. The Ventura County Arts Council facilitates the program in Ventura County. The countywide competition was hosted by the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. A crowd of parents, teachers, friends and family cheered the competitors from eleven county high schools. Thanks to generous funding from SAGE Publications, an academic publisher in Newbury Park, the Ventura County Arts Council was able to send local professional poets into the schools to conduct poetry units and to coach the students on their performances. For more information contact the VCAC at (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartscouncil.org.

Ventura & Foothill High students
reset an inviting table for the arts at BVC



VUSD student artists from Ventura and Foothill

High Schools and their instructors recently took a day off to volunteer their talents to "reset" the drab look of a well-used picnic table outside the Barranca Vista Imagination Center for the arts by repainting it with colorful designs of their own creation. Wheelchair students, parents, picnickers, tutors and students doing homework frequent the table close by the park playground and the center's dance room.

Many thanks go to the Ventura High School students Emma Ashworth, Angela Carobini, Stepanie Kam, Corynn McAtee and Kaylee Mattechek, and their Department Chair/Arts Instructor Maryanne Irving as well as Foothill High School students Madeline Anguiano and Isabel Reeder and their Department Chair/Arts Instructor Justin Frazier. Fuller Paints discounted the cost of paint (thank you!) and Parks, Recreation & Community Partnership staff Kathryn Dippong-Lawson, Tobie Roach, Denise Sindelar, Georgeanne Lees, Giselle Partida, Nancy O'Connor, Ralph Deex and Steve Evans coordinated the project.

USEFUL ARTS LINKS

Have ongoing events, an arts e-newsletter or website you'd like State of the Arts to list?

Email Georgeanne Lees at glees@cityofventura.net with your entries for future issues.



Each month on First Fridays, 5-9 pm, visual fine art spaces in downtown and midtown Ventura offer art, demonstrations and performances.

www.s232036650.onlinehome.us



Rubicon Theatre

www.rubicontheatre.org



Poetry & Art at the Artists Union Gallery

Art exhibits and Tuesday/Saturday night poetry series at www.venturaartistsunion.org or send an email to ptagga@aol.com with a request to be put on the distribution e-list for Phil Taggart's periodic email calendar of poetry readings in Ventura, the county and beyond.



Get ArtSmart

Office of Cultural Affairs monthly video magazine on the arts. View schedule at www.capstv.org/schedules.htm and

view shows at www.capstv.org



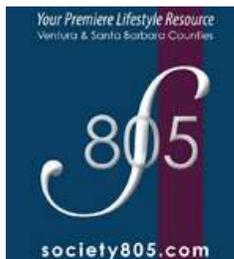
Bell Arts Factory

Gallery, studios and community room at 432 N. Ventura Ave.
with youth arts, exhibits and calendar at www.bellartsfactory.com.



WAV/ Working Artists Ventura

State-of-the-art community at 175 S. Ventura Ave. offers affordable living and working space for 77 artists from 21 countries who are painters, sculptors, dancers, musicians, writers, actors and filmmakers with Theater/Gallery space for concerts, exhibits and special events. Studio guide (PDF), blog and calendar at www.wavartists.com.



Society805.com

The Society805.com online magazine launched an Arts & Culture section this fall featuring coverage and reviews of art and culture in Ventura and has developed a significant Los Angeles readership to choose what they want to see in Ventura. For more info contact www.Society805.com or (805) 641-1533 or EricReeL@society805.com



All American Ballet School & Company

Ballet teaching center for all ages and levels
at 1932 Eastman Ave # 105, Ventura, is led by founder Clarissa Boeriu.
For more info contact www.aaballet.org or (805) 650-6316

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