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January 2013

State of the Arts Newsletter

City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs

Next issue deadline: January 18

Start the New Year right by sharing "State of the Arts" with friends who love the arts and invite them to [sign up](#) now for the free monthly arts e-newsletter from the City of Ventura Community Partnerships Division that promotes cultural activities all over Ventura County and reaches more than 6,000 subscribers. For the February issue, contributors should email text and images as separate files by the 18th of January to glees@cityofventura.net. Thank you!

- Georgeanne Lees & Richard Newsham
SOTA Editors

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FESTIVALS



Apply now for Kids Swap Meet on May 11

The Swap Meet "by kids for kids" opens the Family Festival in the Park on Saturday, May 11, now in its tenth year celebrating with VUSD a commitment to the arts with performances in music and dance and visual arts. The swap meet runs from 9 am to 1 pm. 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. Get a \$5 early bird discount off the \$15 fee by applying by March 1 at www.cityofventura.net/cs/arts/barranca-vista-center

Questions about the Swap meet can be directed to Kathryn Dippong-Lawson at 805-644-6542 or kdippong@cityofventura.net.



Student Festival of Talent Feb 23

The Ventura Kiwanis, VUSD and Ventura Education Partnership present "Under the Big Top," the annual 2013 student Festival of Talent on Saturday, Feb 23, at Ventura High School Auditorium, 2 N Catalina St. with 5:30 pm pre-show festivities and a 7 pm performance. Tickets (\$10/15/20): www.vep4vUSD.org or 805.641.4000x1550.

Special Event Grants applications due January 31

Applications are due January 31 for the City of Ventura "Special Event Permit Fund," a new grant program open to event organizers staging festivals and events in Ventura that activate public space and increase visitor spending. The grants are to be used to cover all or a portion of special event permit fees levied by the City of Ventura for special events occurring on public property. The maximum amount of an award is \$2,000. Applicants must be a Ventura based nonprofit or an agency partnering with a Ventura based nonprofit. The funding period is available bi-annually. Events occurring March-August 2013 are eligible for this grant cycle. Online applications are available at www.cityofventura.net/permits or by contacting Office of Cultural Affairs Supervisor Georgeanne Lees at 805.658.4720 or grees@cityofventura.net.



Music Events



Camerata Pacifica Jan 13 at Temple Beth Torah

The chamber music ensemble based in Santa Barbara performs a monthly series of concerts in Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Marino, and Zipper Hall in Downtown Los Angeles. Founded by Adrian Spence in 1990, the group is composed of the finest performers of chamber music from around the world. Click [HERE](#) for season schedule (pdf). Info/tickets: www.cameratapacifica.org

Jan 13 at 3 pm at Temple Beth Torah, Ventura:

- Brahms: Violin Sonata in D minor, No. 3, Op. 108*
- Ravel: Sonate Posthume, for Violin and Piano
- Mozart: Duo in G Major, K. 423, for Violin and Viola
- Rubinstein: Viola Sonata, Op. 49*

Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra (CHICO) concerts on Jan 19 & 20

CHICO's January program includes Strauss' "Overture" and "Adele's Laughing Song" from "Die Fledermaus," Mozart's "Symphony No. 40, k.550 in G minor," J. S. Bach's "Concerto No. 1 in D Minor, Allegro," Puccini's "O mio babbino caro" from "Gianni Schicchi," and Saint-Saëns' "Cello Concerto No. 1, 1st movement." Tickets (\$20 donation): 805.643.8621 or www.chicovc.org. For more CHICO concerts visit www.cichamberorchestra.org

- Mar 16 & 17 Choral Spectacular with soprano Sophie Wingland
- Jun 1 & 2 Piano Concerto featuring Miriam Arichea



New West Symphony's "Visions of America" concert Jan 25-27

The New West Symphony and Chorus, under exciting new Music Director Marcelo Lehninger, continue their season at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center (Fri 8 pm), Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza (Sa 8 pm) and Santa Monica Barnum Hall (Su 4 pm) with Gershwin's "Concerto in F Major for Piano & Orchestra" with pianist Norman Krieger and Roger Kellaway's "Visions of America A Photo Symphony" with the composer at the piano. For upcoming Jan, Feb and Apr concerts visit www.newwestsymphony.org

Opera Series

- Roxy Opera in Cinema series in Camarillo
- Met Opera in HD series at Century Riverpark 16 in Oxnard



See "[Cinema Events](#)" below.

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Ventura College Performing Arts Center events

See "[Theater Events](#)" below

Dance Events

Ballet in Cinema series

The acclaimed "Ballet in Cinema" series screens live HD performances from the Bolshoi, Royal Opera House, La Scala and other stages worldwide at these locations. See "[Cinema Events](#)" for listings.

- [Ventura Century 10 Downtown](#), 555 E Main St.
- [Century Riverpark 16](#), 2766 Seaglass Way, Oxnard
- [Roxy Stadium 11](#), 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit).



Theater Events

Santa Paula Theater Center 2013 season

The 2013 season starts in February with Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" at Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S Seventh St with Fri/Sat performances at 8 pm and Sun at 2:30 pm. Tickets/info: 805/525-4645 or www.santapaulatheatercenter.org



Plaza Playhouse plays & live music

The historic Plaza Playhouse, 4916 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria offers live theater year round. Tickets/info: www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com

- Jan 15-Mar 5 **Improv Workshop**
- Feb 2 **Phil Cody** (songwriter-live music)
- Feb 8-10 **"Gazebo"** (play)
- Feb 16 & 17 **Rotary Talent Show**

Ventura College Performing Arts Center spring events

Ventura College Performing Arts Center, 4667 Telegraph Rd.
[Tickets/ info](#) or 805.654.6400 * Admission fee

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- Feb 23 Schwab **Violin & Viola Preliminary Competition** - free
- Mar 23 at 8 pm **Ventura College Symphony Orchestra** \$5/\$10
- Apr 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 at 8 pm **Student One-Act Play Festival ***
- Apr 21 at 3 pm **Student One-Act Play Festival ***
- May 2, 3, 4 at 8 pm **Spring Dance Concert ***
- May 8 at 8 pm **Ventura College Choir** \$5/\$10
- May 9 at 8 pm **Ventura College Jazz Band** \$5/\$10
- May 11 at 8 pm **Ventura College Symphony Orchestra** \$5/\$10
- May 13 at 8 pm **Ventura College Spring Chamber Music Concert** \$5/\$10
- May 15 at 8 pm **Matthew Cook instructor Composer/Percussion Concert** - free



Teatro de las Américas presents Pedro Infante this spring

Teatro de las Américas will present Pedro Infante y la suegra triunfante on April 26 & 27, May 3, 4, 10 & 11, with 7:30 pm performances and a Sunday matinee at 3 pm at the Oxnard College Black Box Theater, 4000 South Rose Ave., Oxnard. For casting call information and tickets: www.teatrodelasamericas.org

Season 5 finale of John White's 5 x 5 on Jan 4



"5 artists, 5 performances, 5 minutes each" - that's the premise of "5 x 5 x 5," the popular performance series directed by John M. White during Ventura First Fridays monthly gallery crawl at 8 pm at the Sylvia White Gallery, 1783 E Main St in Ventura. Don't miss exciting performances by national and local artist/performers.



Performances to Grow On series "World of Wonder" Jan 18-19

Leland Faulkner charms audiences of all ages with the actor's imagination, the mime's skill and the conjuror's craft during "World of Wonder" shows in Thousand Oaks and Ojai that demonstrate the amazing and lost antique art of shadowgraphs or hand shadows. Creating an amazing menagerie of silhouettes using only his hands he becomes twenty-four comic characters from around the world in a matter of minutes, also using masks, magic, mime and origami incorporating pantomime, clown and physical theater. Artist info: www.lelandfaulkner.com, PTGO tickets/info: 805.646.8907 or www.ptgo.org

[Flights of Fantasy Family series](#) Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Scherr Forum Theatre, 2100 E Thousand Oaks

Jan 18 **World of Wonder**
● Feb 9 **Jazz Reach for Kids**

- Mar 23 **Trout Fishing in America**

[Toys for the Mind series](#) Ojai Art Center, 113 S Montgomery St at 4 pm

- Jan 19 **World of Wonder**
- Feb 3 **Little Red Riding Hood**
- Apr 14 **One Thousand Cranes** at Matilija Auditorium

"Food Confessions" at Rubicon Theater Jan 30-Feb 24

The theater's "Our Town/Your Theatre" season at 1006 E Main St continues with "Food Confessions," a deliciously original new comedy written by Nancy Nufer and directed by Jenny Sullivan, "the perfect recipe for laughter." Local professionals Dan Gunther, Bob Lesser and Devin Scott and actress Kara Revel from LA join the comic author onstage. Tickets/info: 805.667.2900 or www.rubicontheatre.org

- Jan 30-Feb 24 **Food Confessions**
- Mar 6-31 **Our Town**
- Apr 24-May 19 **Lonesome Traveler**
- Sept 7-29 **The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe**



Hillcrest Center for the Arts Theatre on the Hill's Hobbit Feb 1-17

Purchase tickets at the box office at 403 W Hillcrest Dr , Thousand Oaks or at <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/916867>. Sign up for Hillcrest's email list at www.hillcrestarts.com/. Get season subscriptions at www.YAEonline.com or call 805.381.1246.

- Feb 1-17 **The Hobbit**
- May 9-13 **Louisa May Alcott's Little Women**

Literary Events

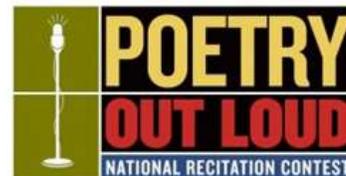


San Buenaventura Friends of the Library children's storytime on Tues & Wed

SBFOL 2013 weekly storytimes for children Tuesdays at 10:30 am and Wednesdays at 3:30 pm begin January 8 at E.P. Foster Library, 651 E Main St in Ventura. Info: <http://sanbuenaventurafriendsofthelibrary.org/>

Poetry Out Loud school winners due early Feb for county competition

Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, in which high school students present an oral interpretation of a published poem in a national competition. California Poets in the Schools is working with the Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) to administer the competition in Ventura County. Poets are available to assist English teachers and their students in preparing for the countywide competition. Please visit Poetry Out Loud at www.poetryoutloud.org for more information and contact the VCAC office (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartsCouncil.org to get your school involved. Schools must have their school winner selected by the first week in February to participate in the county competition, whose winner goes off to state competition in Sacramento.



Tuesday Poetry Series continues in January

The Tuesday Poetry Series at 7:30 pm continues at the Artists Union Gallery's temporary home at 89 S. California St in Ventura, courtesy of The Henning's By-Pass Trust with host Phil Taggart, TBA featured readers and open-mic (no readings Dec 25 & Jan 1 for the holidays). 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. SBAUG Info: www.venturaartistsunion.org. See "Visual Arts" below for more Artists Union events.

California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest by Jan 31, 2013

California students in kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to submit their work to the California Coastal Commission's annual Coastal Art and Poetry Contest by January 31, 2013. More information, tips and entry form in Spanish: www.coastforyou.org or (800) Coast-

Image at right: *Sky's Lighthouse* by Skylar Scripter, 3rd grade, Laguna Hills



Writers everywhere invited to enter 5th annual Art Tales contest by March 1, 2013

View images and get complete contest rules and info kit at www.cityofventura.net/arttales. Works selected for the library this year represent the artistic process of creating "Color in Landscape."

Other Poetry Events



Arcade Poetry Series:

3rd Saturdays at 7 pm, Oxnard Carnegie Art Museum, 424 South C St, Oxnard. Host: Jackson Wheeler.

Bohemian Beat Spoken Word:

1st Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Bohemia Coffee House, 214 W Ojai Ave, Ojai. Host: Tree Bernstein, 805/640-7210. Open mic sign ups at 7:15 pm.

Ventura County Writers Club:

3rd Wednesdays poetry workshop; meetings 2nd Tuesdays at Pleasant Valley Senior Center, 1605 Burnley Street, Camarillo. Info: www.venturacountywriters.com



The Poetry Zone:

2nd Saturdays, 2-4 pm, Karpeles Manuscript Museum, 21 West Anapamu, Santa Barbara. Host: Suzanne Frost, 805/252-1655. Open-mic follows.

- January 12 Michael Ford
- February 9 Christopher Buckley

Favorite Poem Reading:

3rd Mondays, 5:15-6:30 pm, The Blue Agave 20 East Cota, Santa Barbara. Host: Lois Klein. Open Mic: All poets and non-poets invited to read a favorite poem (not their own) or two.

Santa Maria Rhythm & Rhyme:

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Cafe Noir, 1555 South Broadway, Santa Maria. Open Mic with Host BJ Riley everlearnmore@yahoo.com

KPFK Poets Café: 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays at 8:30 pm. LA 90.7 FM/ Santa Barbara 98.7 FM. Rotating Hosts: Lois P. Jones, Myrenna Ogbu and Jaimes Palacio. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kpfkpoets)



Santa Barbara Poetry Series: Contemporary Arts Forum

At Paseo Nuevo Mall Upper Arts Terrace for recently published poets Contact Host Carol DeCanio, CASA Magazine, at 805.965.6448

Reading Series at Presidio Chapel

Presidio Chapel: 123 E Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara. Host Kurt Brown 917.647.1613 or kurtbrown1@mac.com



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Ask Ms. Metaphor

www.AskMsMetaphor.com for poetic intervention and literary questions

More Poetry Information:

www.askepoetry.org www.poetix.net www.venturaartistsunion.org www.poetryflash.org www.sbpoeetry.net www.santabarbaravencolibrary.org www.venturaartistsunion.org

Arts Classes

Registration for City of Ventura arts classes begins Jan 7

Extensive new classes in dance, performance, photography and other visual arts for all ages begin in late January. 2013 promises to be a record year for arts partnerships for the Barranca Vista Imagination Center at 7050 Ralston Street in Ventura. Ten organizations and business, several local and a few from neighboring communities, are offering unique classes in partnership with the Department of Recreation and Community Partnerships and many of the classes are in held off site in resident studios, including:

- Airealistic Circus School for hoop dance
- The Mind and Body Wellness Pilates Studio
- Aikido Dojo Training Center
- Ventura NIA Center for Fusion Dance, core conditioning and belly dance
- The Dudley House
- Art Lab
- House of Dance

The final three on this list are new partners with unexpected options: try a Lavender workshop, Solar Printing or Ballroom for Youth at their individual locations. At the Barranca Vista Imagination Center, you can learn how to make your own robot with Mad Science, form your own rock band with Rock & Roll High or learn how to create your own game design with Freshi Media. View the new My Ventura spring guide (in your mailbox after January 2) and register online at www.cityofventura.net/recreation or call 805.658.4726.



Visual Arts Events



San Buenaventura Artists' Union Gallery update

Currently at The Henning's By-Pass Trust property at 89 S. California St in Ventura, SBAUG hosts exhibits and literary events (See "Literary Arts" above). Info: 805.648-7544 or 805.643.3012 or <http://www.venturaartistsunion.org/>. See "[Literary Events](#)" for SBAUG poetry events.



Sylvia White Gallery Collectors' Choice Jan 1-Feb 1

15 of the gallery's top collectors jury this exhibit at 1783 E Main St in Ventura in January. Info: www.artadvice.com 805.643.8300

Erik Abel "Waves for Water" prints benefit Hurricane Sandy Relief Initiative

Local artist and WAV resident Erik Abel has released a series of six limited edition prints on FSC-Certified birch, featuring images from both paintings and illustrations, to raise funds for Waves for Water's Hurricane Sandy Relief Initiative. Each print is a limited edition of 25, hand signed and numbered by Abel and come with a certificate of authenticity. Abel is donating 15% of sales from these prints along with 5% of sales from his other work to Waves for Water. You can read more about his fundraiser at www.abelarts.com/w4w. Abel currently has a selection from his The Fluid that Binds Us and Oceanic Temple series' at Couch in Santa Barbara and his Sol Circle series at Westside Cellar in downtown Ventura. His studio at the WAV showcases many of his other pieces available for viewing by appointment. Find his work and contact information at www.abelarts.com





Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery features Troy Schmidt through Jan 12

The VCPGG currently is featuring veteran ceramist Troy Schmidt renowned for his 1/12-scale replicas of historic ceramic styles and modern art for miniature museums and collectors. His life-size pottery consists of a line of finely crafted Celtic inspired mugs, trivets and plates as well as reduction fired copper glazed bowls, reticulated vases, Dragon inspired wares and his popular magnetic vases. At the Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery at Ventura Harbor Village, 1567 Spinnaker Drive #105, Ventura (805) 985-5038.



View BAA "Eco Art" Competition Community Memorial Hospital through Jan 6

The Buenaventura Art Association's second annual Community Memorial Hospital Open Competition, entitled "Recycle: Eco Art" and juried by Rhode Island artist Tom Deininger runs through January 6 in the ground floor public spaces of Community Memorial Hospital, 147 N Brent St., Ventura. info@buenaventuragallery.org



OTHER BAA NEWS: See "[Artist Opportunities](#)" for "[Call for Entries](#)" for the 27th annual Open Competition at the Buenaventura Gallery

The Harbor Village Gallery, 1591 Spinnaker Dr, Suite 117C in Ventura Harbor Village. W-M (closed Tu) 12-5 pm. 805.644.2750 or www.HarborVillageGallery.com.

The Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E Santa Clara St, Ventura. Tu-F 12-5 pm and Sa 11 am-5 pm. 805.646.1235 or www.BuenaventuraGallery.org.

FOTM "Learning to See" 2013 outreach into VUSD classrooms

Focus on the Masters' award-winning art program, Learning To See, is seeking funding and scheduling classes for 2013. The cross-curricular art program, designed and taught by professional artists with extensive education experience, emphasizes critical thinking, innovation and tolerance by using not just the artwork, but also the life stories of our own extraordinary Ventura County artists. FOTM is asking the community to Adopt a Classroom in your neighborhood by underwriting the \$450 tuition needed (including instructor and supplies) for each LTS sequential 8-week in-the-classroom residency. To learn more about Focus on the Masters, Learning to See Youth Outreach and see sample LTS lesson plans visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com. For more information please contact Aimee French, FOTM Education Coordinator at 805.653.2501 or Education@FocusOnTheMasters.com.



Eric Wallner becomes new CEO of Torpedo Factory

Eric Wallner has left his position as the Creative Economy Specialist for the City of Ventura Economic Development Department, where he had great success promoting Ventura's arts and creative business sector, to become the new CEO of the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Arlington, Virginia. We wish him the best in his future arts endeavors.

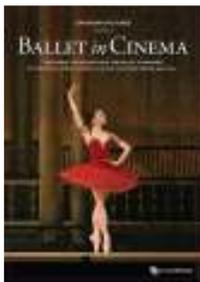
Cinema Events

Below are links to theaters screening "alternative" films, featuring restored classics, opera, ballet, and independent films.

[Click here for January Art in Cinema events \(pdf\)](#)

Carpinteria's Plaza Playhouse presents movie classics

The historic Plaza Playhouse, 4916 Carpinteria Avenue in Carpinteria, screens vintage films year round. Tickets/Info: www.plazatheatercarpinteria.com/



Ballet in Cinema series

The acclaimed "Ballet in Cinema" series screens live HD performances from the Bolshoi, Royal Opera House, La Scala and other stages worldwide at these locations.

Ventura Century 10 Downtown, 555 E Main St.

Tickets/info [HERE](#)

Century Riverpark 16, 2766 Seaglass Way, Oxnard

Tickets/info [HERE](#)

Roxy Stadium 11 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit)

Sign up for the Roxy e-newsletter [HERE](#), Roxy Ballet [schedules \(pdf\)](#)

Century Downtown 10 special cinema events



Century 10 Downtown CineArts Films: a selection of Art and Independent Cinema providing distinct, acclaimed and award-winning films. Tickets/info [HERE](#)

Cinemark Classic Film Series: your favorite movies digitally restored. Tickets/Info [HERE](#)



Century Riverpark 16/Oxnard Met in HD Opera series & special events

The new Ventura Century Riverpark 16 at 2766 Seaglass Way in Oxnard ([see map](#)) offers screenings of live and encore opera and ballet performances as well as music concerts, restored vintage films, documentaries and other special events throughout the year. The Metropolitan Opera's "Live in HD" screenings continue Saturday mornings (with Wednesday evening encores) at the Century Riverpark in Oxnard (see below for directions). The Cinemark Stadium 16 at 2875 Elba Street in Ventura is now closed. [Click here for schedule](#)

Tickets/info: [HERE](#). Directions: Exit Oxnard Blvd towards Riverpark; turn right onto Town Center Dr; Left after a few blocks onto Seaglass Way. ([MAP](#))



Ojai Film Society screenings

The Ojai Film Society screens independent, foreign and documentary films. Contact OFS office at 805.646.8946 or ojaifilmsociety@sbcglobal.net or visit www.ojaifilmsociety.org
Sundays at 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave, Ojai

Insomniac Cinema every Thursday at the Regency Buenaventura

Insomniac Cinema hosted by Andrew Gualtieri screens classics every Thursday at 7:30 pm at the Regency Buenaventura, 1440 Eastman Ave., Ventura, 805.658.6544 (show times: www.regencymovies.com). Insomniac Cinema discounted advance tickets/monthly newsletter www.insomniaccinema.com
Like us on [Facebook](#).



Oxnard Film Society

Join the OFS for Monday screenings at 3:30 and 6:30 pm (\$9.75/\$6.25 seniors) at Plaza Cinemas 14, 255 West 5th St, Oxnard, followed by discussions at its new office at 519 South C Street (CCS office) after the 6:30 pm film. All non-English speaking films are presented in their original language accompanied by English subtitles. Info: OFS President/CEO George J. Sandoval, 805.798.0830 or geosand47@gmail.com. Like us on [Facebook](#)



Roxy Stadium 11

The Roxy offers special event films featuring ballet or opera every Sunday at 1 pm and every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. 5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo (101/Santa Rosa Rd exit)

Download their film calendar and sign up for the Roxy e-newsletter [HERE](#).

Ventura Film Society screenings

The Ventura Film Society features quality alternative cinema with screenings on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:15 pm at 420 E Santa Clara St.
Tickets at: www.venturafilmsociety.com
[View a video](#) about VFS. Like us on [Facebook](#).



Museum Events



Museum of Ventura County (MOVC)

Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for members and children ages 5 and younger.
On first Sundays of the month, admission is always free at both sites.
For more info go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 805.653.0323.
100 E Main St, Ventura -- Open: 11 am-5 pm Tu-Su

MOVC Agriculture Museum

The Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum is located at 926 Railroad Avenue, Santa Paula, in the historic downtown, near the



Depot and next to the railroad tracks. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, free for Museum of Ventura County members, and for children ages 5 and younger.

On first Sundays of the month, general admission is always free.
For more info visit www.venturamuseum.org or call (805) 525-3100]
926 Railroad Ave, Santa Paula -- Open: 10 am-4 pm W-Su

Farm implements used in the extensive agriculture industry in the county are on permanent exhibit with special exhibits on clothing and accessories from the 18th century to the present, and textiles such as quilts and other household linens, flags and banners, furniture and other decorative arts from local families, plus many other types of objects, including toys, medical equipment, tools, musical instruments, office equipment, and saddles and tack.

For the latest exhibits visit www.venturamuseum.org.

MOVC Agriculture Museum exhibits & events



Art & Agriculture Exhibition at Two Museums in Santa Paula

See the beauty of all things bountiful and agricultural in "Art About Agriculture" through March 17. The 5th annual exhibit is on display in Santa Paula at both the Museum of Ventura County Agriculture Museum and the Santa Paula Art Museum. The two neighboring museums are co-hosting the juried work of more than 50 artists working in both two and three-dimensional media. All the art draws its inspiration from local agricultural heritage or contemporary agriculture. "Art About Agriculture" is curated by painter Gail Pidduck and photographer John Nichols. The Santa Paula Art Museum is at 117 North 10th Street. For more information go to www.santapaulaartmuseum.org or call 805-525-5554.

Museum of Ventura County (MOVC) exhibits & events

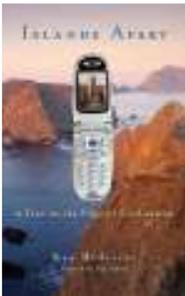


"Island Treasures: Artworks from the Santa Cruz Island Foundation" through March 3

The beauty of California's remote Channel Islands has captured artists for more than a century. Santa Cruz Island rancher Dr. Carey Stanton was captured not only by their beauty, but also by the art the islands have inspired. See many of the works of art he collected, including studies, sketches, drawings and small paintings by his close friend Richard Diebenkorn, on exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County in "Island Treasures: Artworks from the Santa Cruz Island Foundation." The exhibit continues through March 3, 2013.

Tidepool Discoveries: Images from a Different Point of View by Dan Harding

Tide pools teem with creatures often tiny and secretive, hard to see even when wading among them. Macro-photographer Dan Harding can show you what you missed when you visit the exhibition "Tidepool Discoveries: Images from a Different Point of View," at the Museum of Ventura County through March 3. His macro-portraits reveal what our naked eye can miss, such as fine details on the less than inch long tentacles of a Two Spot Octopus hatching hiding in a clump of red algae. Meet Dan Harding at a Free First Sunday reception on Feb 3 from 2 to 4 pm.

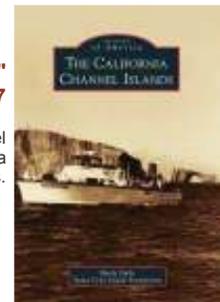


Ken McAlpine "Islands Apart" talk and book signing Jan 9

Ventura author Ken McAlpine signs his book "Islands Apart: A Year on the Edge of Civilization," and shares the insights he gained while camping alone on each of the Channel Islands, when he speaks at the Museum of Ventura County at 2 pm on Free First Sunday, January 6. Admission to the talk is free, as are all museum galleries that day.

Marla Dailey "The California Channel Islands" talk and book signing Jan 27

Hear cultural anthropologist and author Marla Dailey share little-known facts and anecdotes about the Channel Islands, which she has researched for almost 40 years, at a book talk and signing at the Museum of Ventura County on Sunday, January 27 at 2 pm. Admission is \$5 for the general public, free for members.



Let'em Eat Cake: George Stuart Exhibit and Monologues explore the Tragic Rise and Fall of Marie Antoinette

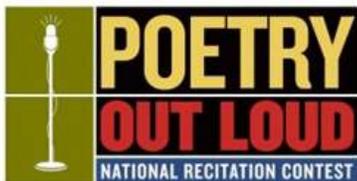
Marie Antoinette, one of European history's most infamous queens, is the subject of the newest George Stuart Historical Figures® exhibition "Let'em Eat Cake," running at the Museum of Ventura County through February 24. The exhibit of one-quarter life-size sculpture of Antoinette and other personalities from the French Revolution sheds light on her extravagant life and tragic end by the guillotine. Accompanying monologues by historian and artist George Stuart include "Queen of France" on Tuesday, January 15 at 2 pm., and "The Mob at the Gates!" on Tuesday, February 12 at 2 pm. in the museum's Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Pavilion. Admission to each monologue is \$15 for the general public, \$10 for museum members, and includes entry to all museum exhibits. For reservations, call (805) 653-0323 x 7.



Sculptor Len E. Burge III Particle Garden through March 3

Sculptor Len E. Burge III has applied his interest in particle physics to a recent series of sculptures, which he explains is an attempt to visualize the "seemingly invisible that is in a sense, the island of Santa Cruz" in "The Particle Garden" on exhibit through March 3.

Artist Opportunities



Poetry Out Loud school winners due early Feb for county competition

Please visit Poetry Out Loud at www.poetryoutloud.org for more information about NEA's national recitation program and contact the VCAC office (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartsCouncil.org to get your school involved. See "Literary Events" above for details.

Call for Entries by Dec 31 for BAA Open Competition

The deadline for entries is Dec 31 for the Buenaventura Art Association 27th annual Open Competition at the Buenaventura Gallery. The Jan 8-26 exhibit also offers over \$1,500 in cash prizes and membership benefits at a reception and ceremony on Jan 12, 4-7 pm, including a \$400 top prize for Best of Show selected by juror Katrina McElroy, art instructor at Moorpark College. The competition is open to all artists in Central and Southern California. Details at www.buenaventuragallery.org or call Sharon Taylor at 805.648-1235/312-4405.



"On the Midway" by Jack Halbert, 2012 Best of Show, BAA 26th annual Open Competition.



Americans for the Arts Joins Vans as Custom Culture Contest Partner

As its national charity partner, Americans for the Arts is proud to announce the fourth annual Vans Custom Culture contest inspiring high school students across the United States to embrace their creativity while drawing attention to the importance of art as an integral part of a well-rounded education. The first 1,500 U.S.-based public or private high schools that register will receive four pairs of blank canvas Vans shoes to make their own creations around four themes: Action Sports, Music, Art, and Local Flavor. Students submit photos of their shoes via the Vans Custom Culture website, then an internal selection and external public vote whittle the entries down to a group of five finalists who will travel to New York City for the Vans Custom Culture final event in June 2013. The top school will receive \$50,000 for their visual arts program. We'll have more information about this exciting opportunity as the registration period begins in January 2013.

California Coastal Commission Art & Poetry Contest: enter by Jan 31

See "Literary Events" above or www.coastforyou.org.



Request for proposals from artists for Coastal Community Cancer Center now on-going

Recruitment is now on-going for quarterly rotations by a trio of artists to create and display positive and healing artwork for installation in the building's "art under glass" outer walls. Contact Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach at 805-658-4759 or troach@cityofventura.net. [Info/pdf](#)

2012 City of Ventura Photography December Exhibit

Amateur and professional adult and youth photographers entered their best images celebrating our community in the seventh annual City of Ventura Photography Contest. Judging in November by photography professionals and community leaders selected images that best depict Ventura in six categories: Environment, Architecture, People Portraits, Community Life, Altered Images and Photo Voice. All participants are invited to a City Hall Bridge Gallery exhibit of winners in December (reception date TBA) and all entries are eligible to be featured in

citywide publication of print and electronic media with photo credit. Details at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest



Give a Children's Celebration of the Arts classroom workshop to your neighborhood school

Parents, friends, family and anyone with an interest in keeping the arts alive in the classroom are encouraged to purchase a gift certificate for your neighborhood school as part of the 22nd Children's Celebrations of the Arts (CCA). The Office of Cultural Affairs offers this program to elementary school classrooms beginning in April 2013. Since its inception two decades ago, CCA has reached over 107,000 elementary school students. During this exceptional educational outreach program, professional artists visit the classroom during the school day and conduct a variety of arts workshops highlighting the art forms of world cultures. Purchase gift certificates (\$40) at the Barranca Vista Center Office, 7050 Ralston St or for more information contact Kathryn Dippong Lawson at 654-7552 or kdippong@cityofventura.net.

Be A Saint, Valentine's Day Auction and Gala returns Feb 14, 2013

Save the date for the Sylvia White Gallery's "Be A Saint, Valentine's Day Auction and Gala" on Feb 14, 2013, at 1783 E Main St in Ventura. Artists apply Jan 1-Feb 1 (no fee to enter this juried show). The top 100 artists selected to participate in the auction and exhibition are also entered into the ArtAdvance drawing. One artist, drawn at random, wins \$1000 with five or more \$500 winners selected, depending on the funds generated through the auction. Event tickets (\$25) include dinner, live music, admission and participation in FREE raffle prizes. [View the 2011 event](#). Businesses are invited to support the arts and donate goods or services to raffles by calling the gallery Wed-Sat 11-5 at 805.643.8300. Click [HERE](#) to see past entries.



Residencies for Artists, Critics & Curators from www.e-artnow.org

Los Angeles Art Association Biannual Artist Screening: Jan 12 / Jan 15 / Jan 16, 10:30a to 5p open to southern California artists. <http://www.laaa.org/become/index.html>

The Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro Public Art Endowment (PAE) seeks artists with "exhibition ready" sculpture ready to install in September 2013. http://cfgg.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/PAE_-_Call_to_Artists_Announcement_2012-13.pdf

Alaska State Council on the Arts requests qualifications from artists for exterior artwork to be commissioned for the recently renovated Johnson Youth Center (JYC) in Juneau, Alaska by January 11. Total art budget \$80,000. CaFE™ Artist opportunity at www.callforentry.org.

New Mexico Arts Art in Public Places program seeks an artist or artist team specializing in lighting design, multimedia and/or video installation for a public art project at The Pit on the university's south campus to enliven the stair tower through a dynamic nighttime installation. All-inclusive budget: \$200,000. Prospectus #221 The Pit - Deadline: 1/31/2013. CaFE™ Artist opportunity at www.callforentry.org.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts requests qualifications from artists for interior and/or exterior artwork to be commissioned for the new State of Alaska Library, Archives and Museum (SLAM) in Juneau, Alaska by Jan 8. Total Art Budget \$800,000. CaFE™ Artist opportunity at www.callforentry.org

Scottsdale Public Art seeks to commission a high quality temporary artwork or display an existing work within the context of the Scottsdale Arts Festival. A stand-alone artwork capable of making a strong conceptual, visual, and/or tactile statement or spectacle is desired. RFP by Jan 6. CaFE™ Artist opportunity at www.callforentry.org.

The Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science is requesting qualifications by Feb 28 from artists for interior and exterior artwork to be commissioned for the new Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science currently under construction. CaFE™ Artist opportunity at www.callforentry.org.

Belvedere: Das CIR-Programm (Curator-in-Residence) des Belvedere/21er Haus richtet sich an Kuratorinnen und Kuratoren weltweit, die für die Dauer von drei bis fünf Monaten im Belvedere/21er Haus insbesondere zu einem für die Sammlung des Museums relevanten Thema forschen möchten. Austria. Deadline: ongoing. www.belvedere.at/de/forschung/cir

Spark Box Studio's Artist Residency Program provides live/work space to accommodate both emerging and professional printmakers, photographers, painters, illustrators, curators and writers. Canada. Deadline: Ongoing www.sparkboxstudio.com/residency/

Useful 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.

Focus on the Masters

Office, Archive & Library: 505 Poli St, Suite 405, Ventura, CA 93001 805.653.2501 www.focusonthemasters.com
Tuesday Artist Spotlight Series
www.focusonthemasters.com/spotlight_info.html



Art Advice by Silvia White

International gallery owner's blog on the Art of Being an Artist, Artist Opportunities, Gallery Relationships, Professional Practices and Tips for Collectors at <http://www.artadvice.com/blog/about/>

Red Dot Blog: Is the Physical Portfolio Dead?

Read these and previous useful cutting edge art marketing articles, discussion and news for artists [HERE](#).



- [Is the Physical Portfolio Dead?](#)
- Discussion: Is Selling & Marketing Your Art Akin to Prostitution?
- Control Your Time and Become a More Successful Artist



First Fridays

Each month on First Fridays, 6-9 pm, visual fine art spaces in downtown and midtown Ventura offer art, demonstrations and performances. www.s232036650.onlinehome.us

Rubicon Theatre

For upcoming plays, visit 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. *New Address: 89 S. California St.*

Get ArtSmart

Office of Cultural Affairs monthly video magazine on the arts. [View schedule here](#) and view shows at www.capstv.org

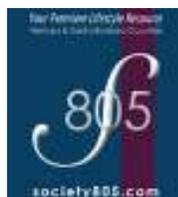


Bell Arts Factory

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, blog and calendar at www.wavartists.com.



Society805.com

The Society805.com online magazine launched an Arts & Culture section 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

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



Ballet Academy Ventura

Director Kathleen Noblin heads this creative movement academy, located at 2750 E Main St in Ventura, for 2 year olds to adults in modern, jazz, hip hop, flamenco and ballet plus summer dance camps. Info at 805.652.2800 or www.balletacademyventura.com

Footworks Youth Ballet

Artistic Director Kirsten Oakley heads the Oakley Ballet Center, 1594 Saratoga Ave, Suite A in Ventura (805.676.1600 * www.oakleyballet.com) which through Footworks Youth Ballet performances "provides serious ballet students who aspire to a professional career in dance the opportunity to develop their artistry and refine their ballet technique while performing on stage." www.FootworksYouthBallet.org



Ventura County Arts

See what Art, Theatre, Literature, Dance, and Music events are happening in Ventura County: [Facebook](#) or [Blog](#).

To have your event posted to the blog, e-mail venturacountyarts@gmail.com where membership (benefits: unlimited and preferred posting) is available for \$10/year.

ARTLAB

Ventura's new art school offers classes for children and adults in drawing, painting, design and printmaking. ARTLAB instructors are artists with Master of Fine Art degrees and dedicated educators with over ten years of college-level teaching experience offering the best of structured guidance and encouraging support. 805.334.0086 or www.artlabventura.com or artlabventura@gmail.com



805.334.0086

Teatro de las Americas

Studio: 816 Wagon Wheel - Office: 732 W Vineyard Av Oxnard, CA 93036-1919
Attn: Margaret Cortese 805-616-6039

Ventura County Community Foundation

Philanthropic organization focused on providing resources for charitable groups within Ventura County. Non-profit news, workshops, donor/grant seeker opportunities & gallery. Nonprofit office space below market rates available early 2013. New 2013 address:
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Suite A, Camarillo, CA 93012
805.988.0196 www.vccf.org



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Zoey's Café

Ventura's premiere music venue, at 185 E Santa Clara St, features local and stellar international acts weekly. Tickets/info: 805.652.1137 or www.zoeyscafe.com



KCET Artbound Ventura County

Columnist and cultural journalist Tracy Hudak covers our local scene
Articles: www.kcet.org/arts/artbound/columnists/tracy-hudak/

ARTBOUND

Ventura Visitors & Convention Bureau

The official visitor and travel information center about Ventura including hotels, restaurants, events, and online resource open daily welcomes new Executive Director Marlyss Auster. 101 South California Street, Ventura, CA 93001
www.ventura-usa.com/ 805.648.2075



About Us

The mission of Office of Cultural Affairs, part of the Community Partnerships Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships, is to: promote broad community awareness of, access to, and education in the arts and the city's historic resources in Ventura; provide opportunities and support to Ventura artists and arts organizations; foster cross-cultural understanding; and support economic development and tourism, especially in the downtown core.

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