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Poetry Readings at the Artists Union Gallery Oct. 22-Dec. 6



The regular 7:30 pm Tuesday Poetry Series at the Artists Union Gallery, 330 S. California St., hosted by Phil Taggart, features Kevin Carmen (Oct. 25), BJ Riley (Nov. 15), Fernando Castro (Dec. 6) and Dorothea Grossman and Michael Vlatkovich (Dec 13). "Random Acts of Poetry" at the gallery include

"Working the Angles: Grifters, Drifters and Shady Ladies," a sultry disreputable crew of poets reading on the far edge of LA Noir, hosted by Friday Lubina and Marsha de la O on Oct. 22; and the Askew poetry journal reading with hosts Marsha de la O, Friday Lubina and Phil Taggart on Dec. 3. The "Angles" event is part of the LA Noir Festival, Night and the City: for the schedule go to www.lapoetryfestival.org/

More gallery poetry info at www.venturaartistsunion.org/poetry.html

EVENTS AT THE OLIVAS ADOBE

Ghost Tales at Olivas Adobe October 22-31

Spooky tales of ghosts long rumored to haunt the historic Olivas Adobe will highlight these 9 Halloween tours that focus on the haunted heritage of this unique landmark between October 22 and 31. Your tour guide, local historian Richard Senate, claims that there may be a possibility of encountering a phantom, and suggests that you may wish to bring a camera or tape recorder to document your experience. Signed "ghost" books written by Richard Senate will be available for purchase for an additional \$5. Tickets for Teen-Adult are \$25.

For more information and to register call 658.4726
or visit www.cityofventura.net/eRecreation



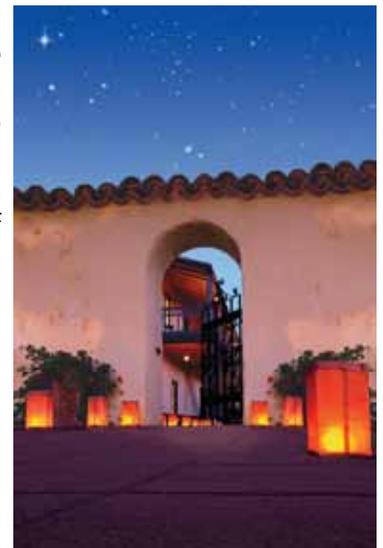
Free Kerosene Cal's Spooky Show & Halloween Workshop at Olivas Adobe October 29

The Olivas Adobe will present its annual Halloween celebration with a spooky show & Halloween crafts workshop on Saturday, October 29, at Olivas Adobe Historical Park, 1 pm to 2:30 pm. Admission free. Come costumed is invited but optional. Join Ojai actor Doug "Kerosene Cal" Friedlander as he channels ghostly tales of Rancho San Miguel from the 1850s. "It's a delightful show for children of all ages," says Jerry Leckie, for the Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters, who sponsor the event. "Doug will have as much fun as the audience while delivering one-liners and loads of laughs." Following Kerosene Cal's spooky stories, docents will present a hands-on crafts workshop where visitors can fashion Halloween items of a spooky and fun nature to take home for the holiday. Costumed guides will be on duty to give full historical tours of the Adobe. The gift shop will offer books about the rancho and gifts for the upcoming season. And, a food bar will be available for those wanting to purchase refreshments.

Olivas Adobe Candlelight Tours December 11

The Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, will once again mark the beginning of the festive holiday season with its free "Candlelight Tours" on Sunday, December 11, 5:30-7:30 pm led by costumed actors and docents who will transport guests back in time to visit the Olivas family as they prepare for Christmas. The home will be resplendent in all-natural decorations lit by candles and oil lamps and the courtyard will blaze with more than a hundred luminarias, traditional sand-filled paper lanterns on the ground. All sorts of delicious homemade treats, coffee, tea, and other drinks, along with music of the season will be offered in the Exhibit Hall and the Gift Shop will be open for holiday shopping.

Reservations are required: call (805) 658-4726.



October 29 Sylvia White Gallery reception for Squeak Carnwath & Donald Farnsworth



Squeak Carnwath, 2011

Sylvia White Gallery hosts solo exhibitions (Oct. 23-Dec. 3) of Squeak Carnwath in the Main Gallery and Donald Farnsworth in the North Gallery with an opening reception for both artists on Saturday, Oct. 29, 3-5 pm when Carnwath will be signing her book, "Painting is No Ordinary Object."

"Painting is no ordinary object. Painting is a carrier of meaning, of human touch," writes Carnwath. "Each brush stroke or smear of pigment is freighted with philosophical inquiry." Says Karen Tsujimo: "Layer by layer she fills her canvases with the quotidian-grocery lists, doctor's appointments-and the profound: reflections on women's rights, memories of a lost friend. Slowly, slowly these thoughts embedded in paint take on an existence of their own as the palimpsest of recorded and erased meanings and experiences builds over time. Dense and mottled, haphazardly marked and scratched, Carnwath's paintings feel both aged and immediate, with subtle hints of color, words, and thoughts surging just beneath the final skin of paint." Carnwath's 300-page, full color catalog will be available for purchase at the signing for \$30.

"A collector of strange and beautiful insect specimens and a fiend for the latest digital technology, Donald Farnsworth began the Origin project by bringing some of his bugs into his studio, Magnolia Editions, where he cut out the middleman-a camera-by placing them directly on a flatbed scanner," writes Nick Stone. "Farnsworth likewise bypassed the traditional delivery system of print media-the book-by sourcing the text of Darwin's groundbreaking 1859 treatise, "On the Origin of Species," from an online library of public domain classics. Ultimately, though, it is the specimens themselves which take center stage, visually outshining (and even obscuring) the text with a silent sophistication that invites wonder and contemplation."

Sylvia White Gallery, 1783 E. Main St., Ventura, Gallery Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 11-5, phone 805.643.8300 www.ArtAdvice.com



Donald Farnsworth,
Origin Specimens X, pt. 2

VENTURA FILM SOCIETY
Sponsored by **V-Reporter**

A TRIBUTE TO MALCOLM MCDOWELL

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6, 2011
RECEPTION w/ THE ACTOR 6 - 7pm
SCREENING TRIBUTE 7-11pm

if

The VENTURA FILM SOCIETY continues its tradition of paying tribute to worthy cinema artists by celebrating the epic career of actor and Ventura County resident MALCOLM MCDOWELL.

As VFS supporters you will have a chance to meet Mr. McDowell at this open reception. The 7:15pm "If" Screening will feature a specially edited VFS Tribute Video and Mr. McDowell's breakout film "If", followed by a post-screening discussion with the actor.

6-7pm MALCOLM MCDOWELL RECEPTION
\$25 tax-deductible donation
(includes 1 Reception admission, 1 Screening admission, complimentary appetizers, no host bar.)

7:15pm SCREENING of "IF"
\$10 donation general / \$7 donation seniors / students / museum members / local artists

MUSEUM OF VENTURA COUNTY
Martha V. & Martha K. South Pavilion
100 E. Main Street, Downtown Ventura
805.636.2290

TICKETS & INFORMATION: www.venturafilmsociety.com / info@venturafilmsociety.com / 805.636.2290

Ventura Film Society @ the Museum final 3 films Nov. 1, 15 & Dec. 6

The Ventura Film Society @ the Museum wraps up its 2011 with two films "Everything Is Illuminated" on Nov. 1 and the Oscar-winning "When We Were Kings" on Nov 15, both at 7 pm at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St. in Ventura. The December 6 closing night will be a Tribute to Actor Malcolm McDowell with a rare public screening of "If" and a reception for the actor at 6 pm at the museum.

Details at www.venturafilmsociety.com

Enter the "City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest" by November 1

Amateur and professional adult and youth photographers are invited to enter their best images celebrating our community in the eighth annual City of Ventura Digital Photography Contest by November 1, 2011. Entering is easy, free and by email.

Get details at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest then send entries to rnewsham@cityofventura.net.

Photos must be taken within or directly adjacent to Ventura's city limits. Judging in November by photography professionals and community leaders will select 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 and all entries are eligible to be featured in citywide publication of print and electronic media with photo credit.

Contact: Richard Newsham 658-4706 or rnewsham@cityofventura.net



Online voting

Online voting will take place November 10-20 at www.cityofventura.net/photocontest

Filmmobile visits Vita Art Center November 5



Honk! Honk! Here comes the Filmmobile, an eco-friendly cinema and film school on wheels! A project of the Echo Park Film Center, the Filmmobile takes film programs on the road.

The Film Mobile will be visiting the Vita Art Center on Saturday, November 5, 12 -2 pm, to teach Direct Animation, a technique where footage is produced by creating the images directly on film stock, as opposed

to any other form of animation where the images or objects are photographed frame by frame with an animation camera. A community viewing of the films created that day will be projected directly on the bus in an outdoor theater at 7 pm. Space is limited: reserve a space for a \$10 donation which funds the Filmmobile.

Info: (805) 644-9214 or maryperez@vitaartcenter.com

Gerd Koch & Carole Milton Grants for Professional Artists applications due November 7



Gerd Koch, Sacred Pool Series-Delphi, Greece

Through the sale of their own work, celebrated artists Gerd Koch and Carole Milton recently set up two Grants for Professional Artists of Ventura County at \$3,000 each. Application packets with full guidelines are available from the Ventura County Arts Council by contacting info@venturacountyartscouncil.org or by calling (805) 658-2213. Completed applications with a \$15 processing fee are due November 7.

Grants are for professional visual artists (painters, sculptors and collage and multi-media artists) residing in Ventura County awarded in recognition of a lifetime career or at least 4-5 years of professional art making. Advanced education faculty members are welcome to apply and there are no residency time restrictions. Professional exhibition history will be an important consideration in the review process. Artists must be actively exhibiting their current work in professional artistic venues, such as gallery and museum spaces.

A distinguished panel of jurors comprised of recognized arts professionals will review all applications and select the grantees. The panel will include: Gary Lang, nationally and internationally recognized painter; Rita Ferri, Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission; Connie Jenkins, nationally and internationally recognized painter; and Tom McMillin, Professor Emeritus, California State University, Northridge, and nationally and internationally recognized artist.

The grants will be awarded at a program honoring artists of the past and celebrating the growth of the arts in Ventura County. The ceremony, to be held in Camarillo on Saturday, December 3, will include a Roll of Honor remembering artists Zelma & Michael Wilson and Iris Tree, cultural leaders from the 50s and 60s who were dear friends of Koch and who played a key role in the early development of the vibrant cultural life we all now enjoy. Also honored will be Michele DePuy Leavitt, who was widely respected and loved by members of our visual arts community. Michelle passed away in 2010. The celebration will be co-sponsored by Focus on the Masters, Studio Channel Islands Art Center, and Buenaventura Art Association.

Additionally, tax deductible donations in any amount may be made to the grant fund with checks made payable to the Ventura County Arts Council, with memo notation: Koch & Milton Grants Fund. The Ventura County Arts Council is a 501c3 nonprofit arts organization, ID# 77-0450542.

For more information contact Margaret Travers, Executive Director at (805) 658-2213.



Carole Milton, Earth's Rim

November 12 reception for Hilda Kilpatrick and Lois Freeman-Fox at Fox Fine Jewelry



Hilda Kilpatrick, Sunset Clouds II

Hilda Kilpatrick and Lois Freeman-Fox will display their art in a show titled "Coloratura" at Fox Fine Jewelry, 210 E. Main St., from November 3 through January 16 with an artists' reception on Saturday, November 12, 6-9 pm.

Kilpatrick grew up in a family of artists in the colonial art city of Trujillo, Peru. At 14, she toured the museums of Paris and London, inspiring her later to take a year off and paint in the European plazas. Kilpatrick's oils are "alla prima," which means that the piece is completed before the first layer of paint has dried. Her work often reflects the warm and sunny aspects of nature: "places that speak to my soul, make me laugh inside, and make my heart jump with excitement."

Freeman-Fox was educated as an artist and sculptor at Cornell University and UC Berkeley, but spent the next 30 years as a film editor and then became an animator for Disney. She is entranced

with the relationship between photography and art, and begins her pieces by painting on the computer, printing and priming her work, and finally adding dimension by painting on top with acrylics. Her current work shows the physical power of the Sespe Creek.

For information, contact Debbie Fox at (805) 652-1800 or Debbie@FoxFineJewelry.com

Fox Fine Jewelry hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:30 am-6 pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 am-8 pm.



Lois Freeman-Fox, Sespe Rocks

A showcase for the Ventura Neighborhood for Learning Program

Young Readers' StoryFest

A FREE storytime event for young children and their families

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Ventura Unified School District Education Service Center
255 W. Stanley Ave.
Ventura

- Story tents with community celebrities
- Entertainment by children's storyteller Antonio Sacre and the VUSD Children's Choir the Notables
- Free book for every child
- Book Fair
- Food for purchase

Readings in English, Spanish and American Sign Language

For information, call 641 5000, ext. 1032

www.vsp4vusd.org

Young Readers' StoryFest November 19

The Young Readers' StoryFest, a free storytime event for young children and their families, will be held Saturday, November 19, 9 am-2 pm, at the Ventura Unified School District Education Service Center, 255 W. Stanley Avenue in Ventura.

The showcase for the Ventura Neighborhood for Learning Program will feature readings in English, Spanish and American Sign Language, story tents with community celebrities, entertainment by children's storyteller Antonio Sacre and the VUSD Children's Choir the Notables, a free book for every child, a book fair and food for purchase.

For more info visit www.vsp4vusd.org or call (805) 641-5000, ext. 1032.

Painter / Teacher Patti Post retires Nov. 19

Patti Post retired from teaching after a 40-year career that took her to DeAnza Middle School and Ventura High School, where she was able to encourage and mentor young people pursuing a career in the arts with her unique philosophy and approach to art education. She is much admired by administrators and students and has been honored as Teacher of the Year in the Ventura Unified School District. She is now able to pursue her art full-time, focusing mainly on oil paintings of the human figure.



Nutcracker Mini Ballet starts November 30



One holiday dance tradition that never grows old is watching or performing in a production of the Nutcracker ballet. The City of Ventura offers a chance for your child to be in its own abbreviated-version of the Nutcracker. Pam Cohen, arts educator and choreographer throughout Ventura County, will be offering her Nutcracker Mini Ballet class for children ages 3-12 years for three Wednesdays at the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street. Young dancers will learn selected dances like the Chinese fan dance and the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy for a final day mini-performance. Students will also create their own costume headpieces, props and backdrop. An adult must accompany each child under 5 to class. The fee for the 3-week class is \$47.

30503	W	3-4:30 pm	11/30-12/14	3-4 yrs
30504	W	4:30-6:30 pm	11/30-12/14	5-12 yrs.

Slippers & Masks performs December 9-10

Another opportunity to see Pam Cohen choreographed magic is the Slippers & Masks Youth Theatre free dance performance of "Bad Hair Day" using songs from "Hairspray," "Tangled" and "Hair" on 12/9 at 7:30 pm & 12/10 at 1:30 pm at Mound Elementary School, 455 South Hill Road.

For more dance classes contact 658-4726 or visit www.cityofventura.net/eRecreation.

For more about Slippers & Masks visit Pam's website at www.dancinwithpam.com.

SLIPPERS~N~MASKS
Youth Dance Theatre

Presents...
Bad Hair Day
directed and choreographed by Pam Cohen

Friday December 9 at 7:30 pm &
Saturday December 10 at 1:30 pm

FREE Admission
for more info call 654-7552 or www.dancinwithpam.com

Special needs may be met by calling 654-7552 or 654-7788 (TDD).

CITY OF VENTURA
PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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.*

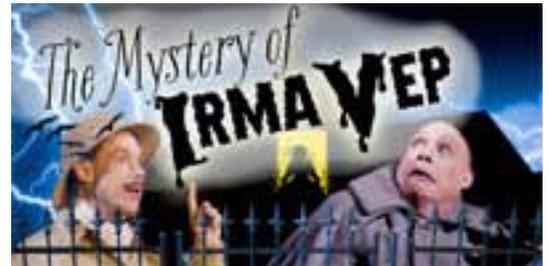


First Fridays

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

Now playing: "The Mystery of Irma Vep" through November 6 plus subscribe to the new 2011-12 season at 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. Schedule at www.capstv.org and view shows at www.capstv.org/media.htm

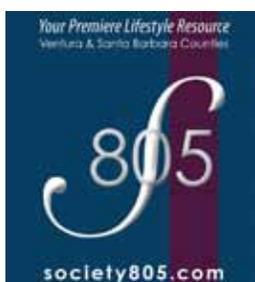


Bell Arts Factory

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-