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**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Members, Donors, Supporters,

A sign of an energetic, growing organization is being bush and active. That being the case, the Arts Council is very energetic! On the 15th, we hosted our very first Member Mixer at the Hillcrest Center where representatives of our member groups spoke about their activities and shared literature. Our Hospitality chair, Kathrin really pulled out all the stops with a bountiful display of goodies. I noticed the chocolate fountain was a favorite! We hope to do these gatherings more often, so groups can become more familiar with the activities and projects of other member groups. Keep an eye out for the next one.

On March 22nd, we host our Art Bus night – come and join us as we visit various art venues in the Conejo in an English Red Double Decker Bus! At each stop we will have entertainment and goodies to eat and drink. This is another “first” for the ACCV. Check our web site – conejoarts.org for more info. The cost is \$30 a person and the seats are limited, so reserve your spot soon!

On March 25th, we will have our 3rd Write Night – this time the topic is poetry – writing and the secrets to getting it printed. Check the web site for this one also. Lucia Lemieux will facilitate the night.

On April 1st is our Hang with the Best show at the Galleria at Hillcrest Center where you will see works by the talented kids in the area. This is always a treat and a way to encourage the next generation of artists. Come to the reception/awards ceremony on the 1st (no fooling).

On another note – we’ve added two new faces to the ACCV Board – both women of talent – Kitty Dill has agreed to serve as the Program Director and Connie Tunick has joined us as a member at large. Connie also serves as co-curator of the Galleria. With these bright, knowledgeable women, the ACCV strengthens its position in the art culture of the Conejo.

A sunny, bright spring to you all.

*Pat Johnson*

President of the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley

The Voice of the Arts

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The ACCV ARTS SCENE welcomes listings for the calendar from patrons and member organizations presenting cultural programming in the Conejo Valley. In addition, articles on related subjects may also be submitted. Please submit all copy via e-mail to publicrelations@conejoarts.org.

**Deadline for May - June issue is April 1.**

**ABOUT THE COVER**

**FRONT COVER:** “Pinecone Fantasy” felted wool, by Mimi Leiberman, is included in the Common Threads exhibit at the Hillcrest Center Galleria. “To me felting is a magical brew. You lay down silk and wisps of wool, add bits of yarn and ribbon, add soapy water and lots of elbow grease and ...voila, you create a strong and colorful fabric.” “Pinecone Fantasy” is an example of that mysterious process — without stitch or glue the fibers wove themselves together. Her three-dimensional vases in the show were made over a ball. Once I removed the wetted-down wool form from the ball it was rubbed, slammed, thrown and steamed into shape. When each was dry, I embellished it with applique or beads. Mimi concludes, “When a felter finishes a project, he or she is aggression free!”

**BACK COVER:** “Tuscan Landscape” art quilt by Gayle Simpson” is included in the Common Thready exhibit at the Hillcrest Center Galleria. “There are traditional quilters and there are art quilters. I am an artist who used to draw and paint. Now I find my colors and textures in fabric. I love the feel of this medium. I can draw with thread.” Gayle will be demonstrating at the CVUSD Spring Art Fair in the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery March 9-13 to all of the 4th graders in the district - along with about 7 other artists. I am teaching a class on Gourmet Food Art Quilts on April 23rd and also November 8th at The Quilter’s Studio on Lawrence Dr. Newbury Park. In October she will be exhibiting and teaching at the Houston International Quilt Festival.

## Conejo Poet To Anchor 'Write Night: Poetry'

Lucia Lemieux will present "Write Night: Poetry" on Wednesday, March 25, the third in a series of writing-oriented workshops arranged by the non-profit Arts Council of the Conejo Valley.

"Some may think primarily of the arts as performing and visual when actually our rich arts environment includes writing," said council President Pat Johnson, Westlake Village. "That's why we are addressing this creative topic for our diverse membership."

"Write Night: Poetry" will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks. The workshop is general purpose, for unpublished and published writers, said Johnson.

Poet and writer Lucia Lemieux, a Thousand Oaks resident, recently edited "On the Other Side of Tomorrow," which features professional poets and K-12 poetry students from throughout California. Since 1997 she has taught poetry in Ventura County, and is a credentialed elementary and secondary teacher.

Lemieux has a MFA in writing from the American Film Institute. Her work has appeared in many publications, among them "Moving Pictures: Nine Los Angeles Poets," "Rhythm & Words," and "ONTHEBUS."

Workshop cost is \$20 for ACCV members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, contact Hillcrest Center at 805-381-2747.

For information about the 41-year-old council, whose motto is "Voice of the Arts," visit <http://www.conejoarts.com>. Johnson said the Arts Council's previous workshops presented by volunteers were: writing news releases, Kitty Dill; and publishing a book, Bob Wiebazahl.

The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley is a 501c (3) which supports programs, services and arts education in Southern California. Its members are nonprofits, organizations, businesses and individuals from throughout the region, said Johnson. Arts Council supporters include the City of Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Recreation and Park District.

## MAY? Oui!

*A Call for Entries goes out from the "Voice of the Arts".*

May is the new month for The Arts Council of the Conejo Valley to host their art exhibit at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery. The annual show will be juried for quality and appropriateness for community viewing, and judged by recognized artists. This annual exhibit is open to all adult artists in the tri-counties, (Ventura, L.A., and Santa Barbara). Cash prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in each category as well as Best in Show, at the always-festive Awards Reception.

So mark your calendar for May instead of JUNE and get your best work finished, framed and ready to go. Application is available elsewhere in this publication and at Hillcrest Center for the Arts. Say May-oui! to the May show at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery. See you there.

## The Bus Stops Here!

**Double the fun!** On March 22 the double-decker Art Bus will be embarking from the Hillcrest Center for the Arts for a round of art parties at local galleries. Fabulous food, fun and extraordinary entertainment will add to the exhibits of fabulous art.

Seating in the double-decker red bus is limited so call the Hillcrest Center at (805) 381-2747, to make you reservations. Join the fun. Catch the Art Bus! All aboard!

## Hang With The Best: 2009

Don't miss the student art exhibit now showing at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts Galleria. You will be amazed at the talent of our young artists. The future of the arts is in good hands. Come see for yourself. Galleria is open 9:00am to 5:00pm weekdays.

## Sixth Annual Thousand Oaks Arts Festival

The 6th Annual Thousand Oaks Arts Festival will take place on September 26 and 27, 2009 at the Thousand Oaks Civics Arts Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Highlights of this extraordinary event include: 2-Day Festival; more than 60 visual art exhibitors; continuous live performances; children's hands-on artistic and interactive art exhibits; refreshment vendors; over 12,000 visitors;

and admission and parking are free! September 26, Kids and the Arts Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m. (5K, 10K, 1 mile Fun Run/Walk). Contact *Alliance for the Arts* for more information at (805) 449-2590 or on the internet at [allianceforthearts.org](http://allianceforthearts.org)

Call for Visual Artists: The Thousand Oaks Arts Festival will, no doubt, be one of the best exhibition and sales opportunities in the Conejo Valley for local artisans in 2009. The event is heavily publicized and offers several advantages to participating artists including: low booth fee that includes a 10' x 10' Tent Canopy, a table and two chairs; Artists are allowed to share a booth (see Prospectus); Assistance is typically available for "load-in" and "load-out." The Early Bird "Recession" Special includes a \$25 Application Fee and value priced 10' x 10' Booth for \$210. Please send in your application on or before May 15, 2009 to qualify for these low rates.

Apply Early – Limited Number of Booths Available. This event is expected to be sold out. Please note that one of the criteria used in evaluating applications is the postmark date. Additional information including the 2009 Application Forms and Prospectus can be found at [www.toartsfestival.com](http://www.toartsfestival.com).

## The Valley Is "Ringing With Singing"

Thousand Oaks has six popular choruses ranging from Oaks Chamber Singers - organized in 1996 by Annette Murphy when she moved from the Boston area - to five other choruses featuring expertise covering all the other musical disciplines. These six choruses which fill the Conejo Valley with an eclectic variety of music have one common and unusual thread that makes them singular in nature.

Every chorus that performs in the City of Thousand Oaks area - each and everyone of them - is directed by a woman. To name them specifically: Oaks Chamber Singers, Annette Murphy; Los Robles Master Chorale, Leslie Leighton; Los Robles Children's Choir, Donna Young; Village Voices, Gloria Hilliard; Channelclair (Sweet Adelines) Bobbette Gantz-Judy Asmore; and Merry Minstrels - Irene Silbert. How unique is this! Thousand Oaks audiences, women have the valley "ringing with singing".

## Four Star Awards

The five community theaters in Ventura County celebrated each other through the Four Star Theater Awards ceremony on Jan. 18, giving palpable evidence that live theater here is both cooperative and competitive. That scenario is aimed at producing the best entertainment possible for the benefit of the thousands who come to enjoy live and lively shows. Taking part were Camarillo Community Theatre, Elite Theatre Company of Oxnard, High Street Arts Center in Moorpark, Ojai Art Center Theater and Santa Paula Theater Center. It's a story of how those theaters compete by 'stealing' each others' actors and contend for play rights, yet cooperate by borrowing props and costumes, advertising each other's plays and sharing business methods.

The award process embraces these qualities, rewarding skills and entertainment value via consensus and, as a side effect, bringing the theaters closer together.

Here's how it happens: Three representatives from each theater volunteer to go to all the plays at another theater not their own. They take notes and at the end of the year, get together to deliberate the productions and performers. The result was a dress-up affair at the Simi Valley Cultural Center on Jan. 18th that featured awards interspersed with songs, performances and skits, and a photo montage of all the theaters' plays put together by Steve Grumette of Ojai ACT.

## The Media Paints Funding For The Arts As An Earmark

By Barry Hessenius

Once again those who think the arts are at best "fluff", and at worst Maplethorpe pornography run amok, are successfully getting the nation's news media to report that the Stimulus Bill NEA funding (\$50 million) is really 'pork' - an special liberal earmark that does nothing to stimulate the economy.

In their eyes, jobs in the nonprofit arts sector aren't 'real' jobs. Are we going to continue to let the lazy media skewer us with false characterizations and paint us to the public as essentially a "joke"? **For more interesting and pointed commentary of the arts go to [www.westaf.org/blog](http://www.westaf.org/blog)**



# May Show!

## Categories

- 1. Painting- Oil /Acrylic
- 2. Painting- Watercolor
- 3. Pastel & Graphics
- 4. Photography
- 5. Mixed & Miscellaneous
- 6. 3-D

## Eligibility

- Adult artists
- Residing in Ventura, Santa Barbara or Los Angeles Counties.
- Original art works only,
- Produced in the last two years
- Professional quality
- Framed appropriately & ready to hang.
- Appropriate for community gallery

## Entry Fee

- \$35 **NONREFUNDABLE** entry fee
- 1-2 pieces appropriate for show

## Installation

- Wire & Eye Screws preferred
- Artwork remains until show ends.
- All art must be of reasonable size & ready to display. (Maximum 3' x 5')

## Gallery Sitting

Please Sign Up & Show Up!

All participating artists are expected to serve at least one 2-hour time slot as gallery sitter.

## Window Workers

- \_\_\_ Interested in teaching classes
- \_\_\_ Interested in doing demos
- \_\_\_ Interested in Working – in – Gallery Window

## Cash Awards

1<sup>st</sup> in Each Category & Best in Show

## Ribbons

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Honorable Mention & People's Choice  
(People's Choice awarded at end of exhibit)

## Gala Public Reception

Awards to be presented at Festive Public Reception  
Invitation Postcards provided for Artists to send.  
You may contribute to Reception Table if you wish

## Thousand Oaks Community Gallery

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## SALES

- Art not for sale should be marked NFS.  
Otherwise, works will be considered for sale at price listed on form.
- 30% commission on all sales up to 30 days after the show.
- Bin Art welcome. Have a catalog with prices.

All sales handled by ACCV.

- Buyer writes (1) check to artist
- Artist writes (2) checks: 10% to ACCV; 20% to T.O. Community Gallery
- \* BE SURE TO INCLUDE TAX AT 7-1/4%

## **ENTRY FORM: MAY SHOW!**

Detach this column & present with artwork.

(Please Type or Print Clearly.)

FOR OUR RECORDS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Art: Labeled, Framed & Wired To Hang

- Artist Name
- Title of Work
- Media / Category
- Price or NFS

### Liability & Conditions

The artist will release the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, The city of Thousand Oaks, Arts Council of the Conejo Valley, and the Conejo Recreation & Parks District and their officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all responsibility for loss, liability charges and expenses and costs of whatsoever character which may arise by reason of participation in any program. I understand the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley retains the right to use photos taken during activities for publicity purposes.

XSignature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry #1

DOT # \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Media/Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry #2

DOT # \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Media/Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to liability & conditions as stated:

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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**Hang With the Best**

*March 30 - April 30, 2009*

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*May 9 - June 21, 2009*

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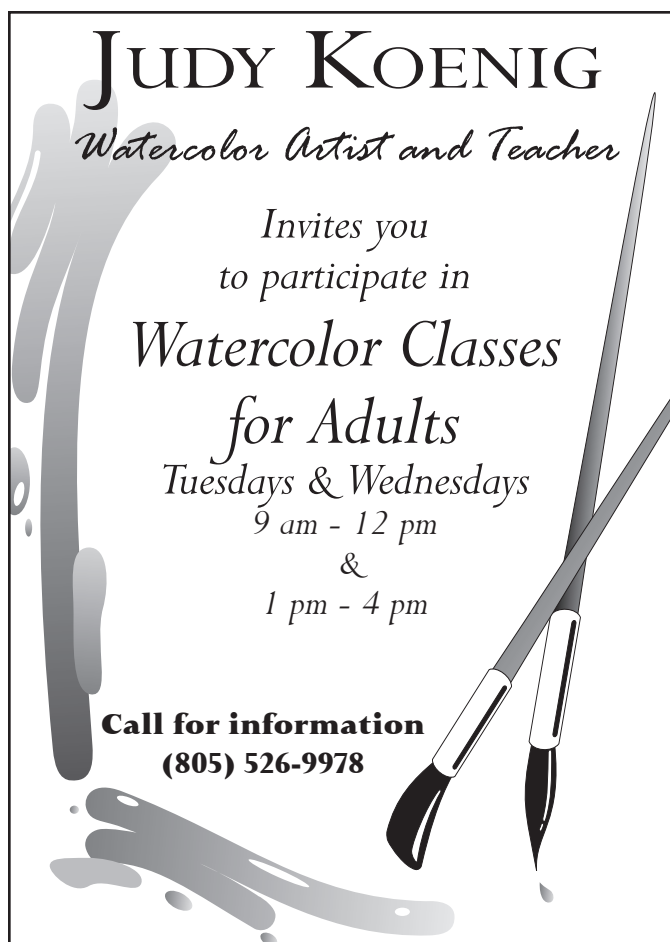
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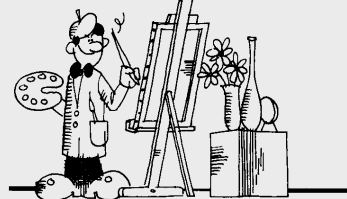
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Thousand Oaks Community Gallery  
And the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza  
Kavli Theatre

Entertainment will include a Didgeridoo Player, Belly Dancers and more.

Hors doeuvres and drinks will be available at each stop.

## MUSIC

**NEW WEST SYMPHONY** presents "Hungarian Rhapsody" with Boris Brott, conductor featuring Arnaldo Cohen at the piano. The program will include the Bartok Concerto for Orchestra, Kodaly Dances of Galanta and the Liszt Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major for Piano & Orchestra. Identical concerts are Friday, April 24, 2009, Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 8:00 pm. Tickets: \$25 to \$78; Saturday, April 25, 2009, Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, 8:00 pm, Tickets: \$25 to \$98; and Sunday, April 26, 2009, Barnum Hall on the Campus of Santa Monica High School, 4:00 pm, Tickets: \$25 to \$78. For tickets call 1-866-776-8400 or purchase on-line at [www.newwestsymphony.org](http://www.newwestsymphony.org). Tickets also available at the respective concert hall box offices

**Pepperdine University Center for the Arts** presents a concert by the **Vienna Boys' Choir**, Tuesday, **March 10**, 7:30 pm in the Smothers Theatre, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu. Limited tickets, priced at \$35 for adults, \$20 for youths 17 and under are available now by calling (310) 506-4522. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232. Information online: <http://arts.pepperdine.edu>

**Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra**, KuanFen Liu, Artistic Director, presents **Spring Creation**, featuring: Virginia Kron playing the Schumann Cello Concerto in A minor. The orchestra will perform the Overture to The Italian Girl in Algiers by Rossini and The Creation of the World by Darius Milhaud. Sunday, **March 8** at 4:00pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura. Suggested Donation \$20. Information: (805) 643-8621 or online at [www.cichamberorchestra.org](http://www.cichamberorchestra.org)

**Mount Cross Classical Concert Series**, 102 Camino Esplendido, Camarillo, Sunday, **May 3** at 2:00pm, featuring Sharon Cooper, violinist, Tom Turner, violist and Barbara D'Addario, pianist. The program will consist of the Kreutzer Sonata of Beethoven and the Horn Trio of Brahms. Concert is followed by a reception. Donation \$15. For further info: 805.484-2054

**Master Chorale of Ventura County**, under the direction of Dr. Burns Taft, presents "**Leipzig**" concerts - 2008-09 Season: First Concert: Saturday, **March 7** at 8:00pm at Samuelson Chapel on the campus of California Lutheran University. Co-sponsored by Ventura County Chapter, American Guild of Organists, it will feature Dr. Christoph Bull, UCLA as soloist. Choral/Organ music. Children's Choruses. Bach Motet #140; Psalmkonzert by Zimmerman. Original music and improvisations by Dr. Bull. Dr. Burns Taft and Cheryl Gillaspie, conductors. Second Concert: Sunday, **March 8**, at 4:30pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pt. Hueneme. Ticket and information (805) 654-0995.

Two **California Lutheran University soloists** will perform a concert with the University Symphony at 2:00pm on Sunday, **March 1**. The concert will feature well-known symphonic repertory. University Organist Mark Holmstrom will perform Camille Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 "Organ Symphony" on CLU's award-winning Steiner-Reck organ. Adjunct professor of violin/viola Melissa Phelps, scion of the famed Phelps family of string instrument virtuosi, will perform Telemann's Viola Concerto in G. Daniel Geeting will conduct. Donations will be accepted. Samuelson Chapel, located near the corner of Olsen Road and Campus Drive, Thousand Oaks. Information (805) 493-3306 or <http://www.callutheran.edu/music>.

The **Oaks Chamber Singers** and the **Royal Oaks String Quartet** will present a truly inspirational concert in the beautiful St. John's

Seminary Chapel, Camarillo on Sunday, March **15** at 4:00pm. The concert will open with a delightful Vivaldi motet, followed by the premiere performance of the Great Oaks Men's Quartet plus one performing familiar and much loved sacred music. The highlight of the afternoon will be the Pergolesi "Stabat Mater." Under musical/artistic director Annette Murphy. Reserved seat tickets Call 805-499-1913. Limited seating.

**Ventura College Symphony Orchestra** presents **Twenty First Opus**. Pianist Louise Lofquist, professor at Pepperdine University, solos with the Ventura College Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, **March 14** at 8 p.m. in the Ventura College Theatre. There are no advanced ticket sales for the concert. Tickets are purchased at the door the evening of the concert for a cost of \$5 students, seniors and students and \$10 for general admission. For additional information, please contact Dr. E. Burns Taft, Professor of Music, 805-654-6400 ext. 3210, or Public Information Officer 654-6462, [asmoores@vcccd.edu](mailto:asmoores@vcccd.edu).

## VISUAL ARTS

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE ART GUILD** is pleased to announce one of the most generous Open Juried Shows in the Conejo Valley with over \$3,000 in cash prizes offered. Judges are artists Paul Benavides ([www.paulbenevides.com](http://www.paulbenevides.com)) from Ventura and Cathy Quiel ([www.cathyquiel.com](http://www.cathyquiel.com)), a Santa Barbara watercolorist. Both are professional artists with strong academic credits. "Take-In" for artwork will be Sunday, March 15th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Rd., Newbury Park, CA 91353. Advance registration is suggested as several benefits are under consideration for those who enter early. Show prospectus can be downloaded from the club website, [www.wvartguild.org](http://www.wvartguild.org), or call show chairperson, Chuck Mead, for more information: 805-388-0192. The correct E-Mail address for the 2009 WVAG Open Juried Show's Chair, Chuck Mead, is [cmiaart@msn.com](mailto:cmiaart@msn.com).

**Santa Paula Society of the Arts** 72<sup>nd</sup> Art and Photography Show will be held **March 10 to April 1**. For more info call (805) 525-1104 or online at [www.theSPSA.com](http://www.theSPSA.com)

**Discovery: The Photography of Dan Holmes.** Photographer Dan Holmes describes his images as reflections of those "moments in time when light, form, and color fit." See what he means when the Museum of Ventura County presents Discovery: The Photography of Dan Holmes, an exhibition including Holmes' color photographs of western American landscapes and African wildlife, as well as black and white portraits and landscapes. The exhibition opens **April 4 to May 31**. The Museum of Ventura County is located at 89 South California Street, near the corner of California and Santa Clara Streets in downtown Ventura, California. The museum is open Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission, except for some events. For information, please call (805) 653-0323 or go to <http://www.venturamuseum.org>.

**The Ojai Group** presents: **A Sense of Place Exhibit.** Ventura County artists Diane Hanley, Mary-Gail King, Kristy Vantrease, and Patty Van Dyke, will be exhibiting their paintings in a group show at Gallery 113, #8 La Arcada, 1114 State Street, Santa Barbara. The exhibit, which focuses on the importance of a sense of place to each artist, will run from March 29 thru May 2. The

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reception is on Thursday, **April 2** from 5:00 to 8:00pm as part of Santa Barbara's First Thursday Gallery Tour. Contact Mary-Gail King at (805) 217-9539 for more information.

**4 Artist 2 Open Studios:** 7th annual Open Studio Sale at the artful home studios of Christine Brennan and Dianne Bennett including guest artists Teal Rowe and Sooz Glazebrook.

**May 2 and 3,** 1:00 to 5:00pm. 175 N. Pueblo Ave, and 214 N. Encinal Ave. Ojai. The event is free and open to the public. Information (805) 640-8329

**Kristina Grey and Nancy Whitman** will display their art in a show at Fox Fine Jewelry from March 17 through May 12. Artists' Reception will be Saturday, **March 21**, 6:00 TO 9:00pm. Kristina Grey, a Disney veteran who worked on Sleeping Beauty, has devoted her life to art as a vehicle for healing. Nancy Whitman topped off her graduate art degree by studying in Paris, France. For information on the show, contact Debbie Fox at (805) 652-1800. Fox Fine Jewelry is located at 210 East Main Street, in Historic Downtown Ventura, Across the street from the Mission. (805) 652-1800. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 10:30 – 6p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 – 10 p.m.

**Kwan Fong Gallery,** California Lutheran University presents an assemblage show thru **March 8**. Imagine a world in which art creates itself from the movements of random objects joining themselves together into new and fascinating organizations and structures – where the ordinary becomes amazing because of unexpected combinations and arrangements. The Assemblage exhibit gives us a delightful view into the mysterious world of re-invention and reconstruction under the hands of Southern California artists Bob Privitt, Leslie McQuaide, Gary Raymond and CLU art professor Larkin Higgins. Admission is free.

**Open Studio Tour 2009 Applications are now available.** Any artist in the Conejo Valley can participate on May 16, 10:00am to 5:00pm. There is an exhibit in the Fred Kavli Gallery from May 11 through August 11, of the artists participating on the studio tour. Applications are due Friday, April 3, and available through the Community and Cultural Services Dept., City of Thousand Oaks, (805) 449-2767, the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery and the Hillcrest Center for the Arts.

**The Westlake Village Art Guild 2009 Student Show,** April 10 to April 27. This is a show for graduating high school seniors in the Conejo Valley. Reception and Award Presentations is Saturday April 25, 5:00 to 7:00pm. Any questions, call Bruce Hamilton at (805) 495-7520.

**Hang with the Best Student Art Show** sponsored by the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley has the following schedule: Art Take in is March 25 from 3:00 to 6:00pm; exhibit runs from March 30 to April 30 with viewing on weekdays 9:00am to 5:00pm. The gala Awards Reception will take place **April 1** from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Art-pickup is scheduled for May 1 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Information (805) 381-2747

**Stoneworks Studio** is exhibiting all kinds of art for First Friday Gallery Crawl and Artist Mixer. First Friday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00pm with the new artist mixer from 8:00 to 10:00pm, musicians (unplugged), and poets welcome. Artists of all ages are invited to participate and exhibit in the garden at Stoneworks Studios for the **April 25** Ventura Artwalk 1:00 to 9:00pm also anyone interested in participating in a special project created especially for this event, contact Michele Chapin 643-5431

The **Thousand Oaks Art Association** will be jurying in new

members Saturday, March 14. All information on the main page of the website. The application form is in the downloads (top of main page) <http://www.thousandoaksartassoc.org/index.php>

**Ventura Spring ArtWalk Weekend: April 25 and 26.** ArtWalk is a free, self guided walking tour of 200 established and emerging artists at over 80 galleries, studios and eclectic gallery-for-a-day venues in Ventura's Downtown Cultural District. The event is held just steps from the beach and the Ventura Pier. Participating art venues include restaurants, salons, antique shops, unique boutiques and coffee shops. Enjoy outdoor multicultural performances, and free shuttle bus to the outlying locations. Information [www.venturaartwalk.org](http://www.venturaartwalk.org)

**Merger -** After almost 20 years, the **California Gold Coast Watercolor Society (CGCWS)** has decided to merge with **Buenaventura Art Association**. The founding members of the CGCWS were eight local artists: Gayel Childress, Barbara Greene and Elaine Rogers all from Ojai; Jacqueline Walker and Sheila Allen from Santa Paula; Sally Miller from Ventura; Margy Gates from Oxnard and Jacquelyn Cavish from Port Hueneme. Buenaventura Art Association celebrates 55 years this year and welcomes our new members. Buenaventura Art Association is located at 700 E Santa Clara St in downtown Ventura with locations at the Ventura Harbor Village inside the Ventura Visitors' and Convention Bureau and Community Memorial Hospital.

Applications are available for the 2009 National Juried Exhibition, **Sylvia White Gallery Solo Show and Group Show Opportunity;** July 8-August 8 - Solo Exhibition and August 22-September 12 - Group Show Exhibition. Entry Deadline: Received by **May 30**. Download full prospectus @ <http://www.artadvice.com/juried.pdf> This summer, the Sylvia White Gallery will be awarding two exhibition opportunities in our gallery space in Ventura, California's New Art City. Eligibility: Open to all U.S./Canadian resident artists at least 18 years of age. Media: painting, mixed media, works on paper, photography, sculpture, installation art and performance. Prizes:solo exhibition and one group exhibition. 1783 Main Street, Ventura, (805) 643.8300, email: [info@artadvice.com](mailto:info@artadvice.com) website & virtual tour: <http://www.sylviawhite.com> Gallery Hours are Wednesday - Saturday, Noon- 5:00pm

## MEETINGS, CLASSES, WORKSHOPS

**CONEJO GEM & MINERAL CLUB meetings** are Held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Hillcrest Arts Center, 403 Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks. Membership: Individual adult dues: \$20, two adult family members: \$30, children 12 years and under - Pebble Pups: free. Processing fee: \$7.50, a one time fee for each new adult member for name badge (required). Membership includes one monthly bulletin per family. Purpose: To promote and extend the knowledge of minerals, geology, lapidary arts, and associated fields.

**PEOPLE SKETCHERS,** Age 18+ A "drop in" group of artists creatively pursuing drawing the human figure from life. Weekly sessions are held at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts on Thursdays from 10:00am-1:00pm. The class is a loosely structured, uninstructed drawing forum with multiple poses up to 20 minutes in length. For more information please contact Sheila Fein [sheila@fein-art.com](mailto:sheila@fein-art.com) (818) 879-6120 or Charlie Malone [cmmalone@adelphia.net](mailto:cmmalone@adelphia.net) (805) 497-2883.

**Figure Artists Sessions** will meet on **March 12** with Quantae Love (2 minute warm-ups and 25 minute poses), followed by our very pregnant model Christine Schilling on March 19th (Long pose). Information: Rich Brimer or Bob Noonan

Ron Pokrasso, master printmaker from Santa Fe, New Mexico, will be giving a **Non Toxic Printmaking Workshop** at Linda Taylor's Spotted Dog Studio in Ojai **April 1-5**. Ron will teach a multitude of monotype and solarplate techniques, utilizing Akua Intaglio Inks, a soy base ink. No solvents will be used in this class. The class is excellent for the beginner as well as the advanced printmaker. Ron is an outstanding teacher and artist who has over 20 years experience with both monotype and solarplate techniques and is featured in Julia Ayers book, "Monoprinting". The class is limited to 8 people. The fee is \$650, which includes all printmaking materials except for printing paper. One solarplate is also included. A deposit of \$300 holds a space, with the remainder of the fee due on March 1. Please call Linda Taylor at 805 646 9892 or e-mail her at lindaojai@aol.com for questions. Ron's work can be seen at [www.ronpokrasso.com](http://www.ronpokrasso.com).

3 Day Ink Resist Workshop by **Peggy Morgan Stenmark**, a Colorado watercolorist. The focus will be on the use of Ink Resist to add punch to your paintings. **Watercolor: Beyond the Pale: Add Punch to Your Paintings with Ink Resist**. A Workshop for Artists **April 16, 17, and 18**, at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery sponsored by Westlake Village Art Guild. Frustrated by watercolor paintings that look pale and washed out? Want to energize your work with colors that pop? This workshop is for you! This nationally known, award winning artist shares her ink resist technique, helping artists to create luminous, captivating paintings. Peggy's classes are engaging, fun and inspiring for students of all ability levels. The workshop has lots of time for individual instruction and supportive critiques. The Thousand Oaks Community Gallery, 2331 Borchard Road, Newbury Park. Cost: for all 3 days \$165 members For more information, or to send payment, contact: Irv Morgan, 32306 Waterside Lane, Westlake Village, CA 91361. (818) 889-4748. \$195 non-members; per day \$55 members or \$65 non-members.

## THEATRE

**VENTURACOUNTYGILBERT&SULLIVANREPERTOIRE COMPANY** presents Gilbert & Sullivan's "**Pirates of Penzance**", with performances Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, **March 20 - April 5** at the Theatre on the Hill, Hillcrest Center for the Arts, 403 W. Hillcrest Dr., Thousand Oaks 91360. Curtain times: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8:00pm and Sunday at 2:00pm. Tickets at Adults \$17.50 - \$25.00, Seniors/Students/Children \$13.50 - \$20.00, or Starving Artist Night all tickets \$10.00. Pirates and Police parry as they face-off over the lovely daughters of Major General. Champagne Gala Opening Night on Friday, March 20th at 8:00pm for the performance, followed by a champagne reception. The show continues for 10 more performances with many familiar faces and voices as well as several talented new additions to our company. Reserved seating, with accessible seating upon request. Tickets available now at the Theatre on the Hill Box office: 805-381-1246. [www.vcgsr.org](http://www.vcgsr.org)

Ventura County's Original Gilbert & Sullivan repertory company, **COMEDY TONIGHT PRODUCTIONS**, is proud to present, "**The Gondoliers**" at the Joe Crosby Performing Arts Center in Oxnard, opening Friday **February 27**, and running through Sunday **March 15**. The production is directed by Gabriel Vega and Jessica Helms. The Gondoliers is the seventh Gilbert & Sullivan production presented in the county by this veteran theatrical troupe, having previously presented The Mikado and The Pirates of Penzance, each twice, HMS Pinafore, and Ruddigore. The talented cast features some of the most talented and dedicated Gilbert & Sullivan performers the county has known. A complete cast list is available at our website for Comedy Tonight Productions. Tickets

are available online at <http://gondoliers.eventbrite.com> or at the box office one hour before showtimes. The Gondoliers offers two Thursday night bargain performances during the run.

**CABRILLO MUSIC THEATRE** presents "**42<sup>nd</sup> Street**" opening on Friday, **March 27** and running through Sunday, **April 5**. Performances are Thursdays thru Saturdays at 8:00pm, and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00pm. A special mid-week performance has been added on Wednesday, April 1 at 11:00am. A post-show discussion with cast, staff and audience will follow the Saturday, March 28 2:00pm performance. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Box Office located at 2100 Thousand Oaks Boulevard in Thousand Oaks or through any Ticketmaster location or by phone (805) 583-8700. For groups of 12 or more, please call Group Sales, Cabrillo Music Theatre at (805) 497-8615. Ticket prices range from \$38 - \$74.

"**Willy Wonka Jr.**," words and music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, adapted by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy McDonald, Based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Performances on **March 21 through March 29** on Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm, and Friday, March 27 at 7:00pm. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this stage adaptation of "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory." Willy Wonka Jr is a wonderful family show that overflows with music, comedy and heart. **CONEJO PLAYERS CHILDREN'S THEATRE**, 351 South Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks. Box office (805) 495-3715.

**Elite Theatre Company** presents "**True West**", a comedy by Sam Shepard, **February 20 - March 29** with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Suncays at 2:00pm. Tickets at \$17 adults and \$15 for seniors and students. Elite Theatre Company, 730 S. B Street, Oxnard. (805) 483-5118 or online at [www.elitheatre.org](http://www.elitheatre.org)

"**Nickle and Dimed**" being presented by the **Santa Paula Theater Center**, 125 South 7th Street Santa Paula, through **March 22** with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm and Sundays at 2:30pm. A very sobering tale of the dehumanizing exploitation that goes on in America every day. Tickets are \$18 Adults, \$15 Seniors & Students, and \$12 Children 12 & under. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office at (805) 525-4645 or through [www.santapaulatheatercenter.org](http://www.santapaulatheatercenter.org)

**PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON** presents **Peter and the Wolf** is an adaptation of the traditional Russian folktale set to music by Sergei Prokofiev. While providing a charming introduction to the world of music and musical instruments, this enchanting tale is all about the adventure of growing up. Danger becomes reality and creative innovation becomes essential as young Peter meets the challenge of survival in the outside world. March 7, Saturday, 4:00pm - Scherr Forum Theatre. Tickets are \$26 adults / \$20 kids. (805) 583-8700

With her lovely coloring and shimmering scales, the **Rainbow Fish**, presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON**, is used to being the most beautiful creature in the ocean. So when the other fish ask her for some silver scales, she refuses. How can she sacrifice the one thing that makes her so unique? Will some good advice from the wise old Octopus persuade the Rainbow Fish to share her gifts with those around her? ArtsPower has turned Marcus Pfister's bestselling book into a delightful and touching musical about the value of sharing true friendship with others. **March 21**, Saturday, 4:00pm at the Scherr Forum Theatre. Tickets are \$22 adults / \$18 kids. (805) 583-8700. Special student performances: **March 20** at 10:00am at the Fred Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks. Especially for

grades K-3. Study guide available. Groups 10+ \$8.50 / Individual \$12 [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

**Mixed-Up Files from the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** from ArtsPower presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON, March 28**, Saturday, 7pm - Scherr Forum Theatre. A quest for romance and adventure turns into a journey of self-discovery when Claudia Kincaid and her brother Jamie decide to run away from home. Their final destination – the Metropolitan Museum of Art – will introduce them to an intriguing mystery and to the most unusual friend either of them has ever made. This original ArtsPower production, based upon the book by E.L. Konigsburg, is being presented to celebrate the 40th anniversary of E.L. Konigsburg's Newbery Medal-winning classic. Tickets are \$24 adults / \$20 kids. (805) 583-8700

**Grand Derangement**, presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON**, Friday, March 20 - 7:30pm at the Scherr Forum Theatre, Thousand Oaks. \$24, tickets not available at the door. Price includes a \$4 per ticket surcharge mandated by the the Civic Arts Plaza box office. From the shores of Nova Scotia, the title refers to the expulsion of the Acadians in 1755, but the name also alludes to the group wanting to rouse its audience. The bow fires up the fiddle and the sparks fly when this Acadian band ignites the stage. In an all out explosion of lights, sound, contagious rhythms and amazing step-dancers, Nova Scotia's young, hip ambassadors defy you to sit still. Special student performances: March 19 at 10:00am and 12:00 noon at the Fred Kavli Theater, Thousand Oaks. Especially for grades 3-7. Study guide available. Groups 10+ \$8.50 / Individual \$12 [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

**Cathy Ryan**, presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON**, Friday, **April 17** - 7:30pm at the Matilija Auditorium, Ojai. Irish American Cathie Ryan, with her crystalline vocals and insightful songwriting, is an original and distinctive voice in Celtic music. Since her acclaimed seven year tenure as lead singer of Cherish the Ladies, the Detroit born Ryan has established herself as one of Celtic Music's most popular and enduring singer-songwriters. Tickets are \$20 in advance / \$22 at the door. [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

**Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters** produced by the Dallas Children's Theatre Company and presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON, March 10** at 10:00am and 12:00 noon at the Fred Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks. Especially for Grades 1-7. Grand and beautiful, the Dallas Children's Theatre Company is known for their imaginative productions and great staging. When a great African king desires a wife, only the most worthy and beautiful maidens in the land are invited to meet him. Mufaro's pride and joy, his two daughters of very different dispositions, travel across a river and half a day's journey to go before the king. With traditional chanting and African song, come celebrate goodness, generosity and love. This wonderful folktale celebrates virtue and kindness of the heart. Its ethical lesson is simple yet powerful. [www.dct.org](http://www.dct.org) Study guide available. Groups 10+ \$8.50/Individual \$12 [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

**Garry Krinsky - Toying with Science** presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON, March 30** at 10:00am in the Fred Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks. Especially for grades 1-6. Toying with Science is a fast-paced, varied and dynamic program. Commissioned and developed with the Museum of Science in Boston, this performance explores among other things, the scientific principles of gravity, leverage, fulcrums and simple machines. Combining circus skills, mime, original music, and audience involvement, Garry and his audience investigate basic scientific information and delve into the imaginations of scientists who explore our world. [www.garrykrinsky.com](http://www.garrykrinsky.com) Study guide

available. Groups 10+ \$8.50/Individual \$12 [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

**Cultural Bridges and Ancient Civilizations** Ragamala classical dance from India with Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara from Japan, presented by **PERFORMANCES TO GROW ON, April 7** at 10:00am in the Fred Kavli Theatre, Thousand Oaks. Especially for grades 2-12. Six dancers and four drummers come together in a unique collaboration of rhythm and dance to take your students on an unforgettable journey of sight and sound. The thundering percussion and stunning physicality of Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara in performance conversation with the beauty and grace of the Ragamala Indian Dance Company. Ragala study guide available. Groups 10+ \$8.50/Individual \$12 [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org)

## EVENTS

**Dudley House Old Time Radio Schedule** for 2009, Ashwood & Loma Vista, Ventura. Free admission. Performed During Dudley Open House Dates, all shows 30 minutes repeated unless otherwise noted. Sunday, March 1, 1pm to 4pm, The Bob Hope Show, June 10, 1952; Sunday, April 5, 1pm to 4pm, Inner Sanctum-Terror By Night. For information on the programs for the rest of the year call (805) 644-3286.

For the past four years, the **Ventura Music Festival** has partnered with our superb local art community to help raise funds for the Festival. This year, in honor of our 15th anniversary, the Festival's art project celebrates each year with a "Musical Chair." Fifteen diverse artists from Ventura County were chosen and graciously donated their time and talent to create a unique piece of art to be auctioned at the Festival's Spring Fundraiser, "**White Russian Nights**" on March 14th. Many decided to incorporate this year's theme: Ruskaya: Music...the Soul of Russia. Buy a Chair at "White Russian Nights": Join us for our 15th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, **March 14** at the Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor. It's a festive evening of fine dining, wine and entertainment, including the auction of the Musical Chairs, Call (805) 648-3146 for more information. [www.VenturaMusicFestival.org](http://www.VenturaMusicFestival.org)

The **Alliance for the Arts** presents the **3rd Annual Richard Carpenter Scholarship Competition** Saturday May 9 at the Scherr Forum Theatre. Deadline to apply for performing arts scholarships for middle school, high school and college students is **April 3**. Information [www.allianceforthearts.org](http://www.allianceforthearts.org). Tickets to attend final competition are \$30; for sale online [www.allianceforthearts.org](http://www.allianceforthearts.org)

## LITERARY

**Artists' Union Gallery**, poetry readings every Tuesday at 7:30pm, Artists' Union Gallery, 330 South California Street, Ventura. Host: Roe Estep, **March 10** – Friday; **March 24**- Dan Kozlowski; **April 14** - Joyce LaMers; **April 21** - Enid Osborn. Open-mic (805) 320-3524

**Arcade Poetry Series** at Oxnard's Carnegie Art Museum, 424 South 'C' Street, Oxnard. Host: Jackson Wheeler. All readings start at 7:00pm. **March 21**: Helene Cardona and John Fitzgerald; **April 18**: Chris Buckley and David Oliveira; **May 16**: Elijah Imlay and Leilani Hall; **June 20**: Kim Young and Dorothy Baressi.

**Bell Arts Factory** poetry readings (friday on Saturday), 432 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura, last Saturday of the month at 7:30pm. Host: Friday. **March 28**: Paul Fericano; **April 25**: Open Mic; National Poetry Month & ArtWalk; **May 30**: Marsha de la O; **June 27**: Phil Taggart.

**Kava Dume** poetry readings, every Wednesday except the 1st at 7:30pm. 5653 Kana Road, Agoura. Host: Miss Marissa "Con Gusto." (818) 865-8602 Open mic

**Children's Book Illustrations Add Magic to Reading.** The artful pairing of memorable stories and imaginative illustrations inspires *Picture This! The Magic of Children's Books*, on exhibition at the Museum of Ventura County from April 4 through July 5. A free public opening reception honoring the featured illustrators and authors is on Friday, **April 3**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Designed for both children and adults, the exhibit features dozens of original illustrations and writer's notes, which follow the highly collaborative process. Included is work by Caldecott Medal winner, author and illustrator Simms Taback of Ventura, and by illustrator Maya Christina Gonzales, authors and illustrators Mary Anne Fraser of Simi Valley and Carol Heyer of Thousand Oaks, and authors Alexis O'Neill of Simi Valley, Amada Irma Pérez of Ventura, and Jody Fickes Shapiro of Ventura. The Museum of Ventura County is located at 89 S. California Street in downtown Ventura; open Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission except for some events. For information, call (805) 653-0323 or go to <http://www.venturamuseum.org>.

Adult Workshop **"Writing Your Life Story."** Intensive Writing Workshop by Loren Stephens Sun. March 29, 10 am - 5 pm. This one-day workshop will provide you with the tools and techniques necessary to begin the journey of "Writing Your Life Story." The workshop will include a discussion of what constitutes a memoir or life story. We will discuss the compelling elements that will keep your reader turning the pages in anticipation of what will happen next. We will analyze a number of excerpts from various best-selling memoirs. Each participant will receive a detailed handout that will include recommended reading - books on memoir writing, memoirs and life stories that merit your time.

The workshop is designed for the beginning writer as well as for those students who have had some experience in any one of a number of genres of writing (poetry, fiction, short story, screenplay). It is our intention to create a supportive atmosphere with positive feedback from workshop participants that will inspire you to move ahead in your writing practice. Participants should bring a notebook, paper and pen/pencil or personal laptops. Advance reservations required. Fee: Members: \$50.00 ■ Non-Members: \$55.00 For more information and or to make a reservation contact Donna Barna @ 805.385.8254.

## FILM

**Ojai Film Society** - Sunday afternoon screenings for March at 4:30pm. March 1 showing **Rachel Getting Married**, 2008, USA, 1 Hr., 53 Min, Rated R. March 8: **Boy in the Striped Pajamas**, 2008, UK/USA, 1hr., 34 min, Rated PG-13. March 15: **The Wrestler**, 2008, USA, 1 hr., 49 min, Rated R. March 22, **The Secret Life of Bees**, 2008, USA, 1 hr., 50 min, PG-13. March 29, **Slumdog Millionaire**, 2008, UK/USA, 2hrs, Rated R. Tickets: \$9 for general admission; \$6 for seniors (65 yrs. and older) and students (with full-time student ID). The Ojai Film Society is a non-profit, volunteer organization that is celebrating its twentieth year in operation. For more information call the OFS office at (805) 646-8936 or go to <http://www.ojaifilmsociety.org>

**Ventura Film Festival: March 26 – 29.** A group of Venturans under the impetus of writer-director Lorenzo DeStefano have formed a world class film festival. Through imaginative and innovative programming, the Ventura Film Festival will feature international narrative, documentary, animation and video art &

performance. It will also draw talent from Brooks Institute and the vast pool of knowledge and experience in our own region. "Thy Will Be Done", a world premiere feature documentary by Ventura filmmaker Jacob Cunningham has been announced as the opening night film of the 2009 Ventura Film Festival. Ventura Film Festival at the Elks Lodge, 11 S. Ash St, Ventura [www.venturafilmfest.com](http://www.venturafilmfest.com)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Classes for new **Stagecoach Inn Museum** docents will be held on Saturdays beginning in March, and on Wednesdays beginning in April. There will be five classes on the Chumash, Spanish, and pioneer eras plus the Stagecoach Inn Museum Complex and its collections. Saturday mornings: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 1. Wednesday afternoons: April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6. Our docents help preserve our heritage by telling the story of the Conejo Valley from the Chumash era to the present. To enroll in the class or for more information, call: Eunice Udelf: (805) 499-5600 or Carol Michaels (818) 706-0341 Our address is: 51 South Ventu Park Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320

A new series of volunteer training classes began February 23, at the **Ventura County Maritime Museum**, 2731 S. Victoria Avenue, Oxnard CA 93035. Learn about the museum's collection of paintings and historic ship models, about maritime history and about the ins and outs of a museum facility. At the end of the class series you will be qualified to volunteer as a museum docent, guiding visitors through our outstanding collection. For information and to reserve a place in the class, call Pat Wynhoff, Training Coordinator, (805) 984-0822.

## ARTS COUNCIL OF THE CONEJO VALLEY

For over 40 years, the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley (ACCV) has sponsored and promoted cultural and education activities through programming and support services for local non-profit arts organizations. In cooperation with the Conejo Recreation & Park District and the Conejo Valley Unified School District, the ACCV presents the Elementary Instrumental Music and Chorus Programs and the Young Artists Ensemble Youth Theatre Company. ACCV Member Organizations enjoy discounted facility rental rates at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts and the ACCV presents four annual Art Exhibits in the Galleria at the Center. For information about ACCV services and programs visit their website at [www.ConejoArts.org](http://www.ConejoArts.org) or dial (805) 381-1244.

## DON'T MISS THE



## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

## CONEJO RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT CLASSES AT THE HILLCREST CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Hillcrest Center for the Arts is operated by the Conejo Recreation & Park District in the building that is owned by the City of Thousand Oaks. Cultural programs and classes are presented by the Conejo Recreation & Park District in cooperation with the Arts Council of the Conejo Valley. The Hillcrest Center for the Arts consists of two rehearsal rooms and the Theatre on the Hill, a black box, variable configuration theatre.

**FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION, please contact the Hillcrest Center for the Arts at (805) 381-2747 or visit [www.hillcrestarts.com](http://www.hillcrestarts.com). Note: Many of the following classes are ongoing. If you miss the registration for the current session, check to see when it will be offered again.**

### MUSIC FOR ADULTS

**CLASSICAL GUITAR, Age 18+** Bring the beauty of the classical guitar into your home. This class is geared for beginning through intermediate students. You will be able to play simple but beautiful exercises in a matter of weeks. A nylon string guitar is preferred, but a steel string acoustic guitar will work as well. A \$20 cash materials fee is due at the first class. Instructor: Jim Swing. **Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm, \$90, 8 weeks**

**UKULELE, Age 18+** Easier to play and less expense than the guitar, this class will have you strumming a song by the end of the first lesson. Either a \$55 cash materials fee for songbook, Ukulele and CD, or a \$15 cash materials fee for a songbook and CD is due at the first class. Instructor: Jim Swing. **Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm, \$90, 8 weeks**

### ART INSTRUCTION FOR CHILDREN

**CARTOONING, Age 7-12** If your child loves to draw and has a great imagination, this is perfect. Your child will love this fun and hip program! A \$10 cash materials fee is due first class. Instructor: Cotty Kilbanks who has worked on cartoons for Warner Brothers, Disney, and Nickelodeon. **Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm, \$74, 6 weeks.**

**ANIMAL DRAWING AND PAINTING FUN, Age 7-12** This is a wonderful class for all young animal lovers. Your child will learn to properly sketch dogs, horses, dinosaurs, icky snakes, and paint them with watercolor. A \$10 cash materials fee is due first class. Instructor: Cotty Kilbanks who has worked on cartoons for Warner Brothers, Disney, and Nickelodeon. **Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm, \$74, 6 weeks**

**ANIMAL PAINTING FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS, Age 3-5** This is a great class for very young animal lovers. They will have fun painting animals using brushes, sponges, and collages. A \$10 cash materials fee is due first class. Instructor: Cotty Kilbanks who has worked on cartoons for Warner Brothers, Disney, and Nickelodeon. **Mondays, 9:15-10:00am, \$56, 6 weeks.**

**"IF YOU GIVE A CHILD A PAINTBRUSH..." , Age 20-36 months with parent (mommy & me!)** If you give a child a paintbrush, he'll probably want some paint... join Abakadoodle for fun with paintbrushes and more! Laura Numeroff's "If You Give" series of books provides a lighthearted backdrop for making cookies, moose tracks, bubble baths, and more! We'll keep a chilly moose warm, make a party for a pig, and have a grand time with balloons. All the while we'll learn about texture, printmaking, collage, found objects and recycled materials. An \$12 cash materials fee is due at the first class. **Mondays, 1:30-2:15pm, \$60, 6 weeks**

**KIDS ON CANVAS® BY ABRAKADOODLE®, Age 6+** Kids on Canvas is an Abakadoodle exclusive program that focuses upon painting techniques using safe non-toxic acrylic paints and canvas paper, canvas board and stretched canvas. Through this popular program, painters explore this dynamic medium while learning about styles and techniques of outstanding artists. Perfectly Wonderful Painters explores the impressionistic techniques of Pierre Renoir, the soft blended colors of Wolf Khan and the whimsical style of Sophie Harding in addition to other creative explorations. Each and every creation will be original art - for each child is encouraged to explore their own style and creative ideas! An \$18 cash materials fee is due at the first class. **Mondays, 3:00-4:00pm, \$72, 6 weeks**

**DIGITAL DOODLES BY ABRAKADOODLE®, Age 6+** Digital doodles is a unique program offered by Abakadoodle. This program for Elementary ages 6-12 will be 2 sessions of 3 classes each. Each session offers instruction about famous artists such as Ansel Adams, William Wegman, Edvard Munch and Marc Chagall along with digital photography and photo illustration. Students learn about digital cameras and photo printing and how to stage a photo shoot as well as how to use a photograph in artwork. An \$18 cash materials fee is due at the first class. **Mondays, 4:15-5:15pm, \$72, 6 weeks**

### ART INSTRUCTION FOR ADULTS

**DRAWING, COMPOSITION, AND DESIGN, Age 18+** Learn all the basic elements of drawing and composition. This class will expand your growth as an artist and enable you to draw with more confidence and accuracy. Bring the following supplies: large and small drawing pads, #2 through #6 pencils, and a gum eraser. Instructor: Juliette Chayet-Cole, award-winning local artist. **Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00noon, \$118, 8 weeks or \$89, 6 weeks.**

**WATERCOLOR, Age 18+** Learn the basic techniques of watercolor in this class, including wet on wet, dry technique, and proper handling of your materials to achieve good results. A \$10 cash materials fee is due at the first class. Instructor: Juliette Chayet-Cole, award-winning local artist. **Mondays, 10:15am-12:15noon, \$150, 8 weeks.**

**PASTELS, Age 18+** Learn the basic techniques of painting with pastels. The class focuses primarily on landscapes and still life with an emphasis on composition. A list of student supplies and materials will be mailed to each student prior to the start of class. A \$25 cash materials fee is due first class. Instructor: Heidi Ritterbush, award-winning artist. **Fridays, 10:00am-12:00noon, \$145, 8 weeks.**

**SCULPTING THE ABSTRACT IMAGE, Age 18+** Choose to create a standing, seated or reclining pose in the abstract. The class will develop unique and personal imagery based on a symbolic or emotional intent using source material as guidelines. This beginning to intermediate class will cover basic techniques of manipulating water-based clay and using a variety of clay tools. Field trips to a bronze foundry and to The Getty will be scheduled towards the end of the session. \$45 cash lab fee is due first class. Instructor: Janet Amiri, award-winning sculptor. To register call (805) 390-7983. **Tuesdays, 10:00am-1:00pm, \$195, 8 weeks**

**PEOPLE SKETCHERS, Age 18+** A group of artists creatively pursuing the art of drawing the human figure from life. Weekly sessions held on Thursdays from 10:00am-1:00pm. The class is a loosely structured drawing forum where there is no instructor. For information, please contact Sheila Fein [sheila@fein-art.com](mailto:sheila@fein-art.com) (818) 879-6120 or Charlie Malone [cmmalone@adelphia.net](mailto:cmmalone@adelphia.net) (805) 497-2883.

## THEATER ARTS FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

**BEGINNING ACTING, Age 9-12** Unleash your talent and let your imagination soar! Explore acting skills through improvisation, mime, theater games, and vocal expression. Class includes entertaining theater games, improvisational scenes, and dramatic readings. **Saturdays**, 9:00-10:00am, \$47, 6 weeks.

**INTERMEDIATE ACTING, Age 9-12** Develop and perform monologues and scripts, applying story elements and improvisation. Explore a variety of characters in life and fantasy situations. Prerequisite: Beginning Acting, a Young Artists Ensemble production, or approval of instructor. **Saturdays**, 10:00-11:00am, \$47, 6 weeks.

**SPRING BREAK BROADWAY BOOT CAMP, Age 8-14** Down stage center and project! An intense week of fun and exciting theatre designed to maximize performance skills in acting, singing, and dancing. Upon completion of this camp, the young performer should be more confident and ready to audition for local plays and musicals. Instructed by Hillcrest Center for the Arts Staff. Monday – Friday, 9:00am-12:00noon, \$80, 1 week

**INSIDE SHAKESPEARE, Age 10-18** “Speak the speech, I pray you.” Speak Shakespeare’s language with understanding and clarity. Immerse yourself in the structure of the verse, the rhythm of the language and make it your own. Course includes physical and vocal warm up and the history of Elizabethan England. For beginning through intermediate actors. Instructor Mary Carrig. **Saturdays** 2:00-3:30pm, \$150 for 8 weeks

**SCENE STUDY, Age 13-18** An acting and scene study class for teens who wish to pursue acting careers in theater, film, and television. Classes meet weekly to study fundamentals in acting techniques, rehearsal skills, text analysis, character study, and audition preparation. Beginning to advanced students welcome. **Sundays** 2:00-4:00pm, \$75 for 6 weeks.

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**ADULT ACTING WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY THE THOUSAND OAKS ACTORS GUILD, Age 18+** Receive individual attention and evaluation. Explore the depths of your talent. Covers scene study, character development, improvisation, and audition techniques. Beginning actors will free their potential; intermediate actors will develop their techniques, and advanced actors will discover new plateaus. Instructor: Tony Laschi. Ongoing classes held 7:00-10:00pm **Thursdays**. Call (805) 495-2315 for information and registration.

## DANCE AND YOGA FOR ADULTS

**MOVING FROM YOUR CENTER, Age 18+** Incorporates movements from ballet, the dynamics of dance, as well as the stretching and relaxation of yoga. Improve your alignment, strength, flexibility, energy, general coordination, and grace. Open to all levels. Wear comfortable clothing and “soft” shoes or bare feet. Bring a mat or towel to class. Instructor: Stella Shizuka Matsuda, Professor Emeritus and former Director of Moorpark College’s Dance Department. **Wednesdays**, 9:30-11:00am, \$35, 8 weeks.

**TAI CHI, Age 18+** This ancient martial art adapted in the ’50s combines concentrated mental focus with deliberate, graceful movements to improve balance, strength, and agility. The class focuses on the patterns of Yang style with the goal of completing the 24 simplified forms. No special equipment is needed; wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Instructor: Stella Shizuka Matsuda, Professor Emeritus and former Director of Moorpark College’s Dance Department. **Mondays**, 9:15-10:15am, \$26, 8 weeks.

**INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI, Age 18+** This ancient martial art adapted in the ’50s combines concentrated mental focus with deliberate, graceful movements to improve balance, strength, and agility. The class will do the 24 Yang style forms first and then learn new postures (first and second series) of the 108 Standard T’ai Chi Ch’uan. Note: there is an overlap with the beginner’s class. No special equipment needed. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Instructor: Stella Shizuka Matsuda, Professor Emeritus and former Director of Moorpark College’s Dance Department. **Mondays**, 10:00-11:00 am, \$30, 8 weeks

**YOGA WITH MAGGIE MELLOR, Age 18+** Improve your health and well-being through the practice and study of Hatha Yoga breathing and stretching techniques. Increase flexibility and endurance while feeling physically and mentally healthier. Bring a mat and a towel to class. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. Instructor: Maggie Mellor. **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, 5:45-7:00pm, \$59, 6 weeks.

**CONEJO VALLEY FOLK DANCERS, Age 18+** The Conejo Valley Folk Dancers invite you to join them for international line and circle dancing from 7:30 to 9:30pm every **Wednesday** evening at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts. No partners needed. Fees are \$1 per day for members or \$2 for non-members. For more information, call Jill Lundgren at (805) 497-1957 or for online information, visit [www.HillcrestArts.com](http://www.HillcrestArts.com) and click on **ACCV Member Organization Activities**.

## BALLROOM DANCE FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

**SPRING BALLROOM DANCE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, Age 18+** Friday, May 22, from 8:00 to 11:00pm at the Hillcrest Center Ballroom with a dance lesson to be held from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person at the door. **This dance is free for students registered for the classes listed below.**

**SWING’S THE THING: WEST COAST SWING, Age 18+** Learn to lead or follow basic rhythms and patterns including the underarm turn, side pass, push break, and whips. Partner recommended, but not required. Instructor: Sandi Patterson. **Fridays**, 6:00-6:55pm, \$35 for 8 weeks.

**BEGINNING BALLROOM, FOXTROT, AND WALTZ, Age 18+** Learn to lead or follow a partner while developing a repertoire of steps for each of these familiar favorites. Partner recommended, but not required. Instructor: Sandi Patterson. **Fridays**, 7:00-7:55pm, \$35, 8 weeks.

**SWING’S THE THING: EAST COAST, Age 18+** Become a part of the “swing scene”. Learn basic rhythms and variations of this American dance. You will learn to lead or follow and link dance steps. Partner recommended, but not required. Instructor: Sandi Patterson. **Fridays**, 8:00-8:55pm, \$35, 8 weeks.

**SANDI’S SIZZLING SALSA, 18+** Move your feet to the beat and dance the night away to this Latin favorite. Partner recommended, but not required. Instructor: Sandi Patterson. **Fridays**, 9:00-9:55pm, \$35, 8 weeks

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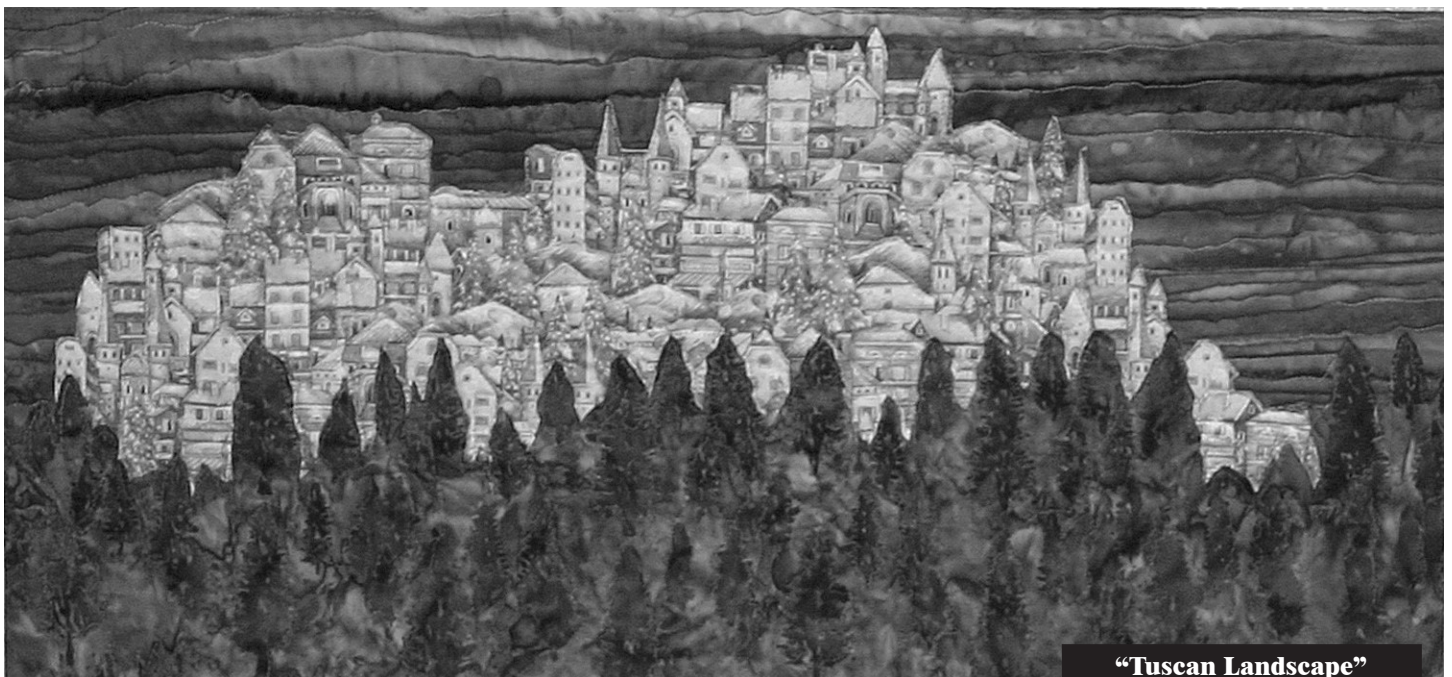
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