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Artist's Eye

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GREG LAROCK TO DEMONSTRATE AT JULY 15 GENERAL MEETING

Plein-air painter **Greg LaRock** earned his BFA in Drawing and Painting from CSULB in 1988.

He has been juried into the Oil Painters of America national show; awarded a "Jury's Top 50" at the Greenhouse Gallery's Salon International; won the Quick Draw competition at the San Clemente Plein Air Festival; and was an invited artist to LPAPA's 8th Annual Plein Air Invitational, and Joan Irvine-Smith's "Capistrano Light" plein air invitational.

Greg was Southwest Art's "Artist to Watch" in November 2006 and was included in Jack Richeson Fine Art Series book "Plein Air New Mexico."

His goal in a successful painting is "making it look realistic, yet having a completely loose, painterly feel."

"Capturing light and atmosphere on canvas is a challenging, life-long pursuit. My goal is to attain the delicate balance of color and composition with light and shadow."

Greg is constantly honing his artistic abilities and is achieving regular

success, recognition and awards.

He lives in Newport Beach, California with his wife and their two basenjis.

Juried exhibitions and awards include the following:

- 2007 San Luis Obispo Plein Air Festival
- 2007 Sonoma Plein Air Invitational
- 2007 OPA Regional Exhibition Of Traditional Oils
- 5th Annual CCA Tropical Gala & "Coastal Splendor" Plein Air Invitational
- 6th Annual Winter Park National Invitational
- 2007 Easton Maryland Plein Air Competition
- 2007 Telluride Plein Air Painting Invitational
- 75th Annual Festival of Arts Laguna Beach
- 2007 "Paint San Clemente" Competition (*Awarded 2nd Place in Quick Draw & 2nd Place Overall*)
- 2007 Carmel Art Festival
- 2007 Greenhouse Gallery's Salon International
- The Joan Irvine Smith Heritage Art Exhibition and Sale
- 2007 Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, The Best of Plein



Air, Members Juried Exhibition
(*Awarded Honorable Mention*)

- 2007 SOCALPAPA, Members Juried Exhibition "Painting the California Landscape" (*Awarded Honorable Mention*)

Be sure to see the Artist's Eye Show before it ends July 15, and don't forget the Orange County Fair, Laguna Festival of Arts, Art-A-Fair and other festivals this summer!



Thoughts from the President



Greetings OCFA members,

Last month held good news and unfortunate news for OCFA. The art world lost a friend in **Roger Armstrong**, renowned Southern California artist. But OCFA experienced a rebirth of the annual Artist's Eye Regional All-Media Competition after a six-year

hiatus. The 2007 Artist's Eye show was dedicated to the memory of Roger Armstrong and OCFA member and photographer **Maurice Cook**.

Maurice's sister **Annette** made a donation in his honor to support the Artist's Eye Show. The juror of the show was **David Solomon**, an outstanding water colorist and plein air painter and an artist respected by the Cooks.

July marks the beginning of the 2007-8 fiscal year and the selection of the board of directors for this year. If you are interested in volunteering to serve



Demonstrator **Barbara Close** with award winner **Rob Utz** at our June meeting.

on the board for this year in any capacity, please fill in your information on the lists located at various places in the South Coast Plaza facility. OCFA is a volunteer run non-profit organization that depends upon the active support

of its membership. Please make it known that you are looking for your special niche. We will find a place for you! We have been a "cooperative" since 1994. Cooperative means that we all learn, share knowledge, and participate to make our organization the best that it can be.

The Artist's Eye show has been well received and has brought many new members to OCFA. Welcome! There have been many questions asked about our organization, so we thought that this

would be a good time to remind members of the mission of OCFA and include a bit of our history:

Orange County Fine Arts, Inc. (OCFA) is a local non-profit organization dedicated to cultivating public interest in the fine arts through arts education and scholarships for aspiring artists. The organization also provides consistent opportunities for already-accomplished artists to display their art while enriching the community with a variety of artistic venues.

OCFA was founded as the Costa Mesa Art League in 1964 and currently boasts 200 well-respected members, representing a diverse array of artists, art enthusiasts, collectors, students, philanthropists and more. OCFA welcomes art lovers from all levels of ability and experience who are passionate about increasing their knowledge and understanding of the fine arts. In addition to networking opportunities for artists and art enthusiasts, OCFA provides art demonstrations, workshops, exhibitions, scholarships and competitions that support artists while stimulating public interest in painting, sculpture, etchings, photography and other media.



Artist **Souzan Zargari** took part in the Artist's Eye exhibit.

OCFA also encourages and supports art education by awarding scholarships to college students and contributing to high school art programs that teach art as a valued form of self expression.

OCFA galleries feature a broad range of innovative and imaginative pieces created by artists ranging in style from traditional to contemporary and experimental. All OCFA exhibits are comprised of framed original paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel as well as photography and mixed media pieces.

Original sculpture, ceramics and jewelry are also on display for collectors and admirers alike while affordable pricing makes collecting original artwork attractive to both connoisseurs and amateurs who are seeking unique pieces to compliment their homes and businesses. A portion of all proceeds are allocated to the OCFA scholarship fund.

— **Laura Rice Robinson**, OCFA President

11TH Artist's Eye All Media Juried Exhibition

We would like to thank you, the Membership of OCFA, for your fantastic support of the Show. You really got the word out! Then you entered the show and made the reception a great success!

There is a special camaraderie generated by working with a fine group of fellow artists on a cause you really believe in. After a five year hiatus, helping OCFA regain its reputation as the region's premier Open Juried Art Exhibition qualifies. We did not depend on the sponsorship of a city government, as do many of the current exhibitions. We displayed our exhibition in a locale with extraordinary ambiance, South Coast Plaza Village. Our exhibition hangs in our finely appointed galleries adjacent to our studios and classroom. And setting us apart, this is a three week exhibition, not a one day show. We would like to recognize the exceptional friends we shared this special experience with:

Marillyn Brame, Susan Cohn, Susan Cole, Jeannette Hart, Jila Hakimi, Aster and Jim Hazelton, Sandra Hefnider, Marilou Hogeboom, Suzanne Inloes, Ernie Jones, Dorothy Marootian, Randal Mello, Katherine Monsour, Roger Reading, Laura Rice Robinson, Marilee Stockman, Meryl Swanigan, Marie Taggart, Robert Utz, Mary Wolf, Victoria Wood, and Max Yamada.

Sally & Leon Goldberg
Coordinators



Artist and friend of the OCFA **Roger Armstrong** (*pictured left*) has passed away at the age of 89.

Here is Roger and Alice's address for members who wish to send a note:

Alice Powell/Roger Armstrong
5253 Duenas
Laguna Hills, CA 92637

Submit news & pictures no later than the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter to:

Jared Millar
perimeter@att.net
301 Orion Ave.
Santa Ana, CA 92707

Workshops

Marilee Stockman is putting together 2 half-day workshops on drawing and painting the horse. The first day will cover the anatomy and the second will be painting from live models (her horse and a friend's). If interested, please contact Marilee and as soon as a group is formed a date will be set. She is looking at July or August as this workshop will be outdoors. Call her at 949-720-0639.

The *Artist's Eye* newsletter reaches over 250 local artists. A business card size ad is \$10 for one month or \$20 for three months. Additionally, your printed flyers can be inserted for \$25 per issue. E-mail or mail your ad and then send payment made out to OCFA to the above address by the 15th of the month.

Opportunities

John Wayne Airport exhibition space

Submissions due July 31, 2007

John Wayne Airport and the JWA Arts Commission are calling for visual artist submissions to review for solo exhibition slots in the JWA Community Focus Space Gallery beginning spring 2008.

The CFS Gallery is located on the non-secure side of the airport and open to the public. The space consists of six plexiglas covered exhibition spaces. Two are 5' tall by 8' deep. Four are slanted table-top cases 35" high by 80" long by 4" deep.

Exhibits are approximately 60 days in duration, and artists must have an association with Orange County.

Include ten 35mm slides of current work, numbered slide list, resume, exhibition record, artist's statement, SASE.

Contact Jeffrey Frisch, Coordinator, at 949-252-5124 or jfrisch@ocair.com

Anyone interested in renting a studio space should contact **Bill Hudson** at watermenart@aol.com

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Indoor Exhibits

EXHIBIT LOCATION	CHAIR-PERSON	NOW SHOWING
Mesa Verde Branch Library 2969 Mesa Verde Dr. East, Costa Mesa	Marie Taggart 714-546-0784	Jeannette Hart - <i>plein air</i>
	<i>Know of a venue that may be interested in displaying the work of OCFA artists? If so, let us know!</i>	

OCFA Teachers

Susan Alderson	Watercolor	714-632-5683
Genevieve Bennett	Pastel & Oil	714-533-4668
Marillyn Brame	Drawing & Painting	949-951-5971
Sandy Christey	Jewelry	949-454-8411
Veronica Kortz	Painting/All Media	562-547-9002
Alice Leggett	Oil Portrait	714-540-2557
Kathleen Robison	Plein-air painting	949-497-1080
Marilee Stockman	Drawing	949-720-0639

The OCFA Commission Network

Marillyn Brame	Oil Portraits	949-951-5971
Jeanmarie Frassinelli	Clay Sculpture, Pets	818-379-3302
Audrey Grider	Pets, Wildlife	949-489-1919
Patricia Howard	Watercolors	714-641-9629
Alice Leggett	Oil Portrait	714-540-2557
James McGehee	Creative Photo Lab	949-494-9462
Karen Shaw	Portraits	949-859-5983
Marilee Stockman	Portraits in Sculpture	949-720-0639
Marie Taggart	Oil—Your View	714-546-0784

LA Fair Honors 100th Anniversary of Birth of Artist Millard Sheets

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of **Millard Sheets**, who led the art department at Claremont's Scripps College and served as director of the Fine Arts exhibition at the LA County Fair from 1931 to 1956, the LA County Fair is organizing a retrospective exhibition entitled "A Tapestry of Life: The World of Millard Sheets" in the aptly named Millard Sheets Center for the Arts at Fairplex in Pomona, California.

Millard Sheets Center for the Arts at Fairplex
1101 W. McKinley Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768
(909) 623-3111

Jewelry Workshop

Sandy Hefnider will be teaching a half-day Jewelry Workshop for the Crocheted Beaded Wire Necklace on Saturday, August 18. Beginners & experienced beaders alike will enjoy mastering this simple technique. No crochet experience needed. For more info, contact Sandy at shefnider@socal.rr.com or 714-968-3234 (11am-6pm)

“Paint the Lake 2007”

The Paint the Lake Art Competition is almost here again. Lake Mission Viejo extends an invitation to participate to any artist who is a member of Orange County Fine Arts, the Saddleback Art League, or belongs to the Mission Viejo Lake Association or is sponsored by a Lake Association Member.

A \$500 purchase prize will be awarded to the winner, chosen through a combination of popular vote, decision of prominent artist judges, and decision of Association judges.

Participating artists will draw or paint on site for a minimum of two hours during Lake Fest, August 15. The paintings may be completed at that time or later on site or in studio.

Paintings may be any medium (Sorry, no computer graphics, photography or collage) and must be larger than 12” x 14” and smaller than 30” in either direction. All canvases or papers to be submitted for final judging must be stamped by a Lake staff member at Lake Fest. You may do as many paintings as you wish, but only one may be submitted for judging. The final painting must be appropriately framed, and matted if under glass, with screw eyes and wire suitable for hanging. Excluded from frame requirements are paintings on canvas designed for painting to wrap around all four sides. These may be submitted with hanging hardware as specified above.

Judging will take place during Jazz Fest on September 15, and all work must be brought to the Lake area for judging at that time. Participating artists who have participated in prior “Paint the Lake” competitions may, during Jazz Fest, bring any of their previous paintings of the Lake and the surrounding area to exhibit in the Clubhouse area. Although no paintings may be sold on site, the artist is allowed to show prices and make contact information available to prospective buyers.

Please contact **Lake Mission Viejo Association**, Recreation Department, 949-770-7049 for entry information.

OCFA artists have provided a large portion of the participating artists for the past three years of this competition and will hopefully do so again this year. Painting and drawing during Lake Fest is always a fun thing to do and the free tickets to Jazz Fest are always welcome for a great evening of music, food and, of course, the judging.

MEMBER NEWS

Joseph Rivera is working on an Old Master-style painting with model **Lindsey Rose** as part of a project called “Paint the Roses,” with money raised to be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. More information is available at the website <http://www.painttheroses.com/>

Souzan Zargari will be showing at Bear Street Gallery, with a reception July 21 from 5 to 8pm.

Canyon de Chelley Trip

Join **Marilee Stockman** for an amazing experience in Canyon de Chelly. Go in by horseback and camp on Navajo land under cliff dwellings for 5 days. Paint or photograph the wonderful scenery surrounding you at every turn of the canyon. We will go in Oct. 1 -5 with 2 nights stay at a hotel with all food in the canyon cooked on site, Navajo guides and horses provided and an exciting time and great comraderie. Contact Marilee for a brochure and get your reservation now!!! - 949-720-0639.

OCFA Art Center:

South Coast Plaza Village
3851 South Bear St., Suite B-15
Santa Ana, CA 92704

•Showcase Gallery

ocfa_showcase@sbcglobal.net
714-540-6430

Open Thurs., 11am-6pm

Fri. & Sat., 11am-9pm

Sun., 11:30am-3pm

•Bear Street Gallery

bearstreetgallery@sbcglobal.net
714-825-0592

Open Wed.-Thurs. 11:30am-7:30pm

Sat. 11:30am-7:30pm

Sun. 11:30am-7:30pm

•OCFA Studio

714-825-0592

Avantgarden-The Art Gallery

ocfa_avantgarden@sbcglobal.net

Santora Arts Building

207 North Broadway, Suite B-7B

Santa Ana, CA 92701

714-558-8843

Open Sat. 11:30-9:30 pm or by appt.

*Open House and Reception: First
Saturday of each month, 7-10pm*

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DATED MATERIAL

NEXT MEETING: July 15

General Meetings are held at the OCFA Art Center on the third Sunday of each month, with refreshments at 1:15pm and the general meeting and artist's demonstration starting at 1:30pm. Guests are welcome.



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