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SUSAN ALDERSON TO DEMONSTRATE AT NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Watercolorist Susan Alderson offers individualized instruction at the OCFA Art Center and at her studio in Anaheim, but on November 18 she will be our demonstrator at the monthly general meeting.

Susan specializes in the use of limited color palettes, composition and design, and focuses on the “nuts & bolts” of painting with emphasis on value, intensity and color temperature and how to use

them to your benefit for any subject in any medium.

“Bentley’s Morning Ritual,” pictured below, won First Place in the August issue of *Watercolor Magic*. “Lucy & Ethel,” featuring two zebras, won an Honorable Mention at the Orange County Fair.

It is Susan’s belief that although each artist should feel free to express themselves in a personal

way with regard to their art, once an artist understands and implements the use of dynamic color and solid composition . . . their paintings take on a life of their own!

More recent work by Susan can be seen at www.brushworksart.net.

Be sure and join us for the general meeting at Showcase Gallery and bring some of your own work for the monthly member’s competition!



Orange County Fine Arts Inc. is a non-profit corporation that seeks to stimulate community interest in the Fine Arts by providing special programs, exhibits and demonstrations by well-known artists; to furnish a place for viewing works of art; and to provide scholarships to deserving art students. Membership is open to anyone; there are no restrictions.

Thoughts from the President



Greetings,

What an exciting October we have had! Thank you to **Dennis Morrow**, South Coast Plaza manager, **Mary Wolf**, and **Ernie Jones**, for rescuing our new ceiling fans and planning their installation in our art spaces.

Thanks also to Mary Wolf, **Kate Horton**, the **Gallery Committee**, and thirteen participating artists for the wonderful first-ever Showcase Gallery Calendar. If you have not purchased one (or two) yet, think of picking up several for stocking stuffers or for decorating your own walls. In turn you will be showing the world what Showcase has to offer. Part of the proceeds of the sales will be going toward the gallery.

OCFA was a guest participant as a non-profit art organization at the **Home Remodeling and Decorating Show** at the OC Fairgrounds. Twenty-five OCFA artists showed their artwork there. They handed out fliers advertising their own craft and also information about OCFA, its galleries, studios, and workshops. OCFA artists were included in Home Show advertising on radio and TV, newspaper, and the internet at thehomeshow.com.

The Home Show happens three times a year in Orange County. **Marilyn Brame** was a trooper for organizing that show and appreciated the help of the OCFA board members **Bill Hudson**, **Terry Walker**, **Max Yamada**, **Laura Robinson**, and **Roger Reading**.

This October **Marie Taggart** and ten OCFA artists continued the annual outdoor show “**Art and Flowers**” in partnership with the Arboretum of the University of California, Irvine. It has become a wonderful autumn tradition.



Dolly Meyerhoff and Maria Elena Bicer at the UCI Arboretum.

OCFA artists were in the news in October. *Art Business News* carried a picture of Showcase featured artist **Ernie Jones** and **Marilee Stockman** in their What's Happening section. The *Daily Pilot* ran a half page color image of Marie Taggart's painting to advertise the Arboretum Show and also ran a half-page color image of **Raymond Otis's** painting to announce his Showcase Opening.



Featured artist Raymond Otis.

Featured artist Raymond Otis and twenty-five artists from Showcase Gallery, ten more from Bear Street Gallery and Studios, and twelve from the Artist's Studios participated in the successful **Open House and Artist's Reception** October 20 at South Coast Plaza Village.



Lazy Preacher plays at AvantGarden.

Roger Reading opened AvantGarden—the Art Gallery's doors to twenty-two participating artists and almost a thousand guests at the **Artist's Village Artwalk** in the Santora Building. The contemporary band, **Lazy Preacher**, who got an outstanding review in the *OC Live*, played in the gallery in October and will do a repeat performance November 3.

Several of our members were threatened by the recent fires. **Sandy Christey** and **Maria Elena Bicer** had close encounters with real danger and yet had the spirit to participate in shows the following weekend. Keep your winter spirits up too! Everyone will be gearing up for the **Holiday Event** led by Showcase Gallery on November 17.

Come by and see if you can find a gift for someone special. And get your **Membership Show** papers in by that date also so that we can start planning a great party event in December for YOU!

See you soon,

— *Laura Rice Robinson, OCFA President*

News from Showcase Gallery

by Mary Wolf

Holiday Shopping Time! Showcase Gallery is holding a **Holiday Open House** on Saturday, November 17, from 11 am to 6 pm. Refreshments will be served. In addition to our fabulous art work, we have jewelry and gift items in a range of prices. Our Gallery Shop has been redesigned by **Cheryl Cooper**, the new shop manager, and now features many different items, including adorable ceramic boxes.

Also new this year is the Showcase Gallery 2008 Calendar. Art work by many of the Showcase regulars is included in this beautiful calendar, and a portion of the profits is being donated to the gallery. What a great gift for you and everyone on your list!

OCFA Membership Show

Have your own holiday party, invite all your friends, serve them the best food and wine, and you don't even have to clean your house—because you will be having it at a lovely facility between Bear Street and Plaza Drive, December 8, from 5 until closing.

Showcase Gallery, Bear Street Gallery, and the Artists Studio will be the hosts for your holiday party. What a great idea! A party, an art show, a reception, and great fun!

OCFA has not had a Membership Show for several years, and it is now time to bring back that tradition. But this time it's a tradition with a twist, and that twist is the party!

The Membership Show is an opportunity for each member to show one of his or her best pieces in a first-class gallery setting. Showcase Gallery has generously offered its entire space for three weeks in December and, if we have a good response from our members, we expect to have it open to the public as many days from December 6 until December 23 that we can.

A major goal of this event is to raise money for our scholarship program. It will be the end of the year, when some of us will be looking for those tax write-offs. What a wonderful time to be generous! Tax receipts will be available for donations, and part of your entry fee can be written off. There will be many items raffled off that evening, with the entire amount going to OCFA Scholarships. But don't let money hold you back: If you need a scholarship for your show fees, just let us know. In the spirit of giving, OCFA wants you to show your work and have a great time. So, grab an application form and turn it in so that we can do proper planning, and decide which piece you will show. If this event is successful, and we know it will be, we can look forward to it again year after year!

Member News

Genevieve Bennett won first place prizes with the Huntington Beach Art League and San Gabriel Fine Art Associations and second place through the Anaheim Art Association.

She will lecture to 31 gifted third, fourth and fifth graders from Raymond School in Fullerton at the Hunt Branch of the Fullerton Public Library.

Robert Norton was among the exhibitors at the Irvine Fine Art Center's 25th annual Holiday Faire winter show.

As mentioned in the *Pooch Press*, the official newsletter of the Costa Mesa Bark Park, **Marie Taggart's** original painting of the two-acre facility where dogs can run without leashes was judged to be the submission that best depicted the park and is now the flagship picture on their website.

Prints and note cards of the image may be purchased through the Bark Park Boutique.

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

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.

Meet Gallery Artist: Aster Hazelton



Aster paints in oils on canvas. Her work includes landscapes, still life and portraiture, with a strong emphasis on color and composition, in a mode that varies from impressionistic to avant-garde.

Aster has had art in juried exhibitions including the Southern California Open, juried by Henry Hopkins at the Laguna Museum of Art, a national juried show at the La Fond Gallery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the 1993 Shades of Pastel show at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, the Orange County Centennial show. At the Centennial show she won "Best of Show" and her work was selected for inclusion into the centennial Time Capsule. Entries in the Orange County Fair have won theme awards and honorable mentions. her entry into the 15th annual Cypress Open juried show won the Juror's special award and was purchased by a commercial establishment.

Aster was on the Huntington Beach Arts Commission, was a member of the Art-A-Fair in Laguna Beach, and Show Chairperson for many Costa Mesa Art League juried shows. Aster is a member of the OCFA's Showcase Gallery committee.

OCFA Indoor Exhibits: Mesa Verde Library in Costa Mesa

Evelyn Morris shows photography through December at the **Mesa Verde Branch Library** at 2969 Mesa Verde Drive East; Costa Mesa, CA.

Evelyn is also scheduled to show at the **Orange County Airport** in January 2008

OCFA Indoor Exhibits: Family Nissan in Rancho Santa Margarita

Ken Marchese and **Melanie Cooper** exhibit their work through November. Hours are from 9 am to 9 pm daily.

This art display will continue as an off-site gallery for OCFA. For information on showing at this location contact **Marillyn Brame** at visualartsmurals@cox.net.

Bear Street Gallery

Bear Street Gallery features **James Cooper**, **Raymond G. Otis**, **Roger D. Reading**, **Yachiyo**, **Bill Hudson**, and **Dennis Sholtz**.

There are paintings and photography by these and other award-winning artists. Gallery open daily by appointment. Call 714-825-0592 or email: bearstreetgallery@sbcglobal.net

Tina Ellingwood and **Bill Hudson** have all of the individual studios in Artist Studio and Bear Street filled at this time. Things are really hopping!

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

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Announcements:

The **OCFA Membership Only Show** is coming in December. Get your paints ready and have something wonderful to share with us!

Student Activities Director **Terry Walker** is seeking 6 to 8 artists who would be willing to put on two workshops per year. And also seeking any art supplies from the membership. Any questions please call Terry at (562) 803-4961 or email at theresawalker5@verizon.net

October Demonstrator:

While doing our October demonstration, Lisa Ruiz discovered that OCFA was the group that had awarded her a \$500 scholarship through Orange Coast College back in 2001.

When we announced the raffle and spoke of the importance of the raffle bringing in money for scholarships for art students at local colleges, she suddenly realized that it was Orange County Fine Arts who had been the donor that made such a difference in her life back in 2001. As she was transitioning to a four-year college from a community college, that \$500 had meant so much to her. Even more than that was the acknowledgement to her and her family that she was one of Orange Coast College's best artists.

At the time she was trying to decide between two very different majors, and the scholarship pointed the way for her to major in art and become a professional. As it is today, she is artist-in-residence at Trader Joe's. There is a lot to be said for her versatile talent and for Trader Joe's for providing such a job with full benefits to an artist.



Lisa Ruiz demonstrates the fine art of portraiture.

Shows to See:

Jerry Muller, "New York Revisited: Black and White Photography 1950-1955" at Reflective Image Gallery, 211 E. Columbine, Santa Ana, Suite G 714-545-1385

Donna Westerman and Johanna Westerman: "Generations." Through November 30 at the Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, CA 92628

National Watercolor Society's 87th Annual Exhibition. Through December 9, at City of Brea Gallery; 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821 714-990-7730

Workshops at OCFA Art Center:

Marilee Stockman: Sculpture classes weekly on Thursdays from 10 am-12 pm at the Artist's Studio. For more information contact Marilee at 949-720-0639 or artylady65@yahoo.com

Susan Alderson will be teaching small day and evening watercolor classes. Tuesdays 11 am-2 pm and Tuesdays 6 pm-9 pm Each student will receive one-on-one instruction to reach their personal goals as an artist. Each session will run three consecutive weeks. Enrollment for the first month will be \$135, and \$125 for each month thereafter. Info: brushworksart.net brushworksart@sbcglobal.net 714-632-5683

Barbara Close will be teaching a series of classes in Calligraphy at the OCFA Studio Classroom. Beginning classes will resume in February 2008. 714-522-3084 or BARBICL@aol.com

Also on deck: watercolor workshops with **Yachiyo**, jewelry with **Sandy Christey**, figure drawing with **Sandra Trepasso** and more! Contact us for information.



Meet OCFA Featured Gunslinger: Rob Utz

Photos by Joshua Weight, age 15

Often you have seen an interesting character roaming the halls of OCFA studios and galleries and wondered about his wild grey beard and his somber dress, although he always wears a smile and a twinkle in his eye. . . .

Not only is **Rob Utz** an excellent photographer at OCFA, but he is also **Clem**, a gunfighter from the Old West.

On October 6 and 7 Rob spent his time at the Banning Stage Coach Days, alternating between selling artwork and being mowed down by the posse.

That'd be a tough day for anyone!



Rob Utz, AKA the gunfighter Clem, shot down in a blaze of glory.



Roger Reading at AvantGarden beneath an assemblage by D. Fox.

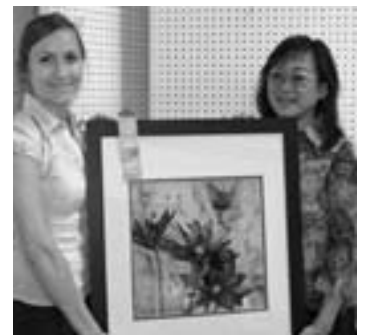
Calendar

November

- 6 OCFA Board Meeting—7 pm
- 12 Showcase Gallery committee mtg.—1 pm
- 17 Showcase Holiday open house—11 am-6 pm
- 18 General Meeting—1:30 pm

December

- 8 OCFA Membership show—5 pm
- 16 General Meeting—1:30 pm



First Place winner from the October general meeting, **Echo Baker** (*left*); winner of the Second Place prize **Diane Katayama** (*top*), pictured with **Lisa Ruiz**, our talented demonstrator.

Scenes from the Home Show Orange County Fair Grounds, October 27



Evelyn Morris at the Home Show. She was also September's winner at the general meeting. Below, Annette Watson and the mysterious Rob Utz (*inset*).



Announcements:

2 All-Day Plein Air Workshops near Hollywood with **Tom Brown**. One day \$100, both days \$180. Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9-5 at a Movie Location near Hollywood. Sunday at a picturesque high desert retreat near Hollywood. Register with kaybrown@cox.net. Phone 949-651-9226.

The **Winter Fantasy Sawdust Festival** begins November 17 in its Laguna Canyon setting and runs through December 9. The show is open from 10am until 6pm and features great arts and crafts, a real Santa and elves to talk to, good food, festive entertainment, and a field of fresh snow each day for children to play in.

The show is open three days at Thanksgiving and each Saturday and Sunday until the show closes. For more info go to the website http://www.sawdustartfestival.org/winter_fantasy/winter.htm Be sure to pick up a \$1 off card at Showcase, Bear Street, the Studio, and AvantGarden. Look for **Susan Leonard** and **Laura Robinson** at Booth #242. Give us a call and we can get you in for \$2. 949-280-2673

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

•Showcase Gallery

ocfa_showcase@sbcglobal.net
714-540-6430
Open Thurs.-Sat., 11am-6pm
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

NEXT MEETING: November 18

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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