

San Dieguito Art Guild  
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687 South Coast Highway 101  
Encinitas CA 92024 760-942-3636  
www.offtrackgallery.com Fri. &  
Sat. evening open until 8pm.

SDAG President announces successful opening of the Off Track Gallery

The grand opening reception on Sunday, April 2nd, was a wonderful success. The event took on a festive feeling as more and more people arrived. Kirk Van Allyn had officially installed his first “permanent” Labyrinth in the warehouse area a few days previously and Janet Finney played her harp as folks wandered along the geometric designed paths or got a chance to ride Kirk’s Segway.

Throughout the gallery, people mingled and enjoyed refreshments and beautiful flower arrangements provided by our hospitality hostesses, Joan Grine and Louise Velon as well as other members.

Our studio artists down the hall and upstairs went to equally great preparations and were able to share in one total building opening.

For those who haven’t seen our new digs, please make a trip and visit not just Off Track Gallery, but studio spaces of Cathy Carey, Lia Kondilis, Ann Lynott, Ellie Waggoner, AJ Diffenbach, Elaine Trei, and Stan Weber. We also have a resident silk screening business – Moonlight Screen Printing.

The ribbon cutting ceremony created a buzz on the sidewalk as city council members, Maggie Houlihan and Dan Dalager, as well as

Arts Administrator, Jim Gilliam gathered along with our landlord, John DeWald, SDAG board members, founding member Vilma Malmberg, and many other community people to cut the ribbon. All and all, the start of our new location for the Off Track Gallery was a huge success.

Already, we have seen a big increase in walk in traffic compared to our previous location. On Wednesday, the third day of business, during one shift in the afternoon, 20 people walked into the gallery. And we have had some sales already! During the first three days we were opened, we had sales of \$700.00!

Many thanks must go to Grace Swanson, who’s amazing energy and positive attitude got us opened in 6 weeks and to floor Art Chair, Barb Millé with her many creative ideas and equal determination.

Joanne Chambers got our office up and running and many others pitched in with donating displays and their help. This time we have kept the cost to start up way down by keeping the creative juices way up. (Think how to NOT spend money!) Each gallery room has a

Left to right: Jim Gilliam, John DeWald, Grace Swanson, Walter Berk, Laura Lownestein, Mary Trotter, Joan Grine, Maggie Houlihan, Isabella Breasted, Dan Dalager and a helper from the Chamber of Commerce.

## Member Announcements

**Jo Ann Ginepra** was recently honored as the 2006 featured artist for the Borrego Springs Circle of Art. Her image 'Presidio Jail Door' was chosen to represent the festival on their annual poster.

**Janet Finney** is showing her watercolors with several others at the San Diego Hospice Juried Show during the months of May and June. Reception is May 7th from 2-4 pm. The Hospice is located at 4311 3rd Avenue in the Hillcrest area.

**Booth available at Artwalk** in Little Italy April 29th and 30th. Booth# 746 on Fir Street. Contact SDAG member, Richard P. Hoppe [rpah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rpah@sbcglobal.net) /60.434.1777

**Susie Ferry** featured artist at the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe Gallery in Vista 851 E. Vista Way, 760.639-6164. The show runs May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 30. Reception - Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm. Visit [www.susieferry.com](http://www.susieferry.com) or call 850.427.0033.

### April & May Workshops at the Studio of Art & Design

Linda Doll, AWS. NWS will teach **Seeing the Light in Watercolor** on April 22, 23 & 24, 9:30am-3:30pm. Cost for three classes is \$270.

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Call the Studio for registration forms and material lists. Class size is limited, apply early. The workshop will be held at 616 Stevens Ave., Suite C, Solana Beach. 850.755.6202 or visit [rikki-studio.com](http://rikki-studio.com).

**Grant Pecoff's** upcoming art exhibit entitled "Oils on the Water" will be at the Off Track Gallery building, upstairs, 687 South Coast Hwy 101, Encinitas, April 21-27th with an artist's reception on Sat. April 22nd from 6-9pm. This is not to be missed! Check out his website at [pecoff.com](http://pecoff.com).

## Gallery Manager's Corner

The Encinitas Street Fair is **Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30** from 9:00am-5:pm **RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR FRONT DOOR!!!**

**Sitting the Gallery:** We needed to cover 106 shifts for the month of April. That is a lot of sitting for me to figure out and keep everyone happy. A huge thanks you to many of you who have taken on extra shifts. It really does help. We will monitor the traffic for the first couple of months and make adjustments to the calendar times. It would be great to be open on Mondays and Tuesdays but we don't have the manpower at this time. Please also consider sitting weekends and evenings if you possibly can. This is when we have the most "holes" in the calendar. Remember we do have a list of paid sitters if you care to use one of them. The list with their phone numbers in the *Paint Rag*.

**Speaking of the Gallery Sitting Calendar:** I really need someone to come forward and take this job from me or I will begin to get burned out. Most of the work is cross checking the take-in sheets to make sure everyone has signed up, checking where the "holes" are in the calendar, and getting them filled. We need one person in charge of this with a couple assistants.

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the Lux Institute. They are still deciding. Whoever it is, we will have a reception for them and for our new May show on **Sunday, May 7** from 2pm to 5pm.

**Shipping of Art:** When you bring in your art for take in (Sunday, April 30, 10am to 12pm) you will be asked if you are willing to handle the shipping of your art if it has been sold to an out-of-town buyer. The buyer pays the cost of shipping. The buyer, of course, has the choice of doing his own shipping. Pacific Postal, 140 Encinitas Blvd. (in the Smart & Final Shopping Center, just before you hit the freeway going east on Encinitas Blvd.) will give a discount to our patrons.

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### **ART OPENING**

**Saturday, May 6, 2006**

**Reception**

**12 Noon to 6:00pm**

**The Artisan Gallery**

**224 East Grand Ave**

**Escondido**

**619.818.9699 (cell)**

**Art by Marjorie Weaver**

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Keep creating and see you at the gallery!

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### RULES FOR MONTHLY TAKE-IN

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### Off Track Gallery Awards April 2006 Judge Stephanie Goldman

Artist	Title
<b>Best of Show</b>	
Harriet Shoup	Vigil - Watercolor
<b>Oil/Acrylics</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlene Honney	Sunsilent and Quail
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dot Renshaw	San Elijo Path
3 <sup>rd</sup> Alison Christler	Yosemite View
Honorable Mention Alison Christler	Crazy Dog
<b>Watermedia</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Harriet Shoup	Poppies on Sunnyhill
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<b>Photography</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Kirkos	Art of labyrinths
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lisa Hamel	The Mander
3 <sup>rd</sup> Morgan Janis	Fall in Montemarte
<b>Other Media &amp; Mixed Media</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Alison Christler	Lady of the Tree
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kate Whitley	Warm Earth
3 <sup>rd</sup> Louise Velon	Blues
Honorable Mention Barbara Mile'	Chocolate Noir
<b>Pastels</b>	
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Marie-Louise Dautzenberg	Lynne MacNeil
Lisa Hamel	Jennifer Nelson
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## SDAG:

- Monthly Exhibit  
Reception on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month  
(2006: 7-2, 8-6, 9-3, 10-1, 11-5, 12-3)
- First Friday of the Month  
Monthly; SDAG highlight on  
February, April, June, August, October,  
December
- Artist of the Month at Bank of  
America  
Monthly
- [High School Merit Winners  
July and December](#)
- Mother's Day Weekend  
5-12 to 5-13-2007
- Small Image Art Show  
November-2006
- [Holiday Sale](#) and Reception  
12-2006

## Co-branded:

- Summer Concert Series  
7-9-2006 (Honkytonk Kings-  
Country), 7-23-2006 (Yavaz-Latin),  
8-6-2006 (Custard Pie- Rock), 8-20-  
2006 (Resination- Reggae)
- Rods and Woodies  
4 Summer Thursdays (**6-15**, 7-20,  
8-17, **9-14**)
- Leucadia Art Walk  
8-27-2006

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Small Image at the Off Track. The San Dieguito Art  
Guild's annual Southern California art show. Come  
visit us and see amazing creativity 12 inches and  
under, from our Southern California artists.

### Holiday Sale

Wouldn't you like to avoid mall hassles  
and buy that special someone a one-of-a-  
kind holiday gift? Don't miss the holiday  
sale at the Off Track Gallery! Fine Art,  
Jewelry, Glass Work, Photography, Scarves,  
Pottery, Art Cards. Through the month of  
December, receive a 10% discount on any  
one item valued at \$30 or more. We will  
also host a holiday reception showcasing

over 250 recent works of art by local artists (December 12<sup>th</sup>; 2-4 pm).

### Artist of the Month

The San Dieguito Art Guild presents its **month-year** Artists' Group Show. Including **media1**, **media2**, **media3** works by **artist1**, **artist2**, and **artist3**. Artwork exhibited at: **venue**.

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### Mother's Day Weekend

San Dieguito Art Guild presents the **year** Mother's Day Weekend Artists Studio and Garden Tour. Saturday, **date-time**, and Sunday, **date-time**. Self-guided tours of studios and gardens featuring guild artists and their homes, including 'plein air' painters in action. Additional guest artists at each location. Tickets are **fee1**, or free (16 and under, with a mom). **Amount1** of each ticket will be donated to **agency**. **Contact and ticket-purchase options (Off Track Gallery in-person and mail; any studio at the tour in-person on days of event)**. Tickets are valid for both days of the event.

According to Patricia Watkins, Chair of this year's event, "The goal of the tour, which showcases the work of several North County artists, is to provide a stimulating weekend for moms and their children of all ages. It's a home and garden tour that affords people the opportunity to purchase original art at reasonable prices. Most artists do not have the time or money to break into the big gallery art scene. This tour gives them a more accessible venue to show and sell their works". According to Watkins, those attending can expect to get

a close-up look at a variety of home décor and styles, along with the opportunity to buy reasonably priced art. "We also get people interested in gardens. They want to see what kinds of plants are growing. And we plan to have a culinary theme at each stop, offering foods that match the style of the house or garden. As always, each studio will provide beverages. In addition, there will be an opportunity for ticket holders to win original artwork. This is like a little treasure hunt. Every studio offers a potpourri of delights."

### High School Merit Winners

At the San Dieguito Art Guild, our interest is to give the community a place to see and buy local art produced by local artists. We also focus strongly on helping young people get a start in a professional art organization, where, as members, they will have the opportunity to enter a work of art into every monthly show held at our gallery, meet locally and internationally recognized artists, and have an opportunity to win one of 2 annual cash merit awards (July and December). We want to be available as a community resource for young people who want to know more about the world of art, and what their own talents may be. Art is a part of our lives at all ages.

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### Small Image Art Show

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Small Image at the Off Track. The San Dieguito Art Guild's annual Southern California art show. Come visit us and see amazing creativity 12 inches and under, from our Southern California artists.

### Holiday Sale

Wouldn't you like to avoid mall hassles and buy that special someone a one-of-a-kind holiday gift? Don't miss the holiday sale at the Off Track Gallery! Fine Art, Jewelry, Glass Work, Photography, Scarves, Pottery, Art Cards. Through the month of December, receive a 10% discount on any one item valued at \$30 or more. We will

also host a holiday reception showcasing over 250 recent works of art by local artists (December 12<sup>th</sup>; 2-4 pm).

### Artist of the Month

The San Dieguito Art Guild presents its **month-year** Artists' Group Show. Including **media1**, **media2**, **media3** works by **artist1**, **artist2**, and **artist3**. Artwork exhibited at: **venue**.

Artist's Group Show. **Media1**, **media2**, and **media3**.. Local 'Off Track Gallery' artists, **artist1**, **artist2**, and **artist3**, will exhibit their work at **venue**.

The San Dieguito Art Guild presents its **month-year** Artist of the Month, **artist1**. **300-character artist quote/description (spaces included)**. **Venue**.

### Mother's Day Weekend

San Dieguito Art Guild presents the **year** Mother's Day Weekend Artists Studio and Garden Tour. Saturday, **date-time**, and Sunday, **date-time**. Self-guided tours of studios and gardens featuring guild artists and their homes, including 'plein air' painters in action. Additional guest artists at each location. Tickets are **fee1**, or free (16 and under, with a mom). **Amount1** of each ticket will be donated to **agency**. **Contact and ticket-purchase options (Off Track Gallery in-person and mail; any studio at the tour in-person on days of event)**. Tickets are valid for both days of the event.

According to Patricia Watkins, Chair of this year's event, "The goal of the tour, which showcases the work of several North County artists, is to provide a stimulating weekend for moms and their children of all ages. It's a home and garden tour that affords people the opportunity to purchase original art at reasonable prices. Most artists do not have the time or money to break into the big gallery art scene. This tour gives them a more accessible venue to show and sell their works." According to

Watkins, those attending can expect to get a close-up look at a variety of home décor and styles, along with the opportunity to buy reasonably priced art. "We also get people interested in gardens. They want to see what kinds of plants are growing. And we plan to have a culinary theme at each stop, offering foods that match the style of the house or garden. As always, each studio will provide beverages. In addition, there will be an opportunity for ticket holders to win original artwork. This is like a little treasure hunt. Every studio offers a potpourri of delights."

### High School Merit Winners

At the San Dieguito Art Guild, our interest is to give the community a place to see and buy local art produced by local artists. We also focus strongly on helping young people get a start in a professional art organization, where, as members, they will have the opportunity to enter a work of art into every monthly show held at our gallery, meet locally and internationally recognized artists, and have an opportunity to win one of 2 annual cash merit awards (July and December). We want to be available as a community resource for young people who want to know more about the world of art, and what their own talents may be. Art is a part of our lives at all ages.

President	Laura Lowenstein
	Assistant: Darcie Anderson
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	Assistant: Morgan Janis
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	Assistant: Lynne Leahy
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	Assistant for Monthly Demos: Barbara
Kerr	
	Assistant for Monthly Receptions:
Janet Finney	
Mailing	Jason Zinn
Membership	Walter Berk
	Assistant: Nancy Bruce
Off-site Exhibits	Lisa Reinhardt
Paint Rag	Megan Pierson
	Assistant: Faith Fleury
Publicity	OPEN
Promotions/Marketing	OPEN
Environmental Painters	Joan Grine, leader
Mothers' Day Event	Jo Anne Ginepra & Faith Fleury
Web Mistress	Kathleen McGee
	Assistant: Carole Larson
Children's Art Shows	Lisa Curry
Gallery Committee	Grace Swanson, Laura Lowenstein, Barb Mille, Joan Grine
	Janet Finney, Wanda Olson, Darcie Anderson
Client phone contacts	Diane Goodman
Jobs Coordinator	Bobbi Harrington
Client Database	Darlene Katz
Photographers	Corry Lang & Lisa Hamel
Shrink-Wraps & Card Racks	Barb Mille
Wall Art Labels	Dot Renshaw
Special Events	Laura Lyn Walker
Phone Tree	Kate Whitley
Attend 101 meetings	Presidents's assistant
Attend DEMA meetings	A.J. Dieffenbach
Small Image Show	Karen Hart
	Assistant: Rosemary Valente (929-8290)
Train new members	Loretta Phoenix
Sales training coordinator	_____

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Gallery Garden	Avra Alexiades
Bio Book	Lisa Hamel
Computer work	Connie Cannon
Handyman	Jim Respass

One time jobs:

Paint ceiling Gallery 4	Dot Renshaw
Paint triangle	Corry Lang
Track lighting	Diane Dudek's husband
	Ray Balbes
	Barb's husband, Loren
Paint gallery A-frame sign	Bobbie Harrington
Rummage Sale	Connie Cannon

Isn't the new gallery FUN?

May 4, 2006

It is so great to have so much traffic. Never a dull moment --especially on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Take In Day for wall art (Friday, May 26):

Please don't arrive before 9:30. The take-in crew just is not ready and will not be set up properly. Take-in will start outside the building this next time to avoid the congestion in our small lobby. Everyone seems to arrive all-at-once, very early in the day. If you want to avoid the long lines and waiting, just plan to come a little later in the morning. We won't start hanging the show until after noon.

We are considering changing take-in day to Tuesdays --the day when the gallery is closed. We will notify you when we make this decision.

If you took advantage of our opening offer and paid 3 months in advance for your wall-hung art you are lucky, because if you are coming in new during June, your price for each piece of wall-hung art is \$15 per piece.

The exception to this is a special show during the month of June only. This show will be hung in the foyer and the hallways only (not in the "regular 3 gallery rooms"). The price to hang in this special show is \$10 per painting. Here are the rules: You must have at least one piece in the "regular" gallery. Your piece must be under 30" measured on the diagonal. Your art must be of the theme: classic cars / woody cars, surfing / surfscapes, coastal life / beach town life, local landscapes, ocean. You do not have to sit an extra shift for this show.

Sitting the gallery:

Everyone has been very good about sitting the gallery when they are scheduled. We have only had a couple occasions when the artist did show up. Of course, we cannot tolerate this. We always need 2 sitters per shift for security (we are considering the possibility of only one sitter on the slower days; Monday, Wednesday and Thursday). If you miss your shift, be aware that you will be charged \$30 because we will have to call in a paid sitter to cover your shift.

Sales:

Please write down each sale that you make in the Daily Log -- on that purple sheet where you list the number of visitors and your comments each day.

Gallery #2 (the jewelry/textile/ceramic etc room): Unfortunately we have had to keep the jewelry cases locked. The key is on the bulletin board in the office. Always inform the guests that you would be very willing to unlock the cases if they want you to do so. One of the sitters each shift should hover in or about that room to discourage "sticky fingers".

Art books:

We have had many art books donated to the Gallery and they are "selling like hot cakes". If you have art books you are finished with please consider donating them to the Off Track. And come buy one. They are marked at less than half of the original price.

Jewelry sales: There are little boxes in the locked cabinets for jewelry. If you sell one of Pat Watkins pieces, for example, just take a box from her cabinet.

If you don't have email we suggest that you contact a friend in the San Dieguito Art Guild and have them call you and read you the email that they received from any of the board members of the Guild. Otherwise you may be missing out on opportunities and other information. If it is a message that we feel is very important, we do print it out and address it to you. Out of our 180 members, there are about 30 with no email.

Membership:

We are building back up our membership to what it was in 2004-2005 when we had 250 members. In December of 2005 we were down to 140 members, by February we were up to 149, March=153, April=175, May=180.

Thank you to the many people who have taken on new jobs at the Off Track Gallery:

Corry Lang and Lisa Hamel will be taking photos of our various events so we have photos for PR.

Corry Lang has volunteered to help us paint the other side of our red triangle on the west side of the building.

Jason Zinn will mail out the Paint Rag each month to those who do not have email.

Avra Alexiades has volunteered will keep our flower garden looking spiffy and weed free.

Dot Renshaw will do the wall art tags each month

Lisa Curry will be coordinating our childrens' show each month (we will probably not have a childrens' art show during the summer when school is out).

Harriet Shoup and June Clark will tackle the calendar.

Laura Lyn Walker will be the special events coordinator.

Dot Renshaw and Fabrizio Piovisan will paint the ceiling in gallery #4 white.

Bobbie Harrington will paint the other side of the A-frame that goes out on the street each morning.

Thank you to Joan Grine for organizing our name tags in the office. If you don't have a name tag or you are new to the Gallery, please drop a note in my folder--in the gray metal filing cabinet in the office--with your name and your medium (e.g. watercolor or photography etc.) and I will make you one.

Darlene Katz will keep the Off Track Gallery client database current. New member, Connie Cannon has volunteered to do other computer-related work.

Jobs needed to be filled:

New Member Training Coordinator

"Learning to Sell" training coordinator

President's Assistant

Gallery Manager's Assistant

Attend Leucadia 101's meetings

Coordinate Leucadia ArtWalk for SDAG members

Small Image Show Chair (November or December)

One last note to the ladies sitting the gallery: Be sure to put your purse well under the desk on that ledge. Don't put it anywhere visible to anyone coming into the gallery office.

May 26 –  
June 1, 2006

## Arts & Culture Watercolorist dives headfirst into landscape paintings

By Marti Gacioch

Del Mar Heights artist Janet Finney likes nothing better than leading a watercolor group on a “paint out.”

“It’s very therapeutic to go outside and see your friends and paint,” she said.

Finney often chooses a scenic county location to take 10 to 15 artists from the San Diego Watercolor Society on the excursion. Balboa Park is one of their favorite spots to visit because of its many beautiful old buildings and colorful array of plants to paint.

Once there, the group works diligently for about three hours, and then Finney organizes an artist’s critique for them at the end of the day.

“During that time, we discuss each painting, make suggestions and compliment the artist,” she said.

An accomplished watercolor painter for more than 20 years, Finney finds that it takes her about three hours to really get a composition started. Then she takes it home to add refinements and complete it the next day.

While painting outdoors, she works on 11- by 15-inch paintings, and at home she paints 15- by 22-inch works.

In the 1960s when her children were young, Finney managed to take a few classes at Mesa College, but she really didn’t have time to start studying art until the 1980s. After taking classes at Mesa College and Mira Costa College, she transferred to San Diego State University where she received a bach-

elor’s degree in fine arts.

Along the way, she learned to work in a variety of media, including oils, acrylics, charcoal, pastels and jewelry, but watercolors quickly became her favorite.

“Early on, I knew that watercolors were for me because of their transparencies and bright colors,” she said. “I like oil painting, too, but it’s not as spontaneous.”

Finney thinks that watercolors work especially well in an outdoor environment.

“Oils and acrylics will dry up in the sun, and you can’t loosen them,” she said. “But if watercolors dry on your palette, you just give them a squirt of water and they loosen up.”

Besides painting landscapes, Finney also enjoys doing flower paintings. She likes to select a specific kind of flower, such as a tulip or a rose, to paint at its different stages of development. In one composition, she might focus on only the flower bud. In another she might depict the bud opening up or in its full bloom.

Finney cites no mentor, but she thinks that the people she goes out painting with have been the most helpful for her.

According to Finney, the junior colleges are among the best places for people to start studying art.

“Both Mira Costa College and Mesa College have very good programs,” she said.

Finney has also taken a lot of workshops at the San Diego Watercolor Society.

“It’s the place to be if you want to paint watercolors,” she said. “They have so many good workshops to choose from, and people come from all over the country to do watercolor demonstrations there.”

Finney said that she still likes to experiment

with different techniques and likes to try new things with her art and hopes to keep improving.

"You never really arrive," Finney said.

Finney said that her favorite artist, John Sargent, inspires her work, as do the many landscapes by watercolor painter Winslow Homer and the pieces of American Impressionist painter Maurice Pendergast.

When Finney started painting, she also worked as a secretary and didn't have big dreams of ever being in galleries. She just wanted to graduate from college and thought that art would be something that she could do when she retired.

"I learned about galleries after I was out in the world," she said.

After joining the San Dieguito Art Guild, Finney began showing her pieces at the Pannikin Coffeehouse in Encinitas. However, the guild has recently moved to a new location at 687 South Coast Highway 101.

The building that was once home to the old Coast Dispatch newspaper now houses the guild, and Finney displays two framed watercolors there. The guild has three rooms of art devoted to watercolors, oils, jewelry, acrylics and cards.

Finney's watercolors were also recently on display at the San Dieguito Art Guild's Mother's Day Artist Studio and Garden Tour, which featured 10 San Diego County artists' studios and gardens.

She also displays her art in the Cole Gallery with the Carlsbad/Oceanside Art League.

Throughout May and June, Finney and 13 other artists are showing their work at the San Diego Hospice, 4311 Third Avenue in San Diego.

## From San Diego Watercolor Society PRISM Advertisement

The San Dieguito Art Guild invites the public to visit ten artists' homes, art studios, and gardens during this two-day event. At each house there will be anywhere from one to five additional artists and refreshments, some will have live music also.

The \$15 per person ticket can be used both days between 10:00am-4:00pm, and every ticket purchased will be eligible for a \$100 restaurant gift certificate. For more information, call Off Track Gallery at (760) 942-3636 or go to our web site [www.offtrackgallery.com/tour2006](http://www.offtrackgallery.com/tour2006)

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#00	ARTIST	TITLE	MEDIUM	\$PRICE
1	Laura Lowenstein	"RIDING THE LINE	W/C	285.00
2	Laura Lowenstein	"CACTUS IN BLOOM"	W/C	125.00
3	Laura Lowenstein	"CACTUS AT TWILIGHT"	W/C	125.00
4	Kirk Van Allyn	"LEUCADIA LABYRINTH"	PHOTO	133.33
5	Harriet Shoup	"PASSAGE TO AMERICA"	W/C	600.00
6	Janet Finney	"IRIS GARDEN"	W/C	275.00
7	Janet Finney	"VIEW FROM SWAMI'S"	W/C	165.00
8	Jennifer Nelson	"PALM TREES AND CLOUDS"	PHOTO	300.00
9	Jennifer Nelson	"SAN PEDRITO BEACH"	PHOTO	300.00
10	Shant Beudjakian	"LANDSCAPE OF LA JOLLA"	OIL	500.00
11	Barbara Mille	"SURFER GIRL/BLUE CRUSH"	W/C	150.00
12	Barbara Mille	"QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDENS"	W/C	300.00
13	Grace Swanson	"LITHOPS"	W/C	185.00
14	Grace Swanson	"SUNLIT SUCCULENT"	W/C	185.00
15	Susan Kopp	"APPLES AND PLUMS"	ACRYLIC	295.00
16	Susan Kopp	"BLUE TEAPOT"	ACRYLIC	295.00
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18	Faith Fleury	"CITYSCAPE"	COLLAGE	425.00
19	Karen L Hart	"GRANDVIEW STEPS"	ACRYLIC	500.00
20	Karen L Hart	"BEACON'S LEUCADIA"	ACRYLIC	1,000.00
21	Dori Starkey	"TEA TIME"	OIL	500.00
22	Joan Grine	"CLOUDY DAY AT LAKE HODGES"	PASTEL	300.00
23	Joan Grine	"DISCOVERY TRAIL"	PASTEL	300.00
24	Bobbi Harrington	"FIRST SNOW"	ACRYLIC	1,500.00
25	Isabella Breasted	"BIG SUR"	PHOTO	225.00
26	Isabella Breasted	"WATER LILIES"	ACRYLIC	575.00
28	Wilma Malmberg	"STUDY IN INK"	CHINESE BRUSH	249.00
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# Mother's Day Studio/Garden Tour 2006

**May 13 and 14, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Itinerary** - Directions are indicated from one artist's studio to the next.

You may begin your tour at any one of the locations; we recommend beginning the Tour in Scripps Ranch and heading west (toward the cooler temperatures at the coast for the afternoon). You may want to divide your visits into 2 days so that you have time to enjoy all of the gardens and studios.

**We recommend that you check your route on a map before beginning the tour so that you can plan the most convenient path for you.**

**Thomas Brothers Guide (TBG) page # provided for each stop.**

## **1. START: Directions from Interstate 15 to House # 1: KIM TREFFINGER – 11610 Wills Creek Road,**

**TBG pg: 1210-A2                      858-586-7268**

From Interstate 15N or S, take the SCRIPPS POWAY PKWY/ MERCY RD exit, turn EAST onto SCRIPPS POWAY PKWY <1.2 miles>, RIGHT onto SCRIPPS CREEK DR. <0.1 miles>, LEFT onto WILLS CREEK RD. <0.2 miles>. est. time 5 minutes.

Host artist: **Kim Treffinger** – portrait photography, and digital paintings, Guest artists: **Faith Fleury** - acrylic and collage, **Jackie Bissell** - glass bead jewelry, **Ann Krell** - whimsical ceramics, student artist, Scripps Ranch High School.

## **2. Directions to House #2: JO ANN GINEPRA – 11305 Ravensthorpe Way, SD**

**TBG pg: 1209-G2.                      858-527-0400**

Drive NORTHWEST on WILLS CREEK RD, turn LEFT onto SCRIPPS CREEK RD<0.6 miles>, RIGHT onto SPRING CANYON RD <0.2 miles>, LEFT onto SCRIPPS RANCH BLVD <0.4 miles>, RIGHT on FARMINGDALE ST <0.3 miles>, LEFT onto WINDING RIDGE DR<0.1 miles>, LEFT onto RAVENSTHORPE WAY <0.1 miles>. est. time: 6 minutes

Host artist: **Jo Ann Ginepra** – Photography, Guest Artists: **Dot Renshaw** - oil, **Cyndi Stetson** - glass jewelry, **Susie Ferry** watercolor, **Bobbi Harrington** - oil, student artists: - Scripps Ranch H.S. and - Escondido H.S.

## **3. Directions to House #3: CATHY CAREY – 2048 Ridgecrest Place, Escondido**

**TBG pg: 1129-F7                      760-489-9109**

From RAVENSTHORPE WAY, turn RIGHT on WINDING RIDGE DR <0.7 miles>, RIGHT onto TRAIL CREST DR <0.5 mile>, RIGHT onto SCRIPPS HIGHLAND DR <0.2 miles>, LEFT onto SCRIPPS POWAY PKWY <0.1 miles>, MERGE onto I-15 N <11.1 miles>, take the VIA RANCHO PKWY exit and go WEST (LEFT) <2.5 miles>, RIGHT onto EUCALYPTUS AVE <0.8 miles>, LEFT on HAMILTON LN <0.5 miles>, LEFT onto RIDGECREST PL, Last driveway on the left at end of circle. est. time: 20 mins.

Host artist: **Cathy Carey** – oil, watercolor, pastel, digital art, Murano glass jewelry, Guest artists: **Ray Balbes** - digital art.

## **4. Directions to House #4: CHERRIE LA PORTE and GARRY COHEN – 20307 Beech Lane, Escondido**

**TBG pg: 1149-E1                      760-745-7020**

Go NORTH on RIDGECREST PL, turn RIGHT onto HAMILTON LN <0.5 miles>, RIGHT onto EUCALYPTUS AVE <0.8 miles>, RIGHT onto WEST VIA RANCHO PKWY <0.7 miles>, LEFT onto DEL DIOS HWY/ S6 <0.4 miles>, LEFT onto DATE LN <0.1 miles>, LEFT onto ORANGE LN <0.1 miles>, RIGHT onto BEECH LN <0.1 miles> est. time: 8 minutes

Hosts artists: **Cherrie La Porte and Garry Cohen** – blown & fused glass, bronze sculpture, Guest artists: **Susan Kirchme** ceramics, **Alison Christler** - watercolor, oil, **Hildegard Stubbs** - oil, student artist- San Pasqual H.S.

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