



# NEWSLETTER

June 2009

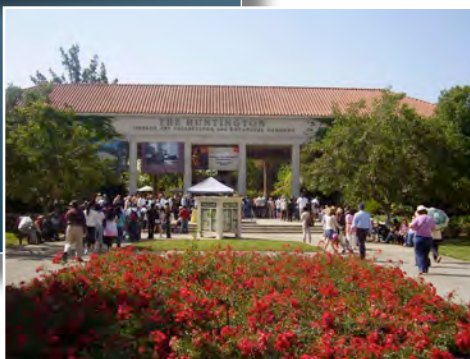
VAG proudly announces a visit to the

## ✧ *The Huntington Museum* ✧



The Huntington, is one of the world's great cultural, research, and educational centers. A private, nonprofit institution, The Huntington was founded in 1919 by Henry E. Huntington, an exceptional businessman who built a financial empire that included railroad companies, utilities, and real estate holdings in Southern California. Huntington was also a man of vision – with

a special interest in books, art, and gardens. During his lifetime, he amassed the core of one of the finest research libraries in the world, established a splendid art collection, and created an array of botanical gardens with plants from a geographic range spanning the globe. The Valley Artist Guild is excited to announce to its members that on Sunday, June 28 we will visit the Huntington. We will meet in the front of the Museum at 11:00 am. We encourage members to carpool together if possible. It will be a great day filled with beautiful art and amazing botanical gardens. See you there!!



*Next General Meeting*  
Date: Sunday, June 28, 2009  
Time: 11:00 to 3:00 p.m  
Place: The huntington  
Admission: adults \$14 children ages 5-11 \$6

**! No Mini Show !**

## Presidents Message

It takes time to have our seeds grow into the trees we hope for.

It takes patience to allow the things we set into motion to finally take on their true meaning. Art is amazing to me because it is a model of life. It is a microcosm of our experience. In real life we can create gorgeous things. We can be full of delusions. We can grow lazy and miss our mark. We can renew and find our voice. We can freeze in our tracks. We can gallop and dance. In art, we can do all of these things as well.

I am in love with art because it helps me understand life. It helps me understand myself. I suspect that you feel the same way.

There is a desire I have, and that is that the Valley Artists Guild continue to grow and become an ever more meaningful part of our member's lives.

And the way this can happen is for you to be a bigger player in the Valley Artists Guild.

We are considering ways for our monthly meetings to become better and bigger. We are creating programs to enhance your relationship to art. We have been changing and exploring for the last two years, and we are ready to forge new unity and create a new definition of what we want to get from our demonstrators, our workshops, our gatherings and ourselves...

Please think about this as you join VAG for our special visit to the Huntington Library and gardens this month. Bring family and friends and enjoy a day of art, nature and richness.

We have a lot in store for you in the coming months ahead.



*John Paul Thornton*

President, Valley Artists Guild.

### Interview with Goldi and Angela



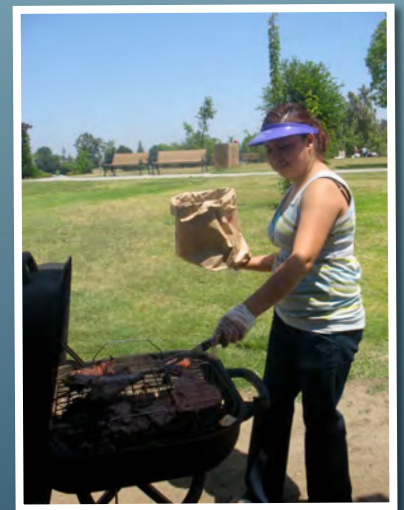
May 17 the Valley Artists Guild met at the Balboa Park for their second annual "Paint Out". We were happy to see two of our last year models return to sit for us, Goldi Riyahi, 17 years old and Angela Conte, 16. Last year was their first experience with modeling and they learned two things. First, that in meeting for the first time they liked each other very much and second, that it was very hard sitting still for long periods of time. When I asked them what they thought about while they were sitting they both replied that they were just concentrating on not moving. Which they said is not easy especially when there were bugs on their faces. The biggest pleasure they said was to see the artist process at work. They were impressed by each artist's interpretation. Angela wants to design video games and Angela wants to play the piano professionally and teach kids to play. Both would like to continue modeling. Thank you Angela and Goldi. We hope you will return next year.



# Lake Balboa Second Annual Paint out



Our second annual paint out at Lake Balboa was another wonderful success. We enjoyed sunny skies with comfortable cool weather. We would like to thank all the members who participated in this event and we also want to give a very special thank you to Scott Kiche's wife Wendy who worked the grill and made lunch yummy for all of us.



# Member events and reminders

## UPCOMING VAG EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING --

Our group meeting this month will be at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens

### VAG BOARD MEETING --

no meetings until Sept

## VAG REMINDERS

### Deadline for submittal of items for the newsletter.

If you wish to share with us news, thoughts, anything that might interest your member friends, please submit it to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month Send to Scott Kiche, [Lunahope2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Lunahope2003@yahoo.com), Or call 818-462-5708

### Board meeting change

The VAG board meeting day has changed from Thursday to the second Wednesday of the month all are welcome to come and join us. E-mail Scott Kiche at [Lunahope2003@yahoo.com](mailto:Lunahope2003@yahoo.com) or you can contact John Paul at 818-378-8381.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Debra Hintz** will be participating in the California Art Club's "Eternal Light" Exhibit at The Blinn House (Women's City Club) in Pasadena. Her painting "The Humbling Pond" was accepted. The Artist's Reception is Saturday, June 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Blinn House is located at 160 N. Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

## MEMBER NEWS

### lore eckelberry

will be exhibiting at the Brewery in LA ARTCORE From June 3-28 and the opening reception will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. you are all welcome. She will also be participating in "The art of giving and receiving" at the AIDS Service center from May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 26 a retrospective Exhibition Juried by Sam Mellon.

## Local Events

**MARK MOORE GALLERY Main Gallery:** Julie Hefernan - "What Holds Up" May 23 - Jul 3, 2009  
Tel: 310.453.3031 Fax: 310.453.3831 **Project Room:**  
Gavin Nolan - "Hexen Reflex" Reception May 23, 5-7 p.m.  
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Hours: Tues- Fri: 10am - 6pm Sat: 11am- 5pm

**SCHOMBURG GALLERY Wally Gilbert:** "Boston Ballet & Beyond" May 9 - Jun. 6, 2009  
Tel: 310.453.5757 Fax: 310.453.5758 Reception May 9, 5-7pm  
**Website:** [www.schomburggallery.com](http://www.schomburggallery.com) **In The Garden:**  
Paintings by: Marlena Chumo, Jacquelyn Fox, Jun. 13 - Jul. 11, 2009  
**Hours:** Wed-Sat 11am - 6pm Margaret Larson, Marilyn Rothman, Sonia Schneider, Noelle Siart Reception Jun. 13,

**Associate Artist Members of the California Art Club, est. 1909 and the Women's City Club of Pasadena proudly present**

### Eternal Light

**Opening Reception:** June 13, 5 - 7 p.m.

**Exhibition Dates:** June 14 - December 2, 2009

**Location:** The historic Blinn House  
Women's City Club of Pasadena  
160 North Oakland Avenue  
Pasadena, CA 91101

**Hours:** Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### International Artist Magazine

#### CURRENT ONLINE COMPETITION

Still life and florals

Entries Close: July 15

Winners Featured in Issue

No 69 Oct/Nov 2009

Entry Fee only **\$9.00 US** per entry



“2009 California Open Exhibition” call for entries

TAG Gallery in Santa Monica, California announces a call for artists for its fourth annual juried art competition, August 19 - September 4. The exhibition recognizes excellence in a diverse range of media and offers selected artists a group show at TAG Gallery, cash awards totaling \$1000, plus catalog and

online exposure. The 2009 show will be juried by Michael Zakian, Director, Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, Malibu, and is open to all U.S. artists 18 years or older working in computer art, drawing, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Deadline for entries: June 27.

The prospectus for the TAG Gallery 2009 California Open is now available at the gallery and on the TAG website at <http://taggallery.net/news.php>.

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## Special up coming VAG exhibit announcement



## MATERIAL WORLD

FEATURING ARTISTS:

Donna Geist Buch      Carol Merrick  
Richard Herd          Terry Romero Paul  
Barbara E. Jones      Jude Wiesenfeld  
Judy Koenig

Exhibition Dates:

July 14th – August 10th 2009

Reception:

Sunday, July 19th 3 – 6 pm

Poet's Interlude featuring:

Richard Herd & Dori Marler

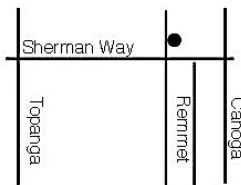
Gallery Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm



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See you all in the fall.



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