



# NEWSLETTER

December 2010



Guest Artist  
Junn Roca

VAG proudly announces our Winter Brunch at

## ✧ Cafe Bizou ✧

We are proud to announce that our third Annual winter Brunch will be held at the fabulous Cafe Bizou. Cafe Bizou prides itself in providing top quality service and delicious food in a family friendly restaurant. Please look at page three for more details and info. We hope to see you at our next Winter Brunch.



We will also have the pleasure and honor of having as our guest demonstrator Junn Roca. Junn has been a professional artist for more than forty years. Influenced by his father, Roca began his career in his native Philippines at the age of twenty. Roca came to the United States in 1979, and soon began a long and successful career in the animation industry. He is a recipient of numerous awards, including the Prestigious GRANVILLE REDMOND PURCHASE PRIZE at the SALON d' AUTOMNE in 2002, SECOND PLACE & HONORABLE MENTION at the BOWERS MUSEUM Annual Juried Plein Air Exhibition in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Junn Roca is a Signature Artist Member of the Prestigious California Art Club and Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America.



Next General Meeting

Date: no meeting this month

Happy Holidays!

## *President's Message*

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My fingers have been cold, but my heart burns with warmth.

I am working on a large cycle of paintings, and my studio has little heat. I am painting a night procession, you see. The grand design is composed of thirty-three wooden panels, each measuring seven feet high and three feet wide, so it is a big task. The final assembly of panels will be 99 feet long. Each panel depicts groups of people standing or marching through a cold assailing darkness, each holding in their hand a blazing, lit candle.

It stands for something big. Something bigger than me, and not just in physical size, but in the scope of its narrative. I am painting life-sized figures of impassioned women, angelic children and sleeping babies; old wrinkled grandparents and muscular men. They are fathers, doing their best to stand strong.

I could tell you that these figures huddled in the turbulent cold symbolize religious march, that they are perhaps enacting a civic ritual, or reflecting of a specific culture. But my painted figures are growing beyond these tidy descriptions. They are becoming us- all of us. And above all, they are beginning to represent the purest form of their appearance. They are keepers of warmth and love in a world of challenging, moving forces. The forces are magical as dreams and as dark as fear and destruction.

Their candles represent the simplest of iconography: hope. But my figures are not scared, of the darkness. They each make their stand, even in the face of the unknown. They seem to be demanding not to be painted in attitudes of mock-bravery in the face of fear, but in attitudes of acceptance that they are merely, gloriously human. And so I see the calendar on my wall, quietly reminding us all that it is time once again for the Holidays. With my cold fingers and my full, warm heart I continue to paint these figures, knowing only that they represent the hope in the darkness that these Holidays carry at their core: The promise that the cold is not forever and the light is really stronger than we can imagine.

And speaking of warmth and light, it is time to reserve your seat at our annual winter brunch, held this coming February at the impossibly romantic (and happily affordable)Café Bizou. We sold out last year and had to turn many away due to the demand, so be sure to respond right away! A special reservation form to fill out and send in will be in your mail. Look for it! The food at Café Bizou is legendary....it is soooo good, and our guest artist this year is famed painter Junn Roca. An elegant and enjoyable time will be had by all. (And how nice to have it scheduled after the hustle and bustle !

Remember: There is no meeting this December! Take the month to create, and enjoy the season. Stay warm, fellow artists! Let the light surround you.

John Paul



# 2011 Vag Winter Brunch Announcement.

We are very excited to announce that our 2011 winter brunch will be held this coming February 5, at the very elegant Cafe Biziou restaurant in Sherman Oaks. . Please contact Scott Kiche to make your reservation for this event. Make your check out for \$37 to reserve your seat or \$74 if you plan to bring a guest. There will be a limited amount of space for this coming brunch so please do not delay to long to make your reservation. We have room for 130 seats so act quickly. We also kindly request your reservation payment be made by January 25, 2010, this is the deadline. There are more details in December's newsletter, including menu options and other info. This is a not to miss annual event! So make plans to join us for this very special gathering. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

1. Our menu choices is as follows.

2. A. Soup or Salad

3. B. entree (5 to pick from)

1. Angel Hair Pasta w/tomatoes, garlic, basil and goat cheese

2. Sesame Coated Salmon w/potato pancakes, mushrooms and a burgundy sauce

3. Sauteed Sandabs w/caper butter butter sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables

4. Chicken Penne Pasta w/asparagus, sun dried tomatoes in a cream sauce

5. Roast Pork Tenderloin w/mashed potatoes in a garlic cream sauce

4.C. Dessert

5. They print up menus with our choices on it and members will circle what they want that day, we do not take advanced orders for this restaurant. We do however, take advanced reservations w/ number of people, so getting your reservation ahead of time will be very important

6. Try to arrive 20 minutes before 11:30 it will give us plenty of time to get our menus orders ready according to schedule.

## Winter Brunch 2011

**Location** Cafe Biziou  
14016 Ventura Blvd,  
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Time** 11:30am to 3:30pm

**Date** February 5, 2011

**Menu** The luncheon will be a three course meal. There will be three entrees to choose from. These choices will be posted on our December newsletter.

**Cost** \$37 per person.

Please contact Trice Tolle to make a reservation by Tuesday, January 25th, 2011.  
Make your check out for \$37 or \$74 if you plan to bring a guest.  
We kindly request your reservation payment be made by January 25, 2011, this is the deadline.  
Mail the form below and your reservation check to:

**Trice Tolle**  
Valley Artist Guild  
P.O. Box 16035  
Encino, CA 91416

Telephone Trice Tolle at (818) 345-1671 Please speak clearly and slowly.  
E-Mail questions to Trice at [Tricetolle@aol.com](mailto:Tricetolle@aol.com)  
Please leave your name if you are bringing a guest(s), and please spell the name.

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**Member's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest(s) Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to attend after making a reservation, please call Trice before the deadline or you will be held financially responsible for the cost of the luncheon

# Member events and reminders

## UPCOMING VAG EVENTS

### GENERAL MEETING --

No group meeting this month

### VAG BOARD MEETING --

NO board meeting this month

## 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),

This is a reminder that it's time to renew your membership in the Valley Artists Guild. All renewals are due by **January 31**. Annual membership is \$45 for individuals. Your membership must be up to date to exhibit in VAG shows. If you haven't done so yet, to be sure to mail your membership renewal for 2011 to:

Ken Ronney  
Membership Chairman  
7357 Hesperia Ave,  
Reseda, CA 91335

## MEMBER NEWS

**Trice Tolle's painting** "Rio Grande Gorge" was selected for the Artwanted.com 2011 Desk Calendar. Her painting

**Erella Teitler** was accepted to JAI (Jewish Artist Initiative), She will take part of a juried exhibit at Hebrew Union College "Memory and Transformation".

Exhibit will run through Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

Erella took part at "Brand 39", juried exhibit through Oct/ Nov

Erella has 2 pieces at Women Painters West exhibit at Viva, through Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>

## Member news



**John Paul Thornton**

**Donna Geist Buch**

Are participating in the group exhibit "Celebrating our Mexican Heritage"....a show at La Galeria Gitana, 120 N. Maclay Ave. #F

October 30 through Dec 24, 2010....

Reception, Oct. 30, 6 to 10 pm



Gallery Hours: noon - 6 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday  
(or by appointment)

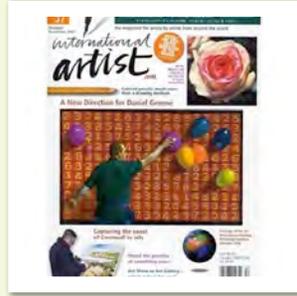
**URBAN SPACES:**  
The San Fernando Valley

**opening reception with the artists**  
Saturday, January 23, 2010 6-10 p.m.

## ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

### International Artist Magazine CURRENT ONLINE COMPETITION FLOWERS & GARDENS

Entries Close:  
12 Jan 2011  
Winners Features: IA#72  
April/May 2010



"Salon International 2011" (Posted: 9/15/10) -- The [Greenhouse Gallery of Fine Art](#) in San Antonio, Texas announces a call to artists for an international juried exhibition, April 10 - 30, 2010. \$8,000

Best of Show. Total Package \$30,000. Jury: Greenhouse Gallery Owners. Judge: Everett Raymond Kinstler, N.A., AWS.

**Deadline: Online - Jan. 21;** See prospectus for fee structures. [Download prospectus \(PDF format\)](#) or send SASE to: Salon International 2010 Prospectus, 6496 N. New Braunfels Ave., San Antonio, TX 78209. Questions? Please contact Jason Smith at [salon@greenhousegallery.com](mailto:salon@greenhousegallery.com) or call 800-453-8991.

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## From the Editor

Well VAG members, it seems that we are now drawing close to another year that has come and gone. I hope you are all enjoying your Holiday Season. I would like to make just a few quick announcements.

We would like to welcome and congratulate Barbara Jones on being elected to be VAG's new Vice President.

Barbara will be receiving the baton from Scott Kiche who served as VAG's vice president for three years.

Please email your member news or anything else you would like to share on the newsletter by the 20th of each month. It has also come to my attention that certain emails from members to the editor have for some reason gone to his spam folder.

I am currently trying to fix that problem so please stay tune and thank you for your patience. Also if any one has question regarding the winter Brunch please contact Scott Kiche at [lunahope2003@yahoo.com](mailto:lunahope2003@yahoo.com).

We also wish to remind members that you will be receiving by mail shortly your membership dues letter. Please contact Ken Ronney if you have any questions regarding that.

Have a wonderful holiday Season and see you next year!

Warm Holiday wishes

VAG Newsletter Editor



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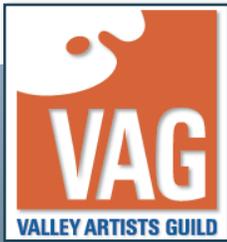
galleries, both international and domestic. Discover a superlative collection of over 15,000 works from all genres and periods including Historical, Modern, and Contemporary at this internationally acclaimed event.

**GENERAL SHOW DATES**

Wednesday, January 19, 2010, 11am - 8pm

Sunday, January 23 2010, 11am - 5pm

<http://www.laartshow.com/index.html>



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