



NEWSLETTER

January 2011

VAG proudly announces a field trip to the

* *Galeria Gitana*

Join us on Saturday January 22nd as we attend the opening reception at the gorgeous Galeria Gitana!

Our January event will take us out on the town, to attend the opening reception at the Galeria Gitana exhibition:

“Rediscovering San Fernando at 100.”

What better way to begin the new year than to attend an opening reception together at one of the Valley’s most exciting art venues! A few of our fellow VAG artist members are exhibiting paintings in the show. Come support them and scope out the gallery for yourself. Director Karen Nichols has devoted herself to presenting strong, diverse shows, each with a theme. This month we will be treated to an exhibition featuring the sights and soulful essence of historic San Fernando. It will be a lavish event, and the cost is free.

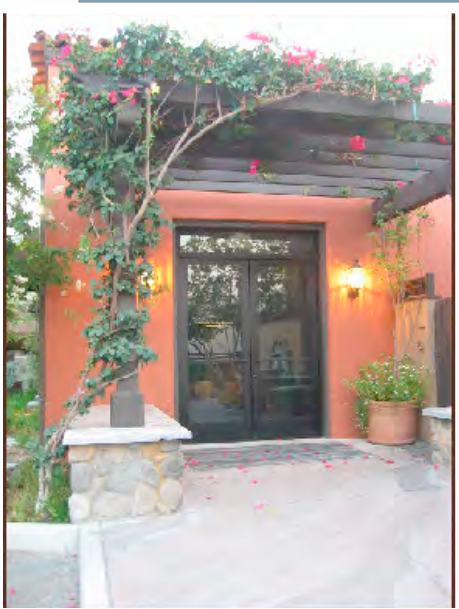
San Fernando has gone through a renovation that has reestablished its charm and invitingly clean sense of community. You will want to get clear directions to drive up to the city of San Fernando and get to the Gallery. We suggest getting directions online.

Time: Saturday, January 22 from 6-10 pm

Location: Galeria Gitana, 120 Maclay, suite E in San Fernando. Zip code 91340

Parking: Galeria Gitana is not visible from Maclay. Drive around the back. There is parking in the access street behind the building, There you will also find the public entrance.

Phone number: 818 808-7708



Next General Meeting

Date: Galeria Gitana January 22nd

Happy New Year!

President's Message

President's message.

Escape with us to France.

Oh, you do not need a passport! Just send in your reservations for our Winter Luncheon! Café Biziou is one of the top restaurants in the city, and we are all meeting there on Saturday, February 5th for our annual Winter Luncheon and artist's demonstration. The cuisine is overwhelmingly delicious. Café Biziou's menu items will treat our taste buds as if we were on a dreamy French vacation. We will have a chance to unwind from the holidays in affordable style. We will also have a chance to meet famed artist Junn Roca and watch him create a juicy landscape painting, right before our eyes!

Junn Roca is a signature member of the Oil painters of America and the California Art Club. His colorful art reflects the exciting Impressionist tradition, with a splash of contemporary design and flair.

Reservations can be made by mail. You will receive your invitation and reservation form the first week in January, but remember: seating is limited. Bring yourself or invite a spouse, loved one or fellow art-enthusiast along. The cost is \$37 for an individual or \$74 for two. Between the mouth watering food, the warm friendship and the inspiring art, you can take a mini French vacation as the Valley Artists Guild begins its new year!

One big change will also be coming, starting this February: Our monthly meetings will now be held on the evening of the third Tuesday of each month. We will be presenting members with our regular line-up of artist demonstrators, inspiring guest-speakers and professional opportunities.

Oh, one more thing: Please remember to get your annual dues in if you have not yet done so! We look forward to a very brilliant 2011. The Valley Artist Guild is proud to have you as a member.

John Paul Thornton,
President, Valley Artists Guild.

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, 20011, 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
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 --

Group meeting at the Galeria Gitana

VAG BOARD MEETING --

Meeting at Ken Ronney's home.

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 15th of each month Send to Scott Kiche, 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.

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 31st.

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

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

Event news

galeriagitana@verizon.net
www.galeriagitana.com

Gallery hours
Tuesday - Saturday
noon - 4 pm

Rediscovering San Fernando at 100
Opening Reception
Saturday, January 22
6 - 10 pm

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

Karen Altsch-Nizkor, Keri Bartholomew, Donna Geist Buch,
Jose De Juan, Marilyn Duzey, Kimberley Joy Ferrer,
Mellen Fortunate, Trish Kerwin, Chuck Kovacic, Darlene Mallen,
Isaiah Mills, Bob Newbill, Angela Phillips, Julie Snyder,
Beth Summers, Nancy Taylor, John Paul Thornton

John Paul Thornton
"Carica Fountain"
14" x 24" Oil on canvas

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ASTKENAZY has made this exhibit possible by a generous donation of gallery space.

John Paul Thornton

Donna Geist Buch

Are participating in the group exhibit "Rediscovering San Fernando"....a show at La Galeria Gitana, 120 N. Maclay Ave. #F

January 22 through March 19, 2011....

Reception, Jan 22, 6 to 10 pm

LA GALERIA GITANA

120 N. Maclay Avenue Ste.E
San Fernando CA 91340
www.galeriagitana.com
818 898-7708

La Galeria Gitana presents

Rediscovering San Fernando at 100
January 22 - March 19

The City of San Fernando commemorates the centennial of its incorporation, 1911 - 2011

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 or call 800-453-8991.

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Special announcement

New meeting Time: Third Tuesdays!!

Chant it with me: "Third Tuesdays!! Third Tuesdays! Third Tuesdays!"

Starting in February, our monthly meetings will take place on the Third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7pm in the evening.

The location will remain the same: the Encino Community Center.

This may shake things up at first, but we will settle into our new groove and continue to offer you top demonstrators, professional forums and much more. We will continue to have our mini-shows and will feature refreshments. We will also feature a few weekend events and outings throughout the year, so that all of our members will be able to keep active as Valley Artist Guild members.

Our first Tuesday evening group meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th, (A week and a half after our Winter brunch at Caf  Biziau).



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Coming in January



The 16th Annual Los Angeles Art Show returns to the Los Angeles Convention Center and the vibrant, revitalized, downtown district.

Join serious collectors and dedicated art enthusiasts in an exploration of painting, sculpture, works on paper, photography, and video from over 110

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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