

# DIRTY PALETTE

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Opening Jan 14 at 7 pm!



**2010 OPEN WALLS/OPEN STUDIOS**

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Artists Richard Herring, Myles Kleinfeld and others installing their work

layout and having a hand in every facet of the event. Ginny Heenan should be congratulated for writing the press release and the daunting task of organizing a postcard for the individual artists.



The Gallery Store in the East Gallery

The annual 2010 Pacifica Open Walls/Open Studios event was held for two weekends this year and hosted more than fifty artists from all over the Bay Area. For those who are interested in participating next year, each artist purchases a section of wall and is responsible for hanging their own work in whatever fashion they come up with.

This year's show was made possible by the hard work of several individuals who I feel deserve special mention. Nancy Russell of course was an integral part of the operation, handling the sign up and

## AGP BOARD ELECTIONS!

A reminder from AGP President Kathy Miller that AGP Board Member Elections will be here before you know it and the President's 2-year term will end. The election will be held March 27, at the second general meeting of the calendar year. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to hold one of these very important positions, please contact Kathy Miller or Nancy Russell. 650-355-1894

If you were wondering who was responsible for setting up that amazing Gallery Store, you have Daniele Derenzi to thank for that and for acquiring and setting up the banner on Highway 1 and just keeping everyone motivated with her ever positive personality.

Some of the other artists who helped make the show a success were Victoria Vargas and AGP President Kathy Miller and of course all the



Ceramic sculpture by Debra J. Garner-Abarca

volunteer artists who worked at the sales desks and served refreshments on opening night and helped to patch and sand the gallery walls after the close of the exhibit.

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The exhibit took place in all three galleries, with ceramics and other 3-dimensional work mostly displayed in the main gallery. Among those in the main gallery were artist Debra J. Gardner-Abarca who had on display several very lovely sculpture pieces whose color and surrealist expression seemed friendly yet mysterious.



Attendees admire artist David Booth's work in the West Gallery

artists participating in the event were Linda Salter, Jana Nisbet, Kathy Miller, Charles Dennis McDevitt, Jamey Brzezinski, Alice Kelmon, Nancy Russell, Melinda Lightfoot, Ann West, and Sheila Gamble.

Artists displaying their works on the walls were given full rein in utilizing their space in the most creative and attractive manner. Such was the case with Debby Dernberger who showed us a very aromatic display of organic art using coffee beans.



Debby Dernberger's exhibit in the West Gallery

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Jean Lannen's exhibit in the Main Gallery

Also showing in the main gallery was artist Jean Lannen, whose work I always admire; she constantly continues to amaze me. Having spent several days at the exhibition, I was able to see how Jean changed the setting of her display, keeping her show interesting and entertaining. From a simple glass of water to her eerily beautiful dolls, Jean's work will always be a favorite of the Open Walls/Open Studios exhibit.

Artists in the West and Main Gallery also included studio artists who opened their doors to the public for a behind the scenes look at their work space. Studio



Mary Harris sits with her art in the East Gallery

**AGP 2011 Exhibits in West Gallery**

<b>Jan 14-Feb 13</b>	<b>Self-Portraits</b>
<b>Feb 25-Mar 27</b>	<b>Element</b>
<b>May 27-Jun 26</b>	<b>Reflection</b>
<b>Jul 8-Aug 18</b>	<b>Flight</b>
<b>Oct 14 - Nov 20</b>	<b>Annual Members Show</b>
<b>December TBD</b>	<b>Open Walls/Studios</b>



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Studio artist Jana Nesbit's work in the foyer of the East Gallery

Studio artist Jana Nisbet, who set up her display in the East Gallery adjacent to her studio, presented us with several steel welded sculptures depicting her passion for surfing and the ocean along with several smaller pieces of steel and mixed media work.



"JUMP...Paintings by Jude Pittman" at the Mildred Owen Concert Hall


In conjunction with the opening of the Open Walls/Open Studios event, artist Jude Pittman exhibited her current work titled "Jump" in the Mildred Owen Concert Hall. Jude Pittman is a painter, mosaicist, designer, and teacher who lives in Pacifica. She has designed and created large-scale public and private art commissions throughout California and Utah. Jude, who is well known for her mosaics and murals at the Sanchez Art Center, displayed her figurative paintings that portray the playful, fragile, seeking, sometimes willful and often introverted nature of adolescents and young college students.

Michael Risenhoover, Editor

One of my favorite artists of the show, Richard Herring, also displayed his work in the East Gallery. The brilliant colors in his varying size pieces were a delight to attendees for both weekends. Richard also had small prints, cards and t-shirts for sale in the gallery store.



Richard Herring's paintings in the East Gallery



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Member Elections** • AGP Board Member elections will be held March 27 during the 2nd meeting of the 2011 calendar year. If you are interested in becoming a board member or would like to nominate someone contact Nancy Russell or Kathy Miller. 650-355-1894

**The AGP Web Site** • Links to members' web sites are available. To have yours added click [HERE](#). If you don't have a web site but would like one, JT Morrow now offers very affordable web designs. Call JT at 650-355-7899 or email him [HERE](#).

**AGP Apparel & Merchandise** • Clothing, tote bags and aprons with the Art Guild Logo on our web site, [www.artguildofpacifica.org](http://www.artguildofpacifica.org).

**Self Portraits: Real or Imagined** • Opening Reception Jan 14 at 7 pm, receiving Sun Jan 9, 5-7 pm & Mon Jan 10, 10 am-noon. And in the Main Gallery: Drawing from the Wrong Side of the Brain. The show runs through Feb 13th.

**Sanchez Stained Glass Artist** • Searching for new space (lease expiring). I need about 500 sq ft for around \$1 per sq ft. Any ideas? Contact Gaila Jennings at 650-738-1157 or [gjennings@artteach.com](mailto:gjennings@artteach.com).

**Mary Harris** • PCT26's Footprints: "Mary Harris at Shelter Cove" Wins Wave Award for Pacifica Historical Society. The half-hour documentary featured Mary, her artwork, and her wonderful natural surroundings. [The Alliance for Community Media](#).

## ARTISTS' SHOWS / WORKSHOPS

**GALE FRANCES** • “Something for Everyone: The Art of Gale Frances”, an exhibit at the Paul Strom Salon in Rockaway Beach. 450 Dondee Way #8, in Pacifica. <http://www.paulstrom.com>.

**CHERI HALSEMA** • Cheri’s painting *Wave 1* has been accepted for presentation in the 2010 PSWC Membership Show:  
<http://www.pswc.ws/html/events.html>.

**JUDE PITTMAN** • Solo show, Mildred Owen Concert Hall, 1220 Linda Mar Blvd, Sat Nov 20, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Show runs through Dec.  
<http://www.judepittmanstudio2.blogspot.com>.

**MYLES KLEINFELD** • Myles’ piece *9 Dots* won third place in a National Juried Show curated by Nat Trotman of the Guggenheim Museum of Art in NYC. Show opened Oct 23, at the Barrett Art Center.

**M. VICTORIA VARGAS** • Mixed media solo show. Reception: Dec 8, 5 pm to 8 pm; show runs through Dec. Brisbane City Hall, 50 Park Place, Brisbane.

**JANET ARLINE BARKER** • FENCES Member Show for Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association, 12/5/2010 - 3/1/2011, Corral de Tierra Country Club, 81 Corral de Tierra Road, Corral de Tierra. <http://www.corraldetierracc.com>.

**AMY SULLIVAN & SHEILA GAMBLE** • Two-woman show at Ocean Yoga. The show, titled “Essence”, will be on exhibit through Dec. 90 C Eureka Square, 650-355- 9642 or [info@oceanyoga.com](mailto:info@oceanyoga.com).

**ANN WEST** • Group show, “Here and There”, Hang Art Gallery, 567 Sutter Street, San Francisco, Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 12-5.

**AMY SULLIVAN** • Art and Inspiration-1st Friday of each month. A group for artists and others interested in the creative process for inspiration & personal growth. No previous art experience necessary. Healing Arts Studio, 2311 Palmetto Avenue, #E-1, Pacifica, 650-355-1133 or email [info@amysullivanmft.com](mailto:info@amysullivanmft.com).

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