

San Dieguito Art Guild's **The Paint Rag**

687 South Coast Highway 101, Encinitas CA 92024 760-942-3636 www.offtrackgallery.com Wednesday.- Sunday 10am-4pm.

Mark Your Calendar

Take-in for January

- **Floor artists:** By appointment only, contact Floor Manager Barb Millé 760.942.3595
- **Wall artists:** Tue., Jan. 2, 2007, 9:30am-12pm
- **Board Meeting:** Mon., Jan. 22, 2007, 9:30-12pm, Quail Gardens Larabee House
- **General Meeting *Note New Time!*** Thur., Jan. 4, 2007, 1:30-3:30pm, Quail Gardens
- **Upcoming Monthly Demos** will be in the daytime starting with Jan. Hours will be first Thursday of the month, 1:30-3:30pm.
- **Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Sundowner, Off Track Gallery** Tues., Jan. 9 from 5:30-7:30pm. Everyone welcome! Tell your friends. Food, music, and raffles. \$5.00 for members (SDAG is a member) and \$10.00 non-members. Start the New Year with a smashing party at the Gallery Building.
- **Small Image Show Art Pick-up:** Tues., Jan. 2, 2007 9:30am-12pm. Also Jan. 3-7 during gallery hours. All artwork must be picked up by the end of day on Sun., Jan. 7th.

Environmental Painters

PAINT OUTS - ALWAYS TUESDAY

Jan. 9 & 16, Meet at Rancho Santa Fe Library. We will decide where to go from there.

Jan. 23 & 30, Wind and Sea Beach, La Jolla, at the foot of Nautilus.

Feb. 6, Quail Botanical Gardens

Feb. 13 & 20, San Elijo Lagoon, headquarters off Manchester, west of I-5.

Call Joan Grine 858.481.8783 for more info.

Jan. Demonstrators Susan Kopp & Ray Balbes

DEMO: 1:30-3:30p.m., Thurs., Jan. 4, Ecke Hall, Quail Gardens

Susan Kopp

From early childhood in Santa Maria, California, Susan Kopp loved all things related to art and design. After raising a family, nine years ago Susan and her husband retired to Oceanside. Taking classes at the Oceanside Museum School of Art rekindled Susan's desire to express herself through art. Her travels in Europe, Mexico and North Africa with art classes from Palomar College and studying with local artists broadened and enhanced her skills. Today Susan uses mixed media and collage for self-expression. Applying layer after layer of rice paper or tissue paper or almost anything else to produce texture, she relies on layering of paint and her imagination.

Susan sold nineteen paintings in two days at her first street faire in Oceanside. Similar results were experienced at her second faire in Carlsbad. Time will tell if this was beginner's luck or a bright new future.



"Madrid Botanical Garden" by Susan Kopp

Jan. Demonstrators...continued

Ray Balbes

Ray Balbes is an emeritus professor of mathematics at UM St. Louis. He started out by dabbling in acrylics and began working in digital art in 1980, by creating a computer animation system for himself and artists in the broadcast industry. His work is on display in the U.S., Mexico and Canada. In the early 90s, with the advent of high quality color printers, Ray became fascinated with the possibility of creating his own images that were abstract, yet in some intrinsic sense, related to the real world. With each new artwork, Ray incorporates a selection of new and proprietary processes, to create the effect that he is seeking.



"Caribbean Sea" by Ray Balbes

Off Track Gallery

Now open until 8pm on
Friday & Saturday
New Sunday Hours
10am-4pm

Closed on Monday & Tuesday
Closed Dec. 31.

President's Message

By the time this issue of the *Paint Rag* reaches your hands, we'll be half way through Dec. and there will still be half a month left to enjoy our Small Image Show at the gallery. We had an outstanding response from our members and nonmembers with over 100 entries.

Wanda Olson and her take-in crew found a creative way to display the small images in all three gallery spaces. A big thanks goes to **Grace Swanson** for all the help she provided getting the show organized, notified and generally pulled together. **Lauren Jackson**, our judge, did a beautiful job choosing the winners in each category. Because the show was such a success, we may do another before long!

Don't forget that we'll be keeping our Dec. 2006 show up all of Dec. Take-in for the Jan. show will be on Tues., Jan. 2. There'll be plenty of time to see **Lisa Reinhardt's** special foyer show and our regular show, as well as the Small Image Show. Consider shopping for that special gift right at the gallery and avoid the stress of crowds at the malls.

Our First Sunday Reception was especially eventful on Dec. 3 with the Grauer School bringing lots of parents to view the wonderful children's art in the gallery's hallways. Grauer School art teacher, **Beth Marshall**, provided yummy cookies and Starbucks coffee, among other goodies. And a wonderful group of musicians from the school provided the musical background to folks viewing the art. As usual, **Joan Grine** created a beautiful table decorated with a festive red tablecloth and holiday trimmings.

A date to note on your calendar is our first ever Encinitas Chamber of Commerce Sundowner on Tues., Jan. 9 from 5:30-7:30pm. Our gallery, with the help of the other gallery building artists, will put on the Sundowner. It

should be a fun start to the New Year. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact me. We're planning a roving party with food stations in several areas of the gallery building.

Our guild is receiving several requests to participate in various events. Encinitas Garden Festival will be celebrated in Olivenhain this year and we have been asked to be a part by having plein aire artists along the walking tour route. The event is in April and I'll have more info on it later. Operation Smile has contacted us concerning a fundraiser reception with an art show. This could be a possibility also.

Although we did find out from our landlord that we'll still have to move sometime in the next year, we have a little more time. The earliest that we'd have to move would be June 2007. And it could be later into the fall of 2007. The board of directors will be exploring the various options as we proceed into the next couple of months. If anyone has an idea of a space, in a coffee shop, with lots of foot traffic, has a bathroom(!), and the rent is dirt cheap, please let one of the board members know. Oh, it also should be in North County.

Starting in January 2007, our monthly general meetings with a demonstration will be held during the daytime. The date is the same, the first Thursday of the month, but the time will be from 1:30-3:30pm rather than in the evenings. **Ray Balbes** and **Susan Kopp** will be our demonstrators for January. Two very different and exciting artists. Not to be missed!

Happy Holidays to all. May your holiday be a joyful one,

Laura Lowenstein
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Member Announcements

Upcoming Workshops at the Studio of Art and Design in Solana Beach Creative Floral Painting in Watercolor with Joan McKasson & Sat., Jan. 27 & Sun., Jan. 28.

Rikki Reinholz will teach a one day Beginning Watercolor Workshop held Fri., Jan. 26 & Sat., Feb. 10. All Materials are provided.

Creative Landscape Painting in Watercolor with Joan McKasson Sat., Feb. 24 and Sun., Feb. 25, **Watercolor classes** Jan. 9 & 10 with Rikki Reinholz. Classes held on Tues. & Wed.

Class size is limited, apply early. Workshops and classes will be held at 616 Stevens Ave., Suite C, Solana Beach. Contact the Studio at 858.755.6202 or visit **rikki-studio.com**

Joan Grine has a display of her pastel paintings at the Rancho Santa Fe library for the month of December.

Correction

Jeanine Fondacaro's name was spelled incorrectly in the Dec. issue of the *Paint Rag*. Jeanine's painting "San Elijo Lagoon" was one of the featured paintings in the Dec. issue.



Landscape #2 by Rebecca Grohowski
Photo by Grace Swanson

From the Calendar Chair

I encourage members to sign up for their preferred calendar dates well in advance. However, if you have signed up for a date in advance and decide not to show that month and don't let me know, your name is on the calendar and I think you are still sitting that shift. I usually find out too late that you won't be coming in and I end up covering for you on these shifts. If you decide not to show one month and had signed up on the calendar in advance for that month please alert me to remove your name.

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E-mail is ALWAYS better for me

Getting to Know You...

Starting in Jan., at each Sun. afternoon reception, up to ten SDAG members will be asked to give a very short presentation (5 minutes or less) on their piece of art. All SDAG members and the public are invited to walk around the gallery from one piece of art to another as we listen to each member explain their vision, inspiration, process, methods etc. in creating their art. Each month we will have a different group of artists give their mini-presentations. In this way we will all get to know each other and each other's work a little better. And it will make us more knowledgeable as we staff the gallery and sell our fellow artist's work.

If you would like to be in the first group on Sun., Jan. 7, please call or e-mail Grace at 760.942.6109 or **swanson121@cox.net**
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Results of December People's Choice Award

The People's Choice Award goes to **Kirk Van Allyn** for his photograph "Who's That?" He will receive a "People's Choice" ribbon and also be allowed to keep his photo in the Dec. show at no extra cost and placed in the position of his choice. Congratulations to Kirk. Tied for first place was **Grace Swanson's** "Matilija Poppy" but since her painting sold (hooray) it will be going to a new home!

Tied for second place are:

Joan Grine for "Grand Mesa",
Mary Beck for "Lone Gull",
Bobbie Harrington for "Sunrise at Crystal Mine". In third place is **Charlene Bonney** for "The Girls".

In all 126 people voted for 53 different pieces of art. (Someone voted for Monet, but alas, he is not one of our active members!)

We would like to remind you that (1) voting is to be by non-members only and (2) voting must be for the Off Track Gallery art only (that means -- as beautiful as it is - - Cathy Carey's, AJ Dieffenbach's, Elaine Trei's, Stan Weber's or kids' art show work is not eligible for this voting).



*"Who's That?" by Kirk Van Allyn
Photo by Grace Swanson*

Volunteers Needed

People's Choice Award" Coordinator

Monthly Tasks:

1. Make sure gallery has enough ballots for the month.
2. Pull one vote, call winner and invite them to reception to receive gift certificate (mail gift certificate to them if they cannot come to reception).
3. Count ballots and report winning artist to *Paint Rag*.
4. Call winning artist, congratulate them, ask where they would like to hang for the next month, report to Wanda Olson.

Call or e-mail Grace at 760.942.6109 or **swanson121@cox.net** if interested.

San Dieguito Art Guild Historian

Under the shrink wrap bin the Gallery are many albums from past SDAG years. In the last few years, we have been so busy that SDAG has let this function lapse. The Guild has been in existence for over 42 years. We sure would like our "era" to be part of the recorded Guild history. If this is something that interests you, please contact either Laura Lowenstein or Grace Swanson for more details.

SDAG Members & Holiday Shopping

Consider purchasing your gifts for friends and family from our own Off Track Gallery. You have to shop somewhere, right? Why not support your fellow artists and shop in "our own store". Plenty of small paintings, jewelry, scarves, purses, glass, wine stoppers, vases, ceramics and even unframed art to choose from.

Instructions for Off Track Gallery January 2007 Show

These instructions are for wall-hung art only (does not include jewelry, glass, textile etc.)

- **The entire gallery changes every month.** If you had art in the Dec. show **you need to bring in a replacement** (even if you pre-paid for 3 months). Take-in day are Tue., Jan. 2, 2007, 9:30am-12pm
- Bring your calendar with you so you can sign up for future sitting dates. If you have one piece of wall art in the gallery for the month of Jan. (or if you have just cards) you will need to sit one shift. If you have 2 or more pieces you must sit 2 shifts per month. There is a list of paid sitters available if you should need one.
- If someone else needs to bring in your artwork for you on take-in day, **you must have your sitting dates already arranged for Jan. by calling Grace Swanson at 760.942.6109 to choose or verify your dates. Your helper must arrive at take-in with your sitting dates listed on your take-in sheet.**
- **Each artist is limited to 3 pieces of wall art.** If you are already on the 3-month plan for less than 3 pieces, just tag your 3rd piece as an add-on and your fee is \$10 for that piece. If you are paying month-to-month your fee is \$15 x 3. If you have one piece in the show you must sit one shift per month. If you have 2 or 3 pieces in the show, you need to sit 2 times.
- For the month of Jan. show, the maximum dimension of your wall-hung art cannot exceed a total of 84 inches measured on the diagonal for 1 or 2 pieces and not more than 126 for 3 pieces.
- When you come to the Gallery on Tues. for take-in please have your **temporary Take-in Tag** and the **Take-in Sheet** (found in a separate PDF file sent along with *The Paint Rag* or inserted into your *Paint Rag* if mailed to you) filled out.
- You must have a multi-strand wire (not the saw-toothed hanger typical of ready-made frames) attached securely approx. 1/4 of the way down from the top of the frame and slack enough to come up to approx. 2 inches from the top of the frame, please tape the ends of the wire.
- Your art from the month of Dec. will still be hanging on the wall. Leave it there until you are all finished with the take-in paper work. Pick up your art just before you plan to leave the building.

Small Image Show /Off Track Gallery Awards December 2006 Judge, Lauren Jackson		
Artist	Title	Comments
Best of Show		
Rebecca Grohowski	Landscape #5 (photography)	
President's Choice Award		
Toni Williams	Spring Field (oil)	
Oil/Acrylics		
1 st Mary Beck	Pears	Uniquely composed, elegantly painted
2 nd Ellen Cramer	Persimmons	Exquisite color, sense of movement
3 rd Allin Budik	Tidal Inlet	Like your use of non-objective color
Honorable Mention Lee Sautereau	Star of India	Energetic brushwork, strong value range
Honorable Mention Jackie Tyreé	All Through the Night	Mysterious sky
Honorable Mention Judy Salinsky	Cardiff	Nice soft, airy quality
Water Media		
1 st Harriet Shoup	Why?	Dark, mysterious, interesting composition
2 nd Faith Fleury	Abstract III	Nice sense of color
3 rd Elizabeth Prakash	The Cat's Meow	Cute!
Honorable Mention Carré Ridgway	Wish you Were Here	
Photography		
1 st Rebecca Grohowski	Landscape #2	Other-worldly, unique composition
2 nd Garrie Lynn Rhodes	Checker Board	Bold!
3 rd Sandra Wilks	Moments to Remember	Lovely grays
Mixed Media		
1 st Marion Mettler	Palimpsest No. 3	Strong color! Composition beautifully holds the space
2 nd Diane Burch	Invention VIII	Love the color, composition, very strong feeling
3 rd Darielle Peugh	Afterglow	Love the color, overall design and inventive use of materials
Honorable Mention Mary O'Reilly	Untitled	Inventive
Honorable Mention Karen Langer Baker	Blue Rendition I	Nice composition
Other Media		
1 st Jo-Michele Boyer-Sebern	Geolava #205032	Color, textures, design pleasing and interesting
2 nd Allin Budik	Old Singer	Love the feel of your penwork and chosen image
3 rd Sherry Krulle-Beaton	Fallen Leaves	Interesting sense of mystery, composition
Honorable Mention Rudelle Fay Hall	The Balloonist	

Artist Opportunities

Off Site Bank Of America Artists

Lisa Reinhardt will continue to exhibit there each month. If anyone is interested to also show there, please contact Lisa at: 760.753.5152.

Calling All Artists to Diane

Powers' Bazaar Del Mundo in

Old Town

Diane Powers is seeking local artists to showcase in a one-night event each month at the Bazaar Del Mundo in Old Town. All media considered but should be appropriate for a small courtyard setting. For details visit Web site:

www.BazaarDelMundo.com/artists

or call 619.296.4690 with your mailing address or fax number and someone will get you the info.

St. Tropez & Bistro "Artist of the Month" Opportunity

Encinitas & Hillcrest Locations

As an "Artist of the Month" you would be responsible for seeing that all of your work is framed, priced and presented with a biography. 10% of the gross proceeds of each sale will go to The Storefront, which is located a few blocks away from the Hillcrest restaurant, which is at 3805 5th Ave. The Storefront is in connection with <http://Photocharity.com> places homeless teenagers in a 24-bed facility right in Hillcrest. It is run under the umbrella of San Diego Youth & Community Services.

We will host an "Opening Night" function and would expect you to attend. We will utilize our e-mail database and we hope you will use yours also.

Please contact Kelly McLean at 760.632.7770 or Kelly.dme@gmail.com if interested in the **Hillcrest** location. She will put you in contact with the storeowner to make an appointment to show your work.

The **Encinitas** location will be handled differently. They will be

supplied with a list of our SDAG artists, their bios and samples of their work. St. Tropez will choose which artist (each month) whose work they feel reflects the look and feel of their restaurant.

Next pickup & drop-off for the BAE Systems Artist Gallery in Escondido is Feb. 16, 2007, 11am-1pm. There's no entry fee or commission taken for our members, but if there's a sale, a \$5.00 fee will be charged as the check comes through the gallery. Must have a resale license to participate. See details at the gallery in one of the notebooks at the desk.

Rent the foyer space at Off Track Gallery for the month of Feb.

2007 for your own exclusive art show. Rent is \$200.00. Or share the space with another artist and split the cost. Contact Laura Lowenstein or Grace Swanson

*Photos from the Small Image Show
Photos by Grace Swanson*



Small office space or artist studio

Located within steps of ocean bluffs in Del Mar.

New tile flooring, paint and beautiful bathroom. Approximately 200 SF. No kitchen. Rent \$795 per month. For details please contact Emily at (619) 993-6089.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Opportunities make a difference. Connect with your fellow artists.

- **Sunshine Secretary** This person would be responsible for sending correspondences to those in our guild that are in need of a little sunshine. The amount of time would vary.
- **Wall Tag Coordinator.** Need SDAG member to make and place the wall tags each month. The Guild will soon have a PC computer set up in the gallery so that the tags could be generated the day of take-in.
- **Mother's Day Event Co-chair**
- San Dieguito Art Guild Historian
- Someone to attend 101 Downtown Leucadia meetings
- Assistant to *The Paint Rag* editor (attend Board Meetings.)

Contact Laura Lowenstein
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Grace Swanson
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Welcome New SDAG Members

Candice Francis, photography & digital
Rebecca Grohowski, photography
Danielle Herzog, photography & oil
Roni Hicks Clemens, oil
Zenny Kicko, watercolor pencils
Penny Ottley, oil

Paint Rag Information

Send relevant information via e-mail to: Megan Pierson at 760.944.7956 or meopierson@yahoo.com

Newsletter info due on or before noon, the 28th of each month.

Advertising Rates Members: \$15 for 1/8 page, \$30 for 1/4 page, \$60 for full page. **Non-members** \$30 for 1/8 page, \$60 for 1/4 page, \$120 for full page. Payable to "SDAG" due by 1st of the month.

Membership Info Contact Mary Beck with any address changes, at 760.630.9518 or e-mail changes to: higgbeck@cox.net.

The *Paint Rag* is now delivered via e-mail. Members without e-mail will receive a printed copy via "snail mail".

Paid Sitters available at \$30 per shift:

Joanne Chambers	760.943.0986
Darcie Anderson	760.944.3771
Isabella Breasted	760.436.2091
Barbara Millé	760.942.3595
Laura Lowenstein	760.753.3254
Diane Dudek	760.944.7668
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January

Take-in on **January 2**

Check # _____ \$ _____

Artist _____ Phone _____

NEW S.D.A.G. MEMBER this month

Address _____

Email _____ Medium _____

If willing to hang in **hallways** put **red dot** by item (*far left*)

Include Regular Show and Shrink Wraps.	Diag. Measur	OfficeUse Item #	Title of artwork	Medium	Dept.	Vendor ID	Price
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Your vendor ID is the **first three letters of last name** and **first two letters of first name** (no spaces).
 Item # will be given by take-in volunteers on the day of rotation. Dept numbers: **1** = cards, **2** = shrink wrap, **3** = oil/acrylic, **4** = watercolor, **5** = photography, **6** = mixed media, **7** = other media, **8** = jewelry, **9** = glass, **10** = sculpture/ceramics, **11** = textile, **12** = special events, **13** = miscellaneous, **14** = digital art

Month	Date	Time	Date	Time
JAN				
FEB				
MAR				

Sitting Dates PER MONTH (1 shift for 1 piece, 2 shifts for 2 or 3 pieces)

Job _____

I UNDERSTAND THE SAN DIEGUITO ART GUILD/OFF TRACK GALLERY AND/OR TOY FACTORY 101 ENCINITAS LP ARE NOT INSURED FOR COVERAGE OF ARTWORK AT THE GALLERY AND/OR IN UNSECURED AREAS. THE SAN DIEGUITO ART GUILD/OFF TRACK GALLERY AND/OR TOY FACTORY 101 ENCINITAS LP CAN NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY ARTWORK AT ANY TIME. I WILL PROVIDE MY OWN INSURANCE IF I DEEM IT NECESSARY

_____ **INITIAL HERE.**

I AGREE TO PERMIT MY ART TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND USED FOR SDAG
 ADVERTISING/P.R. PURPOSES. _____ **INITIAL HERE.**

MONTH:	
Diagonal measure	
Artist Name	
Title	
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Hallway OK ?	
PRICE	

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