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SUMMER ART WALKS CELEBRATE OLD TOWN MONROVIA

Features local artists, Gallery receptions, Demonstrations and appearances by local artists!

The Monrovia Association of Fine Arts and the merchants of Old Town Monrovia are inviting the public to the 2009 Summer Art Walks. The Summer Art Walks are **FREE community events** featuring local artists and held in conjunction with "Open Air Film Night". This year, on Saturday **July 25th** and Saturday **August 29th, 2009** from **7:00-10:00 p.m.**, local artists will display their works along the sidewalks of Old Town Monrovia's historic Myrtle Avenue from the 400 -600 blocks of S. Myrtle between Olive and Lime Avenues to show and sell drawings, paintings, sculpture, photography and hand-made glass and ceramic artworks. The 2009 Summer Art Walks will also feature live music and host gallery receptions.

On Saturday, July 25th the Summer Art walks will feature the special "Open Air Film Night", sponsored by the City of Monrovia that has become very popular recently. The movie scheduled for this upcoming Saturday will be ET. The public is invited to bring chairs and snacks to enjoy the screening on Colorado Blvd. at Myrtle Avenue.

Some of the local artists displaying their work in the Paint-N-Play Art Gallery and or providing artwork or demonstrations for the MAFA Summer Art Walks include some of the following well-known and continuing supporters: Photographers **Bruce Burr, Carol Curtis, Doug Gordon, Stephen Coleman aka Stephen's Folly Gallery, Steven and Marianne McCarthy, Valentine Photography, Bill Johnson, Scott Buckel, Ginger Van Hook** and **Frank Zgonc**. Watercolor artists also included are **Connie Towns Burr, Julie Hill, Brian Smith, Betty Glass, Horst Albers, Setsuko Okubo, and Elaine G. Smith**. Some of the Oil Painters participating are **Rouzanna Berberian, Ron Pettie**, as well as **Roz Newson**. Glass artist **Christina Hughes**, pen and ink artist **Ron Husband** as well as acrylic artist **Heather Shaw** showing some of her ceramic art, and acrylic artist **George Schopeck**, collage artist **Millie Havens** will also have work on display. Additional participating artists include Rose Braunstein, Diana Enscoe, Hugh Hoyland, Kenny Ratliff, Henry Olivas, Lucia Yang, Suchiko Sukegawa, Deb Skidmore, Bill Hyatt and Larissa Lewis. The ceramist and local Monrovia High School art teacher Sal Perez will be performing a demonstration with the assistance of some of his students and Painter Betsy Matz will be painting "plein aire" during the festivities.

Young artists, ages 4 to 18, will also be featured during the 2009 Summer Art Walks. One very special and inspiring artist, Clark Demland, a 17-year-old student attending Camelback High School in Phoenix, Arizona will be a guest artist at the July 25th Art Walk displaying his incredible talent for digital photography, despite his struggles with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. Students from the **Monrovia Unified School District Village Program and Monrovia High School Ceramic Department** will also participate. Many Old Town Merchants will be contributing to the 2009 Summer Art Walk events or supporting the event as sponsors, including the following: Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board (MOTAB) and Family Festival Productions, Paint 'n' Play Ceramic Art Studio and Fine Art Gallery, KidsArt Studio, Segil Fine Art Gallery, Focus One Community Credit Union, Monrovia Coffee Co., Montecito Fine Arts College of Design, as well as California Wine and Cheese and the Aztec Art Galleries which include Route 66 Gallery and The Night Owl Art Gallery.

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