



Movers & Shakers

[SD Visual Arts Network](#) and [Art Expressions Gallery](#)
present

[Movers & Shakers:](#) [Who's Who in the San Diego Visual Arts World](#)

Reception Fri, Sept 5 from 7 to 9 pm

Show continues until Oct 4

Collectors Cocktails, How to Commission Art Date TBD

[Art Expressions Gallery](#): 2645 Financial Court, Suite C, San Diego, CA 92117 [Link for map to gallery](#)

Exhibition hours: Monday - Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm

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High resolution photos of portraits are available by request.

[Id, Ego and Superego](#) An introduction to the portraits in this exhibition

[SD Flash Forward: Movers and Shakers Speak Out](#) A summary of the visions for San Diego Futures by Movers and Shakers in this exhibition by Patricia Frischer and Kevin Freitas

[ArtRocks!Interview](#)

Description Movers & Shakers: (plural noun) very important, influential or innovative San Diegans in the visual arts community.

Unyielding enthusiasm, imagination, dedication and an intense love of art, drives the individuals who shape the art community in San Diego County. Artists, art collectors, students, teachers and the community at large all benefit from the extraordinary efforts of those who help put the San Diego cultural scene on the map. ***Movers and Shakers: Who's Who in the San Diego Visual Arts World*** will celebrate these influential people through a collection of their portraits.

From Sept 5 to Oct 4, 2008, invited artists will exhibit portraits that will be featured at [Art Expressions Gallery](#). To celebrate the opening, a reception will be held on Friday, Sept 5 from 7 to 9 pm to honor the Movers and Shakers, as well as the artists who created their portraits. An educational event Collectors Cocktails: How to Commission Art will take place at a date TBD. [San Diego Visual Art Network](#) will be showcasing portraits in an online gallery with linked images produced by [San Diego Visual Artists Guild](#)

Mission

To recognize the people who make the San Diego art world spin through an online and gallery exhibition of portraits by San Diego regional artists.

Goals

- Educate the public about the efforts of the San Diego "Movers & Shakers" and their tremendous impact on the health of the art community
- Foster relationships between the "Movers & Shakers" and San Diego artists
- Promote San Diego regional artists and the art of portraiture through the Art Expressions Gallery, SDVAN and SD Visual Artists Guild
- Foster awareness of San Diego Visual Arts Network and the roles we take in nurturing collaborations and creating artist recognition
- Encourage Art Collecting and Connoisseurship

[San Diego Visual Arts Network](#): SDVAN is a database of information produced to improve the clarity, accuracy and sophistication of discourse about San Diego's artistic and cultural life and is dedicated to the idea that the Visual Arts are a vital part of the health of our city. SDVAN hosts a free interactive directory and an events calendar covering all San Diego regions including Baja Norte with an opportunity section, gossip column and the SmART Collector feature to help take the mystery out of buying art. SDVAN is the proud non-profit sponsor of the SD Art Prize. This is the only site designed exclusively for the SAN DIEGO region and the VISUAL ARTS and is one of the most technically advanced sites of this kind in the country.

[Art Expressions Gallery](#): Art Expressions Gallery provides personalized service to both residential and corporate clients. The gallery features a vast selection of both traditional and contemporary art in a variety of media, as well as an extensive inventory of fine art photography. Art Expressions Gallery also offers on-site art and framing design consultation and art locating services with worldwide resources for the serious collector. Under the stewardship of Patricia Smith, who founded the gallery in 1984, Art Expressions Gallery represents emerging American artists who share a mastery of their medium. Patricia Smith established [ArtsBusXpress](#), a program that offers all school children in San Diego County free transportation to the arts. To date, this non-profit has provided rides to over 135,000 children.

[San Diego Visual Artists Guild](#): SDVAG became an online representative for artists in the San Diego/Baja Norte region in Jan. of 2004. It evolved from the original San Diego Art Guild founded in 1915. It features images of well over 300 artists and links to hundreds of websites of the participating artists, museums, and art resources throughout the region. Also on the site is a comprehensive history of the Guild from 1910-1999.

The Movers and Shakers committee is composed of the following who are giving of their times as volunteers to make this project successful: **Patricia Smith, Debbie Linn, Denise Bonaimo, Mireille Des Rosiers, Dennis Paul Batt, Rosemary KimBal , Kaarin Vaughn and Patricia Frischer.**

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A list of all the artists and Movers and Shakers follows with images of the artworks. **High resolution photos of all arts are available by request.**

Portrait Selection (Artist - Mover and Shaker)

Patricia Bean - **Constance White** (Art Program Manager, Public Community & Customer Relations Dept, [San Diego County Regional Airport Authority](#))

Denise Bonaimo - **Arline Fisch** (Artist/Jeweler/ Author/ Professor of Art Emerita SDSU)

Stuart Burton - **Doug Simay** ([Simayspace Gallery](#) at Co-founder, [The Art Academy of San Diego](#))

Dan Camp - **Jonathan Segal** ([Jonathan Segal FAIA & Development Company](#))

Alida Cervantes - **Jean Lowe** (Installation artist, lecturer at UCSD)

Becky Cohen - **Ellen Phelan** (Art activist, educator, and noted contemporary art collector)

Cynthia Colis - **Liz Edwards** (Founder and Director of [LetsPlayDowntown](#))

Isaias Crow (Crol) - **Naimeh Tahna** (Vice President of Network Development and Operations, Satori World Medical, Inc. and founder of [Studio Vivace](#))

Kevin M. Connors - **Victoria Hamilton** (Executive Director of the [City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture](#))

Mireille des Rosiers - **Felicia Shaw** (Director Arts and Culture, [The San Diego Foundation](#))

Irène de Watteville - **Zandra Rhodes** (International Fashion Icon)

Raymond Ellstad - **Mary-Catherine Ferguson** (Museum Director, [California Center for the Arts, Escondido](#))

Mary Fleener - **Gustaf Rooth** ([Planet Rooth](#), founder Ray at Night)

Dave Ghilarducci & Cindy Bis-Sevon - **Laurie Brindle, Laura Groch, Pam Kragen,** and **Gary Warth** ([North County Times](#) staffers)

Gerrit Greve - **Derrick Cartwright**, (The Maruja Baldwin Director, [San Diego Museum of Art](#)) and **Vas Prabhu** (Deputy Director for Education and Interpretation, SDMA)

Raul Guerrero - **Larry Poteet** (lawyer, SDAI board member, art collector and **Debra Poteet** collector and both honorary VIP hosts for SD Art Prize)

Pamela Jaeger - **Robert Pincus** (Art Critic and Books Editor, [The San Diego Union-Tribune and Sign-On San Diego](#))

MOFO - **Matt D'Arrigo** (Founder/Executive Director, [Pat D'Arrigo ARTS \(Art, a Reason to Survive\) Center](#))

Aaron Rix - **April Game** (CEO, [San Diego Fine Art Society](#))

Gail Roberts - **Tina Yapelli** (Professor and Director, [University Art Gallery](#), San Diego State University)

Lisa Roche - **Ann Berchtold** (Gallery Director, [L Street Gallery](#) Art Gallery and Program Director, [San Diego Art Prize](#))

Jamie Roxx - **Philly Joe Swendoza** (Chanter of Personality [ArtRocks!](#) Internet radio) and **Alexandra Rosa** (Co-Producer [ArtRocks!](#) Internet radio and [SDVAN RAW](#) Columnist)

Philipp Scholz Rittermann - **Mary Beebe** (Director, [Stuart Collection](#), University of California)

Lisa Smith - **Mario Torero** ([activist](#), Barrio Logan /East Village Art Association)

and **Steven Churchill** (producer, [The Art of Photography Show](#))

Stacy Smith - **Patricia Smith** ([Art Expressions Gallery](#), [ArtsBusXpress](#))

Doug Snider and **Chris Brown** - **Nate and Ralyn Wolfstein** ([Wolfstein Sculpture Park](#), Scripps Hospitals)

Cheryl Tall - **Sandra Chanis** (Carlsbad Outdoor Arts Foundation, President, Board of Trustee, [Oceanside Museum of Art](#))

Mario Torero - **Naomi Nussbaum** (Director, [Synergy Arts Foundation](#) and the BL/EV Project)

Jen Trute - **Dennis Paul Batt** ([Museum Artists Foundation](#), [San Diego Visual Artists Guild](#).)

Sidney Wildesmith - **Catherine Sass** (Public Art Director, [Port Of San Diego](#))

Jeff Yeomans - **Hugh Davies** (The David C. Copley Director, [Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego](#))

Yuransky - **Kevin Freitas** ([Art As Authority](#))

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Movers and Shakers: Who's Who in the Visual Arts in San Diego

by Patricia Frischer, coordinator, [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#)

The original idea for a portrait exhibition came from Julia Gill when a general request at San Diego Visual Arts Network went out for projects to increase our awareness once we had over 1000 resources listed on the site. We wanted to celebrate this benchmark and also create an exciting project that would continue to involve the visual arts community while at the same time reach out to the general population of the San Diego region. We decided on Movers and Shakers because we are interested in capturing a period in San Diego's artistic life. Working with Denise Bonaimo to flesh out these ideas, we came up with a proposal for an exhibition at Art Expressions Gallery and an online and expanding gallery through the San Diego Visual Artists Guild. .

Mike Von Joel in his article *Here's Looking at Me*, published in State of the Arts, says "(Portraits) have been the mainstay of visual art ever since that first scratch on rock." In fact, we can see the whole history of art in portraits. In America's National Portrait Gallery in Washington DC a law restricting portraits to those at least ten years dead was repealed in 2000 but we still have a long way to catch up to the National Portrait Gallery in London with its well supported yearly competition. Portraits might not be considered to be the height of fashion here, but that is changing fast mainly because we have become a society not only fascinated by art and its economy but with self. Fortunes are spent to preserve a youthful body especially in Southern California. It is only natural to want to document the result.

Most good portraits are, in a way, portraits of the artist who create them. The best express a feeling about the human condition and have exceptional clarity. They reflect not only the subject but also something of the time and place. They advance the scope of art. We want to see a physical resemblance but we also need the intellectual and emotional aspects of the subject's personality revealed.

This show is not intended as a 'best of' survey. It is a sampling instead of many types of art honoring VIPs in the art world. We hope this combination of Movers and Shakers with artists does not result in Matisse's famous sentiment, "God preserve me from the model!" But instead will urge our artists to dig deep to show their best about some of our brightest supporters.

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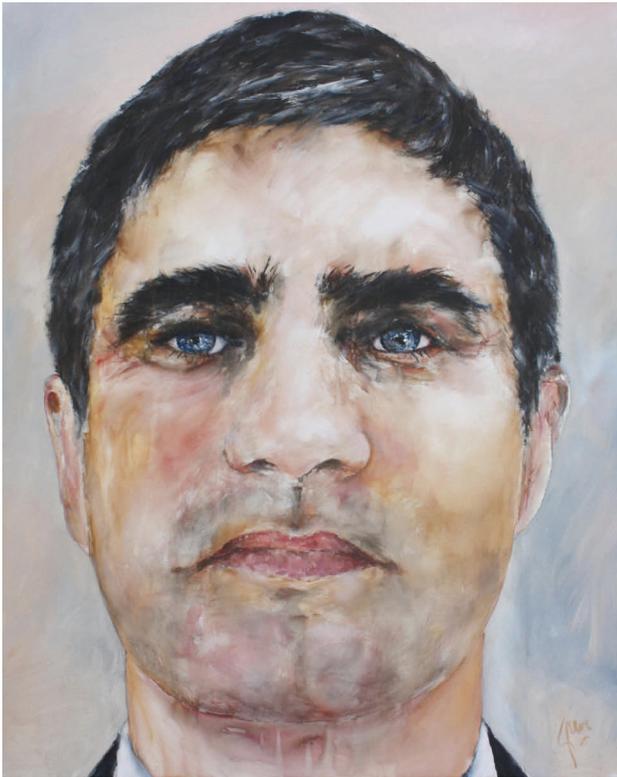
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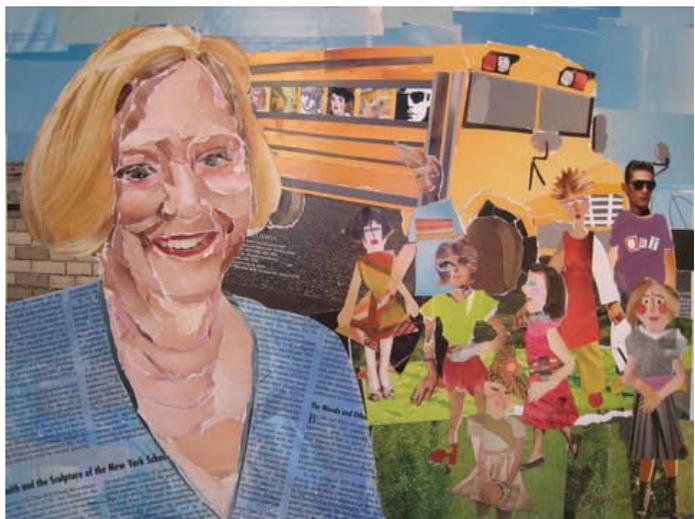
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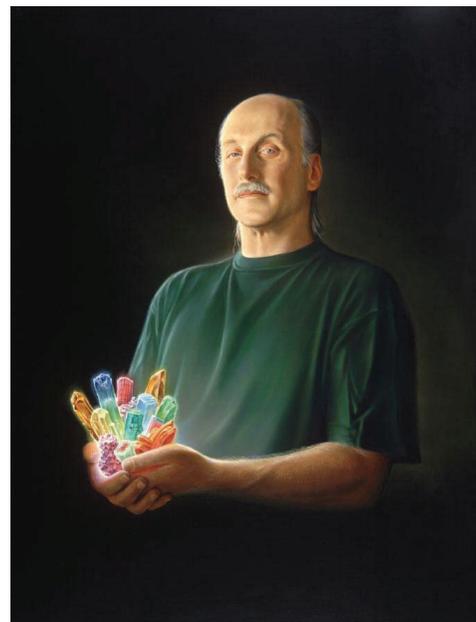
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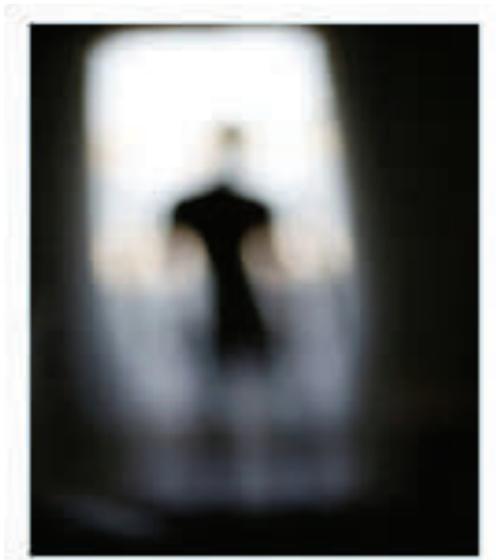
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