
THE SAN DIEGO VISUAL ARTS NETWORK

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Zhibit.org together with [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#) and [Synergy Art Foundation](#)
are pleased to announce the

Fire and Rebirth

online art competition and fund raiser

[Fire and Rebirth](#) online art competition

Presented by [Zhibit.org](#) and [San Diego Visual Arts Network](#)

100% of entry fee net proceeds aiding the San Diego Emergency Artist Support League ([SD-EASL](#))
program of [Synergy Art Foundation](#)

Entries Nov 1 to Dec 24. Awards announced Jan 4

Prizes totally \$1000

100% of net proceeds from this juried event will go to support Synergy's San Diego Emergency Artist Support League ([SD-EASL](#)) in their efforts to help artists affected by the October firestorm. We are very excited to present both emerging and established artists with this opportunity to be recognized and rewarded for their creative talents and help fellow artists in need along the way.

The [Fire and Rebirth](#) art competition is open to all artists and their art, from 2D photography and collage to 3D sculpture and jewelry. This online competition is juried and winners will be determined by the artist **Rod Lingren** who himself was affected by the Cedar Fires of 2003 and awarded an EASL grant. A total of \$1000 will be awarded to the winners: \$500 for 1st place, \$200 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd. Four additional award of \$50 each will be granted to the winners of the online popular vote. Submissions are accepted through Christmas 2007. Your entry fees of \$20 per first submission and \$10 for each additional all go to support SD- EASL in this time of need. For detailed prospectus and rules or to submit your entry, please go to

zhibit.org/artcompetition/fire-and-rebirth

Zhibit.org is looking for individuals and organizations who wish to **support this event** by matching donation, sponsoring additional prizes or helping with its promotion (online or offline). Please [contact us through our website](#) to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

We look forward to your participation in the **Fire and Rebirth** art competition. Please feel free to extend this invitation throughout your local art community. Every entry fee counts and your help can make a big difference.



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[Rod Lingren](#)'s father, who taught at printmaking at SDSU, was pivotal to his art education. He assisted him at the International Printmaking Workshop in Turkey and India, which was sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute and the USIA. Mr.Lingren has made bronze sculpture, jewelry and steel sculpture He worked as a Master Printmaker at at Orr's Gallery and Ettan Press. He taught sculpture and Drawing for the Orme School Fine Arts Festival where he was on staff for 23 years. Many of his works are in private, public and corporate collections. Eight years ago Mr. Lingren's main emphasis turned to Plein Air and Studio oil painting where he is finding joy and fulfillment in recording California's beautiful but vanishing landscape.

[Synergy Art Foundation](#) is a non profit whose mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to San Diego County's visual artists who are in desperate need because of a medical crisis, accident, fire or loss of personal and professional property. Established in November 2003 in response to the untold damage created by the San Diego Cedar fires, SAF awarded a total of fourteen grants to artists that season. In aid of the recent firestorm they are holding a number of events including **Urban Pulse** fundraising party ON Nov 17 and **Ashes to Art** auction. All proceeds benefit artists severely impacted by the recent firestorm through Synergy's **San Diego Emergency Artists Support League** ([SD-EASL](#)).

[San Diego Visual Arts Network](#) hosts a free interactive directory and an events calendar covering the entire county as well as Baja Norte, with an opportunity section, gossip column and the [SmART Collector](#) feature to help take the mystery out of buying art. SDVAN sponsored the region wide [SD ART PRIZE](#). This is the only site designed exclusively for the San Diego region and the Visual Arts. SDVAN is a non profit organization whose mission is 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.

[Zhibit.org](#) is the leading online community for artists who wish to harness the power of the internet to showcase their work online. [Zhibit.org](#) provides artists with extremely simple tools to build unique personal websites, sell their artwork online, and participate in various art competitions and events.

Please note: Artists, your entry fee is not tax deductible for this competition, but Zhibit.org will donate the proceeds from your entry fees to Synergy Art Foundation.

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