

Gallery Statement

Community Art Gallery Objectives:

- Bring the Arts to a venue of the County that draws large numbers of people.
- Extend awareness of the Arts to those who may not have access or availability.
- Provide County artists with a venue for showing their works.

More than 3,000 Ventura County residents, from all social, economic, and ethnic groups, flow through the lobby of the Hall of Administration County Government Center on a daily basis. Our role in maintaining this public gallery is to provide this diverse population with opportunities for exposure to noncommercial forms of the Visual Arts. Since the Gallery is located in a place of work and business, gallery subject matter must be suitably appropriate. In general, exhibitions have very broad themes focusing on Ventura County, or on a subject that touches on the people of the County.

The purpose of the Gallery is also to provide exhibition space for local artists. Therefore, exhibitions are only open to artists that reside in the Tri-County area (Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara). In assembling these exhibitions, partnering is often done with other Ventura County Organizations such as Focus on the Masters, the Ventura Music Festival, and Studio Channel Islands Arts Center. An occasional exhibition from an outside source is also sought, with the purpose being to expose Art, Culture, and Ideas not readily available in our own community.

The VCAC Visual Arts Committee is in charge of physically maintaining the Gallery and coordinating the exhibits. Theme ideas come from both the committee and outside sources. Committee meetings are open to the public. For more information on this program, please contact the VCAC Visual Arts Committee Chair.

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The Ventura County Government Center Community Art Gallery is a program operated by the Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC). VCAC has been working in partnership with the County Board of Supervisors and Administrative Staff to exhibit non-commercial art within the Hall of Administration. Exhibitions are organized by VCAC, Visual Arts Committee whose members include; Shantha Parakatiye, Michal Alaniz, Gerardo Segismundo, Brian Stethem, Cecile Faulconer, Paul Lindhard, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Joe Piasentin, Todd Collart, Chair and Margaret Travers (Executive Director)

The Ventura County Arts Council is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that supports and strengthens the arts throughout Ventura County by stimulating greater accessibility and public involvement in the arts. We promote quality arts education in public and private schools; provide a clearinghouse of information and resources; expand funding; promote dialogue and mutual support among arts organizations and artists; and serve as a liaison and advocate for its local constituencies at a regional, state, and national level.

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