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Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) Showcases Local Art

Opportunity to get “up close and personal” with Peninsula, South Bay and coastal talent

Campbell, CA – March 25, 2016 – South Bay, Peninsula and coastal artists will open their studios to the public during the annual Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) the first three weekends in May. Now in its 30th year, this annual event lets visitors experience a wide variety of art in the artists’ own studios.

More than 380 artists will participate. The artists work in a variety of visual media including painting, fiber arts, printmaking, mixed media, jewelry, photography, sculpture and ceramics. The art (except for photographs and prints) is one-of-a-kind.

“This event grows more popular every year because visitors enjoy talking with the artists, seeing a lot of their work at one time and, in some cases, seeing the artists at work, all in the comfort of the artists’ studios,” said Mel Thomsen, executive director of SVOS. “The event also provides a great opportunity to cost-effectively begin an art collection.”

In addition to showcasing established talent, SVOS attracts many emerging and first-time artists. “Many of Silicon Valley’s finest gallery owners and museum curators attend the event, looking for new talent,” he said.

Dates and Locations

Reservations are not required for the free event. Artists in different cities from Burlingame to Gilroy and the coastal communities will open their studios between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to this schedule:

Weekend One (May 7 - 8): Northern Area

Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Moss Beach, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, San Mateo, Saratoga, and Stanford

Weekend Two (May 14 - 15): Central Area

Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Menlo Park, Morgan Hill, Moss Beach, Palo Alto, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Jose, San Mateo Stanford, and Woodside.

Weekend Three (May 21 - 22): Central Area and Pacific Coast

El Granada, Half Moon Bay, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Montara, and Moss Beach, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Carlos, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Stanford, and Sunnyvale.

For a complete list of locations, artists and contact information visit www.svos.org. A digital copy of the directory with listings and maps to the artists' studios is available [here](#). Hard copies of the directory are available at about 480 locations throughout the Bay Area including many libraries. To find a location near you, go to www.svos.org and click on "Find a Directory." To see samples of a given artist's work, click on "Find an Artist" and click on the artist's name.

About Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS)

Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, has been connecting art enthusiasts with local art and artists in Silicon Valley for 30 years. SVOS is one of the oldest, largest and most popular art events in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. In addition to its open studio activities, SVOS works with schools throughout the Peninsula and South Bay to increase exposure for the art their students create. For more information, go to www.svos.org.

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