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Artists Open Their Studios to the Public during Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS)

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

Campbell, CA – More than 380 artists in the South Bay and Peninsula will open their studios to the public during the annual Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS) held the first three weekends in May. Now in its 28th year, this annual event lets visitors experience a wide variety of art in the artists’ own studios.

Participating artists work in a variety of visual media including painting, watercolors, mixed media, jewelry, photography, sculpture and pottery. The art on display is one-of-a-kind.

“This free event enables visitors to spend quality time with the artists in a comfortable setting,” said Mel Thomsen, executive director of SVOS. “Visitors can talk with the artists, see a larger body of the artists’ work than is typically available and, in some cases, see the artists at work.”

SVOS attracts many emerging and first-time artists. “In fact, many of Silicon Valley's finest gallery owners and museum curators tour the event incognito, searching for new talent,” he said.

Dates and Locations

Reservations are not required for the free event. Artists in different cities from Burlingame to Gilroy will open their studios between 11am and 5pm.

Weekend 1 (May 3-4) will feature artists from Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Hillsborough, Los Altos, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo and Woodside.

Weekend 2 (May 10-11) will showcase artists from Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Stanford and Sunnyvale.

Weekend 3 (May 17-18) will feature artists from Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, San Jose and Saratoga.

For a complete list of locations, artists and contact information visit www.svos.org and click on "Find an Artist." Click to see samples of the artists' work.

Directories with listings and maps to the artists' studios are available at more than 400 locations throughout the Bay Area including many libraries. For more information, go to www.svos.org and click on "Find a Directory."

About Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS)

Silicon Valley Open Studios (SVOS), a non-profit 501 3 C organization, has been connecting art enthusiasts with local art and artists in Silicon Valley for 28 years. SVOS is one of the oldest, largest and most popular art events in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Its goal is to act as an incubator for new and emerging artists. 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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Note to Editor: High-res images are available upon request.

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