



Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment

P.O. Box 30932 Santa Barbara, CA 93130

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 7, 2004

A two-day SCAPE art exhibit and sale to benefit Friends of Coal Oil Point Reserve

Saturday and Sunday, November 6 & 7, 2004

La Arcada Courtyard, 11:00 am- 5:00 pm

November 6 and 7, 11:00 to 5:00, SCAPE (Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment) presents an exhibit and sale to benefit Friends of Coal Oil Point Reserve. Juror Hank Pitcher, well-known Oak Group artist, will select over 200 paintings by members of SCAPE. Guest artists will include Michael Drury, Ky Easton, John Klippenstein and David Lange.

The two-day exhibit and sale features paintings reflecting the natural beauty of Sands beach, Devereux Lagoon, Coal Oil Point and surroundings.

The open-air festival will include acoustical music by local musicians. Several prizewinning artists will create paintings at the exhibit. Paintings for sale range in price from \$95 up.

This fourth SCAPE show at La Arcada will be one of Santa Barbara's major fall art events. La Arcada Courtyard is located between the Main Library and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art at 1114 State Street.

SCAPE (www.s-c-a-p-e.org) was founded in 2002 by a group of distinguished plein air painters. The group raises money to preserve open space while promoting camaraderie among Southern California landscape artists. To date SCAPE has contributed over \$25,000 to local conservation organizations while raising awareness of conservation issues.

Organizations SCAPE has funded include: Community Environmental Council, Land Trust for Santa Barbara County, Sedgwick Reserve, Audubon Society, Channelkeepers, Direct Relief International, the Environmental Defense Center and others.

A portion of the proceeds on November 6 and 7 will benefit Friends of Coal Oil Point Reserve. COPR, part of the University of California Reserve System, protects pristine coastal habitats for research, education and public outreach. (<http://coaloilpoint.ucnrs.org/subpage1/index1.html>).

The Santa Barbara News-Press arts writer, Josef Woodard, recently recognized members of SCAPE as "artists who find plenty to paint about in the area's unspoiled wilds and who are intrinsically passionate about preserving nature's beauty in our midst."

Contact: Susan Belloni, Event Chair (805) 962-1492

Available on request: jpg images of selected paintings
List of images and painting titles
Biographical sketch of distinguished juror Hank Pitcher