

'One Night Stand' for art and ecology

The Santa Barbara art community held its version of a "One Night Stand" in which you select the object of your desire in the evening and were well respected in the morning.

This "One Night Stand" is an art lover's dream and an annual fundraiser for Art From Scrap. More than 200 artists contribute a 9-by-9-inch work of art, to be sold for \$200 each. But it isn't until after the piece is purchased that the name of the artist is revealed. Naturally, some of the fun at the event this year at Brooks Institute's Gallery 27 was guessing who painted/photographed/created the works.

As I proceeded down the long hallway and observed the artwork on the walls, I recognized **Peter Clark's** whimsical contemporary style, **Rick Garcia's** beautiful shoreline landscape, **Meredith Brooks Abbott's** iconic flowers, **Martha Inman Lorch's** exquisite impressionism of a European locale and **Anne Luther's** distinctive oeuvre in her assemblage.

Many of the featured artists were in attendance: **Seyburn Zorthian, Robert Abbott, Keith Fishman, Karen Lehrer, Robyn Geddes, Rod Lathim, Michael Irwin, Nancy Monk, Brad Nack, Peter Clark, Rafael Perea de la Cabada, Laura Lynch, Meredith Brooks Abbott, Erika Carter, Dr. David Dart and Miguel Fairbanks.**

Twenty-one years ago, Art From Scrap was founded and focused its mission on reducing, reusing and recycling by being a resource

for materials for art projects, encouraging creative expression and promoting a greater understanding of environmental issues. County students were also provided practical lessons on the science behind the art — namely ecology. They learned about waste reduction, water quality and gardening. Having ultimately outgrown its name, Art

From Scrap now operates under Explore Ecology — an environmental education and art discovery organization.

Sponsors supporting the fundraising event included Deckers Outdoor Corp., Citrix, Lynda.com, MarBorg, POM juice, Living Green, Brooks Institute's Gallery 27, and Patron. Other sponsors in attendance were **Susan Cavalli** from

Santa Barbara Bank & Trust; Lorrie Thomas Ross from Web Marketing Therapy; and **Mary Ellen Tiffany** from Montecito Bank & Trust.

Among the 400 attendees that night were Mayor **Helene Schneider, Claudia Bratton, Lisa Braithwaite, Andi Garcia, Shana Pearson, Katrina Carl, Annie Pey, Sherri Mize, Kathleen Modugno, Lee Moldaver, Dave and Joan Davis, Darla Bea Smith, Angelique and Eric Davis, Judi Weisbart, Whitney Scott Lewis and Brenda Hall.**

Dug Uyesaka and Tony Askew were not only featured artists but also volunteers, hustling back and forth between the walls, picking off purchased paintings and racing back to the checkout as people clamored to claim their canvases, hugging them happily all the way home.



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From left, Tony Askew, one of the featured artists and retired popular art teacher, event chairwoman Judy Nilsen, featured artist Peter Clark, and volunteer Tom Nilsen.