

Sherri and Arthur McNary with baby Paisley and mom Robyn Parker (center) at the CASA soirée



Off the Wall artists Sara Lytle, Laurie MacMillan, Chair Lynn Brown, R. Nelson Parrish, and Patricia Houghton Clark

I ran into longtime friend Barbara Margerum and husband, Don. She reminded me that she and Shelley Cole started CASA 20 years ago. At any given time, there are about 400 children in the foster care system in Santa Barbara County. You can help by contacting CASA directly at (805) 357-2594 or visit their website at sbca sa.org.

#### **Off the Wall**

Usually, if you walked into a room and took a piece of art off the wall, there would be bells and whistles going off. But at this popular everytwo-years event, "Off the Wall," given by the Santa Barbara Museum of Art Women's Board (SBMAWB), it's okay. That's because each couple paid \$400 for the privilege of taking home one piece of art as displayed at Junipero Serra Hall.

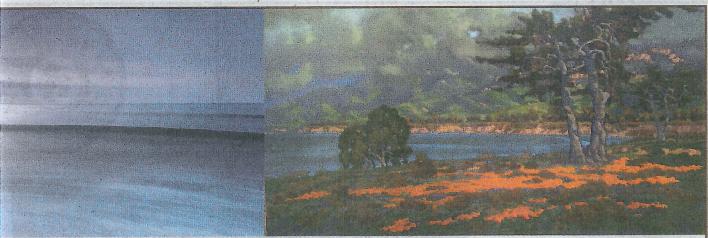
Guests have cocktail time to preview the works of 135 local artists and decide which pieces they would like. When the auction starts, led by artist Ralph Waterhouse of Waterhouse Galleries, it becomes a lottery. Once the drawing begins and your name is called, you have 30 seconds to call the number assigned to the artwork of your choice. As the lottery progresses, the more difficult it is to still have your piece available.

"The event has been sold-out for weeks," chair Lynn Brown was proud

to announce. Robert and Mercedes Eichholz director and CEO Larry J. Feinberg addressed the group at their members and artists' reception the night before the actual event, saying, "The Women's Board has supported every exhibition in the eight years I've been here."

The SBMAWB was established in 1951. Their mission is to raise funds for acquisitions, exhibitions, special projects, and educational programs, according to president Helene Segal. Vice president of development is Jeanne Fulkerson, and the rest of the executive committee is Fran Morrow, Melanie Brewer, Carolyn Williams, Nancy Werner, Gayle Cummings,

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Painting by Rodolfo Rivademar

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Some of the Off the Wall committee Jeanne Fulkerson, Catey Dunkley, Mary Maxwell, and Nancy Werner

SBMA women's board president Helene Segal, auctioneer Ralph Waterhouse and wife Diane



and Gwen Baker.

Committee chairs were co-chairs for artists Catey Dunkley and Mary Maxwell, curator Christy Martin, budget and finance Nancy Werner, with reservations Cindy Steffan; printing and invitations Deanna Major, publicity Kristin St. John, underwriting Jeanne Fulkerson, website Melanie Brewer, volunteer coordinator Carolyn Vogt, artist reception Prudy Squier and event reception Hariette Arnbach, with assistance from Paige Van Tuyl. The museum contact was Karen

Kawaguchi, and the evening had Cecia Hess as emcee.

These women enhance the community with all of their help to SBMA. Here's to a job well done.

#### **Women's Fund**

The Women's Fund of Santa Barbara (WFSB) is one of the largest grant programs in the county. It is also totally unique in the way they raise money. Women join as individual members for \$2,500 or more, or as part of a group totaling \$2,500 or

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