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## **Celebrating Art In The West Valley II May 11 to July 22, 2007**

On May 11, the second installment of "Celebrating Art In The West Valley" exhibition will open at West Valley Art Museum in Surprise giving Valley artists on the west side the opportunity to show in a Museum setting.

This year's show includes artists living west of I-17 rather than west of the 101 as last year. Over a hundred artists submitted nearly 300 works making the entries almost twice as large as last year. The final jurying by Museum staff produced a total of 74 two and three dimensional works by 66 artists to be displayed.

As in past years, most of the three dimensional work is in ceramic with potters Katheryn Sins, Pat Vincent and Janet Trisler dominating the group of 23 three dimensional works. Tom Deady's wood furniture/ sculpture entitled "Mr. and Mrs. Jewels" carries a whimsical humor into the functional realm while Janet Trisler's vase "Tsk, Tsk, Tse Tse" channels the spirit of Ogden Nash with her quotation of his zany poem on the piece but defies how it is to be used.

Acrylic and mixed media paintings are found in abundance but the ever popular oil media still has a strong showing with 10 selections. A long time mix media specialist, Tom Herbert shows two works notable for their unique surface and special effects.

Watercolor paintings were in short supply with only four being shown and not many more submitted. This exhibition will run through July.

West Valley Art Museum is open 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesday through Sunday. The Museum is located at West Bell Road and 114th Avenue. With five exhibition galleries, a Museum Store, *Classic Café*, and regularly scheduled education programs, the Museum welcomes all visitors. There is an admission charge for non-members. \$7 adults, \$2 students, ages 5 and under are free.



“Only In My Mind” pure pigment manipulation by Tom Herbert



“Sandy” oil by Ruth Stoloff



“Golden Cactus Fruit” ceramic by Kathryn Sins



“Tsk, Tsk, Tse Tse” ceramic by Janet Trisler



“Mr and Mrs Jewels” koa wood by Tom Deady

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