



‘Neighborhood Portraits’ Art Opening and Reception

Santa Barbara: The public is invited to the ‘Neighborhood Portraits’ Art Opening and Reception at the AFS Gallery on Saturday, August 21, from 5:00-7:00 pm. The show is a collaboration between Santa Barbara nonprofit Art From Scrap, artists Catherine Gee and Hanoch Piven, and community partners. ‘Neighborhood Portraits’ will be on display in the AFS Gallery until September 25th, 2010.

‘Neighborhood Portraits’ is a result of classes and workshops that were taught by Catherine Gee and Hanoch Piven. The show features the creations of artists of all ages, who created their own self-portraits with the Reuse materials at Art From Scrap. The community partners for this exhibition are: Girls Inc., The Fellowship Club, Transition House, Los Ninos Head Start, the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara, and Casa Dolores.

The facilitators of the show, Catherine Gee and Hanoch Piven, are both experienced artists. Since April, Gee has been teaching classes in preparation for ‘Neighborhood Portraits’ at Art From Scrap and the Santa Barbara Mental Health Association. Gee says that the opportunity to work with such a plethora of ages and people from different walks of life has inspired her own work that will be in the show. Gee is immersed in the Santa Barbara Arts Community where she works for Rumble Art and sits on the board at the Santa Barbara Arts Fund.

In July, world famous Israeli illustrator Hanoch Piven conducted a workshop at Art From Scrap with the Housing Authority of Santa Barbara. For the past several years, Piven has been working with art therapists in Israel to create workshops for a range of individuals including soldiers

suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, hospital patients, and kindergarteners. Piven's work has been featured in Rolling Stone, Time, and Newsweek.

Santa Barbara nonprofit Art From Scrap encourages children and adults to rethink the way they view "discarded" materials and to seek creative solutions for their reuse through art workshops, birthday parties, free art activities at many community events, and at shows at the AFS Gallery. These activities encourage the innate creativity of thousands of people each year; proving that each one of us is an artist.

The AFS Gallery is located at Art From Scrap at 302 E. Cota Street with gallery hours as follows:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and Thursday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.
To learn more please visit www.artfromscrap.org

About Art From Scrap: Art From Scrap is Santa Barbara's Environmental Education and Art Center. The AFS Gallery is located upstairs at Art From Scrap. Rotating shows hang throughout the year bringing together art lovers, collectors and local artists.

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