

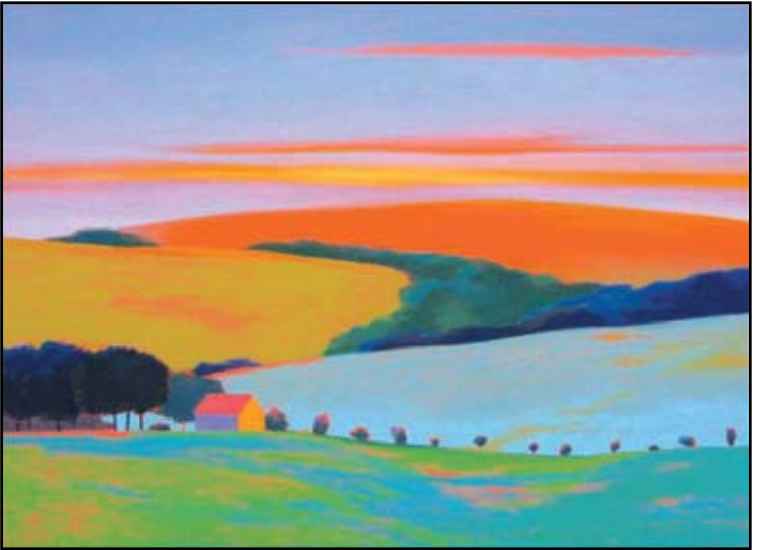
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Digitage of Barry Gordy & Marvin Gaye by Chris Clark



Self-portrait by Chris Clark



Riverfront Art Gallery, 132 Petaluma Boulevard North in Petaluma, is featuring two new shows by resident artists and three guest artists in February. A joint show entitled "Absolutely Abstract" features photo-paintings by Jerrie Jerné and acrylics by Michele Rosett. Also on view is a group show by resident artists called "A Big Difference" - comprised of works that are different from the artists' usual styles. Featured work by guest artists include pastel landscapes by Deborah Garber (whose "A Different Season" is shown above), oil landscapes by Bill Pfeffer, and photographs by Benjamin Stein. For more information call 707.775.4ART or visit riverfrontartgallery.com.

Motown Art and More at Pelican Art

In February and March, Pelican Art Gallery, at 143 Petaluma Boulevard North in Petaluma, will host an exhibit of art by Chris Clark celebrating Motown's 50th Anniversary, Black History Month and Women's History Month. Clark's work combines photography, image projection, montage and image sculpture. "We call her pieces 'Digitage'" grins Linda Postenrieder, co-owner of Pelican Art Gallery. "Chris worked as a staff photographer for Motown for over a decade and collected an amazing spectrum of images of Motown stars."

The exhibit will include digitage of Motown greats Berry Gordy, Smokey Robinson, the Temptations, the Four Tops, Gladys

Knight, Marvin Gaye, Rick James and Teena Marie. Clark herself recorded for Motown - becoming famous in England as the "white Negress" (meant as a compliment) because the six-foot platinum blonde, blue-eyed soul singer toured with artists who were predominantly black. She is known for songs such as "Do Right Baby Do Right", "Love's Gone Bad", and "I Want To Go Back There Again". She was nominated for an Academy Award for her screenplay for *Lady Sings the Blues*, starring Diana Ross.

Clark has also designed a one-of-a-kind guitar for the Phoenix Theater Guitar Gala. She and local artist Nate Burlson will be displaying their art guitars and be at the Gallery on February 7 from 4

to 8 PM for the Guitar Walk planned to generate interest and start the bidding on the guitars.

On February 14, beginning at 7 PM, Clark will perform at Pelican Art Gallery's Valentine's Party "Soul Music for Your Soul Mate". Tickets are \$100 per couple or \$50 each. Proceeds will benefit the Phoenix Guitar Gala. For reservations, call 707.773.3393.

February 13, during the 2nd Friday Artwalk, Pelican Art will host a teaser performance of the V-Day production of *The Vagina Monologues* and have an art appraiser available to provide free verbal appraisals for your art. For details, visit pelicanart.com on the web.



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