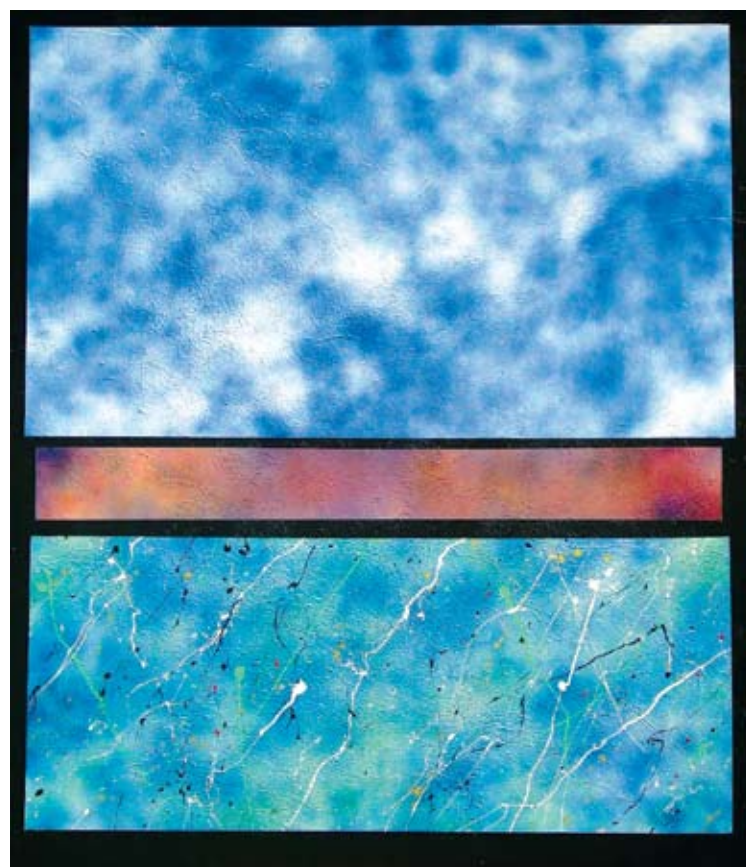


"Isolation" by Joe Chasan at Riverfront Gallery



"Our Life" by Carole Rae Watanabe at Dimensions Galleria



Sponsored by the Petaluma Arts Association and the Friends of the Library, The 54th Annual Library Show will open on Friday, February 25, at 10 AM in the Helen Putnam Community Room at the Petaluma Regional Library, 100 Fairgrounds Drive. The show will close on Thursday, March 10, at 5 PM.

Works by local artists consist of watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, sculpture and more. The featured artist for this year's show will be Petaluma Artist and Storyteller Richard Standard. His "Borderland 3" is shown above. A San Francisco Bay Area artist and photographer, Richard Standard has been showing and exhibiting his work in Northern California for the past 38 years.

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Photography Featured at Riverfront Gallery

On an average day, paintings and photography by local artists are mixed throughout Riverfront Art Gallery, 132 Petaluma Boulevard North in Petaluma. However, the Winter Show, running through March 6, also features the results of a juried "Showin' On The River!" photography competition.

Gallery owners Jerrie Jerné Morago and Lance

Kuehne commented, "To really showcase photography, we have placed our 27 selected guest photographers, as well as the gallery's member photographers, forward in the gallery, creating a special emphasis on photography. Paintings will still be on hand, but, for this show, they are featured in the rear section."

Most of the guest photographers have shown their work at area events.

Several approaches to photography are on display -- such as using motion to create abstracts -- revealing a variety of the techniques used in photography today. Some works are from film, others from digital captures, and a few were created by using flatbed scanners as the capture mode. The theme was simply "Artist's Choice," which yielded an intriguing diversity of subject and style.

Dimensions Galleria Shows Art for Challenging Times

In these challenging times, may we all have "the courage to pursue the way of life we value in our hearts". Alain de Button.

A New Year brings us new hopes and dreams. Dimensions Galleria will start off the year by bringing you two wonderful events. "Meeting Ground" is a show of the paintings of long time Sonoma County artists Jan Freeman Long and Carole Rae Watanabe.

Jan Freeman Long is a graduate from the

California College of the Arts. She has been painting full time since 1997 and has had gallery representation in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Boston, including the SFMOMA Artists Gallery. The emphasis in her work is an ongoing exploration of what is enduring and mysterious, along with a dialogue between what is ancient and what is new within the realm of spirituality and the human psyche.

Carole Watanabe is a Danger Ranger of

a painter. Her art is represented in fine galleries worldwide. Her palette is alive and expressive. Her styles are amazingly varied and the joy of her colorist spirit is right up front in everything she creates. Her work touches people in their hearts.

The artists reception is January 15 from 4 to 7 PM. Meet Jan and Carole and enjoy a glass of wine. For more information, go to dimensionsgalleria.com.



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