

Sullivan Goss: An American Gallery

100 Grand: (100 Works Of Art For \$1,000 Or Less)

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AN INCUBATOR OF EMERGING TALENT AND AN ENTRYWAY FOR BEGINNING COLLECTORS, the seventh annual *100 Grand* exhibition is now on view at Sullivan Goss through January 31st. Featuring 100 quality works of art for \$1,000 or less, the exhibition is a favorite for lookers and buyers during the holiday season.

"This show is an opportunity for local artists to get their work on our gallery walls. There are so many great artists in Santa Barbara, but we can only represent a handful," shared Susan Bush, exhibition curator.

Bush has curated the exhibition since it began in 2008. The concept and the name of the exhibition were the brain child of Jeremy



Pomegranate by Susan McDonnell

Tessmer, Sullivan Goss curator of 19th and 20th century American art and sculpture, in a time when the economy was looking pretty bleak.

"The thought behind it was that art makes people feel good," explained Bush. "By keeping the prices low, people could take home an affordable, original piece of art to hang on the wall and be cheered by it every day. It was also a way to help the artists make some money during the recession."

100 Grand takes over the front room in the gallery and features an array of paintings, drawings, photographs, assemblage, and sculpture by emerging and established artists that are priced to sell and sized (for the most part) to fit into smaller spaces. There is no theme to the overall exhibition, however, Bush has strategically grouped the artwork by categories such as an abstract wall, landscape wall, water/California lifestyle wall, animals and still life wall, and an assemblage wall.

"For this exhibition, I get to choose art that isn't part of our

regular programming, by artists I admire. I can include a little bit of everything.... I select what I like

personally, what looks interesting, work by artists that I think have the potential to become great, things that are unique and creative," Bush shared.

For this year's exhibition, Bush was able to secure work from many of last year's best-selling artists as well as 19 new artists who have never before shown with Sullivan Goss.

"The show is by invitation only, but not everyone gets chosen to be included," she noted. "There is a total of 90 artists - a couple of east coasters are included, but this year it's primarily California artists."

Some of the featured artists include Meredith Brooks Abbott, Ken Bortolazzo, Phoebe Brunner, Patricia Chidlaw, Alia El-Bermani, Jon Francis, Robin Gowen, Frank Kirk, Susan McDonnell, Angela Perko, Hank Pitcher, Nicole Strasburg, and Sarah Vedder.

The exhibition opened on 1st Thursday, but the gallery actually sells work before the official opening (it had already sold 20 pieces as of Tuesday). An E-



Oh Say Can You Breathe by Dan Levin



Santa Barbara Sundowner by Mary-Austin Klein

Bulletin with a link to the live web page for the exhibition was sent out on the Monday before the show opens. People get a first look at the work that is available and can call the gallery if they want to purchase something. According to Bush, "Two-thirds of the show typically sells overall, sometimes more."

So, if you are looking to start collecting artwork or to simply add some treasures to an existing collection, *100 Grand* is a good place to start.

"Some of the artists create pieces exclusively for this show - meaning you can't get work by them for \$1,000 or under anywhere else!" Bush shared. "*100 Grand* has expanded my personal collection with some real masterpieces by local artists."

Sullivan Goss: An American Gallery is located at 7 E. Anapamu St. For more info visit www.sullivangoss.com.

Around Town

Arts for Humanity! and Social Good Partnership



Arts for Humanity! brings Creative Art to the Youth of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara

ARTS FOR HUMANITY, an organization which empowers low income at-risk youth, people with disabilities, and the elderly through participatory performing and visual art programs, recently announced it's new partnership with Social Good, an organization providing well-rounded support for community projects.

Social Good will serve as Arts for Humanity's umbrella non-profit sponsor with a goal to develop projects to positively impact the community. www.artsforhumanity.com

Santa Barbara Ranks as a Best Small City in the U.S.

THE VOTES ARE IN and Santa Barbara ranks as one of the best small cities in the U.S. according to *Condé Nast Traveler's* 2015 Readers' Choice Awards.

"We are honored that Santa Barbara has once again been recognized as a best small city by the readers of *Condé Nast Traveler!*," shared Kathy Janega-Dykes, president/CEO of Visit Santa Barbara. "Santa Barbara's idyllic setting on the Central Coast, stunning beauty, abundance of diverse activities, striking architecture, and historic treasures, make it a place visitors want to travel to. Visit Santa Barbara is lucky to promote

a destination that has so much to offer, including a fantastic wine and food scene."

This is the third consecutive year Santa Barbara made the list of Readers' Choice Awards for "Best Small Cities in the U.S." In 2015, Santa Barbara ranked No. 14 out of the top 15 cities with a population of under 150,000. The city was in good company, making the list along with three other California cities: Laguna Beach, Napa, and Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Additionally, six local hotels made the Readers' Choice Awards 2015 for "Top 10 Hotels in Southern California" and

"Top 20 Resorts in Southern California."

The hotels included: San Ysidro Ranch, Spanish Garden Inn, Belmond El Encanto, and the Canary Hotel. The list of "Top 20 Resorts in Southern California" included the Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara and Bacara Resort & Spa.

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