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First Anniversary Party for Kawoni Studios

Kawoni Studios is pleased to announce their first anniversary! And, they're throwing a party on Saturday, February 16th. Open to the public! They'll be giving away a free KS t-shirt with a minimum \$10 purchase, free snacks, live demos. You can sign up for classes (pottery, quilting, glass or bisque). Class schedules also available online!

I love ceramics and am planning to incorporate my art with ceramics – I even took a class last fall. It was through this class that I met Apryl and Karen, the owners of Kawoni Studios. Come on by and check out their gallery and studio. Oh, by the way, I will be playing the harp at their anniversary party.

What: Kawoni Studios First Anniversary Party, 86 South Laurel Street, Ventura

When: Saturday, February 16th, 1 to 5pm

For more information: 805.804.6312 or visit www.kawonistudios.com

71st Annual Art & Photography Show in Santa Paula.

Entries from all over So. California are hung in categories of Oil/Acrylic, Watercolor, Photography, Mixed Media and Pastels. Some of the works are very reasonably priced, for those looking for original art and there are many subjects from which to choose. This is the *oldest juried art show in California!*

What is unique about this art exhibit, is that the public in addition to professionals, participate in judging the art in a variety of categories. They have three methods of balloting, Judges (professional judges), the Peoples' Choice (anyone coming to the show can vote for their favorites) and Jury of Peers (Participating Artists on the day of the awards are given a separate ballot). The balloting ends on the day of the reception, Saturday, February 16. Winners are announced at the end of the reception in an exciting ceremony that is witnessed by over 200 hundred people. I will be playing the harp and anxiously waiting to see who among the artists (including me) receive awards.

What: *71st Annual Art & Photography Show*

When: Saturday, February 16, 4 to 7 pm

Where: Blanchard Library, 199 No. 8th Street, Santa Paula

For more information: Santa Paula Society of the Arts at 805.525.1104
 (Please do not call Blanchard Library)

Inlakech Cultural Arts Benefit

The Casa Lopez Restaurant will be the site for a Valentine Day's Benefit Brunch to support *Inlakech Cultural Arts Center*. The center's *after school fine and performing arts program* features folklorico dance, drama, Mariachi Music, and art all of which are *provided free of charge*. Javier Gomez, the Executive Director is a long time friend of mine and I personally invite you to Casa Lopez to support this fine program. Tickets are \$20 each include brunch and entertainment (Mariachi and Folklorico).

What: Valentine's Day Benefit to support Inlaketch Cultural Arts

When: Sunday, February 17

Where: Casa Lopez, 325 North "A" Street, Oxnard

Tickets: \$20 each are available at the Inlaketch Cultural Arts Center, 832 W. Hill Street.
 Also at the door at Casa Lopez

For more information: 805.890.2193 or 805.486.7063

FLASH ~~ Guess what? Just thought you all might want to know....Carmen didn't want me to say

anything....BUT... Carmen is now a DEAN at Oxnard College. "Dean" of what you ask, well.... she is the Dean of Career and Technical Education (used to be called vocational or occupational education). Also, she is the only Latina dean in County's three community colleges. I think that is pretty darn good! 😁 If any of you want to congratulate her, don't email me, email her at cguerrero@vcccd.edu.

One final note about my invitations to these community events. You never know who will turn up in addition to the artists or musical/dance performers that I mention. Two weeks ago, I invited you to the Bell Arts Factory for a Fandango. Those of you who did not attend missed out on a beautiful night of music (Familia Moraza, Los Amigos, Trio De Colores), food, friendship, spirits AND a **surprise** performance by **Conjunto Hueyapan**. My friend **Veronica Valadez** who owns **Under the Sun Gallery** was instrumental in organizing this concert. The performance of **Conjunto Hueyapan** was special in so many ways, but perhaps the most special was **Professor Fermin Herrera**, founder of Hueyapan and a professor at CSUN, gave a short talk about jarocho music and the instruments used. It was great! Seeing them perform in this environment, not on a stage, but in close proximity about 2 ft from the first row – well it was great! So, next time think twice about my invitations and don't miss out!

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