LA JOLLA LIGHT

April 22, 2010

Art fair set for April 24-25 in Little Italy

Many local artists will be among the hundreds from across the country and Mexico showing and selling their work at the 26th annual Mission Federal Art Walk from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 24-25 along 16 streets in downtown San Diego and Little Italy.

The two-day event will feature the creations of more than 300 artisans, and include paintings, photography, jewelry, glasswork and sculpture.

Mexico's cultural influence on the area will be represented in "Artes de Mexico," marking the bicentennial of the Revolution. This exhibit will be housed at the Consulado de Mexico building on India and Cedar streets.

A KidsWalk at Amici Park will have tables where children can experiment with creating kites and decorating shoes, among other projects.

This year, KidsWalk is emphasizing the importance of "going green" by using recycled materials for the art.

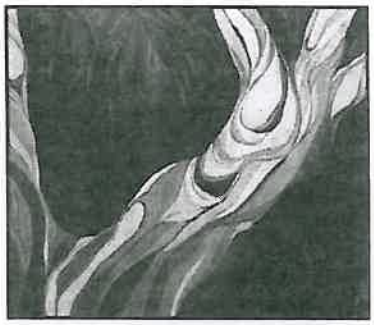
The festival will also feature more than 25 musical groups on six stages, including Steph Johnson, a nominee for Best Acoustic in the 2007 San Diego Music Awards, and Steven Ybarra, winner of San Diego Music Awards 2009 Best Acoustic. The Eveoke Culture Shock Dance group and Ballet Folklorico Tapatio de San Diego will also perform.

The artists in the spotlight this year are Andy Ahn Ha, Nobe Babayan, Thomas Barbèy, Dani Dodge, Karen Eastman, Ben Horne Kallen, Wade Koniakowsky, Red Wolf, Charles Sherman, Monique Straub and Diane Christiansen Uke.

The free event will be hosted by the San Diego Fine Art Society. Organizers boast 120,000 attendees producing some $750,000 annually for the local arts economy.

Recommended parking is at the County Administration Building lot, Pacific Highway and Ash Street (one block from the festival).

For more information, go to www.missionfederalartwalk.org.



'Arborescent Goddess Daphnie' by Karen Eastman of Encinitas, oil COURTESY