

Art Walk illuminates the Pomona Arts Colony

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On the second and last Saturdays of the month, the streets of downtown Pomona become filled with artists, originality, inspiration, and diverse culture.

Residents of Pomona and surrounding cities stop by the bustling Thomas Square Plaza to shop at the various booths and enjoy the outdoor entertainment. Alongside the outdoor experiences, many local artists showcase their art and opening receptions in galleries scattered all throughout Second Street and the downtown area.

The Art Walk has become an iconic event in Pomona attracting more than 5,000 people at every event. On the second Saturday of this month, Art Walk devotees had the opportunity to explore the different attractions the event had to offer. In the midst of the lively musical atmosphere, local and out of city vendors set up booths featuring unique creations such as handmade jewelry,



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PASADENA ARTISTS EXHIBIT SHOW IN POMONA – The Pasadena Society of Artists selected the dA Center for the Arts, 252 S. Main St., Pomona, as the gallery to exhibit its 88th annual “juried” exhibition. The Pasadena group selects a different location for the event each year to help foster new awareness of their talented members’ art work as well as to be inspired by new surroundings. Pictured is juror Gloria Williams Sander as she judges one of the entries during a reception and awards ceremony this month. The exhibit continues through Saturday night, with a closing reception scheduled for 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday.

handmade vintage handbags and personalized charm lockets. Aside from accessories, sales consultants represented various companies such as The Pampered Chef, Origami Owl, and It Works.

Just across the street from the vendor fair, different art galleries around the downtown area opened their

doors and exhibited a variety of art. Bellas Artes Gallery, located above “El Merendero” restaurant, held an opening reception entitled Modern Indigenism 1 with featured artist Alfonso Malagon and Yaoh. This art display portrayed paintings of Mesoamerican culture and also showed historic pictures of Pomona.

The dA Center for the Arts hosted the opening reception for the Pasadena Society of Artists 88th Annual Exhibition 2013. Alongside opening reception, an awards ceremony was held. Next door to the dA center the School of Arts and Enterprise held an art exhibit featuring work from its students.

Aside from the collective paintings and pictures, Ink’d Chronicles decided to exhibit its specialty art form, tattoos. Pictures and live models portrayed the uniqueness of the shop’s artistic body art. Alongside this rare exhibit, Futures Collide furniture store opened up its doors showcasing its

antique and rare collections. Most of the items sold in this store date back

to the 1930’s.

Store owners Victor and Hugo Ortega describe their items as “valuable, historic, and unlike any other.”

After visiting these and many other exceptional galleries included in the art walk, art enthusiasts can relax and hop onto the new downtown trolley. Larry Egan, executive director of the Downtown Pomona Owners Association, served as driver at this month’s Art Walk. The new trolley has the capacity to accommodate 35 people at a time and stops at 12 different locations throughout the downtown area during every Art Walk event.

The Art Walk proves to be an event filled with creativity, talent, and entertainment for all ages. Its popularity has attracted art lovers far and wide. Its great atmosphere, friendly people, and exclusive flair provide a great reflection upon Pomona. This is truly a note worthy event, not just for the city, but for all of Los Angeles County.

