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Why stay at home and watch more reality TV when you can be supporting local arts? Our monthly Arts Org Guide can help you do just that! With a different theme in mind each and every month, we highlight a few Bay Area art orgs, giving you the perfect excuse to get off that couch.

Arts Org Guide: November 2004

It's not too early to start your holiday shopping. Indulge in the pleasure of art while finding unique holiday gifts from Bay Area artists. We hunted around for steals around the \$50 range that include fine arts, crafts, street art, jewelry, T-shirts and more.

San Francisco

Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California presents the San Francisco Clay & Glass Festival

acga.net

In a shimmering, shining display of clay and glass sculptures for the home, over 100 artists are putting together a show where many of the pieces will be priced below \$50. The Association of Clay and Glass Artist of California consists of over 300 artists and supporters promoting education and exhibits in the arts of clay and glass.

Where: Fort Mason, San Francisco

When: November 13-14

Phone: (415) 507-9909

Budget Art Gallery presents "Start Where You Are"

budgetgallery.org

These modern day gypsies sometimes curate art inside trucks and vans. Usually the organizers co-opt public walls and fences in high-traffic areas. They cover the walls with works on paper, photographs, and other pieces that can be hung. Small installation pieces are also included in the exhibit.

Where: 18th St. and Mission St. San Francisco

When: November 20, 4pm-7pm

Phone: (415) 863-3041

City Art Gallery

cityartgallery.org

Tagged "Best Art Gallery" in San Francisco Bay Guardian's "Best of the Bay," this low-key artists' coop provides year-round affordable art. Original art pieces and jewelry can be purchased for under \$50. Larger paintings, glass sculptures, and other works of fine art are available at a slightly higher cost.

Where: 828 Valencia St., San Francisco

When: Ongoing

Phone: (415) 970-9900

Crissy Field Center presents "Do-it-Yourself Gift-Making Event"

crissyfield.org

Did you know that during the holidays, the amount of trash Americans throw away goes up by 1 million tons a week? This year, make sure the holidays are happy for the planet by creating your very own one-of-a-kind gifts, cards and wrapping paper from recycled materials. Make container gardens, sno-globes, pomanders, herbal bath products and more. There'll be organic hot cider and cookies, so bring the whole family! Activities range in price from 50¢ to \$1-- discounted tickets available for those who bring a donation of canned goods.

Where: 828 Valencia St., San Francisco

When: December 4, 11am-3pm

Phone: (415) 561-7752

Galería de la Raza's Studio 24

galeriadelaraza.org

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- * There are thousands of arts organizations in Northern Califo. These Web sites offer links to organizations near you.

Artist Resource

(local, state, national and international organizations)

artistresource.org

ARTshare

(San Mateo County)

artshare.org

Artsopolis

(Silicon Valley)

artsopolis.com

Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

cscsc.org

Marin Arts Council

marinarts.org

San Francisco Arts Online

sfarts.org

If you have a monthly Art Organization theme you would like to suggest to email us at spark@kqed.org.

Noted for its Latino themed merchandise, Galería de la Raza's store, Studio 24, works with artists on a consignment basis to sell jewelry, custom made votive candles, pottery, fine art prints, religious art and objects, artist-made T-shirts and gifts, Latino knick knacks (Oaxacan Wood Carvings, wrestler masks and figures, etc.), day of the dead sugar skulls, postcards, books and "Latinobilia." Prices start as low as \$3.

Where: 2857 24th St., San Francisco

When: Ongoing

Phone: (415) 826-8009

Public Glass presents "Holiday Sale"

publicglass.org

Public glass encourages the creation and education of glass art in the San Francisco Bay Area. In a diverse show of glass pieces including photos on glass and glass mosaic, this special holiday sale is priced for gift giving and many pieces are available for under \$50.

Where: Crocker Galleria, 50 Post Street-First Floor, San Francisco

When: Fridays and Saturdays, November 26 to December 24 and on Thursday December 2. Check their Web site for additional dates to be announced.

Phone: (415) 671-4916

The 9th Annual Naughty Santa's Black Market

naughtysantas.org

Delight someone with a mischievous present from this bizarre bazaar. You'll find obscure and possibly shocking pieces ranging in style from knitted objects, obscure toys, blown glass and other crafty handmade wares for under \$50.

Where: SomArts Gallery, 934 Brannan and 8th St., San Francisco

When: December 12

Phone: (415) 695-9100

Randall Museum presents "Holiday Crafts Day"

randallmuseum.org

Be an artist for a day and make gifts with your family. At this museum which incorporates arts and sciences, learn to make beeswax candles, clay candle holders, scented gift soaps, candy house, wooden yo-yos and more. There will be interactive, kid-friendly, music provided by the Sippy Cups.

Where: 199 Museum Way (off Roosevelt, at Corona Heights), San Francisco

When: December 4, 10am-3pm

Phone: (415) 554-9600

The Canvas Gallery presents "Gift Giving Show"

thecanvasgallery.com

Not just a coffeehouse and not just a bar, this local hotspot encourages art aficionados to support local artists by providing a showcase of art at reasonable prices. This yearly show is organized with the intent of providing affordable art for the holiday season. All pieces are under \$200 but there are several pieces at or below \$50 and include jewelry, accessories, etc., in addition to fine art pieces.

Where: 1200 Ninth Ave., San Francisco

When: December (check their Web site for more information to be announced)

Phone: (415) 504-0060

The LAB presents "The Postcard Show"

thelab.org

This annual show organized by a cutting-edge Mission gallery is not just for buying postcards. It is a showcase for a variety of small formal art objects and for buying multiples of art pieces. The artworks are all within the 5x6 dimensions and EVERYTHING is priced at or under \$50.

Where: 2948 16th St., San Francisco

When: November 9-14

Phone: (415) 864-8855

Upper Playground

upperplayground.com

Celebrating street art, this lower Haight store promotes local artists like **Spark** featured artist **David Cho** and others. Most of the hanging art starts at \$200 but many other items can be purchased for under \$50 -- DVDs, books, limited edition art packages, T-shirts, bags, sweatshirts and hats.

Where: 2201 Fillmore St., San Francisco

When: Ongoing

Phone: (415) 252-0144

East Bay

California College of the Arts presents "Holiday Fair"

cca.edu

Shop for unique gifts handmade by the talented students, alumni and staff of

California College of the Arts. Most of the pieces are priced under \$50. The art mediums are ceramics, blown glass, metal art, metal art jewelry, printmaking and photography. There will also be a live jazz performance by local band Sababa.

Where: California College of the Arts, Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway, main walkway

When: December 4, 11am-3pm

Phone: (415) 703 9549

Creative Growth's "Favorite Things,"

creativegrowth.org

Despite physical, mental, or emotional disabilities, the members of this art center create art pieces that range from drawing, painting, ceramics, wood, fiber arts, printmaking and photography to tapestry and sculpture. In addition they have a holiday exhibition and sale, "Favorite Things," their works can be viewed online and purchased at the Creative Growth gallery throughout the year.

Where: 355 24th St., Oakland

When: December 3 and continues through January 7, 2005

Phone: (510) 836-2340

National Institute of Art & Disabilities' "Art from the Heart"

niadart.org

In the spirit of the holidays, the National Institute of Art & Disabilities (NIAD) artists, instructors and volunteers are collaborating to showcase their work. The opening reception feature music by Maya1s Music Therapy. In addition to creativity, NIAD promotes community support for people with developmental and other disabilities.

Where: Florence Ludins-Katz Gallery NIAD Art Center, 551 23rd St. (near Barrett Ave.), Richmond

When: November 29 through January 7

Phone: (510) 620-0290

South Bay/Pennisula

Bay Area Glass Institute presents "Ornament Fest!"

bagi.org

In a dazzling display of handmade glass ornaments, the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI) make glass art accessible and affordable at prices ranging from \$12 to \$35. This South Bay institute also offers classes and events throughout the year.

Where: 401 E. Taylor St. #115, San Jose

When: November 21 through December 24

Phone: (408) 993-2244 ext. 4

Pacific Art League presents "Portfolio Show"

pacifcartleague.org

Straight from the artists' portfolio, these are unframed originals up for a year-end gift giving sale, with many items priced under \$50. Additional affordable art in ceramic, glass, photographs and prints can also be found at this Peninsula non-profit gallery throughout the year.

Where: 668 Ramona Street, Palo Alto

When: December 1-24

Phone: (650) 321-3891

Palo Alto Art Center

city.palo-alto.ca.us/artcenter

Featuring wearable art and contemporary craft in pottery, glass, metal, paper, and fiber by San Francisco Bay Area artists, the Palo Alto Art Center offers year-round bargains for under \$50. Its gallery and art studios are open to the public with a suggested \$1 donation.

Where: 1313 Newell Rd., Palo Alto

When: Ongoing

Phone: (650) 329-2366

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