

## NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2009

**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.** As we continue with our 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration and our goal to raise \$70,000 by November, we have some fabulous activities planned for this month.

We start off with what we hope will become an annual “not to be missed” event. On Saturday, September 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. we present “Awesome Artists’ Garage and Book Sale”. Tapping into an invaluable resource for us – a community of artists who have art or art supplies or art related objects, no- longer used , who have now donated these items to us, thereby allowing us to offer them to you at remarkable savings. Plus a whole bunch of used books. Something for everyone! You could end up with a priceless art piece at an affordable price or a tube of acrylic you can’t live without. Come see.

Following up on the next *Saturday, September 12*, we are thrilled to put on our party duds for a fabulous night featuring “Roslyn Kind” in concert. The festivities start at 7 p.m. with scrumptious finger foods, beverages and a silent auction. The musical part of the evening begins with homegrown talents of Asunta Fleming, Tracey Williams and Scott Davis singing a medley of songs. Comparing Kind to her famous sister, Barbra Steisand , doesn’t do justice. She is a passionate professional who has been performing since her teens here and around the world. After the show, the audience is invited to meet the entertainers, and close out the night with homemade desserts and coffee. All proceeds go toward our capital campaign goal of \$70,000. Support the Art Center in a most enjoyable way. For reservations call 646-0117 or 640-8797.

Neil Simon’s *Broadway Bound* continues in our theatre through September 6. The word on the street is that it’s very good and shouldn’t be missed. Some say it’s their favorite Neil Simon play. Call 640-8797 to reserve seats and for further info. Or go to [www.OjaiAct.org](http://www.OjaiAct.org).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - *AUDITIONS* FOR “LEADING LADIES”, directed by Frank Malle, held on Sat., October 17, 1-3 pm, Sunday October 18, 11-1, Monday October 19, 7-9 p.m. Roles call for 4 men, ages 30-60, 2 women, 20-30yrs, 1 old spinster. The play is a cross-dressing farce about two flim-flam Shakespearian actors out to hoodwink an old spinster of her fortune. Performance dates are January 29-Feb. 27. Call Frank at 646-8406 for more info.

After a summer hiatus our popular *Chamber Music Concerts* return. On Sunday September 27 at 2 p.m., pianists Natasha Kislenco and Hatem Nadim perform music entirely for piano four-hands on our wonderful, newly reconditioned Steinway piano. Both Ms. Kislenco and Mr. Nadim have concertized in many countries and are presently on the faculties of UCSB and CSU Fresno respectively. The program will consist of Mendelssohn’s Andante and Variation, Op.83a, Gustavino’s “Romance del Plata”, Sonatina and Stravinsky’s own original piano four-hand version of Rite of Spring. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to hear world-class musicians perform this extraordinary work. \$10 general admission, \$8 Art Center members and students – sold at door only.

Bonnie Caruk Riege is “Out of Her Mind”. She has appropriately titled her September art exhibit. On display will be oils in bright, bold, colors with subjects ranging from portraits and still lifes to landscapes and memories. An exciting collection of paintings by one of Ojai’s best. No reception planned.

On Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m. the Literary Branch will present poet *Deborah Sperberg*. Deborah will read from her three books of poetry and include some of her most recent poems. She will share how and why she began writing. Refreshments served. \$5 suggested donation.

*Norman Kirk* will start a six week workshop in Watercolor Painting starting September 24 through October 29, Thursdays 1p.m. to 4 p.m. A range of subjects will be covered with an emphasis on composition, technique and concept with small class size for maximum personal attention. Registration required by September 17. Call Norm at 525-9788.

**We had lots of laffs in August thanks to Ventura Improv Co. & A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Great job by all. Thanks so much !!!!!**