



LIFE & STYLE

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Waterhouse Gallery

Over 300 art enthusiasts stopped by for a high-octane meet and greet at Waterhouse Gallery's fifth annual Great American Figurative Artists exhibition on Saturday November 20. Diane Waterhouse, gallery owner and wife of landscape master artist Ralph Waterhouse, was curator. "The show was the largest so far, with more artists participating and the largest number of paintings," Mrs. Waterhouse told us.

The editor of *Southwest Art*, a well-respected art magazine, made the journey from Colorado and said, "In my opinion this was a museum-quality exhibition. It is truly a visible feast of figurative works by living painters." Also in attendance were artists from around the country, including Stan Moeller, Johanna Harmon, Molly Schmid, Bryce Cameron Liston, Kevin Beilfuss, Caesar Santos, and David Kassen. One of my favorite artists, Jeremy Lipking, was also there, along with other artists Ignat Ignatov, Joseph Todorovitch, Marci



Artist Aaron Westerberg with his wife Jessica, the subject of his art

Oleszkiewicz and Aaron Westerberg, whose work I purchased. Aaron signed the back of the sketch (of his wife Jessica) for me.

The event began at 4 pm with a



"Chelsey" by Jeremy Lipking was on display at Waterhouse Gallery; it was pre-sold before the event

quick-draw exhibition. By 5 pm the crowd really poured in and it was almost impossible to get around the gallery to see all the art available and meet the artists. Many folks including myself stepped outside in the La Arcada courtyard to breathe the cool night air and do some window-shopping. Many of the 56 works of art were sold, wrapped and taken home by buyers.

At the evening's end, the Waterhouses hosted a dinner for over 100 people in the back room at Café Buenos Aires



"Pastime" by Joseph Todorovitch was one of 56 paintings featured at Waterhouse Gallery's Great American Figurative Artists exhibition that included the artists and their significant others and collectors. Awards and baseball caps with the gallery logo were handed out and toasts were given all around. Based upon this display of quality and camaraderie, the magic of art and expressionism are alive and well in Santa Barbara.

The show runs through December 20. For more information visit Waterhouse Gallery, 1114 State Street Suite 9, 805-962-8885. Or check out www.waterhousegallery.com.