



October, 2007

Wow, time flies! The summer is over and fall is into full swing. I've had a busy summer with lots of great shows. I have been working at a facility in Sebastapol and on the way back to the freeway, there is a house that has a stairway coming from the second floor that goes halfway to the ground and then has stilts holding it up and no more stairs. I found it at first odd, then funny and tried to imagine why it was that way. At some point, I realized that if funds were short when this was built, it certainly offered enough of a safety net that it would probably save you from leaping to your death but you might still be injured. It seemed a metaphor for so many situations in my life where I have just enough help that I won't crash and burn but could still hurt myself or fall short of the goal. I was asked to create an altar piece to accompany a show at the Vallejo Art Gallery for last Friday night (picture this page) and it was a great experience. I had what seemed like not enough time or experience to do a great job on this yet my desire and passion were my half a stairway. Luckily for me I often get inspired in the final moments before a job is due (this was always the case when I was an art director - the ideas would percolate in my head for a long time, then at the last moment I would come up with some fabulous idea that I would not be sure I could make happen in time). My last big show of the year is coming up this weekend - Open Studios in Vallejo. It starts on Friday night with an opening reception and then Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. all the participating artists' studios are open. I hope that you'll come join us for a celebration of art and community - hey, you might get some early holiday shopping done!! Check it out at: www.vallejoartistsguild.org and go to the Calendar for specifics and to see the artists who are participating. In the meantime, I hope that your half stairways in life give you enough of a head start that you always land safely.

Namaste! Shaye

August, 2007

OK, so it's been a while since I've written a new blog . . . "I've been busy" (the standard cry of all who have not met their obligations) and really it's been a combination of good social work and good art 'stuff' keeping me so engaged.

I love my new studio – it's bright and has a great, positive energy (Jeanette and Goodie Goodeau smudged, chanted and blessed it before I moved in!). I've participated in a couple local art shows and have several more coming up – it's an exciting summer. Here are some of the local events I'll be participating in:

Fun in the Sun – First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, 8/11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Family fun with artists, food, Vallejo's longest ice cream sundae, music, dancers, karate exhibition – free! 1350 Amador Street (corner of Nebraska), Vallejo

Art & Music in the Park

Sunday, 8/12 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

This is a fun afternoon with music, sunshine and local artists. A family and neighborhood park event that's free.

Corner Marin and Louisiana Streets, Vallejo

4th Friday Arts Stroll

Friday, 8/24 from 6-9 p.m.

Start at the Vallejo Art Gallery and stroll through artist studios, local shops, enjoy food, music and art and it's free. Gallery located at 930 Marin (corner Florida), Vallejo

Art in the Yard

Saturday, 9/8 from noon-5 p.m.

This is an annual art show at the home of Melissa & Elisabeth that includes a variety of artists, music and food – Free. I will be mailing the regular invitations in the next couple weeks – e-mail me if you don't receive one and would like to go to this show.

I'm working on new pieces and will have pictures for the web site soon. I hope that your world is as bright and sunny and as mine and I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events.

Peace, Shaye