

The Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship applications are due this Thursday AND

Gerd Koch to be interviewed this Saturday at SCIAC

Details below.



<http://www.focusonthemasters.com/pdfs/AIAwarApplication2009.pdf>

Life Size Figure Study from Life by Zack Montoya
2008 1st Place Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship Recipient, Ventura High School

\$3,500 in scholarships available for students of the visual arts!

Applications are available online at: <http://www.focusonthemasters.com/pdfs/AIAwarApplication2009.pdf>
or <http://www.venturacountyartscouncil.org/pdf/taa2009app.pdf>

Focus on the Masters and the Ventura County Arts Council are joining together to provide scholarship funds and exhibition opportunities to high school seniors who plan to pursue art studies in college. The Tamima Al-Awar Memorial Scholarship program provides \$3,500 in scholarships and the opportunity for all students applying for the scholarships to exhibit their work at the Ventura County Government Center in Ventura. The competition is open to high school seniors who reside in Ventura County and who show in their application a commitment to further study in the visual arts. Recipients for

these scholarships are chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors from our art community, based on artistic merit and visual arts academic commitment as demonstrated by the student's application, portfolio and essay submitted. Submissions must be signed by an art department faculty member of the student's high school and a parent and submitted by the high school's art department directly to Focus on the Masters. Each Ventura County high school can sponsor up to, but no more than, three applicants for this award. All applications must be received by Focus on the Masters no later than Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 4 p.m. Incomplete or late submittals will not be reviewed. All students applying for the scholarship will be invited to exhibit their work in a group exhibition at the Ventura County Government Center shown from March 12 through April 28, 2008. The scholarships will be presented to the recipients at the Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony March 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Special Event: Saturday, February 21. 4- 6pm
Donna Granata, of Focus on the Masters,
Interviews artist, GERD KOCH at SCIART.

This is an exhibition not to be missed! Show closes February 28!

Camarillo, CA: In conjunction with the current exhibition, Gerd Koch, A Retrospective: 1949 - 2009, Donna Granata, of Focus on the Masters (www.FocusOnTheMasters.com) will be interviewing Mr. Koch in the galleries of Studio Channel Islands Art Center. Topics will include international travel with an eye on art; art history; how to get started as an artist and, of course, the intriguing life of Gerd Koch.

As a matter of note, concurrent with the exhibition is a Silent Auction open to bidding through February 28th. Artists whose work is in the Auction include Hiroko Yoshimoto, Blanche McBroom, Donna Granata, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Ronald Walker, Pat Richards-Dodds and Carole Milton. A percentage of the proceeds from the Auction will go the CSUCI Scholarship fund and the Pleasant Valley Education Foundation scholarship.

Fee: The event is free to students and members of SCIART. There is a \$5.00 donation asked of non-members. Parking: Parking is free for this event.
Location: Studio Channel Islands Art Center, on the campus of CSUCI. Building #18 on Ventura St.
Contact: Tel. # (805) 383-1368 or <http://www.studiochannelislands.org/>

Gallery Hours: Wednesday - Saturday, 12 to 3pm or by appointment.