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Padua Hills Art Fiesta returns Sunday, November 4

Last year, the Claremont Museum of Art revived the tradition of the Padua Hills Art Fiesta held by Claremont artists from 1953 through 1959. The event was enthusiastically received by the community with 600 people attending.

The 9th Annual Padua Hills Art Fiesta returns with an outdoor art show, art and craft demonstrations, folk music, tacos and Jamaica punch. This year's exhibit will feature original Fiesta artists Rupert Deese and Harrison McIntosh.

- **Sunday, November 4**, from 11am to 4pm at 4467 Padua Ave., Claremont. Tickets will be \$8 for adults, children under 18 are free. Claremont Museum of Art members will receive a 25% discount.



- **Twenty area artists** will display and sell their work under shady olive trees of the beautifully restored Padua Hills Theatre.
- **Art and craft demonstrations** provided by area arts organizations will include ceramists from the AMOCA Ceramic Studios, craftsmen from Maloof Woodworkers, CCAA Museum of Art watercolor painters and artists from the dA Center for the Arts.
- An **Art Exhibit**, *Rummy & Harry: 60 Years in the Studio*, will showcase the ceramics of Rupert

Deese and Harrison McIntosh, the studio they shared since 1950 and their long friendship.

- ARTstART students will lead children in creative **Art Activities**.
- A **Music Stage** will feature local folk musicians.
- **Festive foods** from Casa de Salsa's taco bar and Spaggi's will be served with traditional Jamaica punch and fresh lemonade.
- **Holiday shopping** gets an early start with unique handmade artwork or art books.



Rupert Deese and Harrison McIntosh in 1953.

First held in 1953, the Padua Hills Art Fiesta was organized by local artists to bring art into the community. The studio art movement that flourished here in the 1950s centered on the use of natural materials and traditional sensibilities – watercolor, pottery, woodworking, sculpture in stone, bronze and ceramic, mosaic, textiles as well as painting. Visitors came from miles around to meet the artists and watch “art in action” at the popular festival.

Today the tradition continues with a new generation of artists sharing their talents.

Additional photos and artist interviews available upon request.