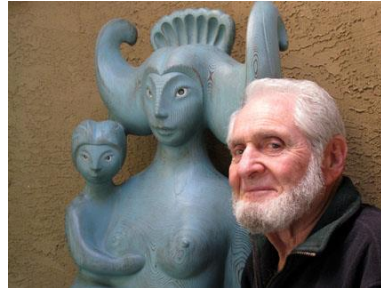


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Padua Hills Art Fiesta returns Sunday, November 2

The Claremont Museum of Art will host the 11th Annual Padua Hills Art Fiesta on Sunday, November 2 with an outdoor art show, art and craft demonstrations, music and more. This year's exhibit will feature original Fiesta artist John Svenson.

Some local residents still recall the popular Art Fiesta held through the 1950s. Since 2011, the Claremont Museum of Art has continued the tradition with Claremont area artists showing their work under the shady olive trees of the beautifully restored Padua Hills Theatre.

- **Sunday, November 2**, 11am to 4pm at the Padua Hills Theatre, 4467 Padua Ave., Claremont. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for CMA members. Children under 18 are free.
- **Twenty five area artists** will display and sell their paintings, ceramics, glass, sculpture, textiles and jewelry.
- **Art and craft demonstrations** by area art organizations.
- A **sculpture exhibit**, *John Svenson: For the Love of Wood* is presented by the Claremont Museum of Art. Over a lifetime of creating sculpture in many media, John Svenson's work in wood stands out and expresses his love for this living material. More information is available on our website www.claremontmuseum.org.
- ARTstART students will lead children in creative **Art Activities**. A **Music Stage** will feature local performers. **Festive foods** will be served with traditional Jamaica punch and fresh lemonade.

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 are available upon request.