

LOS ANGELES ARTS DISTRICT WITH MURAL BY SHEPARD FAIRY. COURTESY: LOS ANGELES TOURISM & CONVENTION BOARD

THE ART LOVER'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING FINE ART

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# California

With sprawling metropolises, as well as quaint beachside and mountain towns, the state of California has an array of locales to visit throughout the seasons. Many of these destinations boast vibrant cultural scenes, with a focus around fine art through galleries, artist studios and annual festivals and fairs that attract visitors from all around the globe. To further recognize the state's artistic diversity, the California Arts Council named 14 designated cultural districts—three in San Diego, three in Los Angeles, four in the San Francisco Bay Area and the remainder in the northern part of the state.

Los Angeles is one of the largest hubs for fine art in the state, and has countless galleries, art walks, fairs and spaces for artists to open studios. There are also museums and other cultural events that entice. One of the longest-running art events in the city is *LA Art Show*, a contemporary and modern art fair where dealers from around the world showcase some of their leading artists. The event happens this year from January 23 to 27, with its opening preview to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital on January 23 at 6 p.m. for VIP card holders.

A new, but much-anticipated fair is *Frieze Los Angeles*, which

will take place during the height of the city's awards season, February 15 to 17, at Paramount Pictures Studios. Featured will be 70 dealer booths offering an array of contemporary artwork, as well as a program of talks, site-specific installations and films. An invitation-only preview on February 14 will allow select art patrons the first chance to view the fair.

Outside of the city are a number of other art hubs of note, including Laguna Beach and Palm Springs.

Laguna Beach has been recognized as an artists colony because in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century a number of painters flocked to the area to paint the sights. Today, the tradition continues with seasonal events that beckon artists and collectors to the city. *Festival of Arts of Laguna Beach* showcases the work of 140 local, juried artists from July to September each year that specialize in painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography and more. The event includes the annual *Pageant of the Masters*, where art comes to life on a stage. This year's theme is "The Time Machine," a nod to science fiction and steampunk.

Also held in the city is the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association *Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational*, which takes place





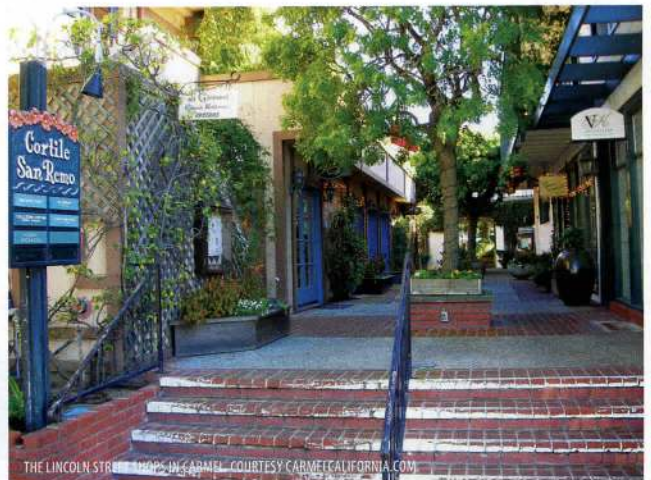
FOREST AVENUE IN LAGUNA BEACH. COURTESY VISITLAGUNABEACH.COM

October 5 to 13 at the Festival of Arts pavilion. For the event, around 50 plein air painters set up their easels around the town and then showcase and sell their works on-site. On October 12 there is a gala where awards will be doled out as part of the competition.

Each February, the city of Palm Springs, known for its ties to the film industry, becomes a mecca for fine art and culture with its annual Modernism Week. Held in conjunction with those festivities is the annual *Art Palm Springs*, where fine art dealers from around the globe exhibit and sell paintings, sculpture, photography and more. This year's fair happens February 15 to 18, with its opening benefitting the Palm Springs Art Museum on February 14 from 5 to 9 p.m.

In the northern half of California, San Francisco is considered the major hub for arts and culture. Along with its plethora of galleries, there are museum and events in the city and its surrounding areas that are draws for art patrons of all types. Each January is the *FOG Design+Art* fair, which celebrates design and visual arts by bringing together 45 international galleries for a weekend of exhibitions, programming and special installations. April 25 to 28 is the ninth annual *Art Market San Francisco*, an event featuring 75 modern and contemporary art dealers. Last year's fair saw record-breaking sales and 28,000 attendees throughout its run, showing that the event continues to grow.

Throughout all regions of California are galleries and artists



THE LINCOLN STREET SHOPS IN CARMEL. COURTESY CARMELCALIFORNIA.COM

who have set up their showrooms and studios. Among them are **American Legacy Fine Art**, **Arcadia Contemporary**, **Corey Helford Gallery**, **George Billis Gallery**, **Maxwell Alexander Gallery**, **MRG Gallery**, **Carol Smith Myer**, **David Patchen**, **Gayle Garner Roski**, **James C. Leonard**, **Lani Emanuel**, **Loretta McNair**, **Ria Krishnan**, **Rick J. Delanty** and **Thomas W. Schaller**.



## AMERICAN LEGACY FINE ARTS

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American Legacy Fine Arts was established in January 2003 as a private art gallery in order to provide personal assistance to beginning and established collectors in their acquisitions of historic and contemporary-traditional fine art. The gallery represents contemporary painters and sculptors on a full-time basis, including **Peter Adams, Béla Bácsi, Jean LeGassick, Jennifer Moses, Teresa Oaxaca, Daniel W. Pinkham, Alicia N. Ponzio, Scott W. Prior, Mian Situ, Christopher Slatoff, Tim Solliday, Alexey Steele and Jove Wang.**

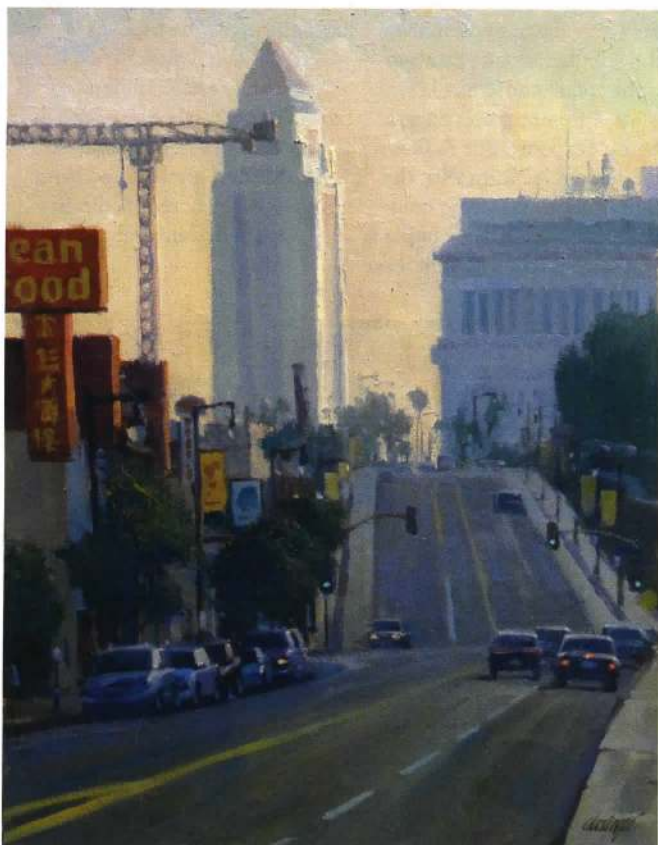
Newer additions to the artist roster include **Warren Chang, Adrian Gottlieb, Jim McVicker, Joseph Paquet and Kate Sammons.**



Most of the gallery's programs and events are private by invitation, and include gallery talks with artists and organized art

tours. The gallery offers a gracious and elegant salon setting to display the work, and is located just minutes from Downtown Los Angeles

in one of Pasadena's most tranquil neighborhoods and is near the world-famous Rose Bowl Stadium, Norton Simon Museum and Gamble House.



**1**  
 American Legacy Fine Arts is a private gallery specializing in contemporary painters and sculptors.

**2**  
 American Legacy Fine Arts, *South on Hill*, oil, 14 x 11", by Michael Obermeyer.

**3**  
 American Legacy Fine Arts, *Colorful Arroyo*, oil, 12 x 16", by John Cosby.