

Santa Ysabel Gallery

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Santa Ysabel, Ca. - "Exploring Vessels," an exhibit by Bill Porter, master blacksmith and Helen Wilson, painter-poet, opens at the Santa Ysabel Gallery, Saturday, October 29, with a reception to meet the artists from 4 to 8 p.m.

Wilson uses the medium of oil to depict the body and soul as vessels, Porter stretches the concept of the containing vessel by manipulating iron.

A Ramona resident, Wilson, received her formal training at Grossmont College, U. S. International University in San Diego and England and studied at the Free Academy of Arts, DEn Hague, The Netherlands.

Wilson works in oil on panel, canvas and vinyl, most usually of single subject matter, in the flavor of Georgia O'Keefe, the French cave painters and with Oriental simplicity.

IN 1972 Porter joined James Hubbell as a master craftsman, beginning an association that continues today. He has been involved in welding, forming and pouring cement, carving wood and forging steel, copper and bronze as well as the construction of three major buildings at the Hubbell studio. Porter also designed and built a diesel car kiln and constructed a foundry for melting and coating of bronze.

Porter graduated from Calwestern University and has a lifetime California teaching certificate, he continued his education at Palomar College studying welding, ceramics and hand blown glass; additional ceramics studies with Rhoda Lopez, UCSD, and an intensive

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three week workshop with internationally noted blacksmith,
Frank Turley, Santa Fe, NM.

Porter lives in Julian and serves as volunteer at Julian
High School as the track and cross country coach.

The show runs through November 27.

The Santa Ysabel Gallery is located at 30352 Highway 78,
Santa Ysabel. Hours are 10 a.m., until 5 p.m., Wednesday
through Sunday. For more information, please call 765-1676.