

Santa Ysabel Gallery

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Santa Ysabel, Ca. - Sculptures by Alber De Matteis and acrylic paintings and feline meditation altars by Victoria Chick are featured in an exhibit opening at the Santa Ysabel Gallery, Saturday, February 21 with a reception for the artists from 4 to 8 p.m.

De Matteis, former assistant to internationally acclaimed artist James Hubbell, works in forged steel. Speaking of his sculptures, he said, the main aspect of his work is about balance, finding the point of equilibrium, when all the energies are in rest while in tension. "The dance between different and separate elements in a sculpture come together to create whole."

De Matteis serves as artist in residence for the Young At Art program for the San Diego City schools and has taught at the San Diego Museum of Art.

Chick, a registered art therapist, in her feline acrylic paintings and meditation altars captures "catness" in universal sense and translates it into human situations and emotions. Her luminous colors, strong lines and shapes move in rhythm across the canvas as cat images anthropomorphically representing human emotions.

The show runs through February 19.

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.