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Santa Ysabel, Ca. - "Steel and Watercolor" - New works by Julian-based Master
Blacksmith Bill Porter and watercolor painter Sally Snipes opens Saturday The show opens with
a reception to meet the artist Saturday, February 17, 1996 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Exhibit runs through Sunday, March 24, 1996.

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until 5 p.m., Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesdays). Telephone 765-1676 for more
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Santa Ysabel, Ca. - "Steel and Watercolor" - a two-person show exhibiting new works of Julian-based artists Bill Porter and Sally Snipes, opens at the Santa Ysabel Gallery Saturday, February 17, 1996. The two will share a theme of the use of light.

Bill Porter is a master artist blacksmith. His studio and forge is the place where many metal artists come to work and talk shop. (He has collaborated with former Charger star Ed White, a Julian sculptor.) 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 smelting and casting of bronze. The work of Hubbell draws on many of Porter's blacksmithing skills; some of Hubbell's works were designed with Porter's skills in mind.

Porter graduated from Cal Western 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 three-week workshop with internationally-noted blacksmith Frank Turley, Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has hosted workshops at his studio with Turley.

Porter lives in Julian in a house designed by himself and Robbie Laird, built much by himself. The huge iron chandelier for the house will be his focal piece in the show.

is a great painter working primarily in watercolor
Her work
Sally Snipes will exhibit watercolors showing her love and knowledge of nature. Familiar subjects are bucolic Holstein cows, cloudscapes, wild skies, flamboyant flowers, running horses and disappearing sheep. She will also show a mixed media piece "Art of Work", with elements of her love of gardening. She is a beloved figure in Julian, where she has inspired the planting of 75,000 daffodils. Her pieces show a brilliant contrast of color and light, in her own true big-hearted vein.

Snipes majored in art at UCSB, attended the San Francisco Art Institute, and spent a year in the art colony of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She has taught water-color classes in Julian and Ramona public schools, is the art specialist at the Spencer Valley School, and teaches children's and adult's art classes privately. She is very involved in the community of Julian artists and leads hikes for Volcan Mountain Preserve as a docent.

~~The Santa Ysabel Gallery allows visitors and collectors to share the beauty and spirit of the surrounding mountains and valleys through the work of just such artists as Sally Snipes - you can not separate the personality from the work.~~

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