

# Montecito Journal

## June 10, 2010

Slow Down the Clock.”

Cottage Hospital President and CEO **Ron Werft** talked about UCSB being a world-class school making inroads in neuroscience – a collaboration between UCSB and Cottage.

This evening was a special celebration turning CFIT’s courtyard and offices into mini art galleries with wine tasting and a host of various hors d’oeuvres in each room. The artists were on hand to discuss and sell their works and silent auction items were there to be bid on. The whole event was the creative effort of Director of Operations **Hether Briggs**.

CFIT offers an entire menu of ways to help improve your memory and health. For an appointment call 899-7777 or check out [www.sbcfit.org](http://www.sbcfit.org).

### A Night at the Casbah

As we arrived at the 2010 CALM Design Showcase house, it felt like we were stepping into exotic gardens somewhere in Morocco. There were tables and stools all about covered in rich Eastern fabrics with beautiful roses in tasseled vases. Waiters plied guests with delicious spicy treats to go with the mint juleps and wine.

CALM Board Co-Chairs **Donna B. Fisher Yates** and **Dan Bifano** and their large committee outdid themselves and did things their way. After



Casbah Co-Chairs Dan Bifano and Donna B. Fisher Yates for CALM

the hearty hors d’oeuvres and social hour, we all went to the other side of the home where we were seated at large round tables. But not for dinner, for dessert. The tables were stunning and the flatware was “gold,” to go with the rich tablecloths.

**Andrew Firestone** ran a lively auction with his Casbah Cuties helping him “sell” items from luxury living in St. Barthelemy to tickets to the finale of the American Idol season. The CALM video showed **Melissa** and **Troy Reed** and how CALM helped them recover from drug addiction and get their children back. They

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Hosts and owners of the 2004 CALM Design Showcase house, Mark, Summer and Adriana Shuman with CALM Executive Director Cecilia Rodriguez



CALM President of Board of Trustees Rich Schuette, Vice President Trudi Timm-Schuette, Patricia and Larry Durham enjoying A Night At The Casbah

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spoke to us in person at the end of the video, which was very moving. As Executive Director **Cecilia Rodriguez** commented, "That is one story. There are thousands more." Since 1970 when **Claire Miles** created CALM (Child Abuse Listening & Mediation) with a telephone in her home over 30,000 children have been helped.

Vice President **Patricia Durham** also spoke to the group. I sat next to Clinical Director **Elizabeth Rumelt** who explained how CALM is growing and branching out. **Donna Richards** is CALM's Coordinator for mental health consultation at the Storyteller Preschool, a new endeavor.

Many thanks went to **Mark, Adriana** and daughter **Summer Shuman** for hosting the evening at their elegant estate. Adriana owns the Summer for Kids Boutique on Coast Village Road where all the profits this year go to CALM and the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation.

### Off The Wall

Off The Wall is on again and they are literally taking it off the wall! Art, that is. The Women's Board of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) once more hosted the popular event. Guests buy one ticket for \$200 that admits two and allows the holder to choose one of the many original artist-donated paintings, sculpture, drawings, fiber art, jewelry etc. on display. There were 117 works to choose from.

This bash was held at the Ridley-Tree Education Center at McCormick House. During the social hour attendees seriously surveyed the works and made notations in numerical order of their favorites. Then artist and gallery owner **Ralph Waterhouse** took bids. Whoever bid the most got first dibs on the piece they wanted. **Chris and Tom Frisina** bid \$1,100 and chose a sculpture of a horse head by **Nina de Creff** **Ward** cleverly titled "Still Trying to Get off the Merry-Go-Round." After that it was a lottery, drawing names



Off The Wall Co-Chairs Cecilia Hess and Peggy Odgers for the SBMA



SBMA Women's Board Member Kathleen Waltrip, Adrienne Sturman and Committee member Mary Rogers at the Off The Wall event