

INC Invited to Special Viewing of Art Show



Torill Saether Krekke, a former INC member, is delighted to invite all members to a special viewing of her first solo exhibit of 40, gloriously colorful abstract paintings on Wednesday, June 16. Torill is Norwegian and holds a Bachelor of Art in TV production from Arizona State University. She has several years of experience in this field, but since moving to Madrid in 2002, she has mainly dedicated herself to painting in Antonio Escobar's studio.

Torill is a self-trained painter who finds inspiration in nature, particularly coastal landscapes. Excellent at blending and combining colors, she has developed an original, abstract style where the colors and structures dominate. It could be labeled abstract expressionism and comes close to the Spanish school of

"informalistas". Her technique is mixed, acrylic on canvas, and she always works with several layers of paint, often adding sand, paper or silk to reach the desired effect.

In the two years of painting at Antonio Escobar's studio, Torill's style has evolved. A former professional photographer, Torill has a sharp eye and is good at creating visually attractive paintings that fit well in modern homes. The artist herself says her main objective when she starts on a new painting is "to create a jewel".

This year Torill has participated successfully in two exhibitions in Madrid and she is now taking the big step of holding her first individual show. Entitled *Brisa del Mar*, or Sea Breeze, Torill's show will be up the whole month of June at Sala de Exposición Tierra de Fuego, a charming hall that is more than 100 years old.

Torill will be present at the INC's special viewing of her work and will be happy to answer any questions about her art. Wine and cava will be

Date: Wednesday, June 16

Time: 6-8 pm

Place: Sala de Exposición Tierra de Fuego, Calle del Pez, nº 21

Metro stations: Callao, Noviciado or Sto. Domingo. Public parking nearby.

RSVP: Please confirm attendance to Susan Milla at 91-604-4945 by Monday, June 14.

Paula Owen Viola's Art on Exhibit in Las Rozas

INC member Paula Owen Viola will be showing a variety of her recent works in Las Rozas throughout May. Included in this one-woman show are: six large oil paintings depicting themes from nature: fish, lotus ponds and sunset landscapes; a series of colorful Spanish costumed women inspired by Matisse that Paula calls Andalusian Icons; and a watercolor series of her favorite fruit—mangoes. The prices range from 79 to 900 euros.

The exhibit is at a lovely gallery-bar called Concepto, located at Calle Escorial 2, near the Plaza España and the pedestrian zone in Las Rozas. Concepto is open in the evenings from 6:30 pm to 3:30 am! Paula says many people go to Concepto for an after-dinner drink as it's one of the few places open late. She adds that with the spring weather Las Rozas can be a lovely place to walk. Underground parking is available only a few minutes away under the church in the center of Las Rozas. For more information, call Paula at 91-637-0876.



Cuban Artists Exhibit in Madrid

An exhibition of Cuba's most renowned artists is on until May 29 at the brand new Galeria de Arte Entre Aguas, Calle San Lucas 9, INC member Anne Miranda writes. The artists showing are: Ruben Alpizar (Anne Miranda's personal favorite), Augustine Bejarano, Roberto Fabelo (an internationally recognized star in the art world), Rigoberto Mena, Arturo Montoto and Angel Ramirez. For more details, phone 91-319-5131.