

6th St.'s 'sublime' art

BY MARJORIE BEGGS

START early. Stay late. Come and see some art on Sixth Street — the work of your neighbors and maybe your friends — and all depicting the central city community.

"Sublime Sixth — Works by Reclusive Artists," a 50-piece show and sale by three photographers and a painter, will be held at the Community Justice Office, corner of Sixth and Minna, on Dec. 13. The one-time show opens at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m.

"The four of us have a lot in common besides living in the area," said photog Mark Ellinger of himself, photographers Nappy Chin and S. Renée Jones, and painter Dan Cope. "We've all had substance-abuse problems, and I'd say the theme of the show is this: We want to hold up a beacon to the idea of struggling with substance abuse and say to anyone in the middle of it, 'You can come out of it.'"

Ellinger describes Chin's black and white images as gritty, Cope's paintings as very abstract, Jones' work as black and white portraiture of the 'hood, and his own color photographs as a fresh angle on the central city environment.

The four artists' work will be displayed inside the Community Justice Office and, weather permitting, outside as well. Blues guitarist Tennessee will be strumming to keep the event mellow.

Then, at 7 p.m., Ellinger's one-man show opens at 6th Street Books, 144 Sixth.

"I'll have about 30 pieces in the show, all photos of the central city, taken over the last year," Ellinger said. "I'm calling the show



Nappy Chin's gritty images (left) and Mark Ellinger's hotel photos (right) will be part of the Dec. 13 show and sale.

'Perceptions of a Loving Eye.'

Ellinger, 54, lives in the Shree Ganeshai on Sixth Street. When he isn't out shooting in the neighborhood, he's at the Tenderloin Housing Clinic's SRO Collaborative where he volunteers his time and is a tenant representative.

His show is the first at the bookstore, which opened in early October and is morphing into a 49-seat bookstore/café.

"Mark's show will be my first event," said

6th Street Books owner Tom Seiler. "I plan to mix it up — with speakers, other artists, readings, small community group meetings. We're a for-profit, but I want to gear this place to the needs of working people and mix politics and art."

The bookstore is open seven days a week, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on the weekends. For more information about the show or the store: 626-8969. ■

TAKE YOUR USED

MOTOR OIL

TO ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS.

Your used motor oil can be cleaned and re-refined into new motor oil. Don't pour it down the drain or throw it in the trash. Recycle it!

Richmond & Laurel Heights

Jiffy Lube: 6099 Geary, 750-0233
Kragen: 6101 Geary, 387-1783
T&R76-2: 301 25th Ave., 668-4343
Firestone: 2800 Geary, 567-3311
Kragen: 3855 Geary, 668-5241
T&R76-1: 3501 Geary, 752-3968

Pacific Heights & Western Addition

Chevron: 2500 California, 567-1136

South of Market

Firestone: 1501 Mission St., 621-4650
Jiffy Lube: 300 7th St., 255-0900
Kragen: 2300 16th St., 431-3386
Mark Morris Tires: 1401 Mission, 863-3939
Quality Tune-Up: 490 S. Van Ness, 431-6550
SF Honda: 10 S. Van Ness, 441-2000

Potrero Hill & Mission Bay

R + W 76: 800 Folsom, 982-2836
S&C Ford: 211 Industrial, 553-4400

Marina & Cow Hollow

Kragen: 2246 Lombard, 563-4200

Portola & Visitacion Valley

Kragen: 2500 San Bruno, 656-0696
Portola Auto: 2780 San Bruno, 468-5175
Sanitary Fill Company: 501 Tunnel, 330-1400

Sunset & Parkside

Kragen: 2150 Taraval, 682-9177
Chevron: 1890 19th Ave., 731-2733
Mark's Unocal 76: 1700 Noriega, 566-0440

North Beach & Telegraph Hill

Port of SF: China Basin @ Pier 52/54, 274-0565
Port of SF: Hyde St. Harbor @ Jefferson, 274-0565

Russian Hill, Nob Hill & Tenderloin

Chevron: 2465 Van Ness, 441-2240
Jiffy Lube: 2030 Van Ness, 922-7258
Mark Morris Tires: 1200 Larkin, 673-3441

Civic Center

Quality Tune-Up: 1175 Fell, 626-6446

Downtown & South of Market

Union 76: 390 1st St., 957-1754

Mission & Bernal Heights

Oil Changer: 198 Valencia, 487-1740
Unocal 76: 401 Potrero, 863-6043

Bayview & Hunters Point

ABC Auto: 1650 Davidson Ave., 826-8676

Excelsior & Crocker Amazon

Kragen: 1150 Ocean, 585-9800
Quality Tune-Up: 4650 Mission, 334-4993

West Portal & Miraloma

Claremont Chevron: 301 Claremont, 753-9552



RECYCLE USED OIL



SF Environment
Our home. Our city. Our planet.

City and County of San Francisco
www.sfenvironment.com

For more information, call the SF Environment hotline: (415) 554-4333
Funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Call center for hours of operation and quantities accepted.

Arts in S.F. need a little help from their friends

ARTS organizations in San Francisco took a \$4 million hit this summer when the California Arts Council's suspended all grants.

Property owners and renters can help struggling neighborhood arts groups through the city Voluntary Arts Contribution Fund. Owners can add something to their property tax payments, the first installment of which is due Dec. 10, and renters can simply write a check. It's tax-deductible, too.

"Every little bit helps — even a small contribution will make a big difference," Kary Schulman, executive director of Grants for the Arts, said. Grants for the Arts has administered the VACF since its inception in 1984. Contributions go directly to arts groups, with no administrative overhead.

This year, Schulman said, VACF plans to distribute \$100,000 to 32 arts groups, several in the central city, to pay for new exit signs, wheelchair ramps, security lighting, computers to modernize business practices and marketing efforts, and more.

For information: 554-6710 or <http://sfgfta.org>. ■

— MARJORIE BEGGS

Café do Brasil

1106 Market Street at Jones

LIVE MUSIC **2 FOR 1** GOSPEL BRUNCH
Wed. & Thurs. **LUNCH** with S.F. Choir
Starting at 7 p.m. **SPECIAL** Sundays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET EVERY DAY

PH: (415) 626-6432 www.cafedobrasil.com FAX: (415) 626-6450