



# NEWS FROM ARCADIA STUDIO

*from Danuta Bennett*

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Hello everyone!

## A N O T E F R O M A R C A D I A

As the winds pick up and autumn settles in, there's an electricity in the air that stirs my artist's spirit. The shifting light and crisp air bring a reflective mood, and something in the wind feels like a gentle reminder to let go, adapt, and embrace the change unfolding around us. Sharing my artistic journey with all of you is a reminder of the good days, and helps me stay grounded during the more challenging times when I'm struggling alone in my studio and pushing through creative challenges. I hope this resonates with others on their journeys. Don't forget to celebrate your Achievements and be creative!

**THE CHILDREN'S BOOK  
IS FINALLY OUT-  
AVAILABLE ON AMAZON**

We made #1 International Best Seller status in four countries, including the UK, USA, Australia and Canada.

**EVENTS**

Children Book Signing Event for the Santa Barbara Club/ MClub - Lunch and Learn series in November and Public book signing in December.

Antioch University presentation - "History of Psychology through Symbols" book.

LCCCA 5th Anniversary and my new artistic home - Illuminations Gallery

**MEMORIES FROM ART  
FOUNDATION OF SB  
FUNDRAISER SHOW**

The 3rd Annual Artful Affair at Riven Rock was a great success

*Danuta's Studio*

**NEWS**



November 2024

*Looking back by Danuta Bennett*

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# We did it!

As a new release, our book reached the #1 position in the Action & Adventure and Recycling categories for children's books!

We are lucky to be inducted into the Bestselling Authors International Organization and featured in PUBLISHED! Magazine.

Thank you  
**Peter Martin**  
for inviting me on this journey with you.

## Available on Amazon

<https://www.amazon.com/Mystery-Trash-Island>



### SANTA BARBARA CLUB BOOK SIGNING AND HOLIDAY EVENT

Author Peter Martin and I are excited to host our first book signing event for our recently published children's book, *The Mystery of Trash Island*. This event is part of the Santa Barbara Club / M Club Lunch and Learn Series. We will also participate in this year's SB Club Holiday Event, showcasing our children's book and my Santa Barbara drawings.

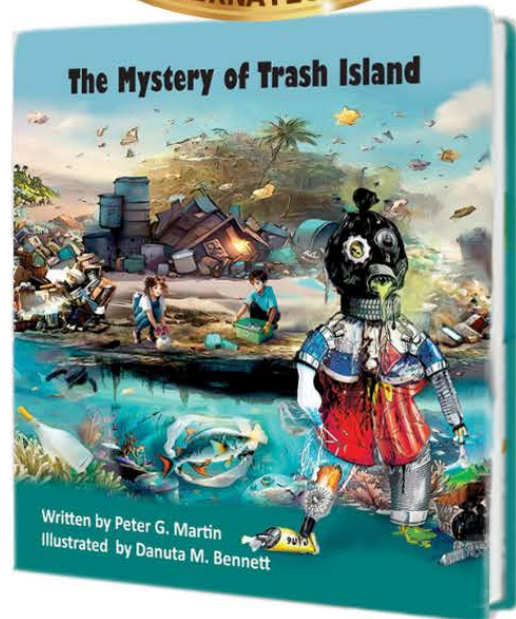
**This event is only for club members.**

### FREE PUBLIC BOOK SIGNING

We are hosting a Public free book signing event., Join us to celebrate with us!

**December 5th  
4-6 pm**

**La Lief Winery  
210 Gray Avenue,  
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101**



November 18th



December 5th





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ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY



LEARN AT LUNCH  
MACP PROGRAM SPECIAL  
LECTURE

**November 8, 2024, 12:00 PM**

The author, James Broderick, and I will present our recently published work at Antioch University presentation, drawing from our book "The History of Psychology through Symbols."



**BOOK SIGNING INTERVIEW VIDEO**

I've been receiving questions about the link to the recording from our recent Interview. The Video from the History of Psychology through Symbols Book signing is available on our website:

**<https://psychologyandsymbols.com> TAB- VIDEOS**

November 15th



## MY ART IN ILLUMINATIONS GALLERY

I'm excited to share that my artwork is now on display at the Illuminations Gallery as part of the permanent display, providing an ever-present window into my evolving creative journey for gallery visitors.

*DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION!*

La Cumbre Plaza

121 S. Hope Avenue

Santa Barbara, CA 93105



# Memories from Last Month

The event at the beautiful, historic Riven Rock was a tremendous success! It was such a joy to share this experience with my fellow artists and all the attendees. Hearing your stories and seeing your responses to our artwork made the gathering truly special. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the artists and The Art Foundation of Santa Barbara, and to those who purchased our art – your enthusiasm made the event unforgettable!

## An Artful Affair at Riven Rock Supports 13 Local Artists

By Maria McCall / Special to VOICE

**T**HE ART FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA held their 3rd annual Artful Affair at the Riven Rock home of Trustee Frank McGinity. Thirteen artists were featured at the event including Andrea Anderson, Danuta Bennett, Rick Delanty, Rick Garcia, Kevin Gleason, Wyllys Heaton, Anne Hoffman, Ray Hanes, Chloe Hourdequin, Craig Nelson, Ann Sanders, Nina Warner and Ralph Waterhouse. 29 paintings sold during a two-hour period.

Master of Ceremonies John Doordan welcomed the crowd and offered a toast to Frank McGinity for hosting the event and to celebrate his 90th birthday. Mr. McGinity shared stories about Riven Rock's history and his illustrious neighbors.

Event co-chair Maria McCall interviewed three of the artists before John Doordan auctioned off two incredible quick draws by Wyllys Heaton and Ralph Waterhouse raising an additional \$1,600 for the foundation.

Event chair Linda Spann orchestrated the affair taking care of every detail including delectable hors d'oeuvres, fine wines, music, artist display racks and valet parking. It was a glorious and successful artful affair at Riven Rock!

The purpose of the Art Foundation of Santa Barbara is to educate the public on the heritage of art created and produced primarily in Santa Barbara County and encourages the efforts of contemporary artists to enlarge upon that heritage. The Art Foundation of Santa Barbara Trustees are Frank McGinity (President), John Doordan (Vice President), Maria McCall (Treasurer), Katherine Murray-Morse (Secretary), Nancy Newquist Nolan and Diane Waterhouse.

Purple Tango, by artist Danuta Bennett



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Art Foundation Trustees Katherine Murray-Morse, John Doordan, Nancy Newquist Nolan, Maria McCall, and Diane Waterhouse.



Art Foundation President and Host Frank McGinity, Event organizers Maria McCall and Linda Spann, and Event MC John Doordan

Thank you!





Thank you to everyone who helped make the event possible and supported the Santa Barbara Art Foundation's cause through your art purchases!

*Thank you !*



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## Artful Insights – Symbol in Focus: Wind

In the 19th century, Symbolism became an art movement that sought to explore the world of dreams, emotions, and the subconscious.

**Wind**, the symbol of introspection, letting go and change. The **wind** is a powerful and multifaceted symbol, especially during the fall season, as it carries with it a sense of both **impermanence** and **transformation**. Wind is both a force of nature and a metaphor for the unseen energies that shape our lives. It teaches us that everything is in constant motion, that we can release what we no longer need, and that transformation is an ongoing process.



**Creative Visualization:** Use the wind symbol or create your own to inspire creative visualization. Imagine the wind as a metaphor for new ideas and possibilities, pushing away mental blocks and clearing the path for innovation. Visualize your thoughts and feelings flowing freely with the wind, unburdened by doubts.

*Until Our Next Creative Journey Together, Stay Inspired!*

*Danika*



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