



"Kaleidoscope Kandeo" by Deniz Nicole is shown here at Burning Man 2019. *Image submitted*

Artwalk Ventura: Kaleidoscope

This interactive installation for all to experience and enjoy will be on display in the Museum's Plaza for 10 days only.

Kaleidoscope Kandeo by Deniz Nicole is on display at the Museum of Ventura County from Sept. 28 through Oct. 6. Join us at the Museum of Ventura County on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Artwalk Ventura. Come view and play "Kaleidoscope Kandeo" and explore the museum's other latest exhibit, "California Cool: Mid-century Modernism on the Central Coast."

"Kaleidoscope Kandeo" debuted at Burning Man in 2019 and is a 20-foot-tall faceted teardrop-shaped tower made from bent steel tubing. Clad in iridescent laser-cut

paneling, the installation will be a shimmering tear when illuminated at night. Gazing upwards within the hexagonal interior, participants observe a colorful glass gem suspended above a conical mirrored structure. Participants are invited to create a shared experience with each other by powering and observing the spinning gem box. Utilizing two different handles, participants will create and fluctuate the complex rotation and spin of the gem box. Without communal effort the kaleidoscope's image will remain static. Reflections of the colors and complexity of motion will create a fantastic kinetic kaleidoscopic image. At dusk, the laser cut paneling will reveal backlit patterns of light that make

the kaleidoscope a waypoint in darkness.

Nicole's artistic sensibility evolved from a lifelong passion for experiential science, her early studies ranging from astronomy to physics to the very physical practice of classical ballet. These diverse interests allowed her to view the mysteries of the universe from the unique perspective of equality. She knows that she is just as much a body moving through space as any heavenly body, and her artwork invites all of us to experience the universe in the same way.

Where: Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura.

Cost: Free for museum members, \$5 for nonmembers.

Exhibits

- Sept. 28: The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., Ventura, will display "Kaleidoscope Kandeo," a 20-foot-tall interactive sculpture by Deniz Nicole, Sept. 28 through Oct. 6. Call (805) 648-6379.

- Through Sept. 30: The Ventura County Potters' Guild Gallery, 1567 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 105, Ventura, will display work by ceramic artist Stacy Rowe, throughout the month of September. Call (805) 640-1390.

- Through Oct. 3: The Ojai

- Art Center, 113 S. Montgomery St., will display an exhibit of photos and paintings of local birds of prey sponsored by the Ojai Raptor Center, through Oct. 3. Call (805) 646-0117.

- Through Oct. 8: The Atrium Gallery in the Hall of Administration at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, will display works from its juried art show, through Oct. 8. For information, email galleries@vcartsCouncil.org.

- Through Oct. 12: The Beatrice Wood Center for the

- Arts, 8585 Ojai-Santa Paula Road in Upper Ojai, will host an exhibit by Natasha Dikareva in the Beato Gallery, and works by Porfirio Gutiérrez in the Logan Gallery, through Oct. 12. Call (805) 646-3381.

- Oct. 12, 13 & 14: The Ojai Studio Artists will hold their annual self-guided studio tour, Oct. 12, 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be a gala reception Saturday night and a Sunday social at the Ojai Valley Museum. For tickets and more information visit ojaistudioartists.org.

An authentic southern belle takes to the Ojai stage

By Adanna Moriarty

"Bless Your Heart" is a play about the tie that binds a family together, love. When the main character, Thomas (David Nelson Taylor) comes back to his hometown for a family wedding, he feels slightly like an alien. Coming from two very different worlds, he from academia, and his very southern family with their strong-willed religious beliefs, and a love of Elvis. His aunt Lucille, played by Julie Denney Hamann, brings a balance to the cast of characters with her chatty, bourbon-laced vivacious ways.

"Equalizer is a great way to describe Lucille," said Hamann. "As I was getting to know her, I noticed how often she uses the words, look and see. 'Well, the way I look at it ... 'See if you can get her to try on a smile.' I think it defines who she is. Lucille is a keen observer. She does not believe everything she hears. She strives to take in the whole picture."

Hamann has had a broad career, which started in New Orleans in her father's ballet studio, and then on to Disney and television.

"I feel every character I've

played has uniquely informed my life. Each time I begin to empathize and get to know a new person, new places open in my own heart and mind. I love creating from my imagination and theatre is that magical place where I can share my stories," Hamann said.

A southern belle herself, Hamann has a unique perspective on the dynamic that plays out in "Bless Your Heart," written by, and loosely based on the life of Richard Camp.

"I feel Richard captured the essence of the southern family beautifully and with a tremendous amount of care and sensitivity. I relate most to the fierceness of love and loyalty this family has for each other. No amount of conflict can sever the connection in their hearts."

"Bless Your Heart" will make you laugh, will bring you to tears, maybe both at the same time.

"My favorite scene is in Act II with my sister, Martha (Susan Kelejian). It is a pure slice of life and, with Susan, it always feels fresh and alive as though we're saying the words to each other for the very first time. We've developed a tremendous amount of trust



Photo submitted

Julie Hamann

in each other. Sometimes, we burst out laughing. Other times, we're both in tears. But, always, we are Martha and Lucille in relationship. That scene and all its colors are forever etched in my heart," Hamann said of sharing the stage with another strong female actress, Kelejian.

"Bless Your Heart" closes this weekend with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and a final Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at OjaiACT.org or call 805-640-8797. People with wheelchairs are asked to call 24 hours in advance to reserve a wheelchair location.

Jewish High Holy Days a time of prayer, introspection

By Rabbi Lisa Bock

On the last Sunday evening of September, the Jewish people all over the world will be greeting each other with the phrase "Happy New Year!" "Happy New Year?" Really? Yes, indeed.

In the Jewish tradition, the Jewish New Year — Rosh Hashanah, which means the "beginning of the year" — is a fall holiday, and takes place at the beginning of the seventh month of the Jewish year, marking the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days, also known as the Ten Days of Repentance and the Days of Awe.

As we bring in the New Year 5780, we are led by our rabbi, Rabbi Lisa Bock, with accompanying music from the heart and soul by Cantor Carl Jacobs. If you are considering joining us for the first time, welcome! You are also welcome to include those whom you may be remembering in your Yizkor (Memorial) booklet, read during our Yizkor memorial service on Yom Kippur afternoon. Details and instructions for including names in our Yizkor booklet are on our Jewish Community of Ojai website www.ojaitemple.org.

Ten Days — called the Days of Awe — begin with Rosh Hashanah, which is traditionally celebrated over two days, and ends with the holiday of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This year, Rosh Hashanah eve is on Sept. 29 and Yom Kippur ends on Oct. 9. For more information and service times visit www.ojaitemple.org.

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