

# Artists let work shine in 'street-view' show

Two Ojai Valley artists are featured in a new Ventura "street-view" art show, organized by the Ventura County Arts Council through June.

Local artists Ksenia McEuen and Carlos Grasso are displaying their work, along with Josiah Gruzik of Ventura and Belen Isla of Simi Valley.

The Ventura Reflect 2020! art show is a unique pandemic-friendly way for people to view the art from the sidewalk or vehicle. The work ranges from fanciful cabinetry, immersive color experience, and paper collage to mixed media installation.

The artists have each created a window inspired by some aspect of their experiences of 2020. The exhibit is displayed in four large storefront windows on Victoria Avenue and Moon Drive in Ventura (1985 S. Victoria Ave. (at Moon Drive) with parking in the rear).



**"Colorspace by Carlos Grasso"**

"Each window is conceived of as a diorama in which one of the artists has developed a relevant concept," said Wendy Osher, president of the Ventura County Arts Council Board of

Directors, in a press release. The windows are lit after dark. "For a very special experience, Grasso's 'Colorspace' comes alive, transforming painted and shredded canvas into ever-shifting

color fields," she said, adding that nighttime viewing is best.

"A very special new feature this time around is a family-friendly treasure hunt designed to stimulate curiosity and reflection through observation, conversation and even a suggested art activity" to do at home, Osher said. "There are things to look for, discuss, and reflect on. And it is downloadable. Check it out!"

The nonprofit Ventura County Arts Council provides arts education in schools and other settings by advocating for local artists and arts organizations, and by creating partnerships among artists, arts supporters, businesses, foundations and county organizations. It embraces diversity and equity, striving to reach low-income and marginalized communities of color with programs that offer equal access to the arts.

Treasure Hunt: 'Ways to Wonder':

<https://vcartscouncil.org/resources/arts-activities/treasure-hunt-reflect-2020/>