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Mystery In Masterpieces



Santa Barbara Museum of Art Women's Board past president Mary Garton, event chair and president elect Gwen Baker, past president and chair Deanna Major and president Mary Maxwell at the Mystery in Masterpieces bash

There wasn't any mayhem but there was plenty of mystery at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) recently. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson would have had a blast chasing down the clues in the museum's masterpieces. So did some 200 guests attending the "Mystery in Masterpieces" given by the SBMA Women's Board and chaired by Gwen Baker.

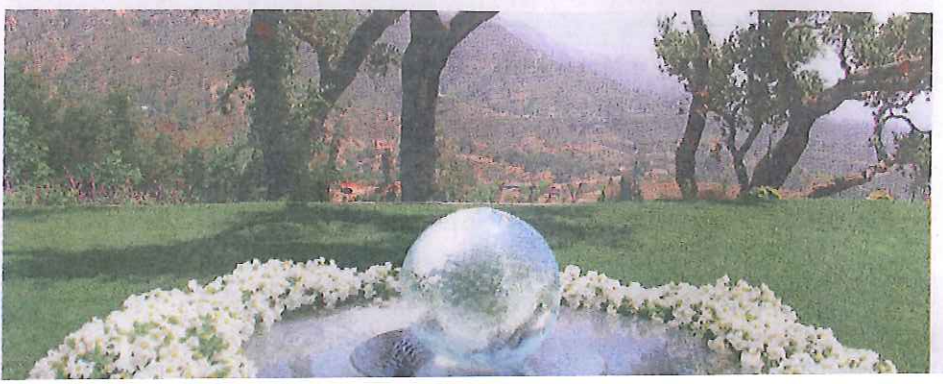
This much anticipated event is only given every two years because it is so difficult to mount. Clue masters **Jamie Fleming, John Jensen and Gary Krueger** have teamed up since 1989 to organize challenging mystery hunts to raise public awareness and millions of dollars for museums. This was the tenth hunt for SBMA.

The gala traveled throughout the museum beginning with a "Director's



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Reception" for a small number of benefactors and members. Then it was down to the main floor for cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres and buffet stations. **Larry Feinberg, Robert and Mercedes Eichholz** Director SBMA, welcomed all by saying, "I want to especially recognize the Women's Board for taking part in every exhibit since I came here five years ago." President of SBMAWB **Mary Maxwell** also spoke to all the art patrons.





John and Jane Dailey with Carolyn and Bob Williams; both ladies are on the SBMA Women's Board

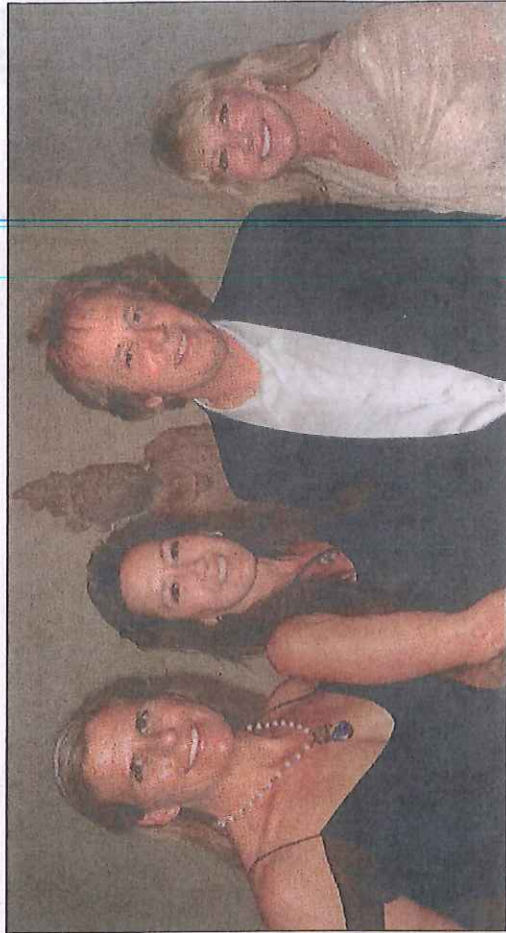
After an hour of sleuthing we gathered in the Mary Craig Auditorium to hear who the winners were and moan and groan about all the clues we missed. First place, a Ralph Waterhouse painting, went to David and Catherine Major (they came in second last time), second was Matt and Jane Schuster, third was Bob Johnson and Lisa Reich and fourth to Angela Giudice.

Gwen's busy committee was Carol Olson, Peggy Odgers, Mary Garton, Deanna Major, Catherine Clark, Barbara Green, Randee Winitzky, Karen Chin, Susan Case and Kathy Weber. For 62 years the Women's Board has played an important role in the Museum by raising funds

for acquisitions, exhibitions, special projects and educational programs. Mystery in Masterpieces is one of the ways they do it and you don't have to be an art history major to participate.

Mental Wellness Center

The Mental Wellness Center (MWC) has to be one of the better-kept secrets in Santa Barbara. Since the opening of its new building five years ago on Garden Street, I had lost track of the group. Then an invitation arrived for a reception at the El Encanto to thank their donors - just food and wine, no program, really. It was held in the upper terrace over the ballroom with glorious views of town.



Women's board Mallory Van Leeuwen and Karen Chin with Jamey Marth and Ann Hagan at the mystery party



MWC board members Ned Emerson, Deborah Boswell and George Kaufmann at the El Encanto

As CEO Annmarie Cameron told me, "In a nutshell our party is to gather those who are our major donors and those in our Mental Wellness Giving Society to show them how much we appreciate their investment in our work. Our programs help not only those who live with mental health dis-

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