

**Townley and DeBilzan Galleries feature selected works donated to SchoolPower
Dinner Dance Auction at 2011's First Art Walk
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At the year's first art walk, in the spirit of community and support for our schools, the Townley Gallery and the DeBilzan Gallery opened their exhibition spaces to include works of art donated for the 26th Annual SchoolPower Dinner Dance, Diamonds in the Sand, to be held January 29, 2011 at the Montage Laguna Beach. Featured artists included selected auction donors: Brian Allan, Jacobus Baas, William DeBilzan, Jorge Fernandez, Amy Eidt Jackson, Christine Kunkel, Sherrie Larsen, Louis Longi, Lu Martin, Laurel Meister, Greg O'Laughlin, Deborah Paswaters, Marina Pavlovoch, Skip Roma, Caleb Seimon, Dawn Spurlock, Gerard Stripling, and Annette Wimmer.

Despite suffering devastating losses relating to his art, art-making tools and personal belongings due to the floods of December 22nd, artist Louis Longi turned out to support the cause (see photos). His piece, entitled "Allure," valued at \$4000, will be included in the Live Auction at the SchoolPower Dinner Dance event.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Diamonds in the Sand event at \$500 per person. All proceeds from this event benefit the schoolchildren of Laguna Beach. For more information or to RSVP please visit lbschoolpower.org <<http://lbschoolpower.org/>> or call 494-6811.

PHOTOS:

- 1) Artists Deborah Paswaters and Louis Longi with Melissa Cavanaugh, Dinner Dance Co-chair and Irina Ensminger of Dinner Dance Auction committee with the works by Deborah Paswaters, William DeBilzan and Louis Longi to be auctioned off at the 26th Annual SchoolPower Dinner Dance on January 29th.
- 2) Dinner Dance Co-chairs Kristin Bunn and Kim Ressler are pictured at the Townley Gallery where an entire wall was dedicated to display the many pieces generously donated in support of Laguna Beach schoolchildren.
- 3) Wall at Townley Gallery dedicated to display a variety of donations to SchoolPower's upcoming Dinner Dance Auction.