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# THE NIGUEL ART ASSOCIATION

Committed to affirming beauty



Artist, Richard Conner



Artist, Karen March



Artist, Shane Townley (r)

**C**ommitted to affirming the beauty of art, the Niguel Art Association started as a club for local artists. Now a support group for artists – new and established alike – the Niguel Art Association promotes fellowship among its members and supports the community by providing scholarships to local high school students.

The cast of characters that make up the association are talented and devoted to their art. Many community artists participate in annual events hosted by the association, such as Art at the Plaza, held last August, which featured several notable local artists.

Richard Conner displayed his impressionist oil on canvas series “Brugge Reflections.” Conner, who was inspired while visiting his daughter in Belgium, can be seen painting every Saturday and Sunday at L’Hirondelle Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano.

Also participating in Art at the Plaza was painter Shane Townley, known for land- and seascapes featuring three-dimensional texture, high horizons and rich earth tones. Townley’s distinctive, minimalist style depicts the pastoral world with a thick tactile texture that conveys austerity and hope.

As president of the art association, Karen March takes pride in hosting these exhibits. March, a watercolorist herself, displayed several beautiful pieces of artwork featuring the Southern California Coastline. ●

— Leslie Stevens

To learn more about the association, events or memberships, visit [www.niguelart.org](http://www.niguelart.org).

**NIGUEL ART ASSOCIATION  
HOLDS FIVE MAJOR  
EVENTS EACH YEAR:**

**FESTIVAL OF THE WHALES**  
February/March (two weekends)  
Dana Point Harbor

**MOTHER’S DAY SHOW**  
Dana Point Harbor  
Mother’s Day

**FATHER’S DAY SHOW**  
Dana Point Harbor  
Father’s Day

**ART IN THE PARK**  
July  
Niguel Road & Pacific Coast Highway

**ART AT THE PLAZA**  
August  
Gelson’s Shopping Center

**TALL SHIPS FESTIVAL**  
September  
Dana Point Harbor