

Millard Sheets Center for the Arts at Fairplex

A Tapestry of Life

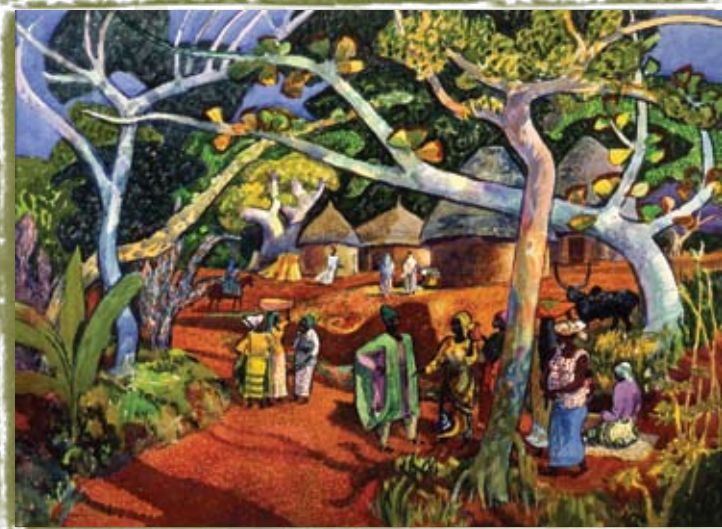
The World of Millard Sheets



Millard Sheets' Kahana Bay

This year the newly christened Millard Sheets Center for the Arts at Fairplex (MSCA) celebrates the 100th anniversary of the birth of the center's namesake, noted artist, designer and educator Millard Sheets (1907-1989). Sheets played a pivotal role as director of the Fine Arts Exhibition at the L.A. County Fair from 1931 to 1956.

In honor of the anniversary, the center will host a retrospective exhibition entitled *A Tapestry of Life: The World of Millard Sheets*, presented by Farmers Insurance Group. It's a family affair: Tony Sheets, the artist's son, is director of *Tapestry of Life*. Art historian Janet Blake, who has been studying Sheets' work since 1981, is curator of the exhibition. This unique and educational retrospective features a dynamic and interactive timeline that will take you on a journey from Millard Sheets' first entry of a painting in the 1925 L.A. County Fair fine art exhibition to his last fascinating interview with Paul Karlstrom for the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution in 1986.



Millard Sheets' Village of the Cameroon

The exhibition runs concurrently with the Fair, September 7-30, and is free with Fair admission. The center's Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 5 p.m. is an opportunity for art lovers, and the intrigued, to join Tony Sheets and Janet Blake for an informal gathering to discuss *A Tapestry of Life: The World of Millard Sheets*.

Following the Fair, the exhibition will become a permanent virtual historical presentation that includes a DVD recording of the exhibition, interviews, history and teaching points. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the life's work of Millard Sheets as a painter and designer while chronicling the last hundred years of world events.

Agribusiness Training

at the Junior Livestock Auction

The Fair's historic Junior Livestock Auction takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8. This year, for the first time, three deserving junior livestock participants will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. High school and college students enrolled in agriculture programs are eligible for the scholarships, which will be awarded based on written essays describing why they want to further their agriculture studies and how they will use the money if selected. Essays will be accepted through Saturday, Sept. 1.

Presented by the Fairplex Education Foundation, the Junior Livestock Auction supports and promotes



Junior Livestock Auction award-winning turkey



4-H member and his award-winning chickens

California's agricultural heritage by pairing 4-H members, Future Farmers of America, college students and other agriculture students with local businesses and individuals who are eager to support the program and purchase quality livestock. The auction is the culmination of a yearlong effort by students to learn the business of purchasing, raising and preparing livestock for sale. When the bidding is over, future farmers and ranchers have had an opportunity to recoup their financial investment and earn awards for prize-winning livestock.

Foundations At Fairplex

Junior Fair Board

Matt Bouchard finds the creative frenzy that precedes the L.A. County Fair a bit overwhelming – but exciting. "I didn't know all the background, how it all came together." A frequent guest of the Fair, Matt is now an "insider." He's privy to the back rooms and side doors, the handiwork, the footwork, the copying, the mailing, the meetings, the thousands of hours spent engineering the largest county fair in the country.

The mop-topped Bonita High School soon-to-be senior is a Junior Fair Board member. While his term is about to end, he said it has been a great experience. He is grateful for the \$1,000 scholarship he'll receive to put toward his final choice of one of four Southern California colleges. Participating high school students from 11 surrounding schools contribute 40 hours of their time to the Los Angeles County Fair Association. They also attend at least one Los Angeles County Fair Association board meeting. In return, they gain practical experience and receive a college scholarship.

The fourth Junior Fair Board will be installed Sept. 8 with 22 new members.

A total of \$25,000 is needed each year to provide scholarships for these accomplished students, many of whom have gone on to prestigious schools such as Notre Dame, UCLA, University of California, Berkeley and Pomona College. To support the Junior Fair Board, contact Wendy Schwartz at (909) 865-4207 or visit www.fairplex.org.



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