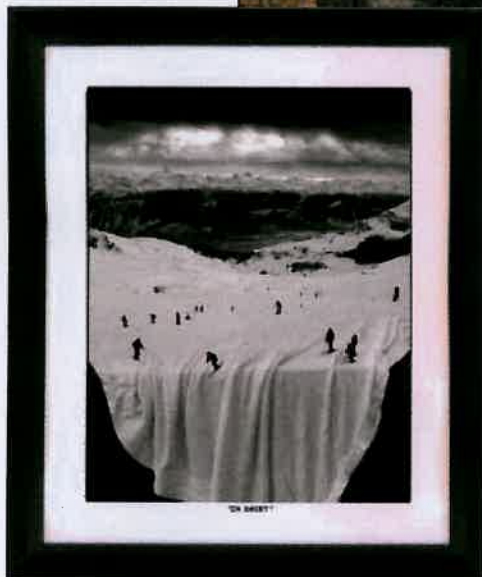


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IMAGES (clockwise from top): Artist Leah Devora's *Marilyn Freeway* (see more of Devora's work at ArtWalk Booth #804, on Fir St.); a budding artist hones her craft at ArtWalk 2009; artist Thomas Barbey's *Oh, Sheel!*



## Walk the Walk

STROLL THROUGH SAN DIEGO'S ANNUAL OUTDOOR FINE-ART GALLERY

BY DAVE GOOD

It's like we're in Vietnam here," says Leah Devora, a Los Angeles-based fine artist. "I've lived all over the country and I've never seen this."

The helicopters flying over her Westwood neighborhood are a constant annoyance.

"I'm into conspiracy theories," she says. "So, with the *Marilyn Freeway* (top image), I put in all the conspiracies of Marilyn Monroe's murder and the Kennedys and the politics of the missile crisis, along with things about the L.A. landscape that I find the most frustrating." Like the helicopters. "And the freeway," she says. "It's in every painting I do."

Devora and roughly 300 other fine artists will be at this year's Mission Federal ArtWalk. The 26th annual event is expected to lure a crowd of 120,000 with two solid days of art, live music and dance, plus family-friendly food and fun, April 24 and 25, on the streets of Little Italy.

### MISSION FEDERAL ART WALK

Dates: April 24 - 25, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location: The streets of Little Italy

Admission: free

Info: [missionfederalartwalk.org](http://missionfederalartwalk.org)