

OPENING OF GENIUS OF PACO STUDIO AND GALLERY

The Genius of Paco studio and gallery opened this week at 512 Venustiano Carranza with a large attendance, including the members of the Navy League of Puerto Vallarta.

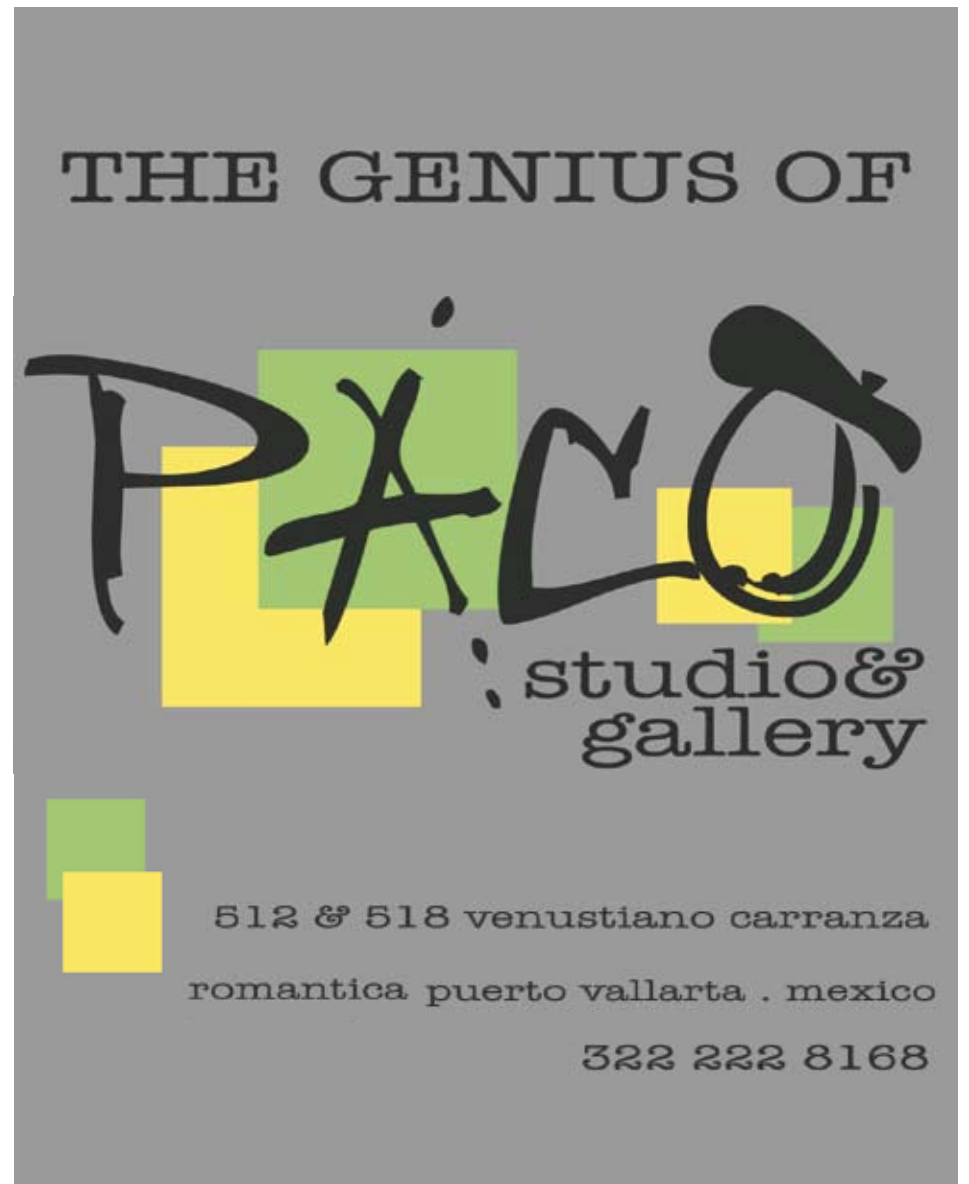
Frank "Paco" Rubin showed a variety of his paintings and silk screens, as well as a collection of appropriated archival photographs of Mexico.

Frank and Gail hail from New York City but have made Puerto Vallarta their home for the winter. Both are active members of

the Navy League in Vallarta.

Frank plans to show other artists as well, and to eventually make the gallery an international showplace.

For more information call 222-8168.



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More Than 250 Guests Participate in the Inaugural Celebration

On the evening of Tuesday, March 3rd, the Genius of Paco art center was the place to be with more than two hundred and fifty guests gathered to celebrate its opening.

The bright lights, rhythmic sounds and enchanting garden, all created a remarkable atmosphere.

Greeted by the artist, Paco, guests immediately sensed the excitement and hospitality of their host. Paco's contemporary art was installed throughout the sprawling Mexican hacienda.

The exhibition highlighted his appropriated archival Mexican photographs; embellished silk screen prints; paintings incorporating acrylic paint on paper, canvas and wood, depicting a palate of bold colors and geometric design; mixed media works displaying the artist's witty sense of humor. This exhibition focuses on historical reference, humor and spiritual sensitivity.

Attended by such Puerto Vallarta dignitaries as Mr. & Mrs. Marcial Fernando Resendiz and their three generations of family, they reminisced about residing in the hacienda and personal memories the renovated space inspired.

The courtyard well, now a beautiful wishing well, actually served as the

residence water well forty five years ago. Mr. Resendiz remembered drawing water from the well for his family. Other guests from the Puerto Vallarta community included members of the Navy League of Puerto Vallarta with Jeff and Sally Miltenberger and Jerry and Ann Lafferty, among others in attendance.

The evening welcomed Deni, the International Music Repertoire singer who sang a variety of romantic ballads, from Latin music to popular songs. Guests danced, enjoyed the wine and cheese and delectable chocolate delights by chocolatier Larry Friedlan.

Miguel Angel Vazquez, engineer, designed and orchestrated the refurbishing project. He transformed the adjacent and spacious rooms into a glorious well lit art center environment which highlights all the works of art.

His garden embraces the artist's "Clay to Clay" --cycle of life installation of terra cotta clay roof tiles and flowers.

Members of Puerto Vallarta's vast and varied art community wandered throughout the space inquiring about its potential as an exhibition venue for group show, lectures and working environment for painters and sculptors. No matter what the mandate, one vision is clear, the Genius of Paco Gallery & Studio will house many interesting and varied art projects for the Puerto Vallarta community to enjoy.



► Frank and Gail Rudin and their "Clay to Clay" garden.



► The Puerto Vallarta Navy League