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The Art of Boris Giulian



CHATSWORTH ARTIST'S ICONIC PAINTINGS AND STUDIO ILLUSTRATE A BASIC LOVE OF BEAUTY

Armenian born and classically trained artist Boris Giulian has a high-ceiling, white washed studio in Chatworth Lake Manor with exercise ropes and a trail bike strategically placed between three walls of award winning oil canvases and wood carved sculptures. The subject matter is both iconic and symbolic, speaking to both the differences and similarities of the nations of the world in terms of diet, art, commercialism and language.

Most canvasses are still lifes, but there's nothing still about them. Fine crystal glasses decorate a French table in one painting, for example, while a second canvas depicts a crudely made single glass on a Russian sideboard. The juxtaposition of haughty refinement versus practicality is not easy to catch right away, but Mr. Giulian has traveled widely to record such cultural

differences in what he calls "art with a message."

"I paint to let people appreciate minor cultural differences and to share a common human basic love of beauty," Mr. Giulian explains. His art has been exhibited



endeavor like selling blue chips on Wall Street," he emphasizes. Those Giulian canvasses and carvings not scooped up at exhibits will most likely be donated to various museums upon his death. That's when a genuine Giulian may be worth a fortune.

In the meantime, the artist supports his family, his art and his studio as a much in demand

contractor specializing in wood floors, real wood floors. Reality, in fact, is central to his body of artistic work. This is especially true in his larger canvasses and wood sculptures. His mixed media canvas of the United States includes blue and red Andy Warhol prints of Marilyn Monroe, a hamburger, a large soda, a wakeup drink and a pack of Marlboro's, all on a background of paper money. The message of this still life seems painfully real; many commercially successful U.S. products can kill you.



in San Diego and Santa Monica and is scheduled to be shown along with his wood carvings next year at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

"Making art is a need of the soul and has nothing to do with its commercial aspects. Selling art, on the other hand, is a separate



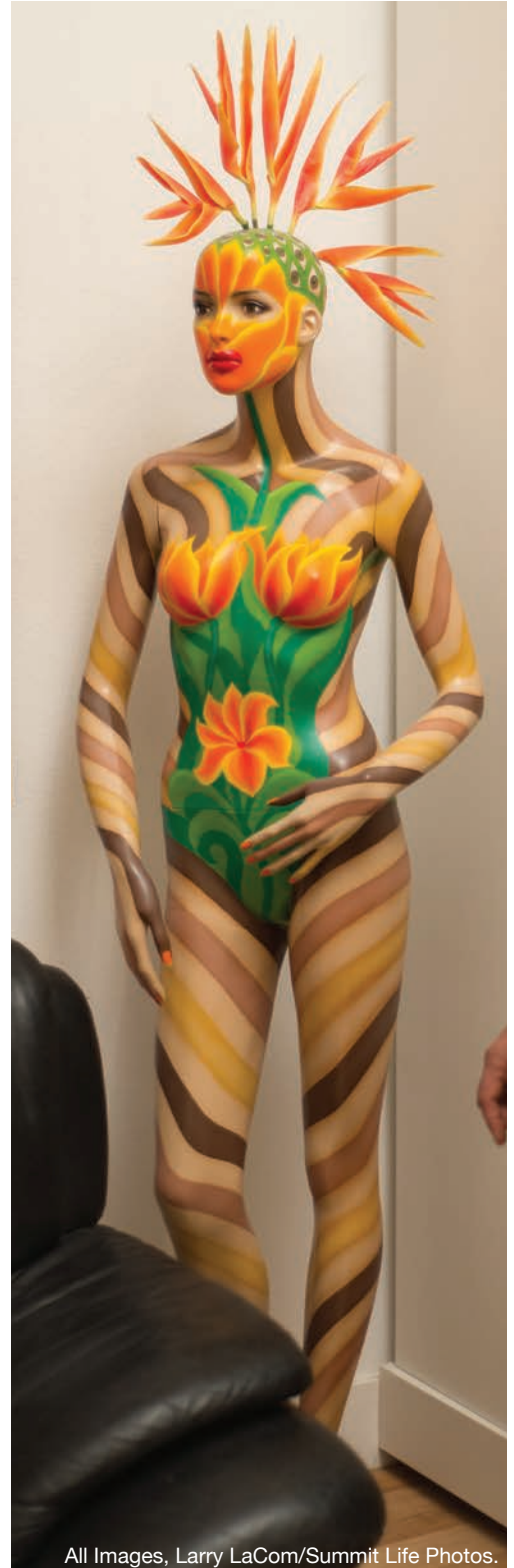
SCULPTURES THAT ADORN HIS LAKE MANOR



As a vigorous middle-aged man, Mr. Giulian has miles to go before he's stilled. His imagination overflows with symbolic ideas such as his aforementioned painting of Russia. Secret compartments within the frame of the painting itself hide bottles of vodka, and rifles and grenades molded from glass.

Once or twice a year, if you are

lucky enough, you can make reservations to explore the Giulian gallery in Chatsworth Lake Manor, just North of the enclave's only traffic signal on Valley Circle Boulevard. To arrange for a showing of Mr. Giulian's art, please email borisgiulian@gmail.com. For more information on his work and to see additional images, please email www.artvanta.com. ❖



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CHATSWORTH LAKE COMMUNITY CH

By Marci Wormser
Staff Writer

The Chatsworth Lake Community Church Chapel hasn't changed much since it was first built in 1955. With the exception of electricity, the small white chapel building lacks technology of any sort. There's no computer system, no overhead projector screen and no state-of-the-art sound system. The 90 or so hardwood seats – that come complete with hat racks underneath – hail from an old movie theater. In lieu of a sidewalk, there's an adjoining dirt road.

Admittedly, the “country” church “has no frills.” And that's exactly how Pastor Dale Dawson likes it.

“If you want all the bells and whistles,” he advises, “there's plenty of them out there.”

Referring to the church as a “real church for real people,” the pastor explains, “We fill the need for folks who don't want a mega church. It's for people who really want to connect... Everybody knows everybody here.”

But still, he says, the lack of a sidewalk and the other amenities make it “a little more challenging to draw people in here.”

The 35 to 40 faithful who attend worship services at the church in the Chatsworth Lake Manor community each week are mostly

residents of the West San Fernando Valley who enjoy the tight-knit feel of a small church community. If someone misses a week of services, the pastor says, everyone knows.

That sense of community among the members – some of whom have attended the church for decades



Chatsworth Lake Community Church.
Larry LaCom/Summit Life photo.

– was never more evident than at the recent memorial service for an 88-year-old parishioner. The service drew local residents from “all the nearby hills,” says the pastor. One local who came to pay his respects brought his goat.

What the small church lacks in technology and frills, however, it more than makes up for in charm.

“This has got to be the most charming church venue in Los Angeles,” says Pastor Dawson. “It

has tremendous curb appeal. That brings people in.”

According to the Chatsworth Historical Society, the church held its first service in the early 1920s.

Referring to the chapel as “perhaps one of the last of its kind,” according to the Society, “The first years saw the Christian congregation arriving by horse and buggy and holding worship services inside a tent.” In 1955,” the Society says, “work was completed on the chapel and kitchen building.”

According to a written statement from the church, it suffered from low attendance for many years, until Pastor Paul Halloran, its first full-time pastor, was hired in the mid-1980s. Under his leadership, attendance grew to nearly 100 people each week. Since then, there have been three full-time pastors, including Pastor Dawson.

The focus of the community church, which maintains membership in the Advent Christian General Conference denomination, is on “chapter and verse of the Bible,” says Pastor Dawson, adding that his focus “is on preaching and teaching.”

While the pastor leads Sunday church services – occasionally with the help of three church elders – his wife, Mary, leads the women's ministry.

Ministering, however, wasn't always

HURCH; NO FRILLS, LOTS OF CHARM

part of the Chatsworth couple's plan. The Dawsons met when they both worked in the business world. After the couple experienced a religious awakening, Pastor Dawson was "called" to minister, he says, about 30 years ago.

Although he stopped working in the cosmetics industry almost two decades ago, he and Mary still run a gift and home décor store in Montrose. His wife and sister-in-law also run a clothing store in the same town.

"One is a job," he relates. "The other is a calling."

Still, running a retail business isn't much different than running a place of worship in many respects, he relates. Both afford him opportunities to spread his message of faith.

"You have to interact with the rest of the world," he says. "That's the whole point."

Pastor Dawson ministered at the Woodland Hills Christian Church and a home church prior to coming to Chatsworth Lake in June 2008.

"We found the unique composition of the flock challenging, but over time, the church has become a perfect fit for my wife and me," the pastor says.

The pastor says he would like to see all the empty seats in his church filled one day – but only if that's because they are "true seekers."

"Our main concern," he says, "is

not quantity. It's quality."

In order to reach out to the community, the small church hosts Lake Manor Town Council Committee formation meetings; holds a Christmastime community potluck and concert, complete with music from a well-known gospel-singing group; and along



Pastor Dale Dawson
Larry LaCom/Summit Life photo.

with the local church Conference, participates in camps for kids, teens and families. The church also holds marriage retreats.

"We try to create events that aren't intimidating," Pastor Dawson explains.

Those outreach efforts have won over some unlikely members. The Los Angeles chapter of the notorious group the Hell's Angels has its clubhouse right behind the church, just outside the church's property line. Some members of the Hell's Angels, according to

Pastor Dawson, "got won over under former Pastor Halloran's ministry."

In addition to the nearby clubhouse, the church owns two lots that make up three acres of property. The large parcel, however, has not entirely been a blessing. Although churches are not usually required to pay property taxes, the Chatsworth Lake church has been exempted from this rule.

"The County Tax Assessor decided we have more land than we need," the pastor says.

Because the church's budget is small, with monies hailing only from donations and tithing, the pastor and the parishioners all pitch in to do housekeeping and maintenance. Pastor Dawson writes the church bulletin, balances the accounting books, and even carpeted the fellowship hall before a recent event.

At age 64, when many of his peers are looking toward retirement, the pastor, however, has no such plan.

"Why would I leave the flock?" he asks. "A shepherd doesn't leave his sheep. I'm here until they carry me out with my boots on."

Worship services at the Chatsworth Lake Community Church are held on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fellowship immediately follows the church services. The church is located at 23449 Lake Manor Drive. Pastor Dawson can be reached at (818) 712-0079. ♦

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"After 12 years in the Canyon, I moved to Dickenson North Dakota to live with my Grandkids. I turned 75 Oct 18/2015 and thought it would be nice to be with my family as I get older.

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My job now is taking care of my grandkids and watching them get bigger every day.

I have never lived more than 21 miles from the ocean... there is no

Ocean within 1,200 miles... I miss breakfast on Malibu Pier.

My prediction for 2016 is that someone will pick up where I left off with the Monthly Canyon Cleanup.

When I drove down Woolsey Canyon Road for the last time all I saw was trash everywhere... How sad... It's so beautiful when The El Camino Real Students where there every month.

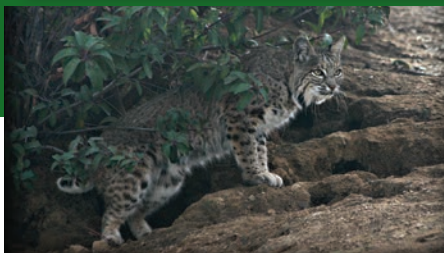
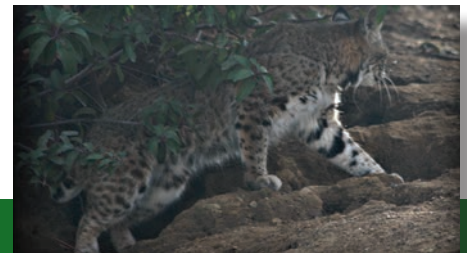
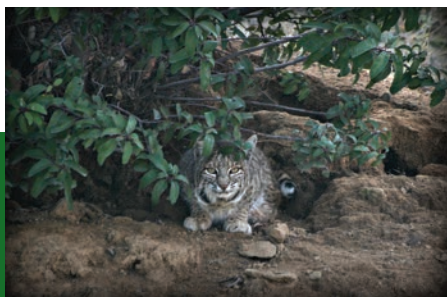
A story about those students would be great... They did one hell of a job. I miss the view from my deck...

Sunrise was spectacular almost every morning... Right now I can hardly see out the windows for the heavy snowflakes.

Tell everyone in the canyon they should not take the views and peaceful setting for granted... It's a very special place to live." ❖

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A talented Summit resident took these Bobcat photos near the fence line behind her house. She's asked that her name not be used because she could be accused of scaring her neighbors. What's to scare? We are blessed to live in a natural sanctuary where we are neighbors with some of the most beautiful animals on the planet. That's what makes the Summit, THE SUMMIT.

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