

## **Viewpoint Field Trip - Art Farm- 3-17-13**

**Where:** RIC HORNOR's Lightning Oak Art Farm (LOAF), 1001 ART Road, Pilot Hill, CA  
(Approximately 40 miles from Viewpoint) Open to Viewpoint Member Photographers and their Guests

**When:** Sunday, March 17, 2013, anytime from an hour before sunrise: 7:13 AM, any part until after sunset: 7:15 PM. Enjoy the Spring Photography Shoot and Eclectic Gathering at LOAF. Make a day of it. Weather you like the damp early morning air, the warmth of mid day Spring or the golden glow of late afternoon and twilight, there are great "photo-ops" in nature and at the barn house at LOAF. Stay to hang out and chat or share and view digital images at the barn-house.

**RSVP: Subject:** "Viewpoint field trip Art Farm" with the number coming in your group to [Ric@FineArtCenter.tv](mailto:Ric@FineArtCenter.tv)

For more details, updates and directions: <http://www.Electric-Canvas.com/Artfarm>

**Ric will be leading a special Sunday Art Review from 2PM-4PM, "Photographic Art: Real to Surreal"** A short description can be read at [www.ViewpointGallery.org](http://www.ViewpointGallery.org) If you are interested in attending, please indicate that in your RSVP. There will only be space for about 20 people. Also feel free to bring a print to review.

**Country: It ain't Fancy but its Fun and (some say) Funky!** Shoot on twenty acres near Pilot Hill. The elevation is 1000' – 1200' with green grassy rolling hills, Spring colors above the fog, below the snow. Half the property has oak trees with a digger pine here and there. 150 years old rock walls run more than 500 feet along the ridge. The South side gets bright sun and the North side is mostly shaded from the ridge of rocks and densely populated oak trees. Paths have been cleared to keep the weeds out of your socks. There are two seasonal ponds, full and alive this time of year.

**Barn-House** with *nearly* all the amenities Americans want! Such as wood heat to warm your toes from the early morning chill or to warm your heart after sunset, even indoor plumbing. Inside there's art aplenty, eclectic describes it best. You'll find visual treats by fellow fine art photographers and others. Many of our fellow Viewpoint members' works are proudly displayed. You're welcome to hang out and shoot in or around the house. Outside, a rope and wood swing, an old broken down Farmall tractor and other rusty farm tools can be found here, there and elsewhere.

You'll find plenty more to shoot around the house. There are photogenic curiosities such as a 56 Chevy yet to be restored. Hanging on the house are hubcaps, metal barrel rings and lots of rusty tools. You're welcome to move items if you want to shoot them situated differently than as they are.

**Picnic: Bring your own or it's on the house!** which is all day. Sandwiches of peanut butter & jam or tuna & avocado, cheese, sun chips, almonds and walnuts, various organic fruits and fresh untreated healthy well water. But wait there's more. I'll also stock a variety of juices and other liquid refreshments and some healthy veggie munchies. If you have preferences, feel free to bring your own but it's not required. There are outside picnic tables ready to use.

**Patchy cell phone coverage in the hills:** The last phone cell is at Green Valley Road or Cool for AT&T. Verizon does little better. There are land lines at the house but plan on having about 20 minutes of "blackout" time on Salmon Falls Road.

**Drive Safely and slowly and enjoy the ride,** Salmon Falls Road and Highway 49 are both nice but narrow winding roads with steep sides and drop offs in places. Share the road with bicyclists and watch out for animals, especially in the early morning and eve. Once you're on Peacock Way, it's slow going but you have less than 3/4 mile to go.

**Where? Details and Directions:** [www.Electric-Canvas.com/Artfarm](http://www.Electric-Canvas.com/Artfarm)  
[1001 ART Road, Pilot Hill, CA 95664](http://www.Electric-Canvas.com/Artfarm) Phone: 916-933-4490

Approximately 40 miles from Sacramento to LOAF: Take Highway 50 toward So. Lake Tahoe: ~25

miles > El Dorado Hills Blvd. > Peacock Way > Art Road, (15 mile from Highway 50 to LOAF).  
LOAF is at the End of ART Rd.

**CAUTION on Peacock Way:** Watch for a series of “Drainage Ditches” on the asphalt.  
Go REALY Sloooooowly or they'll jar you loose from your seat and possibly ruin your car.  
Go ½ mile up to turn (right only) onto ART Road.  
Go 1/3 mile on ART Road to the End. It's a small dirt road. Pass Science Rd. through the chain link fence gate to the end to LOAF. You can park on the ridge.

See a [map and a satellite view at Electric-Canvas.com/Artfarm](#) or  
**Online Maps: [1001 ART Road, Pilot Hill, CA 95664](#)**  
**GPS for Vertical landings: N:38° 46.7' W:121° 1.3'**

**Parking:** On the ridge by the water tanks and basketball hoop is a great area to park. Do Not park on green grass. It's likely to be soft ground.

**Disclaimer: Be Responsible:**

1. Like all Viewpoint field trips, you have to sign a liability waiver form so your first stop should be at the barn red and white house to sign in.
2. Stay on cleared paths and roads for your safety. You are responsible for you and yours.
3. The Earth is not paved. It's made of crushed rocks, sometimes called dirt. Wear appropriate shoes, sneakers and boots work. Sandals and leather street souls do Not get it. This ain't city paved sidewalks.
4. Cell phones seldom work from Green Valley Road through the hills so if you need to call, do it as you get onto Salmon Falls Road. Pull over first. Within ½ mile AT&T definitely loses coverage.

You're welcome to make a day of it for as long, (or short), as you like. Please join us for another great photography field trip and Eclectic Gathering. You and your guests are Welcome at LOAF, (Lightning Oak Art Farm)!

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More field trips are coming online for 2013. Check soon and often: [www.ViewpointGallery.org](http://www.ViewpointGallery.org)