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Artwork by Patrick Shourds
“Dreams of Consciousness”
Exhibition Dates: February 1 - March 31, 2010

As a Santa Barbara resident, Patrick Shourds is never at a loss for inspiration from California’s natural beauty and dynamic landscapes. Born and raised in idyllic Coronado, Shourds has enjoyed living near the Pacific Ocean, and his passion for exploration and nature are paramount as the subjects of his photography.

Objects from nature’s bounty line a window shelf in Shourds’ living room - geodes, fossilized seashells, crystals - objects that remind him of a peace he finds in nature. Yet in his photography, Shourds’ ability to blend nature with the footprint of humanity transcends a mere portrayal of objects and space, revealing the thoughts of the artist and his relationship with the culture (or lack thereof) around him.

“I strive for a personal balance in life and reflect that balance – often precariously at times - in my photographs,” said Shourds. “My goal is to create images and illusions that cause the viewer to explore, ponder and wonder.”

“Dreams of Consciousness” will be on display from February 1 through March 31, 2010 in the Carina Cellars Tasting Room, located at 2900 Grand Avenue in Los Olivos, CA. The Tasting Room is open daily from 11a.m. to 5p.m. For more information go to www.carinacellars.com or call (805) 688-2459.

Attached Image Information:

“I Madonnari 2008” AND “Santa Barbara Courthouse Staircase”
Photographs