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Photography by Tory Grace
“Vantage Points”
Exhibition Dates: June 1 – July 31, 2010

Tory Grace Burnside Clapp, a sixteen-year-old junior at Santa Ynez High School, is no newcomer to the field of photography. Since inheriting her parents’ battered digital snapshot camera at the age of seven, she has been taking photos almost non-stop. Even with such humble equipment, Tory’s unique style was apparent in her earliest pictures. Her intimate photos, including portraits of friends and strangers as well as scenes from her travels across the US and abroad, have won her both acclaim and a national photography award. Her highly successful solo photography show, “Faces and Places,” was held in March 2010 at St. Mark’s Church in Los Olivos, and she was the official photographer for the Valley Players’ recent dramatic production of “An Enemy of the People.” She is very excited to introduce her new exhibit, “Vantage Points,” at Carina Cellars.

Tory uses photography as a way to experience her travels more fully, and she considers herself “a photographer of life.” Even her landscape photos nearly always contain human or animal figures; she rarely photographs still-life subjects, finding them un-dynamic. By contrast, her photos of the random people practically burst with personality and a sense of place. She cites as her influences such famous photographers as Dorothea Lange, Richard Avedon, and Lewis Hine, who she feels captured the essence of people through beautiful, candid photography.

Most of Tory’s photos now are taken with the Nikon D40 camera that she purchased for her 2009 trip to the UK and Ireland with the American Council for International Studies. Her photos from that trip, several of which are on display in her current show, earned her the Grand Prize in the 2009 ACIS travel photo competition in a field of over 12,000 entries. Later this summer she will be traveling abroad again, this time as a student ambassador for the cultural exchange organization People to People International, where it’s likely her camera will seldom leave her hands.

“*Vantage Points*” will be on display from June 1 through July 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: (medium-Photographs)
Street performer: "The Flame"
Chelsea in the water: "Dama de Lago"
Bottles: "Guinness"