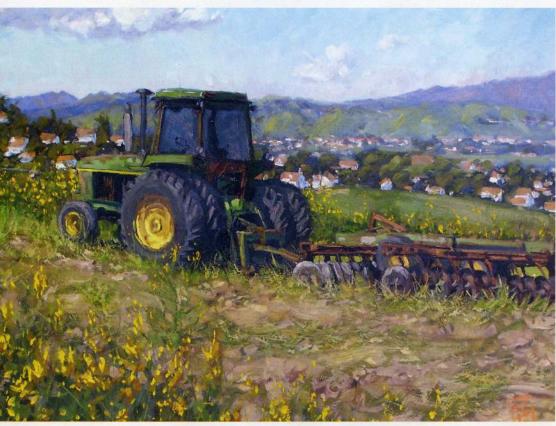
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North Country Tractor by Scott W. Prior

Pasadena, CA

Scott W. Prior Show AMERICAN LEGACY FINE ARTS

New paintings by California painter Scott W. Prior are on view at American Legacy Fine Arts this month in a show titled Recollections of Rural California. The collection of landscape and still-life paintings capture daily life on the dwindling number of small, family-owned farms and ranches sprinkled across the Golden State. Prior calls attention to the office complexes, shopping malls, and tract housing developments that are swallowing up the countryside. The paintings portray slices of the rural life in scenes that feature everything from bountiful crops to tools used for harvesting. "Scott W. Prior's impressionistic style and his

desire to paint the reality of everyday life have resulted in a collection of paintings that brilliantly depict the ongoing challenges generations of farmers and ranchers have faced with the urbanization of rural California," says Elaine Adams, gallery director. "The artwork in Recollections of Rural California represents pure Americana as it pays homage to California's rich agricultural heritage." Meet the artist at a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on November 5. The show runs November 5-December 10. For more information: 626.577.7733 or www.americanlegacyfinearts. com.

San Francisco, CA

Travis Schlaht & Kate Lehman Shows JOHN PENCE GALLERY This month John Pence Gallery presents new paintings by contemporary realists Travis Schlaht and Kate Lehman. Schlaht is known for his richly detailed still-life paintings that are both personal and painterly. Lehman creates evocative portraits and intimate insect studies. Both artists are based in New York and studied under renowned artist Jacob Collins at the Water Street Atelier. The



Profile by Kate Lehman

show is on view November 18-December 17. For more information: 415.441.1138 or www.johnpence.com.

Santa Barbara, CA

Figurative Show WATERHOUSE GALLERY

Collectors and art enthusiasts shouldn't miss the Great American Figurative Artists Show taking place at Waterhouse Gallery this month. The annual presentation showcases works by some of today's most talented painters from across the country. Among this year's participating artists are Casey Baugh, Dan Beck, Robert Coombs, Vince Giarrano, Nancy Guzik, Jeremy Lipking, and Joseph Todorovitch. Meet the artists at a reception from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on November 19. The show is on view November 19-December 12. For more information: 805,962,8885 or www.waterhousegallery.com.

Lalla Essaydi Show JENKINS JOHNSON GALLERY

New works by Moroccanborn artist Lalla Essaydi are featured at Jenkins Johnson Gallery through December 3. Essaydi incorporates layers of Islamic calligraphy with figurative poses inspired by the 19th-century Orientalist painters. For more information: 415.677.0770 or www. jenkinsjohnsongallery.com.

Los Angeles, CA

Monet & Lichtenstein Exhibition LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art features an intriguing exhibition of works by Claude Monet and