

Library Opens Today (Friday, July 19) 5:00 P.M. Cor de Gavere Art to be On View

The opening of an exhibition of "Paintings and Drawings" by the late Santa Cruz artist, Cor de Gavere, on Friday also marks the opening of a major art museum in Santa Cruz.

The Friday event will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Public Library's new Art and Music Room, on the second floor of the main library. A staircase is presently under construction, however, gallery goers may take another stairway or the elevator.

The opening is sponsored by the Santa Cruz City Museum, the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce and the library.

The "Antiquarian Funk Consort" will provide early Baroque Dutch music for the occasion and refreshments will be served.

A color catalogue of Miss de Gavere's impressionistic paintings will be available at the opening, announced museum curator, Charles Prentiss.

Cor de Gavere, who was born in Indonesia and raised in Holland, lived and painted in the Seabright area of Santa Cruz from 1920 to her death in 1955.

For many years she worked as librarian at the Seabright and Garfield Park Branches.

"An exhibit of her work seems an appropriate way to celebrate the library's new Art and Music Room," notes Prentiss.

The exhibit includes more than 120 fine impressionist landscape paintings from Miss de Gavere's Holland and Santa Cruz periods. Her work consistently reflects her European training and sensibility, as well as a unique vitality and sense of exploration.

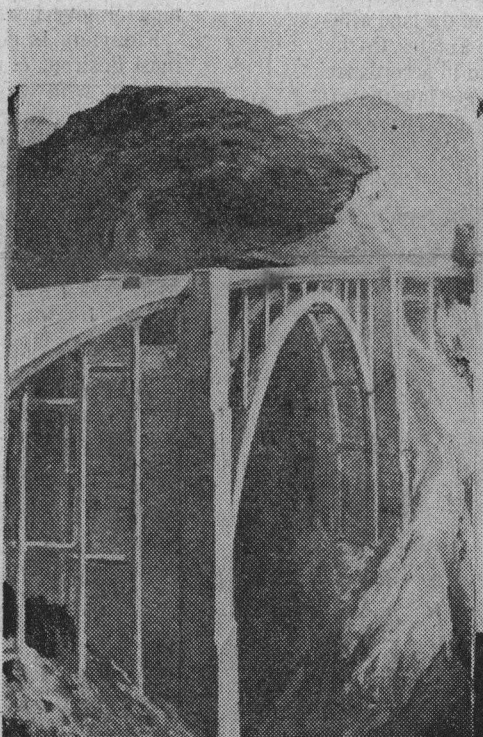
The Cor de Gavere exhibit is the first of three major shows which have been planned by the city museum to initiate the Santa Cruz Arts Museum program. Goal of the program is to establish a permanent collection of historical and contemporary Santa Cruz arts and crafts, and to provide a space for special art exhibits in the library's facility.

The program is being funded by a grant from the California Arts Commission and by interested businesses and individuals in the local area who feel that the program will provide an environment for inquiry and study of the arts.

For more information about the arts program or the Cor de Gavere exhibition, call the museum at 1305 East Cliff Drive, at 423-7338.



Deciding what hangs where—Santa Cruz City-County Librarian Charles Atkins, left, and Santa Cruz Museum Curator Charles Prentiss, stand in the midst of a collection of paintings by the well-known local artist, Cor de Gavere. The show of her work, opening Friday, will mark the opening of the Santa Cruz Public Library's new Arts and Music Room upstairs.



Spectacular bridge spanning a deep canyon on the coastal highway near Big Sur was subject of this oil by Cor de Gavere, late Santa Cruz artist. Her subtle use of the color blue gives a timeless quality to her work. At right, Arts and Music Librarian Alma Westberg holds one of the artist's oils.



Author to be Storyteller

Local author Virginia Evanson will tell stories for children at the New Horizon program Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Branciforte Library on Gault Street.

Mrs. Evanson, who says she has been writing since she was 9 years old, has written two books for children, SIERRA SUMMIT and NANCY KELSEY. For adults she has written LAURA REYNOLDS, M.D. and articles in such magazines as Woman's Life, California Today and Scholastic which deal with the economy, ecology and California history.

Although a native of Oregon,

Mrs. Evanson and her husband chose Santa Cruz for their home because she says, "it is so pretty here and every morning I can watch the deer feeding in our front yard."

Her husband, Ken, a photographer, also is involved in her writing. "He does all the photography for my articles," Virginia observes.

She received her education at the University of Michigan Nursing school and she says this helped with the background for her novel.

Among recognition she has received are two prizes, one in the adult division and the other in the children's division competition sponsored by the National League of American Penwomen.

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ANNIVERSARY
- Love, Dona

