Feast Your Eyes

A plethora of not-to-miss museum and gallery reopenings and shows

A portion of *Nurture our Mother*, a 60-foot mural by artists Adriana Arriaga and Claudia Borlíga at the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara’s backside.
If you’re wandering downtown, be sure to stop by SULLIVAN GOSS: AN AMERICAN GALLERY (SULLIVANGOSS.COM) to experience Organic, a dynamic group show by local artists whose work combines traditional craftsmanship with natural materials. At COLETTE COSENTINO ATELIER + GALLERY (COLETTECOSENTINO.COM) you can soak up the talents of its namesake owner, a decorative painter whose bespoke murals are coveted. Nearby, at the top of Paseo Nuevo mall, the MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART SANTA BARBARA (MCASANTABARBARA.ORG) is ground zero for what’s happening now in the art world. Artist Shana Moulton’s The Invisible Seventh is the Mystic Column multimedia exhibition is on view until August. Closer to the beach, REH GRAYSSPACE ART (GRAYSSPACEART.COM) in the Funk Zone celebrates summer with Accession, a group show of women abstractionists curated by MOAH.

Lancaster’s Andi Campognone. The ATKINSON GALLERY AT SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE (GALLERY.SBCC.EDU) is known for its innovative exhibitions. Although the space is shuttered during the summer, artist Muna Malik’s spectacular mirrored boat sculpture remains visible to campus-goers from the gallery’s outside terrace. Home to one of the most important architecture and design archives in North America, UC SANTA BARBARA’S ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM (MUSEUM.UCSB.EDU) is a resource for students and the wider Santa Barbara community. Summer exhibitions are viewable online; in-person programming will resume this fall. Starting in July, WESTMONT COLLEGE’S RIDLEY-TREE MUSEUM OF ART (WESTMONT.EDU/MUSEUM) will be highlighting Towards a 21st Century Abstraction, the work of eight painters who push abstraction into new territory. Coast Village Road is paradise for art lovers. Visit CALDWELL SNYDER GALLERY (CALDWellSNyDER.COM),

Unveiling the Muse

Our community’s grande dame, the SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART, is home to 27,000 artworks, including classical antiquities, masterpieces of French impressionism, Latin American art, Asian art, and photography. A five-year renovation project—designed by Kupiec Architects PC and constructed by Diani Building Corp.—has transformed the original 1912 structure and its majestic Ludington Court (named for founding member and generous donor Wright S. Ludington) with newly refurbished gallery spaces and unseen, but important, improvements to preserve the museum’s impressive collection for future generations of art lovers. 1130 State St., Santa Barbara, 805-963-4364, SOMA.NET.LDP.