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## SAVE THE DATE

### 22nd Annual SDSA Awards Luncheon

Sunday, March 15th, 11:00am - 3:00pm

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel

506 South Grand Avenue | Los Angeles, CA 90071



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For more events and information, please check the [SDSA Calendar](#)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Leslie Frankenheimer Scholarship

As the awarding of the 2015 Leslie Frankenheimer Scholarship nears, we checked in with last year's recipients, Kedra Dawkins and Alejandra Moreno.

It was nice to see Kedra at the ADG Awards. She graduated from AFI and just wrapped working as an Art Dept. PA on *MARILYN*, for Lifetime. Kedra said it was a tremendous learning experience and that she had so much fun and was thankful to have been able to work with Set Decorator Linda Louise Sheets SDSA. Linda's help and patience, her mentorship and advice was invaluable. Kedra is working on a documentary of her own and taking an editing course at Studio Art. If you are in need of an Art Dept. Assistant, give Kedra a call!

Alejandra, hard at work in the Spring Semester at UC Berkeley pursuing a degree in Molecular Biology, would like to minor in Nutrition/Nutritional Science and reports, *I have chosen this education path because I feel it will be extremely beneficial when I continue my education towards becoming a doctor of physical therapy.*

Thank you again this year to the underwriters of the awards, SDSA Business Members [Lennie Marvin Prop Heaven](#) and [Faux Library Studio Props, Inc.](#)

## SDSA IN NEW YORK

### Behind the Scene: Set Decoration in TV & Film

A panel discussion on the craft of set decoration took place at the New York School of Interior Design on February 11th. The event was programmed in conjunction with the SDSA.

George DeTitta SDSA, Regina Graves SDSA and David Schlesinger SDSA talked about their work and creative process, from preparation to dressing and shooting the sets. The panel was moderated by film production designer, Andrew Jackness.

David Schlesinger reported that the event was a huge success. Several in attendance stated that it was one of the best programs the school has produced.

## SDSA IN LOS ANGELES

### OBSERVATION, PASSION & IMAGINATION 10th Annual The Art of Production Design, A Panel Discussion

Moderated by Tom Walsh ADG and Rosemary Brandenburg SDSA, this pre-Oscar panel discussion with the nominees for the Academy Award for Best Production Design took place on Saturday February 21, 2015 at the American Cinematheque, The Egyptian Theater, Hollywood, CA. Sponsored by The Art Directors Guild and The Set Decorators Society of America with the American Cinematheque and Media Sponsor, The Hollywood Reporter

Before an enthusiastic full house, Rosemary and Tom congratulated the nominees and acknowledged the large group of talented Art and Set Dec Department collaborators it takes to make these iconic sets. Clips were shown from each film, followed by fascinating discussions of each team's approach to the making of their nominated film, the process and their paths to this point, from education to their start in the business.



# BUSINESS MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT



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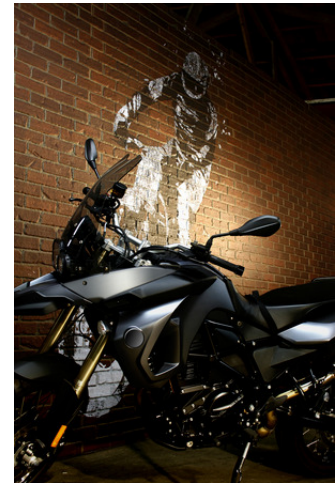


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## SDSA DECORATOR SPOTLIGHT



### Neil Wyzanowski

Partial Credits include:

20 years of work in TV commercials, including the Old

### In A Few Words...

#### **Which talent would you most like to have?**

Playing guitar. I've always wanted to play but have fat little fingers that are completely wrong for playing a guitar

#### **What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

Being able to keep calm in the hectic world of film production

#### **Which word or phrase do you most overuse?**

Excellent. Which often gets corrupted to Sex-cellent

Spice one-take commercials with Isaiah Mustafa, DirecTV with John Cleese, Squarespace with Jeff Bridges, Nintendo, AT&T, Apple (don't tell anyone, it's a secret), Acura, L'Oreal, Max Factor, Northwest Mutual, Farmer's Insurance, Dodge, Nationwide, and on and on and on....

**What do you look for on the Craft Services table?**

Almonds...salted. Though I will often grab a handful of Doritos (something I would never buy for home but can't resist)

**Please name a benefit of being an SDSA member.**

Networking and socializing with our members and businesses

## SETDECOR

Check out the articles in **SETDECOR ONLINE!**



[Film Decor](#): Congratulations ACADEMY AWARD winners best movie *BIRDMAN*, best song *SELMA*, best actor *THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING*, best supporting actor *WHIPLASH*, best supporting actress *BOYHOOD* ...now enjoy reading about the making of each film and their Set Decorators!

[Television Decor](#): *THE STRAIN*

[Calendar](#): RSVP now to the 22nd Annual Awards Luncheon March 15th!

## AROUND THE SET

SDSA Members are hard at work on...

## Some of your favorite shows:

*BETTER CALL SAUL* Set Decorator – Libbe Green Eyers SDSA  
*ALLEGIANCE* Set Decorator - Susan Ogu SDSA  
*BLACKLIST* Set Decorator - Rich Devine SDSA  
*HOUSE OF CARDS* Set Decorator - Tiffany Zappulla SDSA  
*PRETTY LITTLE LIARS* Set Decorators - William De Biasio SDSA  
*MIKE & MOLLY* Set Decorator - Lynda Burbank SDSA  
*HOUSE OF LIES* Set Decorator - Tim Stepeck SDSA  
*SCANDAL* Set Decorator - Barbara Cassel SDSA  
*GREY'S ANATOMY* Set Decorator - Nicole Cramer SDSA

## At a theater near you:

*JUPITER ASCENDING* Set Decorator – Peter Walpole SDSA  
*FIFTY SHADES OF GREY* Set Decorator - Sandy Reynolds Wasco SDSA  
*LOVE ROSIE* Set Decorator - Judy Farr SDSA  
*SEVENTH SON* Set Decorator - Elizabeth Wilcox SDSA  
*HOT TUB TIME MACHINE 2* Set Decorator - Tim Cohn SDSA  
*THE LAZARUS EFFECT* Set Decorator - Karuna Karmarkar SDSA  
*ENTER THE DANGEROUS MIND* Set Decorator - Natali Pope SDSA  
*MAPS TO THE STARS* Set Decorators - Peter Nicolakakos SDSA (Toronto)  
- Sandy Lindstedt SDSA (Los Angeles)  
*WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS* Production Designer - Ra Vincent SDSA

## On the commercial front:

*ON-DREAMING WITH JEFF.COM* (Squarespace) Set Decorator - Neil Wyzanowski SDSA  
*DATA VULTURE* (T-Mobile) Set Decorator - Chilly Nathan SDSA  
*FANTASTIC VOYAGE* (Apple iPad) Set Decorator - Traci Spadorcia SDSA  
*BOXER* and *LAST DAY* and *BAR* (Modelo) Set Decorator - Kerrie Scher SDSA  
*SPREADING THE WORD* (AT&T) Set Decorator - Gail Otter SDSA  
*SET TOUR* and *OFFICE* (Compare the Market) Set Decorator - Traci Spadorcia SDSA  
*FEARLESS* (Fabeltics) Set Decorator - Gail Otter SDSA  
*THE PROFESSIONALS* (Alaska Pro Clean Job) Set Decorator - Gail Otter SDSA  
*LISTEN* (McDonald's/Coke) Set Decorator - Traci Spadorcia SDSA

## Music Video:

*EARNED IT* (The Weekend) Set Decorator - Kerrie Scher SDSA  
*SUGAR* (Maroon 5) Set Decorator - Traci Spadorcia SDSA

# SDSA MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new Members:

Effney Gardea, Set Decorator SDSA  
Nicky Gardiner, Set Decorator SDSA  
Raffaella Giovanetti, Set Decorator SDSA  
Edward McLoughlin, Set Decorator SDSA  
Gail Ann Otter, Set Decorator SDSA



Change from Associate Member to Set Decorator Member

Peggy Casey, Set Decorator SDSA  
Natalie Contreras, Set Decorator SDSA  
Elizabeth Keenan, Set Decorator SDSA

Ani Babayan, Associate Member  
Nicole Zaks, Associate Member

Scott Enge, Friend  
Chase Helzer, Friend  
Chase Wilson, Friend

Tina Choi, Student (Art Center)  
Leslie Frausto, Student (FIDM)  
Deidre Loftus, Student (UCLA)  
Samantha Maggio, Student (FIDM)  
Emily Modjeski, Student (Columbia College Chicago)  
Neha Modha, Student (FIDM)  
Margarita Reyes, Student (Santa Monica College)  
Ivan Hernandez Rios, Student (WLAC)

Please welcome the following new Business Members:

Aardvark Antiques & Fine Furniture (Oakwood, GA)  
Art Craft Taxidermy (N. Hollywood)  
Charish.com (San Francisco, CA)  
Cinema Greens, LLC (Hampton, GA)  
Hollywood CPR/Cinema Production Resources (Los Angeles, CA)  
Living Room (Los Angeles, CA)  
RJR Props (Atlanta, GA)  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Los Angeles, CA)  
Sunbeam Vintage (Highland Park, CA)  
Unique Antiques and Collectibles (Newbury Park, CA)

Do you know someone that is interested in joining?  
Membership information can be found [here](#) on the SDSA website

## IN MEMORIAM

Eclectic/Encore Props shared the sad news of the passing of James Gill.  
Although Jim retired 2 years ago, he was a driving force at Eclectic for 22 years.

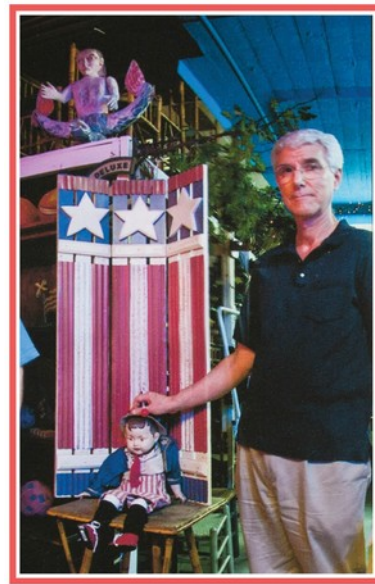
*He never left our hearts. We all have wonderful  
memories of his smile, laugh, spirit and kindness  
that he generously showed to all.  
We will miss him deeply.*

- Suri, Barry, Maria, Saran, Louise,  
Naresh, Greene, Rampersaud, Howsil and Saleen

Condolences may be sent via mail or Email to the  
following addresses:

Eclectic/Encore Properties, Inc.  
Attn: Family of James Gill  
47-51 33rd Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101

Email: [condolence@eclecticprops.com](mailto:condolence@eclecticprops.com)



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**Business Members**, do you have an announcement you'd like to make?  
**Set Decorators**, what are you working on?

Please email your news to [Mimi@frontrowmedia.com](mailto:Mimi@frontrowmedia.com)  
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