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Cannery Row Studios is the last remaining bit of the Bohemian Art Scene in Redondo Beach, California, where hippies, bikers, surfers and starving artists lived together in harmony and exploration of their crafts.

In 1990, Paul Orvalla and Richard Stephens moved into a commercial warehouse that was built in the late 1800's as a lumber mill. In those days, Redondo Beach was an important port, largely responsible for the growth in building and tourism of our beautiful city by the sea. The lumber mill-turned-warehouse has since housed many things including a fishery -- and now art and artists.

At the time that Richard and Paul were cleaning out the fish freezer and sleeping in hammocks, Paul compared their life style to those of the characters in the Steinbeck novel *Cannery Row*.

The humble beginnings of **Cannery Row Studios** are its life and breath. Since Paul's death in 2000, Richard Stephens has cultivated a friendly association of artists and and has begun presenting art shows. He is devoted to keeping Cannery Row Studios the center of the local South Bay art community.

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Voted Runner-Up, Best Art Gallery in the South Bay