LEUCADIA a group exhibition & benefit 3.16 - 5.4.24

presented by Oolong Gallery & the Brown Studio a two site exhibition curated by Eric Laine

SOTA Gallery / sculpture garden Mo-Fr 9-5pm + by appt: 1144 N Coast Hwy 101 Encinitas CA 92024

Oolong warehouse Wed-Sun 11-5 + by appt: 687 Second St Encinitas CA 92024

a percentage of proceeds go to the Solana Center

'One story holds that a band of English Spiritualists settled in the area. Another version maintains that a promoter of questionable reputation, Tom Fitch, came from Nevada to sell land through the Leucadia Land and Town Company. Regardless of the origin, the name **Leucadia**, meaning "a sheltered place", remained.'

'The Kumeyaay, referred to as Diegueño by the Spanish, were the original native inhabitants of San Diego County. The Kumeyaay, Yuman-speaking people of Hokan stock, have lived in this region for more than 10,000 years. Historically, the Kumeyaay were horticulturists and hunters and gatherers.'

Oolong Gallery presents a major group exhibition in collaboration with the Brown Studio architecture firm in Leucadia, CA. Their atelier building on the 101 includes a gallery (State of the Art, SOTA) and a garden which will be transformed into an exhibition and art party site from 5-9pm on Saturday, March 16. The Oolong warehouse will host a large scale salon style main exhibition (opening from 12-4pm) for the duration of the joint shows through April 20, with proceeds going to an environmental cause from mostly small and medium scale work on view. The group show theme loosely focuses on the fleeting character of pre-gentrified Leucadia in North County, SD: a natural, spiritual, and funky coastal enclave of splendor, elements of which the Brown Studio also appropriate into their design concepts. Their portfolio includes the gallery building itself that Oolong launched in June of 2022 in Solana Beach, CA, two coastal towns south.

A percentage of proceeds from the sale of art works in both galleries and the online viewing room will go to: <u>Solana Center</u>

'Founded as Solana Recyclers in 1983, we are proud to have pioneered the first comprehensive curbside | recycling program in San Diego - and one of the first such programs in the State of California. Together with our partners, we work creatively to promote the sustainable management of our natural resources and connect the community to real solutions. The San Diego region is constantly changing, and we change with it.'