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1 Raw canvas is prepared with gesso primer.

2 Modeling clay is rolled into “spaghetti-like” strands.

3 Drawing is composed with clay strands adhered to posterboard.

4 A stencil is made from drawing by cutting shapes with a razor.
5 Background sky is brushed onto primed canvas.

6 A dark horizon line is then painted.

7 Foreground is completed (from memory) with closely-related colors.

8 After base painting is dry, the stencil is tacked into place.
9 Details are then painted in, using stencil windows as guides.

10 Completed painting depicts an old house on a deserted beach.

About the Artist

Vicente A. Paratore, of Cranston Rhode Island, has been visually impaired since 1987. Vicente has painted all his life, and when his vision began to fail, his struggle to remain a successful artist impressed many who heard his story. His story has been documented in newspapers, on television, and even in a letter from the president.

Vicente now paints using his feeling and emotion, coupled with a technique he created. Despite his lack of vision, his latest work is powerful and moving. His ability to overcome overwhelming odds in order to continue his contributions to the art world is a tribute to the spirit of the many artists worldwide who face physical or mental challenges.

Over the past year, Vicente has been working hard in developing a strategy that would enable him to record his methods of painting so as to share them with others who are seeking ways to help the visually impaired to lead creative and more productive lives.

If you or anyone within your institution would like to have additional information regarding Vicente's painting by touch technique or would like to schedule a speaking engagement, please contact Vicente directly or at the address provided on the back of this brochure.

Vicente also has a video which document his technique. This vhs tape can be purchased for $24.00 by calling or sending a check or money order made out to Vicente Paratore to the address provided on the back of this brochure.