The Santiago Art District Art Walk with kids

This is one of those things we said we would do with our kids…before we had kids.

Before we had to scrape our son off the ceiling of an upscale restaurant after appeasing him with Coke all night. Before we tried carrying a sleeping seven-year-old up the stairs after a late night out. Before we realized how incredibly difficult it was going to be to explain the concept of irony to a child.

We thought we would be taking our chubby babies to art shows swaddled in Bjorns, but, sadly, this was our first one.

We hauled them off to The Santiago Art District's Art Walk in Santa Ana on Saturday night. We met Chris (Dharma Bum) and his wife Michele there to walk the open studios. Chris served as our censor for the evening. Venturing ahead of us to make sure we wouldn't stumble upon something more than a PG-13 rating.

Only once did he come out of a back room, shaking his head from across the studio, "No, don't go in the back, naked ladies in there." He was a real champ for doing such treacherous scouting for us-Thanks, Chris.

Ben did get a little bored, so I gave him my Flip video camera so he could do some shooting himself. I have added a little of his "work" in the "Four-year-old cam" sequences.

He had the most fun running around in the loft of one of the artists. We were lucky enough to get a tour of the living space.

Enjoy. Hope you like Blondie…and dogs…two of my favorite things.

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