



Monthly Memo

May 2017

Documenting events, activities and projects for the Arts Commission

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Should you have any questions or want more in-depth information on any activity, please call the staff at (213) 202-5858



Update from the Executive Director

Arts education is thriving in Los Angeles County and we are proud to share that many of our partner LA County public schools have been recognized for advancing arts education in the region:

- Nine of 17 Gold Ribbon Schools that were honored by State Superintendent Tom Torlakson with Exemplary Arts Education Program Awards were in LA County and in Arts for All partner districts, including Burbank USD, Culver City USD, El Monte Union USD, Los Angeles USD, San Gabriel USD and Walnut Valley USD.
- Walnut Valley School District was awarded the 2016 Golden Bell Award from the California School Board Association for their STEAM academy at Evergreen Elementary.
- As part of a US News and World Report list, six partner districts were included in the top 20 high schools in California based on college readiness: ABC USD, Green Dot Public Schools, Hawthorne SD, Los Angeles USD, Lennox Elementary SD and Magnolia Public Schools. Over 28,000 schools across the nation were assessed based on strict criteria to determine how well students of diverse backgrounds and needs were provided with equitable educational opportunities to their peers.

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Civic Art

Carolyn Rosas Splash Pad Installation

On May 4 LA-based artist Bunnie Reiss completed her Splash Pad mural project for Carolyn Rosas Park in Rowland Heights. The murals extend along the exterior walls of the Park Office Building, which is situated beside the entrance sidewalk leading to the water park. Using color, design, pattern and traditional folk art motifs, Reiss enlivened the environment in the park and introduced a dynamic element suggesting magic and play.



Bunnie Reiss's completed Splash Pad mural.

Civic Art

Long Beach Art Purchase Dedication

On May 22, the installation of 18 artworks was completed at Long Beach Mental Health. The center was given an allocation to purchase artwork for its new facility, which moved in January to its current location. The Arts Commission was asked to propose works by local artists for seven locations on two floors, working with staff at the center who expressed interest in abstract work, especially pieces that evoked the California landscape.

Six silkscreened lithographs by Long Beach printmaker Kimiko Miyoshi were placed in the lobby on the third floor:



In addition, a hand-worked silkscreened collagraph by Miyoshi was installed in the hallway next to the security guard:



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Civic Art

Long Beach Art Purchase Dedication cont.

On the sixth floor, 11 oil paintings on paper by LA-based artists Brian Hollister were positioned in the lobby along with an acrylic painting on canvas by Manhattan Beach-based painter Margaret Lazzari.



Brian Hollister oil painting.



Margaret Lazzari's Water or Sky.

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Civic Art

Long Beach Art Purchase Dedication cont.

In the sixth floor conference room, the committee chose to display two photographs of California scenes by local artist Leo Rivas:



A large print by Ashley Shumaker, an MFA candidate student at CSULB, was selected for a hallway:

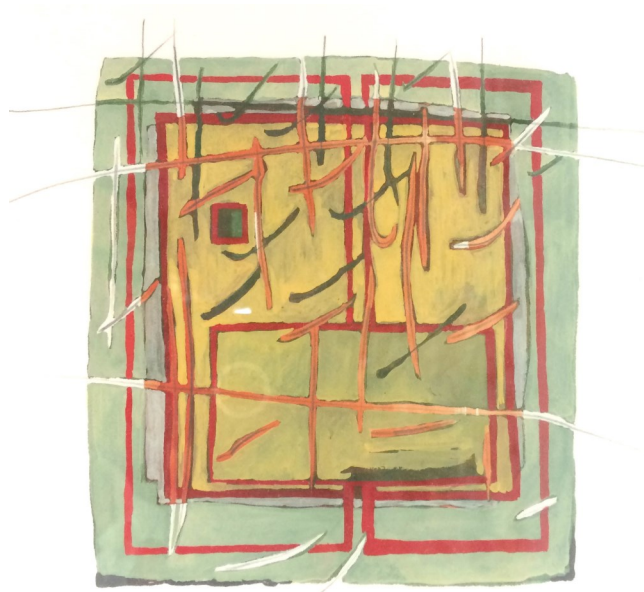


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Civic Art

Long Beach Art Purchase Dedication cont.

Finally, three paintings by Long Beach painter Betsy Lohrer Hall were placed in the multi-purpose room:



The Ribbon Cutting and Open House took place on May 31.



Grants and Professional Development

Organizational Grant Program

Arts Commissioners approved award cut-off levels for the Organizational Grant Program and scores for all grantees, making 196 organizations eligible to receive FY 2017-18 grants. Grantees will be notified in early July.

Professional Development

On May 18, approximately 25 nonprofit representatives gathered at the Arts Commission for "Tips and Tricks for Artistic Documentation," a half-day workshop designed to provide participants with practical, low-cost tools to document artistic processes. The workshop also allowed attendees to critique one another's artistic samples well in advance of the opening of the Arts Commission's new grant cycle in the fall.

On May 25, the Arts Commission hosted the Registrar/Recorder's Office, which provided a one-hour Deputy Registrar/Recorder training to interested nonprofit arts administrators and artists. More than 25 individuals attended. The training allowed participants to go on to provide voter registration at any public events, and to train other colleagues in proper voter registration protocol.



ARTS COMMISSION: JUNE 2017 UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

If you would like more information about these events or would like to attend, please contact Miriam Gonzalez at mgonzalez@arts.lacounty.gov or (213) 202-5858.

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 5	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Understanding, Empowerment and Action: Diving into 501c3 Advocacy Rules <i>For nonprofit arts organizations who want to get involved in political action and civic engagement. Participants will learn the ins and outs of nonprofit advocacy rules to support their organizations to step in, speak out and facilitate change. Jointly presented by the California Lawyers for the Arts and the LA County Arts Commission.</i>	LA County Arts Commission
June 12	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Arts Commission Meeting	LA County Arts Commission
June 26	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Arts Commission Meeting	LA County Arts Commission
June 28	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Arts Intern Summit	The Broad Stage