

## Cultural Arts Activities Report from Cultural Arts Office, May 10, 2012

### **Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale - a Great Success**



The City Arts Commission hosted the annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale last weekend. Artists preregistered up to 2 pieces of art in the categories of painting/mixed media, photography and sculpture.

Many thanks go to Commissioners Arlene Greer and Carole Boller who chaired the committee for this event. Commissioner Greer arranged for beautiful flowers from Bellagio Florists and also for the outstanding reception delicacies from Bristol Farms.

Carole Boller had arranged for artist and educator, Tom Lamb (currently has a photography exhibition, "Marks on the Land" at The Great Park) to serve a juror for the event. Mr. Lamb selected the First, Second, and Third place award-winners in each division, plus a Judge's Choice Award. Mayor Nancy Gardner did an outstanding job of thanking the Arts Commission and the participants in the show and then announced the 2012 winners: Painting/Mixed Media – Third, Mutlu Ertac; Second, Bill Denham; First, Eugenia Gennadia. In Photography the award winners were Third, Laurie Allrea, Second, Barbara Higgins and First, Mark



Heersink. And, in sculpture, Sergey Bokarev was Third place, Jules McLane was Second, and Mark L. Hendrickson won First place. The Judge's Choice award for this year went to photographer Ralph Velasco.

Each of the award winning entries were placed that evening in the hallway at Oasis Senior Center and the work will be on display through June. Staff had received many compliments from the public on Oasis as a great venue, and many thanks go to the outstanding staff at Oasis for their excellent support.

Many thanks also to the girls from National Charity League, and members of the NB Arts Foundation who assisted in checking in the artists and placing the art.

### **Ceora Winds Wafted Beautifully Into Town**

Following the Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale was an excellent wind instrument performance by Ceora Winds for last weekend's Sunday Musicales. Flutist Michelle Matsumune, clarinetist Heather Millette, and bassoonist Christin Webb performed to a large crowd at Central Library. The next performance will be on April 28 with Craig Newton at both Central and Balboa Libraries – for a Family/Youth Concert.



## Searching for Democracy

On Tuesday, April 24, the Newport Beach Public Library welcomed Constitutional scholar and author, Professor Richard Beeman of Penn State and director of the California Center for the Book, Mary Menzel to the stage at Central Library. Both participated in a free, standing-room only, 'Author-in-Conversation' event focusing on Beeman's book "The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution."



"The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution" was the book selected by the Newport Beach Public Library for their community read. Editions are available at the library along with books on democracy and government.

Additional events will coincide with this grant leading up to the Presidential elections including (for children) collages on democracy at Imagination Celebration on Saturday, May 19 (Mariners Library), and a film screening at Central: *Stories of an Undeclared War* by Erin Gruwell on May 22. Replicas of the U.S. Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and Articles of Confederation are on display in the Plexi-glass cabinets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at Central. The opportunity to hear Dr. Beeman and Mary Menzel was made possible through a grant from CalHumanities, which was matched with funds from the NB Library Foundation.



### Craig Newton Family Performance

Last Saturday, Craig Newton presented a delightful performance tracing best-loved American music through the years for an appreciative audience of music makers and song singers. Craig must have played at least 10 instruments expertly and provided the children an opportunity to try some of his music-makers. After the performance at Central Craig took the whole show on the road, and performed that afternoon at the Balboa Branch Library.



## Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2012

### **2012 Arts Commission Meetings:**

~~January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10,~~ June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13,  
October 11, November 8, December 13.

### **Events:**

Central Library Exhibitions	Through 2012/civic center
Lenahan collection to Central Library	April 16
NB Art Exhibition and Sale	April 14, Saturday, OASIS
Award Winners display at Oasis Lobby	April 16 – June 30
<i>April – January, 2012</i>	<i>“Searching for Democracy”</i>
<i>Art Exhibit on SFD at Central</i>	<i>September – January, 2013</i>
<i>NBFF Film Related to SFD</i>	
<i>“Stories from an Undeclared War” by Erin Gruwell</i>	<i>May 22, 7-9pm Central Library</i>
Imagination Celebration	May 19, Mariners Library, Jorgensen Room 1-3pm
Shakespeare by the Sea	July 7 and 8 (plays: Romeo and Juliet (Sat.) and Two Gentlemen of Verona (Sun.) 7:00-9:00pm (preshows 6:45)
Concerts in the Parks	June 10 – Big Band, Grant How. July 22 - Celtic, Bob Henry Park August 5 – U.K. Beat, BCSP 6:00-7:30pm
<b><u>Cultural Arts Grants</u></b>	
Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due	09/28/12
Grant funds must have been spent or encumbered	09/28/12