

Cultural Arts Activity Report – December 13, 2012

City Arts Commission Meeting

City Arts Commissioners met on Thursday, November 8 for their regularly scheduled meeting. This month the Arts Commissioners considered a painting donation from a local artist, and also the acceptance of two sculptures for permanent loan from Deutsche Bank.

Commissioner Smith had made contact with Deutsche Bank through the Orange County Museum of Art and introduced photos of the sculptures to the Library Board and Arts Commission in anticipation of accepting the sculptures to be placed on public property somewhere in the City. At the October meeting Commissioners asked Mr. Smith to form a “master plan committee” to review these kinds of offers, to ensure that there is a cohesive plan for public art installation. Commissioners Logan, Goldberg and Boller were appointed to the committee.

Sunday Musicales with Kate Loughrey, Harpist on November 18



A dynamic and engaging performer, Kate is known for her versatility playing classical, jazz, pop, and folk music. She has performed several world premieres for symphonic and chamber ensembles and is active as both an arranger and composer for the harp. An award-winning musician, Kate has toured throughout Asia, Europe, and the U.S. She has also recorded two CDs with the internationally acclaimed ensemble HarpFusion, *25th Anniversary Spectacular* and *Harp on Tour*. The latter features her transcription of the Boieldieu *Concerto in C* for 14 harps and orchestra. In addition, she is currently recording an album of solo harp music scheduled for release in November 2012.

Upcoming Sunday Musicales in 2012/13:

Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, January 13

Charged Particles, February 10

Natur Early Music Ensemble, March 10

Peter Bohlin Lecture

Arts Commissioners, along with Board of Library Trustees and City Council joined the public for a lecture on October 22 with Peter Bohlin, of Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, architects for the new Civic Center.

The lecture was taped by both the NBT staff, as well as a contractor for the NB Library Foundation. Mr. Bohlin’s lecture may be viewed on both NBT and on the Library Foundation’s website, under Podcasts.

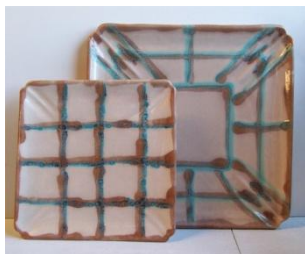
Cultural Arts Grants Distributed

At the November 27 City Council Meeting Cultural Arts Grant recipients joined Mayor Nancy Gardner, Arts Commission Chair Robert Smith, and fellow commissioners in receiving their 2012/13 award checks.

The City Arts Commission was pleased to present checks to representatives from *Baroque Music Festival*, *Festival Ballet Theatre*, *Newport Beach Film Festival*, *South Coast Repertory Theater* and *Southland Opera*. Grant awards were also designated for the ExplorOcean/Newport Harbor Nautical Museum and the Newport/Mesa YMCA art program.

Guppy Ware

Did you know...when California became a state in 1848, the demand for ceramic products grew rapidly as people moved in? Buildings needed roofs, floors, and pipes and the ceramic industry grew as the demand increased.



The "Golden Era in tile making" and art pottery, influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, was around 1910. Helen Stiles wrote in 1941, "Tile has long been a favorite building material in California. The early Spanish who settled here brought with them a love of bright-colored tile. Spanish, Mexican, and the attending Chinese design of the 17th and 18th centuries have all influenced the decoration of tile and other pottery in California."

During the months of January and February, Cultural Arts will display several mid-century modern dishware sets and books on pottery made in California at Central Library. Of particular note are these plates by Roy and Harriet Guppy, called "Guppy Ware", produced in their Corona del Mar pottery between the 1940s and 1950s! The Guppy's were best known for their "Island Ware" line, an earthy line which featured square plates and very bright colors.

Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, January 13

The
Krechkovsky &
Loucks Duo
features
talented
violinist Iryna
Krechkovsky
and pianist



Kevin Kwan Loucks. In 2012 the Duo was selected by the Consortium of Southern California Chamber Music Presenters as winners of the prestigious Beverly Hills Auditions for 2012/13.

Upcoming (Season 2012-2013) Sunday Musicales:

Charged Particles, February 10

Natur Early Music Ensemble, March 10

Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2012-2013

2013 Arts Commission Meetings:

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

Programs and Events:

2012

Central Library Exhibitions (Ruth Hynds)	Through Opening Civic Center?
Central Library Display Cabs (Vintage California Pottery)	Through January/February
City Hall Exhibit (Lenahan collection)	Until Move to Civic Center

2013

Museum Tour: 'Van Gogh' Self Portrait on Loan, Norton Simon	2/21/13 (9:00am-4:30pm)
Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale (Oasis)	4/13/12 (set-up 4/12/12 after 4)

Cultural arts staff will also be working on these classical music events for the NBPL/Friends of NBPL:

Upcoming Sunday Musicales and Family Concerts

Sundays:

January 13 – Krechkovsky/Loucks Duo, Violin and Piano
February 10 – Charged Particles, Electric Jazz
March 10 – Natur Early Music Ensemble, Classical, Historical

Saturdays:

January 26 – Telling a Story with Ceora Winds