

## Cultural Arts Staff Activity Report for April 11, 2013 City Arts Commission Meeting

### Notifying Local Artists!

There is still time and space to sign up for the 2013 Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale. The event will take place on Saturday, April 13 at Oasis Senior Center. Arts Commission Secretary, Carole Boller is chairing this event, with a huge amount of help from Commissioners Arlene Greer and Caroline Logan.

This is a great chance for local artists to show and possibly sell their art! The exhibition, in addition to being adjudicated (with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards in painting/mixed media, photography and sculpture) will be open to the public from 1-6pm on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there!

Artists may preregister by downloading the Registration Form on the City website: [www.newportbeachca.gov](http://www.newportbeachca.gov) under Departments/Cultural Arts. Specifications for showing artwork are listed there....up to two works per artist, size limitations and a pedestal or easel is required. Please look for “rack cards” in all City locations and register right away!

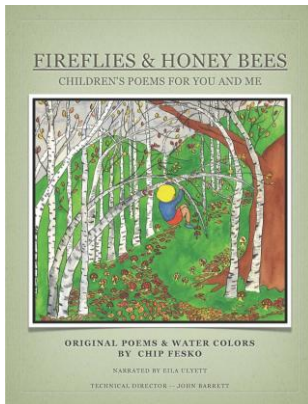
### Coming Up...Imagination Celebration, 2013

Saturday, May 18

Central Library Friends Room, 11noon – 12:00pm



### ***“Fireflies & Honey Bees” – Children’s Poems for You and Me***



Bring your creativity and interest in nature to hear and see “Fireflies & Honey Bees” - *Children’s Poems for You and Me* by author and illustrator, Chip Fesko. This book is a wonderful collection of 15 original poems and watercolors for K-5 readers. Little listeners will have a chance to meet Chip and learn how he writes and paints original poems and watercolor illustrations for children and their parents. In addition, the poems will be narrated by the enchanting English actress, Eila Ulyett. Eila will bring this treasure-trove of poems and beautiful illustrations to life on the screen. Staff will share recipes for making your own firefly jar full of light!

Chip Fesko is an artist and writer from Newport Beach, California who lives on the Back Bay. He has his Master’s Degree in journalism from Syracuse University where he also studied graphic design and advertising. For the past 6 years he has been the Sr. Director of Advertising for the George Lucas Educational Foundation ([www.edutopia.org](http://www.edutopia.org)) and before that, worked for Scholastic Publishing.



He recently published his first children’s book on Apple iBook’s – *FIREFLIES & HONEY BEES*.



This book is a wonderful collection of 15 original poems and watercolors for K-5 readers. Especially designed for Apple iPADS, it includes interactive text links to Wikipedia for children to explore worlds far beyond the poems themselves. The poems are narrated by British Actress, Eila Ulyett, who also lives in Newport Beach. It is her charming voice and talent that brings *FIREFLIES & HONEY BEES* to life!

## **Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2013**

### ***2013 Arts Commission Meetings:***

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

### **Programs and Events:**

Central Library Exhibitions	Through April, 2013
Central Library Display Cabs (Vintage California Pottery)	Through April, 2013
Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale (Oasis)	4/13/13 (set-up 4/12/13 1-2pm)
Concerts in the Parks	June 30 – Hollywood U2 – GHP July 28 – Springsteen Tribute – BH August 11 – Upstream – BCSP
Shakespeare in the Park	July 20/21 - BCSP “King John” Saturday “All’s Well that Ends Well” Sunday

### **Upcoming Library Cultural Events:**

Imagination Celebration – Poetry Reading “Fireflies and Honey Bees”	Saturday, May 18, 11am - 12pm
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