

THE CAMILLE AND ERIC DURAND DOCENT COUNCIL

Orange COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

Docent Doings

April 2017

President's Message

April is upon us and this year is going by too quickly. In three months my term as your president will end. Edie Levin, Nominating Committee Chair, has presented a recommended slate of officers for 2017-2018. You have the opportunity to vote on this slate at the May meeting. Thank you to Edie Levin, and to Nominating Committee members Helen Bergenfeld, Barbara DeGroot, Doris Feldman, Bonnie Fenton, Valerie Greeley, Joanna Jacobs, Pat Jorgensen, Joanne Mercer, who all took the time to put this slate together. Four of our newest members have stepped forward to take on board responsibilities. The Field Trip Chair position is still available. Merle Stern has done such an outstanding job these last two years but it's time for someone else to commit to take on this job. You won't be "out there" by yourself. All board members work together to support one another. Let Edie or me know if you are interested or need more information on what this position entails.

Next month a new exhibition opens. Curated by our own Cassandra Coblenz, it promises to be very popular. Thank you to all docents who have already committed their time and energy to touring visitors - be they school children, members of local organization, or adult visitors. Whether you plan on

touring or not, you'll want to attend the public opening on May 6th, and the Continuing Education session scheduled for Monday, May 8th.

As always, please send me an email or give me a call if you have any comments or questions.

Best,
Joyce Rosenblum

Important Dates to Remember

5.1.17 – 10:00 am

Docent Council Board Meeting

5.8.17 – 10:00 am

Docent Council General Meeting and Continuing Education for 2017 California Pacific Triennial

** Please see the attached calendar for a brief listing of important dates in the coming year **

Education Department – Public Programs

5.5.17 – 6:00 pm

VIP Opening of the *2017 California-Pacific Triennial: Building As Ever*

5.5.17 – 7:00 pm

Members Opening of the *2017 California-Pacific Triennial: Building As Ever*

Save the Date

Please save the date for the annual end-of-year luncheon, to take place on Monday, June 12th.

California Pacific Triennial Research

Research for the upcoming exhibitions can be found on ocmatours.net under "California Pacific Triennial: Research," or via

http://ocmatours.net/?page_id=1833

2017/2018 Slate of Officers

President: Valerie Greeley
Secretary: Penni Wynne
Treasurer: Joel Shallit
V.P. Education: Pat Jorgensen
Continuing Education: Joanna Jacobs
Observation: Diane Cherniss
Day Mentors: Joaline Stedman & Fiorenza Comunian
V.P. Programs: Mary Blacker
Field Trips: TBD
Hospitality: Joyce Rosenblum
Historian: Gale Edelberg
V.P. Membership: Barbara DeGroot
Newsletter: Desirée Glenn
Parliamentarian: Sandy Simar

Fun Day in the Desert

Our field trip started out bright and early on Friday, March 10. Nineteen of us set off to the Palm Springs area. Merle Stern arranged two stops on our tour. The first stop was to the Heather James Fine Art gallery. We were met there by Mr. Chip Tom, who guided us around this very unique and spacious gallery. After a pause for refreshments (water, champagne and wine), Chip took us to our initial stop, which was devoted to an installation by Ai Weiwei. Chip's very insightful information about the artist's inspiration in creating the work

(characters of the Chinese zodiac) brought a lot of meaning to the installation. In another space there was an exhibition of artwork from the very talented Wyeth Family. Chip and another colleague went to Maine, where the Wyeth Foundation is headquartered, and was able to talk the foundation and various Wyeth family members to lend works for this show. There were works from N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth (including some beautiful sketches and watercolors), and other prominent members of this very artistic family. In another gallery space there was artwork displayed from some very prominent artists in Mexico and South America. Chip lead us into all the gallery spaces and had informative and thoughtful comments to make about everything on display. After visiting the different rooms, we were treated to a wonderful 3-course luncheon in one of the gallery spaces.



Doris Felman examines N.C. Wyeth's "Once the Girl Started Through the Yard..."



Director Chip Tom introducing the tour to the oldest artworks at the Heather James Fine Art gallery



Heather James Fine Art gallery Director Chip Tom with docents and friends.



Director Chip Tom discussing Ai Weiwei's "Circle of Animals: Zodiac Heads"

Then we were on the bus again to the Palm Springs Art Museum to view their exhibition of female Abstract Expressionists. This was a wonderful exhibition. There was a great range of artists represented in the show, some very familiar names and other not so familiar (at least to me). The docent leading our tour was very informative and engaging. The exhibition was set up to provide a wonderful opportunity to see these multiple works by such as,

Helen Frankenthaler, Elaine de Kooning, Lee Krasner, Jay DeFeo and also to be introduced to new works by artist I hadn't seen before. I think it is definitely worth another visit since our time was short.



Palm Springs Art Museum – Exhibition Banner



Viewing "Bullfight" by Elaine DeKooning

Our driver got us to the museum in record time, just before six. It was truly a marvelous trip and Merle received a well deserved round of applause by all of us.

Pat Jorgensen

May Reading Group Selection

The May 1st meeting of the reading group will discuss The Art of Rivalry, by Sebastian Smee.

Upcoming Birthdays

April:

Jane Fowler – 4/4

Shari Fraser – 4/9

Helen Bergenfeld – 4/12

Barbara Klein – 4/16

Joyce Rosenblum – 4/25

May:

Robert Butnik – 5/3

Patricia Gibson – 5/13

Dagny Thorgilsdottir – 5/13

Patricia Jorgensen – 5/15

Anita Mishook – 5/26

Deadline for the next *Docent Doings*

Monday, April 24th, 2017

Submit all copy to:

desiree.glenn@gmail.com

OCMA – Docent Council Calendar 2016-2017

May:

1st 10:00 am – Board Meeting

Board VPs & Committee Chairs prepare their final reports (due at June Meeting)

6th - *2017 California – Pacific Triennial* exhibition opens (ends September 3, 2017)

8th – 10:00 am Council Meeting

Vote to approve new Board

June:

5th – 10:00 am Old/New Board Meeting

Year End Board reports due from VP's & Committee Chairs

12th – End of Year Luncheon - time to be determined