

THE CAMILLE AND ERIC DURAND DOCENT COUNCIL

Orange COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

Docent Doings

December 2017

President's Message

Dear Docents,

I hope that your Thanksgiving was festive and filled with appreciation for the abundance we have. Now our Holiday Party is giving us another opportunity to celebrate together and look forward to the New Year. It will be fun to see so many of you there with your guests on Monday evening.

The good news that our exhibition will be open through February presents the challenge of providing sufficient docents for the school tours. As you know there have been a select few docents doing overtime this fall. Please reflect back on the commitment form that you signed when you sent in your membership dues, which states the obligation to tour as written in our bylaws. If you have not toured and would like to shadow any docent led tour to refresh yourself on this exhibition before supporting our program by signing up to lead a school group or public tour, please do so. If you even provide one or two days of availability, it would be very helpful. Perhaps it could be your New Year's resolution!

Our January General Council meeting is very special. We are invited to the Plaza Tower suite overlooking the site for the future museum. Todd will be

there to guide us through the architectural mock up of the building and the explain the future plans in the making. This will take place at 11:00 in the Plaza Tower Building at 600 Anton Blvd, Suite 1230. It is the tall high rise. Parking is available in the parking structure adjacent to the building. It is a paid lot, so I encourage carpooling when possible. The museum will reimburse you for the parking fee. You may want to take advantage of the area and join some docent friends for lunch or a stroll through the Noguchi Garden at 611 Anton Blvd. We are hoping for a large turnout on January 8th.

As a side note there will be no docent board meeting in January due to the holiday.

Thank you for your continuing support of this worthy cultural institution, OCMA.

Valerie Greeley
President

Important Dates to Remember

12.4.17 – 10:00 am

Docent Council Board Meeting

12.11.17 – 5:30 pm

Docent Council Holiday Party

1.8.18 – 11:00 am

Docent Council General Meeting

Future OCMA Site Visit with Todd Smith

600 Anton Blvd. Suite 1230

Education Department – Public Programs

12.3.17 – 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Free Family Day

12.8.17 – 7:00 pm

Cinema Orange: *Harry Seidler: Modernist*

<https://www.ocma.net/event/cinema-orange-harry-seidler-modernist>

12.9.17 – 10:00 am

Mindfulness Meditation: Vipsana
Meditation teacher

12.15.17 – 7:00 pm

Performance by Dancelova Dance
Academy

Teachers and Parent Volunteers

First of all let me say I hope you are having a good time touring the exhibitions on display. Students seem to be really enjoying it.

At the end of a tour last week a few of us were talking about how to best utilize our adult volunteers/teachers. As we may be encountering larger tour groups because of a shrinking number of touring docents, it will be even more

important to utilize the parents/teachers that we get on our tours. Very often neither know exactly how to be of help other than to trail along.

There are a few reminders/suggestions:

Be sure to introduce yourself to the volunteers and find out their name (**I do this right after I introduce myself to the students**).

At this time I also communicate to them what I need them to do during the tour and remind them to turn off their cell phones (**I have them at the back of the group to make sure everyone stays together, and ask for their help when handing out and collecting things**).

Try to be specific with them. Ask for their assistance to help keep students the proper distance from art pieces. I have found the volunteers very pleasant to work with and glad to be told how they can assist.

These volunteers can also be used to escort students to the restroom, if needed. I don't say this however, because I don't want to plant the idea in the students' heads!

Lately we have had a good response from teachers in providing parent volunteers for each of their groups, which has been very helpful.

I know parents/teachers responding to your group discussion during the tours can be a problem. I personally do not mind if the volunteers respond to the questions I am asking the students. But they **cannot** take over the tour. If you get someone who is too vocal a simple request to them could be **“thanks for that comment, now lets hear what the students think about this.”**

Hope this is a help – happy touring!

Patricia Jorgensen & Joaline Stedman

Please RSVP Holiday Party

Please join us for the Annual Holiday Party, and remember to RSVP at your earliest convenience via the digital invitation.

Monday, December 11
5:30 – 8:00 pm – Museum Pavilion
Appetizers, small plates, wine, and art

Please RSVP Field Trip to Mixographia Workshop and Studio

All details have been confirmed and I'm pleased to give you the following information:

- Be at museum by 9:45 a.m. Bus leaves promptly for Los Angeles at 10:00 a.m.
- 11:00 am Visit to Mixografia Workshop/Gallery. Mixografia produces and publishes artworks that push the boundaries of traditional printmaking. We will visit the print shop where their printing process allows the artist to create prints in high relief with fine surface detail, producing artwork that is both 3-dimensional and very detailed. I have taken this tour and it is fascinating. We will also see the works of Louis Bourgeois and Alberto Burri as the gallery prepares for Opening Night. There is a maximum of 25 docents/friends that can be in the print shop (includes those who would drive separately).

- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at The Factory Kitchen. Please bring cash for lunch.

- 2:30 p.m. Tour at Night Gallery

- 4:45 p.m. Bus returns to OCMA

- Cost for trip is \$50 (lunch not included)

- Check is your reservation; Make payable to OCMA Docent Council. Send to Barbara DeGroot, 217 Jasmine Ave., Corona del Mar, Ca. 92625

- Docents have priority first two weeks of December; after that it will be open to spouses, significant others, friends, etc.

- Minimum number of participants needed for bus trip/field trip to take place

- 22 seats available on bus so RSVP early!

I look forward to seeing you there,
Joanne Mercer

January & February Reading Group Selections

There will be no meeting of the reading group in January.

On February 5th the group will meet to discuss The Paris Architect, by Charles Belfoure.

Upcoming Birthdays

December:

Annie Anderson – 12/3
Diane Cherniss – 12/16
Joel Shalit – 12/24

January:

Joanna Jacobs – 1/4
Katherine Jacobs – 1/4
Sandy Simar – 1/5
Lynda Wilson – 1/7
Karen Evarts – 1/20
Desirée Glenn – 1/27

Deadline for the next *Docent Doings*

Thursday, December 28th, 2017

Submit all copy to:
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