

THE CAMILLE AND ERIC DURAND DOCENT COUNCIL

Orange COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

Docent Doings

September 2016

President's Message

Dear Docents,

September promises to be an exciting time at OCMA and for our Docent Council. There are so few opportunities for us to know one another in a social setting, I hope you plan to join fellow docents on **Monday, September 12th at 12:00pm for our Welcome Luncheon.** Gale and Phyllis, Hospitality Chairs, always have something special for us to enjoy. Pat and Bonita, Training Chairs, have worked with a very enthusiastic group during July and August to prepare them to tour. I know you will enjoy meeting them at the Welcome Luncheon. Your Docent Board will be hosting lunch, so you know we are in for a real treat!

Pat and Anita have planned a **Continuing Education session for Monday, September 12th from 10:00 to 11:30 am**, prior to the luncheon. It is especially important for touring docents to attend, but any docent is more than welcome to participate. Ideas and opinions are always welcome

Merle, Field Trip Chair, has planned a full calendar for this year. On **Wednesday, September 14th**, a group of docents will be in Los Angeles to tour both The Broad and Disney Hall. Not

only does The Broad have an incredible collection, the building itself is an art piece. And the Cindy Sherman exhibition is not to be missed.

School tours will start in late September. Lindzy has already booked quite a few, and many more schools have contacted her to express interest in having a docent-led tour. We need every Active docent, as well as our wonderful Supporting and Sustaining docents to help meet the demand. If you have not sent in your availability form now is the time to do so. You can do this online through the website, but if you have a problem accessing the site, please contact Lindzy and she will walk you through it.

Barbara De Groot, Membership Chair, is in the process of putting together the Docent Council Roster. You will be able to pick this up at the September meeting.

As you can see there are a variety of activities for you to participate in. I hope to see you at all the upcoming events. As always please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Joyce Rosenblum
President

Important Dates to Remember

9.12.16 – 9:15am

Observation Committee Meeting

10:00-11:30am

Continuing Education session in the galleries.

12:00pm

Introduction of new docents and welcome back luncheon.

9.14.16 – 9:15am

Field Trip: *Broad Museum and Disney Concert Hall*

10.03.16

No meeting in observation of Rosh Hashanah

10.10.16 – 10:00am

Docent Council Board Meeting

10.17.16 – 10:00am

Docent Council General Meeting

Education Department – Public Programs

9.09.16 – 7:00pm

Cinema Orange:

Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict

<http://www.ocma.net/event/cinema-orange-peggy-guggenheim-art-addict>

Food truck on site.

9.23.16 – 6:00pm

Ole Happy's Folk Revival: from the Old Time Appalachian tradition of driving the banjo of Earl Scruggs, Ole Happy's Folk Revival channels the foot stomping, hand clapping, and down home harmonies of bluegrass repertoire. Food truck on site.

10.07.16 – 7:00pm

Cinema Orange:

Don't Blink – Robert Frank

<http://www.ocma.net/event/cinema-orange-dont-blink-robert-frank>

Food truck on site.

10.09.16 – 2:00pm

“Past Performance is No Guarantee of Future Results” – Artist Case Studies Between Industry and Environment. Join artist Mile Coolidge as he explores unexamined relationships between global politics, art, museums, science, and environmentalism across the 19th and 20th centuries through the juxtaposition of several detailed historical vignettes.

10.28.16 – 6:00pm

Music Program – Kei and Koi UCI. Hear acclaimed musicians Kei Akagi (piano), Kojiro Umezaki (shakuhachi), Darek Oles (bass), and Tamaya Honda (drum) in a rare performance connecting American Jazz music to traditional Japanese music and revealing the history of multiculturalism that is at the roots of American culture. Food truck onsite.

Continuing Education

On Monday, September 12, from 10-11:30 am, we will have a continuing education program for all touring docents in the galleries. Be prepared to intensively discuss two pieces and review a total of six pieces from these magnificent offerings. For new and long-time docents, for those touring adults and students, this exposure will assist you in preparing your own unique tour.

Save The Date

The Annual Fall Welcome Back Luncheon, to be held on Monday September 12 at noon, following the continuing education program.

The Docent Board will provide lunch in the OCMA Pavilion to welcome everyone to the start of the 2016-2017 activities. Museum Director, Todd Smith, the Education Department, and the Museum Staff will join us as we introduce and welcome new Provisional Docents.

Gale Edelberg & Phyllis Mandel
Hospitality

Fall Exhibition Research

Research for the current exhibitions can be found on ocmatours.net under "Summer-Fall 2016 Research," or via http://ocmatours.net/?page_id=1651

Membership Report

Many thanks to the 42 Docent Council members who have sent in their commitment forms and dues checks for the coming year.

Jackie Engebretson, a member of the Docent Council since 1985, has moved to the Seattle, Washington, area. Her new address is:

P.O. Box 1087, Unit 303,
La Conner, Wa. 98257.

Barbara Klein, a member since 2087, has moved to Ann Arbor, Mi., to be closer to family.

Sad to report, we have received resignations from Mary Lee Gair, Jayne Klunder, Susana Schwartz and

Gretchen Thompson. We thank them for their many years as museum educators and wish them best of luck in all their endeavors.

Young Shin, a member since 2010, is taking a leave of absence for the next several months because of travel and family obligations. We hope to see her at docent and museum gatherings, as her schedule permits.

Docent Council membership is expected to increase this fall as trainees from this summer's docent class join us as Provisional members.

Barbara De Groot
VP Membership

New Docents 2016

This summer's accelerated docent training program will be graduating 10 new provisional docents. After eight weeks of art history lectures and touring techniques, they will be completing final requirements and joining our touring docent ranks this month. Please welcome them on your tours as they fulfill their assignment to shadow and assist experienced docents. Also, look for them at continuing education and our fall luncheon, where we will celebrate their graduation!

Here is the class of 2016 and few words of introduction:

1. **Annie Anderson:** tennis pro; humanities/art history; new to Orange County; "focused"
2. **Helen Bergenfeld:** counselor and teacher; acting and performance; "generous"

3. **Fiorenza Comunian:** architect; raised in Chile; multilingual “dynamic”
4. **Jennifer Condas:** art history masters degree; writer; OCMA Visionary, “scholarly”
5. **Jenny Hsu:** aspiring painter; bilingual tutor; grew up in Irvine, “perceptive”
6. **Joanna Jacobs:** LACMA docent alumnus; teacher; lived in Europe; “inquisitive”
7. **Kathe Katz:** science specialist teacher; community service; “effervescent”
8. **Ali Rahimi:** financial consultant, movie buff; traveler; “adventuresome”
9. **Joel Shallit:** UCI adjunct professor; medicine and art; martial arts; “enthusiastic”
10. **Penni Wynne:** accounting; LACMA docent alumnus; Weismann docent; OCMA Visionary, “confident”

We are very fortunate to have such an amazing class. Thank you to Karen Evarts, Diane Cherniss, Anita Mishook and Joyce Rosenblum for connecting us with these impressive people.

We would also like to acknowledge Sofia Gutierrez and Edie Levin for demonstrating touring for students with special needs. Thank you for sharing your experience and time with us. In addition, many thanks to Barbara De Groot, Lynda Wilson, Joaline Stedman, and Anita Mishook for observations of

final three-stop tours. Your time and insight are much appreciated.

Finally, thank you to Cassandra and Lindzy for their guidance and support. It was a pleasure to play a part in training this class.

Pat Jorgensen and Bonita Stern
Docent Trainers

2016-2017 Fieldtrips

Greetings to All,

I hope you had a lovely, relaxing and 'cool' summer. The OCMA Docent Field Trip Calendar was sent out several weeks ago. I hope you've had a chance to pursue and noted a few that you've put on your calendar. As we get closer to each event I will send a reminder email with the pertinent information regarding each trip, including where to meet, where to send checks, and the deadline to RSVP. Thank you in advance for your prompt replies. All events are first come first serve. If you have friend that would like to join in, please send a separate check and when we know we have space after the RSVP date, we will call you to confirm. I so look forward to sharing some wonderful art adventures!

Merle Stern
Field Trip Coordinator

Book Group Begins A New Year

Who knew there were so many art-related books to read and enjoy? The Docent Council Book Club selections have run the gamut, from memoir to critique to historical fiction. Each month is a different reading adventure. Even if we don't all love a particular book, the group discussion always enlarges our field of vision and helps us to appreciate each other's point of view.

Now is the time to get on board. Join us at 11:30 am on October 3 to discuss Listening to Stone: The Art and Life of Isamu Noguchi by Hayden Herrera. There is plenty of time to read the book, a biography of the noted Japanese-American sculptor.

For the November 3 meeting, we will read and discuss My Love Affair with Modern Art: Behind the Scenes With a Legendary Curator, by Katherine Kuh, the first director of modern painting and sculpture at Chicago's Art Institute. The December 5 selection is Better Living Through Criticism: How to Think About Art, Pleasure, Beauty and Truth, by A.O. Scott of the New York Times.

In addition to expanding your reading horizons, you will get a deeper appreciation of the wide-ranging talents and perceptive intelligence of your fellow docents. If you have a favorite book to recommend, we will welcome the new ideas you have to contribute.

For more information contact me or Nancy Kiddie, our unofficial guiding spirit. All are welcome.

Barbara De Groot
Membership Chair

Upcoming Birthdays

September:

Valerie Greeley – 9/1
Young Shin – 9/1
Richard Channin – 9/2
Merle Stern – 9/15
Ruth Roe – 9/18

October:

Harriet Selna – 10/1
Ann Anderson – 10/5
Joan Savitt – 10/6
Barbara De Groot – 10/31

Call for Contributors

As always, *Docent Doings* is looking to increase its offerings of unique, original content pertaining to the OCMA docent experience. If you attend a fieldtrip, view a film during Movie Madness, take part in book club, or participate in any other docent activity and are interested in writing about your experience, we'd love to hear from you!

Deadline for the next *Docent Doings*

Monday, September 26, 2016

Submit all copy to:
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