

THE ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

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Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition

April 7, 2016 – June 5, 2016

By Michelle Sifuentes, Curator of Collections

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The Museum Associates is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit support group for the Ontario Museum of History & Art. We provide support financially, through our fundraising and membership efforts; educationally, through our support of the docent program; and throughout the community with our representation at events and activities.

This newsletter is prepared by the Museum Associates.



Yellow Dog by Blue Pool, 2015. Photo courtesy of Linda Garcia-Dahl.



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Trawick.

Karen Clark, Chick Curtis, Marion Draayer, Linda Garcia- Dahle, Gina Lawson Egan, Steven Long, and David Rosales. The artists were selected by Juror Rebecca Trawick, the Director/Curator at the Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art, located on the campus of Chaffey College. The artists bring a unique variety of art to the exhibit through the media they use, including oil painting, watercolor, fiber art and ceramics. This year's *Invitational* will show remarkable pieces of work from our talented regional artists for all to enjoy.

The museum will be hosting an artist reception and recognition on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 2 PM to 4 PM. On Saturday, April 23 the museum will have two art workshops. Chick Curtis will be conducting a figure drawing session from 1 PM to 2:30 PM and Karen Clark will be conducting a watercolor session from 2:30 PM to 4 PM. There is a \$5 material fee per workshop. Space

is limited and reservations are required. Thursday, May 12, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, the museum will have "Getting it Together: Arts 101," Rebecca Trawick and Andrea Benitez will offer tips and suggestions for your portfolio, resume and artist statements. For more information or to make reservations, call (909) 395-2510.



Top left: *Through the Looking Glass*, 2015. Photo courtesy of Steven Long.

Top right: *Pondering*, 2014. Photo courtesy of Chick Curtis.



Bottom left: 2015 *Ontario Open* first place winner, David Rosales with his piece, *While Protesters Swarm a Quinceañera*.

Highlights from the Collection

Sunday, June 12, 2016

(2 PM to 3:30 PM)

By Michelle Sifuentes, Curator of Collections

Ladies and gentlemen, it is time to start your engines! In June we look at artifacts from the Ontario Motor Speedway. The Ontario Motor Speedway was located between Haven Ave and Milliken Ave, just north of the Interstate 10 freeway. The 2.5 mile track, designed as a replica of the racetrack at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, operated from 1970 to 1980. In addition to the main track, it also had an infield road course and a drag strip. The speedway held the California 500 and nine Winston Cup races. During its existence many racings-greats drove on its track; Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and Mario Andretti to name a few. Many drivers felt it was one of the best tracks ever built in the country and referred to it as the "Indy West." Sadly the speedway was not destined to last: the track was sold in 1980 to the Chevron Land Management Company and demolished in 1981. For our *Highlights from the Collections* talk the museum will bring out Ontario Motor Speedway artifacts and we will discuss the speedway's history and legacy. Come learn more about this lost gem on June 12, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the Old City Council Chambers. For more information or to make a reservation call (909) 395-2510.



Evening for Educators: Art and Our Community

Thursday, April 21, 2016

(4 PM to 5:30 PM)

By Rebecca Horta, Curator of Education

Do you have a great story to tell about Ontario or know someone that does? *Evenings for Educators*, our quarterly series for educators, will focus on "Art and Our Community," an opportunity for educators to learn about how museums and artists incorporate oral histories. Oral histories are primary sources for teaching and learning history through the firsthand experiences of those who participated in events. Using oral history projects in the classroom offers opportunities for students to build self-awareness about their community, and to develop speaking, listening, and critical thinking skills, all key aspects of the Common Core and Language Arts Standards.

Curator of Education Rebecca Horta and artist Andrea Benitez will discuss the exhibit on view, *Faces of the Community*, which explores the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and its neighborhood in Ontario. Ms. Benitez' community-engaged art, oral histories, and portraiture have created an exhibition with many stories to tell. Participants will enjoy a complimentary tour of the exhibit, receive an educator resource packet with lesson plans and exhibit publication, and participate in a drop-in workshop. *Faces of the Community* reflects the Ontario Museum of History & Art's mission to connect communities to the cultural heritage of Ontario. Join us and share YOUR story! Light Refreshments will be served. Free Admission. Reservations required. For more information or to make a reservation call (909) 395-2510.



A Dream Come True

(4 PM to 8 PM)

By Cherry Dobbs and Leslie Sherwood-
James

Our April 16th Fundraiser event focuses on the 125th founding of the City of Ontario. The history of the community is varied and rich. It tells the story of a community that was well planned, progressive and the model of what a community should be, according to the vision of George and William Chaffey.

To highlight this history, our speaker for the event is none other than Joe Blackstock, the newspaperman who recently retired from the local Daily Bulletin, where he had served as the Assistant City Editor since 1998. He is best known for his local history column. He chooses not to tell the great-man version of history, but the everyman story of daily life in our community. His information came from over a century of microfilm from local papers; the Daily Bulletin, Ontario Reporter, and other surrounding community newspapers. His approach to the column was to report history not as events, but as stories. He tells us how people lived and faced everyday issues and challenges. We are honored and pleased to have him as our speaker and look forward to the stories he will tell.

\$35.00 a ticket includes buffet, entertainment, and silent auction. For more information call (909) 395-2510.



From the Director

By John Worden

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is growing in our service to the community and visitors. We now regularly feature four programs a month, most of which are related to our dynamic exhibits. We also project that we will be serving 2,000 students per year through our tour program, significantly higher than our historic average of serving 1,200 students.

These increases in our activities and numbers of people served are only possible with the strong leadership of Ontario's elected officials and effective management, and with the hands-on involvement and support of our Board of Trustees, the all-volunteer Museum Associates, our docent volunteers, and our hardworking staff.

Our exhibits, programs and activities are all done in the public's interest, and the public can only be interested if they are aware of our activities. Those of you who receive our mailings are aware of changes in the look and ease of use of our newsletter and quarterly mailings. Now, as the style and content of Ontario Living Magazine has changed, look for the new arts and culture section. The City of Ontario website is also undergoing change, and with it, the opportunity for the museum section of the website to become more visually appealing, informative, and engaging.

We promise you more growth in our communications, to match our growth in activities at the museum. Communications is a process of sharing, and in that spirit, please let us know how we are doing and what we can do to better serve you. You can contact me directly by e-mail at jworden@ontarioca.gov.

Education

Group Tours for all ages included

School Field Trips

All field trips include a docent-led tour of the museum's permanent local history exhibitions, temporary special exhibits, a hands-on craft, or other learning activities. Advance materials include teacher background materials, student worksheet and helpful hints for a successful field trip.

Email museumtour@ci.ontario.ca.us to request a docent led tour.


This brochure provides an overview of the museum's exhibitions for 2015-2016 school year and information on how to schedule and prepare for a successful field-trip. We hope to see you at the museum soon!

School Brochure

Outreach Program: Ontario History on the Go!

An exciting one-hour program can be brought to your classroom! Ontario History on the Go is an educational local history program about the founding and early history of the City of Ontario from the substantial to the early substantial. History comes alive in your classroom through a museum educator or docent's interpretation of hands-on teaching materials including: historic photographs, artifacts and games. Included in this outreach program is a packet of follow-up activities for your class. A school may reserve more than one session per day when scheduling outreach programs.





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Museum of History & Art

The purpose of the Ontario Museum of History & Art is to promote knowledge and understanding of the history, art, and cultural traditions of the greater Ontario area in a broad context.

The Museum will serve and enrich the community by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the history of Ontario and its region through exhibitions, educational programs, lectures, publications and other community events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLOTH DOLLS TELL THEIR STORY
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Heritage at the Square

On Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 3 PM to 7 PM, join us as we celebrate our first annual Heritage at the Square, a festival of all things Ontario. The Ontario City Library, Ontario Museum of History & Art, Ontario Recreation Department, and Ontario Planning Department have partnered to bring this event to Ontario Town Square to commemorate Ontario's rich history and culture. There will be presentations, music, crafts, and interactive activities for all ages. Connect with local clubs and organizations, and learn how you can help your local community. Get tips on how to take memorable photographs and learn how to preserve your family's treasures. To kick off the event, the Ontario City Library will have a photo essay contest called Tell Your Ontario Story. The contest will open in early February and will end in March. Finalists will be invited to share their essays on stage at Heritage at the Square. Come to Heritage at the Square and be part of Ontario's story.



Make a Difference and Become a Docent

As we look back during the 125th Anniversary of the City of Ontario, George and William Chaffey had a dream to develop Ontario into a "model colony." Do you know who succeeded the Chaffey brothers? Do you know why vineyards were planted over so much of the area? Can you explain the significance of the street names, Euclid Avenue, Milliken Avenue and Haven Avenue? Do you enjoy reading and listening to experts share information about the treasures in the museum? Is your interest piqued? Then join the docent program.

As a docent you get the opportunity to hear "inside" information about upcoming exhibits and local history. Docents provide memorable tours of exhibits to visitors and at the same time they share their love of history and art. When tours are scheduled, you can select which groups to lead and what times best fit your schedule. Groups range from preschoolers to adults.

To hear more about becoming a docent, join us for conversation and refreshments on:
March 17th at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM or Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Please call the museum at (909) 395-2515 to reserve a seat. We can't wait to see you!

Event and Program Calendar

April

Exhibit	ONTARIO INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBITION	Thursday, April 7, 2016 through Sunday, June 5, 2016
Exhibit	FACES OF THE COMMUNITY	Thursday, April 7, 2016 through Sunday, August 7, 2016
	ONTARIO INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION	Saturday, April 9, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM)
	MUSEUM ASSOCIATES FUNDRAISER, ONTARIO: A DREAM COME TRUE	Saturday, April 16, 2016 (4 PM to 8 PM) RSVP
	EVENING FOR EDUCATORS: ART AND OUR COMMUNITY	Thursday, April 21, 2016 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM) RSVP
	HANDS ON: INVITATIONAL ARTISTS SHARE TECHNIQUES	Saturday, April 23, 2016 (1 PM to 4 PM) FEE REQUIRED, RSVP

May

PAINT AN EPIC SPACE CHARACTER	Wednesday, May 4, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) FEE REQUIRED, RSVP
GETTING IT TOGETHER: ARTS 101	Thursday, May 12, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
CELEBRATE HERITAGE AT THE SQUARE	Saturday, May 14, 2016 (3 PM to 7 PM)
MEET AND ZINE!	Saturday, May 21, 2016 (Noon to 4 PM)

June

DROUGHT TOLERANT WORKSHOP	Saturday, June 4, 2016 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) RSVP
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION: ONTARIO MOTOR SPEEDWAY	Sunday, June 18, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM) RSVP
SUMMER HORSESHOE FUN AND GAMES	Saturday, June 18, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM)
WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP	Thursday, June 23, 2016 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP
DOCENT GRADUATION AND RECOGNITION	Saturday, June 25, 2016 (2 PM to 4 PM)

For more information on exhibits, programs and events or to make a reservation please call: (909) 395-2510.

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☐ New ☐ Renewal

Name: _____

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Category (check one): ☐ Student \$15 ☐ Individual: \$25 ☐ Family: \$35
☐ Contributor: \$100 ☐ Corporate: \$500 ☐ Benefactor: \$1,000+

All Museum members receive:

- Personalized Membership Card • Subscription to the Associates' quarterly newsletter
- 10% discount on all purchases from the Museum Store • Invitations to member events
- Discounts on selected programs and special events • and much more

Clip this and send it with your check for membership. Mail to: The Ontario Museum of History & Art, 225 South Euclid Avenue, CA 91762. Please make checks payable to the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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