



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

May 14, 2026
Agenda Item No. 10

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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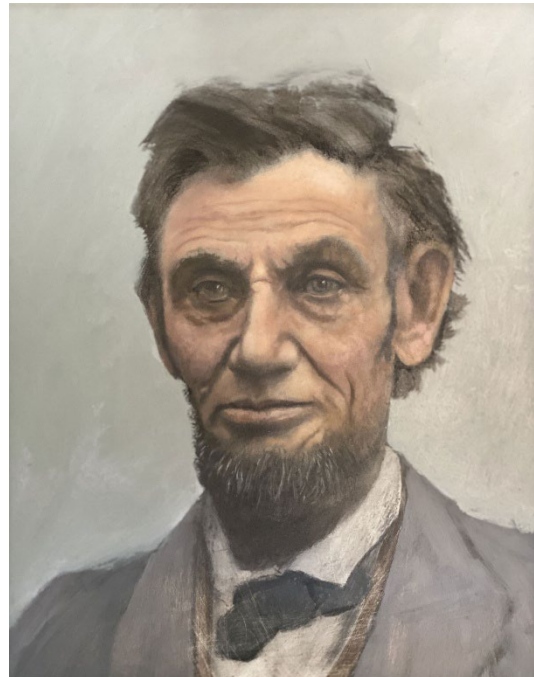
TITLE: Cultural Arts Activities – April 2026

CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Dennis Carrie: Portraits of Integrity

April 6, 2026 - May 29, 2026, Central Library

The paintings and drawings in this show are portraits of human beings whose lives were defined by exceptional character and integrity. Today, pressures of social media have led many of us toward the admiration of those obtaining notoriety with very little accomplishment. The subjects in these portraits provide an opportunity for the viewer to contemplate a sampling of historical figures whose value was not based on a number of followers or any type of popular approval rating, but rather on extraordinary accomplishments. These are Portraits of Integrity. Their contributions to all humanity, past and present, remind us how good character can elevate and enhance all our lives.



Mr. Carrie's work has been exhibited in more than 50 juried shows in Southern California and across the nation. He has won awards from the Irvine Fine Arts Center Annual art show, the Oceanside Museum of Art Artists Alliance Biennial show, and the University of North Carolina, Asheville annual Drawing Discourse, an international juried show. He has had solo shows at the John Wayne Airport, Orange County, and at the Mission Viejo Library, Mission Viejo. He is an Artist Member of the California Art Club and has exhibited in their annual Gold Medal Show on two occasions. He has also had the honor of exhibiting in the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts for six seasons.

Mr. Carrie earned an MFA degree from the Laguna College of Art + Design in 2010. Currently, he is teaching portrait drawing for the City of San Clemente.

Upcoming Installations

2026

- June 1 - July 31: Kathy Kehoe Bambeck (Vintage Balboa Paintings)
- August 3 - September 25: Lawrence Sherwin (Photography)
- September 28-November 20: Roy Gunthier (Photography)
- November 23-January 15: Kathy Kehoe Bambeck (Gilded Art Paintings)

2027

- January 18 - March 12: Jim Doody (Route 66 Paintings)
- March 15 - May 7: Elena Kealy ("Before and After" Series - Paintings)

CULTURAL ARTS CALENDER OF EVENTS:

City Arts Commission (CAC) meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

- **2025-26 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:**
 - April 9, 2026
 - May 14, 2026
 - June 11, 2026
- **2026-27 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:**
 - July 9, 2026
 - August 13, 2026
 - September 10, 2026
 - October 8, 2026
 - November 12, 2026
 - December 10, 2026

Witte Hall Tour: Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, and Commissioner Anastos had the opportunity to tour Witte Hall on Tuesday, April 28. Additional tours for the remaining Commissioners will be scheduled soon.



Art Week: The Inaugural Art Week takes place from August 9, 2026, starting with a concert by the Pacific Symphony, and culminates on August 15, 2026, with the 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).