



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

The Newport Beach Central Library Gallery is pleased to present the fine art of Liberty Dickinson. A native of Chicago, whose career embraces both her love of teaching and the arts, she attended Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State University) and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, subsequently teaching primary grades in the Chicagoland area for a number of years. Throughout this time, her love of art never left her, and after moving to California in 1986, she earned certificates in Illustration and Graphic Design. According to Liberty, she cannot remember a time when she wasn't drawing or painting, and in pursuing her artistic career she has found fine art to be her favorite by far.

In her home studio in Santa Ana, Liberty offers classes and workshops, fulfilling her passion for teaching and art. Her art includes a variety of subjects and mediums, from still life to plein air, from oils to pastels. She finds it difficult to focus on one type of artwork since all types intrigue her. This exhibit includes many of her abstract pieces, some in watercolor and acrylic, others in mixed media.

Liberty's painting process is completely intuitive, letting the artworks guide her. A lifelong learner, she continues to take classes to expand her knowledge and technique, and has studied under wonderful instructors such as Dianna Ponting, Marc Whitney, Marshall Vandruff, and Ignat Ignatov. Liberty has exhibited at the Muzeo, Irvine Fine Arts Gallery, among other local venues.

Artwork will be on display until May 2, 2025.

UPCOMING CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS:

2025:

- Joan Gladstone (Giclées): May 5 – June 29
- Kathy Kehoe Bambeck (Puzzle Paintings): June 30 – August 22
- Joe Cladis (Lithographs): August 25 – October 17

- Susan Neas (Watercolor Mosaics): October 20 – December 12
- Hugo Zhang (Photography): December 15 – February 6

CULTURAL ARTS CALENDER OF EVENTS:

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

- **2025 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:**
 - January 9, 2025 (canceled)
 - February 13, 2025
 - March 13, 2025
 - April 10, 2025
 - May 8, 2025
 - June 12, 2025
 - July 10, 2025
 - August 14, 2025
 - September 11, 2025
 - October 9, 2025
 - November 13, 2025
 - December 11, 2025
- **58th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition:** Saturday, June 28, 2025
- **Summer Concerts on the Civic Green:**
 - July 27, 2025 – Cassie B
 - August 17, 2025 – Pacific Symphony
 - September 14, 2025 – Tijuana Dogs
- **Fall Concert at Marina Park**
 - October 12, 2025 – 805 Social Club (The History of Pop)