



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 6

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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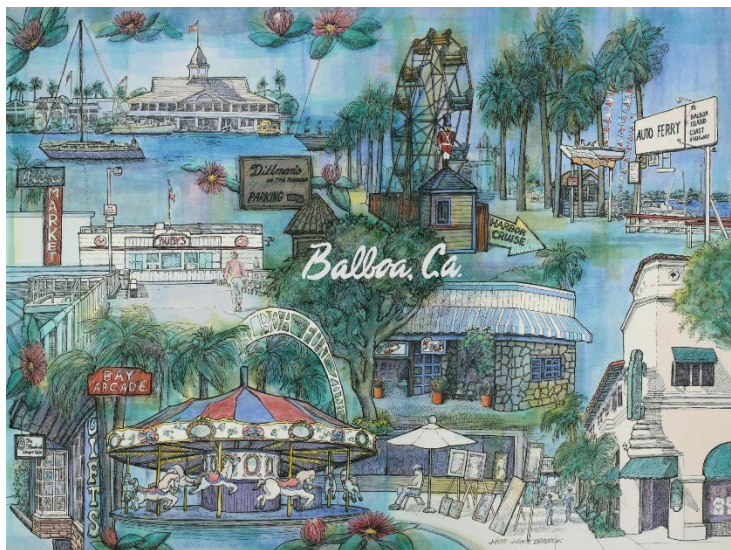
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TITLE: Cultural Arts Activities – June 2026

CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Kathy Kehoe Bambeck: *Vintage Balboa*

June 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026, Central Library



“I find we don’t appreciate a place that we visit as a child until we return as an adult. When I moved to Corona del Mar in the 1980s, I was ready to take the chance that most artists only dream of: quitting ‘my day job’. The magic I felt after moving to Newport Beach shows through the paintings I produced at that time.”

A collection of Kathy’s original paintings still in her collection and on loan from this period will especially enchant those who remember an earlier Balboa: a casual sandy beach town with its boats on the bay, arcades, fishermen, fun and food.

This birthplace of Newport Beach, isolated on a narrow peninsula, still sports that small town vibe, unique personality and even its own weather system!

Kathy Kehoe Bambeck grew up watching a budding amusement park, Disneyland, transform her neighborhood in Southern California and then beyond. That cemented her vision to be an artist at age five. She garnered art awards through high school and received her BA degree in Art/Art History from California State University Long Beach.

Never lacking commissions since her teens, Kathy's work has included detailed watercolor and pen & ink home portraits to murals, illustration & calligraphy, periods highlighted by bird, mountain, castle, beach and botanical themes. Today, she licenses her work for jigsaw puzzles and other diverse products, allowing her art to reach audiences worldwide.

“I believe that art has the power to uplift, entertain, teach and make us laugh. This is reflected throughout history, and why I am so passionate about the arts. Art is a language that transcends boundaries and unites us all in the beauty of the human experience.”

Upcoming Installations

2026

- August 3 - September 25: Lawrence Sherwin (Photography)
- September 28-November 20: Roy Gonthier (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)
- May 10 - July 2: Claire Miller (Beach Oil Paintings)
- July 5 - September 27: Sandy Clark (Abstract Paintings)

CULTURAL ARTS CALENDER OF EVENTS:

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

2026-27 CAC Regular Monthly Meetings:

- July 9, 2026
- August 13, 2026
- September 10, 2026
- October 8, 2026
- November 12, 2026
- December 10, 2026

CONCERTS ON THE GREEN:

The 2026 Summer Concerts on the Green kicks off on July 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. with Redneck Rodeo.



Calling themselves the “America’s country band,” Redneck Rodeo brings the heart of country music onstage with energetic performances. Playing through the top country hits of the last six decades, their sets get the crowds singing and dancing in true honky-tonk fashion.

- Pacific Symphony – Sunday, August 9, 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Flashback Heart Attack – Sunday, September 13, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

ART WEEK

Sunday, August 9 – Saturday, August 15

- 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition – Saturday, August 15, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

MARINA PARK CONCERT

- Diego’s Garage – Sunday, October 11, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PHASE X INSTALLATION OF SCULPTURE EXHIBITION: Phase X of the Sculpture Exhibition has been installed. Unfortunately, *Joy Ride* by artist Solomon Bassoff was damaged on the route to Newport Beach. The first alternate, *Emergence* by artist Nicholas Meyer, was installed instead.



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