



## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

September 11, 2025  
Agenda Item No. 5

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Cultural Arts Activities – August 2025

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### CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Joe Cladis: Coastal Impressions - Classic Art Prints Inspired by the OC Coast  
August 25, 2025 - October 17, 2025



As long as he could remember, Joe loved to draw. That led him to Art Center College of Design in Pasadena where he majored in Advertising with a minor in Illustration/Fine Art. Since that time, he has spent his life working in the visual arts as an art director and graphic designer, dealing mostly in the area of print. All the while he kept his fine art passion alive through painting in watercolors and acrylics.

These days, his art combines three big passions he has picked along the way; his love for working with light and shadow, classic lithographic design, and beach culture. His work has shown at CHOC

Thompson Autism Center, Art for the Soul, Suzie Q Community Center, and the Newport Beach Central Library.

### Upcoming Installations

#### 2025

- October 20 - December 12: Susan Neas (Watercolor Paintings)
- December 15 - February 6, 2026: Hugo Zhang (Photography)

#### **CONCERTS ON THE GREEN - RETURN OF THE PACIFIC SYMPHONY:**



After an eight-year hiatus, the City Arts Commission was pleased to announce the return of the Pacific Symphony. This family friendly event kicked off with a Musical Playground with hands on activities for children followed by a stirring ninety-minute performance consisting of classical favorites, popular music, and patriotic tunes. Approximately 3,500 attendees enjoyed the activities at this popular event.

#### **HISTORIAN LAUREATE:**

At the August 26, 2025, City Council Meeting, Newport Beach resident William (Bill) Lobdell was named Historian Laureate with a unanimous vote.

As Historian Laureate, Lobdell will interpret past events in the City and provide thoughtful, educational, and enjoyable narratives and presentations when required. Lobdell will also carefully document current events for the benefit of future generations. He will collaborate with the Cultural Arts division to develop meaningful event opportunities.

#### **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:**

- September 11, 2025
- October 9, 2025
- November 13, 2025
- December 11, 2025
- January 8, 2026
- February 12, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- April 9, 2026
- May 14, 2026
- June 11, 2026

- **Summer Concerts on the Civic Green:**

- Sunday, September 14, 2025 – Tijuana Dogs – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- **Art in the Park**

Newport Beach Arts Foundation will hold its annual Art in the Park Fine Arts & Artisans Fair

- Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- **Fall Concert at Marina Park**

- Sunday, October 12, 2025 – 805 Social Club (The History of Pop) – 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**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).