

TO Newport Beach City Arts Commission

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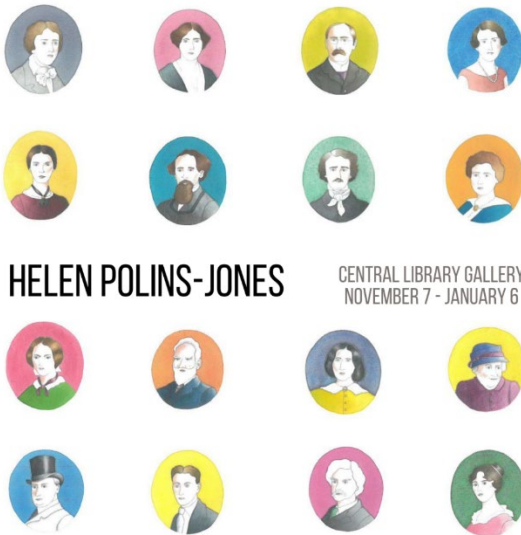
SCULPTURE EXHIBITION PHASE VIII ONLINE SURVEY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

At the December 8, 2022 City Arts Commission Meeting, a curatorial panel, consisting of the Arts Commission, guest jurors, and Arts Orange County, selected over 30 works to be considered for Phase VIII of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park. A public online survey, managed by Arts Orange County, opened on December 10, 2022, and closes January 10, 2023. The public’s vote will determine 10 Finalists and 3 Alternates to present to the City Council for approval.

The sculptures that are selected will be on display at Civic Center Park from June 2023 to June 2025.



CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS



HELEN POLINS-JONES

CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY
NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 6

Helen Polins-Jones was born in England and has lived in Orange County for 25 years. Her passion for watercolor is inspired by her interest in history as well as the beautiful California coastline. Her pieces are on a small scale. Whether working from observation or photographs, she uses art journals to plan out key visual details before moving to final artwork. She says “mixing watercolor pigment with water to create endless color possibilities and translucent imagery keeps me coming back to my studio time and time again”.

Her work appears on a variety of pieces such as hand painted cards, paper designs and hand sewn items. The book “101 Things to Love About Laguna Beach” contains 50 of her unique watercolor illustrations. Her work is also featured at the Laguna Art Museum gift store.

The theme “Great Writers” was sparked by her recent visits to notable authors’ homes. Inspiration came from seeing the writing spaces where some of the best-loved literary classics were created. Her careful choice of colors reflects hues relevant to the author’s life. The exhibition comprises 18 oval portraits each measuring 4 inches. She says, “painting watercolors of these great writers has given me the opportunity to learn more about them, as well as a greater appreciation of their contribution to literary history”.

UPCOMING 2023 CENTRAL LIBRARY GALLERY EXHIBITS:

- Sandra Pipken (Flower photography): January 9 - March 3
- Janice Steele (Oil paintings): March 6 - April 28
- Jane Shehane (Watercolors): May 1 - June 23
- Tim Musso (Woodprints): June 26 - August 18



CULTURAL ARTS CALENDER OF EVENTS:

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

- **Next meeting – Thursday, February 9, 2023**

STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

- **Monday, January 9 – Friday, February 10, 2023** – Artwork display at Central Library

SCULPTURE EXHIBITION IN CIVIC CENTER PARK (PHASE VIII)

- **Saturday, December 10, 2022 – Tuesday, January 10, 2023** – Public Online Survey open for voting
- **Tuesday, February 14, 2023** – City Council reviews CAC recommendations and Public Online Survey results
- **Thursday, June 1 – Friday, June 16, 2023** - De-installation of Phase VI artwork / Installation of Phase VIII artwork

CULTURAL ARTS GRANTS

- **Friday, January 6, 2023** – FY 2023-24 Grant Applications Due
- **Thursday, June 8, 2023** – Grant Award Ceremony

NEWPORT BEACH ART EXHIBITION

- **Monday, January 10 – Friday, May 26, 2023** – Call for Entries
- **Saturday, June 24, 2023** – Event Date