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Carol Latham, President

President's Message November 2011

“One of the great joys of being president is getting a chance to pay tribute to the artists and authors, poets and performers who have touched our hearts and opened our minds.”

Barack Obama at the March 2, 2011 National Medal of Arts Awards

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

We had an amazing program for the November General Meeting. Thank you to Helen and her dedicated committee – Michael, Bette and Dorothea for a job exceedingly well done. The presentation was first rate – amazing photos, an exciting and informative script and a beautiful narrative presentation. I am always excited to see the winners of the Art In Public Places and to have them recognized at this annual event.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners: Conoco Oil, Anaheim Shores that received Honorable Mentions for their 'Transportation History in Art' (oil tanker) and "The Seasons in Art' (seasonal banners), respectively. Other awards went to: Brookhurst Junior High School for 'Character Building in Art' ('Tree of Knowledge' mural); Anaheim Presbyterian Church for 'Light and Remembrance in Art' in the stained glass windows and the beautifully carved Communion altar and pews; Harbor Lofts (by Anaheim Ice) for 'Wind Dynamics in Art' – Peter Shire's wind mobile sculptures; Founders Park for 'The Passage of Time in Art' - sundial. The prestigious Julie Mayer Award went to Colony Park for the water-scape and historical landscaping with the 'Anaheim Aquaculture in Art'. This award is named for past member Julie Mayer who was a visionary when it came to the arts (especially in Anaheim) and in 1988 started the first of the Art In Public Places Awards. In 1999 the Arts Council in Julie's memory initiated the Julie Mayer Award category to the AIPP program and each year since then the most outstanding nominee is awarded this special award.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

It should be noted that in 1993 Julie also initiated the first Children's (Art) Festival in the City. A tradition that continues to today. The next and 19th annual Children's Festival will be held Saturday, May 19th

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING—December 1st at 5:30pm.

Downtown Community Center, combined with Gallery opening and Reception.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONTINUED

and is a day of free art activities for children of all ages.

PRESENTATIONS

Last month I told you about the AUHSD's 'District Idol 2011' contest. We were pleased to have 3 of the finalists and the title winner in attendance for the certificate presentation during this meeting. Additionally, the 'Day of the Dead' art contest winners were also present to receive their Arts Council Certificates and exhibit their work. Council member Gail Eastman graciously presented the certificates.



From Left: Peter Perez, Judy Wilson, Daniela Jimenez, Yorman Serrano, Lori Royster, Daniella Jiron (in front) and Gail Eastman

Having the students present added its own energy to the evening as their excitement was contagious. I enjoyed watching their reaction to people viewing their work, asking questions and taking pictures in front of the City of Anaheim Seal. For most of them it was their first time being in City Hall and certainly in the Council Chambers.

The Artists, District Idol finalist and the winners of Art In Public Places have all been given complimentary Arts Council membership through the remainder of the fiscal year.

THANK YOU SALLY ANN

A special THANK YOU to Sally Ann Catering for providing the delicious refreshments for our

members and guests. Under the ownership of Sally Ann Haynes this family run catering business continues their unflinching support of the community. It is no wonder they have been named the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce Woman/ Minority Owned Business of the Year for 2011.

ANAHEIM

We live in an amazing city. How many city's can boast the number ways in which to be entertained, as we do. In a single weekend you can attend a matinee at the The Chance and go to a gallery opening or the MUZEO's gala then the next day attend the Harp Guild's annual fund raiser followed by the Symphony in the evening. Oftentimes the choices are overwhelming but how fortunate we are to have these choices. I will note that not all the choices put a dent in the wallet as there are events that are reasonable and, some even free. We have a wonderful library – despite the curtailed hours, beautiful parks, a historical Museum at the old Carnegie Library building, world-class exhibits at the MUZEO, world renowned Anaheim Ballet, performances by the Anaheim Community Theater. We have the #2 live theater in Orange County in The Chance Theater; traditional music and contra dancing from The Living Tradition; classical music from the Orange County Symphony, exhibits from the earth arts by both the Searchers Gems and Mineral Society and the American Opal Society and, so much more when you factor in the many non profits that enrich our community through their unstinting service.

MARIACHI CLASSES

Recently the RHYTHMO Mariachi Academy which offers music classes to children of all ages, received recognition from the City of Anaheim at a City Council meeting. As part of the presentation they performed a special song ' We are the People' written especially for them - the words are printed elsewhere in this newsletter. They received perhaps the first ever standing ovation from the assembly. It was well deserved. They were part of the 6th annual Anaheim Mariachi Festival – 'Viva Los Muertos!' - at Pearson Park on October 30. What a wonderful, music-filled afternoon that was

too. For information visit www.rhythmo.com or call (714) 778 – 4356/ (714) 772 – 1185. Peter Perez displayed a beautiful altar of Anaheim's history with posters, newspaper clippings and photos to celebrate Anaheim's past.

COMMON SENSE

An interesting article I encountered addressed the importance of 'common sense' being the key to success. It outlined the search by a big-city museum that was visited by millions of visitors each year and they were about to hire an expensive management firm to determine which of its many exhibits were the most popular with the visitors. Just before signing the contract one of the employees suggested asking the janitor where he had to mop the most – where he found the most traffic. This was a simple solution to a larger and more expensive question. How many times in our organizations do we look for the complicated answer when a simple 'common sense' one would do?

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

My favorite columnist Harvey Mackey, once said that his 'Recipe of Successful Leadership' is:

- 4 Cups of intelligence
- 1 ½ cups of responsibility
- 2 cups of open-mindedness
- 1 quart of understanding
- 1 ½ teaspoons of judgment
- 1-1/2 cups of sifted positive attitude
- 3 cups of ambition
- 2 cups of unbeaten patience
- 1 cup of tactfulness



- 4 cups of ability

Have all the ingredients at body temperature. Sift intelligence, ambition and understanding together. Mix in cooperation, initiative and open-mindedness until dissolved. Gradually add ability, tactfulness and responsibility, Stir in positive attitude and judgment. Add patience and blend all ingredients well. Sprinkle liberally with cheerfulness and bake in oven of determination. Cool completely and spread with kindness and common sense. And, remember to keep your eye on the ball!

MONTHLY MEETING:

If your organization would like to present a program or provide refreshments for the remainder of the year, please contact Reon, the VP of Programs, at (714) 868 – 6094 to schedule a date.

THE VOTING CONTINUES

Take about 5 minutes each day to keep voting for Bruno of the Anaheim White House to be #1 in the CNN Hero for 2011. Log onto www.cnnheroes.com. Find Bruno's photo and/or name then follow the instructions. Until December 7th, you can vote up to 10 times each day. Remember when Bruno wins #1 and receives the resulting \$250,000 the children living in Anaheim motels or that are under-served, also win. We also offer our congratulations to Bruno as he is the Cypress College Americana 'Man of the Year' and will be honored February 25, 2012.

DECEMBER MEETING

See you on December 1 at the Downtown Community Center – our usual meeting place. We will be hosted by the City at the opening reception for the new exhibit in the Center Gallery. Our meeting will start at 5:30 PM followed by Gallery Opening Reception at 6 PM then the Artist's Presentation. You don't want to miss it!

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“Art restores the soul and replenishes the heart”–
Anonymous

Carol

Focus on our Members

AAA Electra 99

Orange County's longest running (and only) co-op art gallery, museum and all-ages music venue.

Open for business and entirely member-supported since 1997, AAA Electra 99 has hosted thousands of artists and musicians; giving an open, judgement-free, "Any Art Accepted" forum to Orange County creatives. The down and dirty DIY aesthetic and undesirable dump-adjacent location lend to the underground street cred. that the gallery has so reluctantly earned. Part folk-lore, part absurdist performance piece, part pop-culture meltdown, The Spinning Head Of Big Prizes (a 'game show' created by the gallery founder Richard Johnson) is held weekly at the gallery. It costs \$1 *not* to play. When not being used for one of our own unusual events (Break Sh*t For Art Night, Poker Night, Bring Your Cat Night), the gallery space is available to rent for other artistic purpose - filming videos, recording bands, the creation of larger art pieces or whatever else you can think of.



At the recent Art Crawl people literally had to crawl to see the art!!

Come see the monkey head - the most punk bathroom in OC - our collection of tattered patriotic couches - our fancy golden chandeliers and the CHICKEN BABY! Bask in its glory!

The Gallery is at 2821 E White Star Ave # D, Anaheim, CA 92806

KOFU BONSAI KAI

In 1977, a nucleus of bonsai enthusiasts under the leadership of Harry Hirao (*pictured below*), master bonsai teacher, celebrated artist, instructor, demonstrator and collector of bonsai trees from the nearby Sierra Mountains, joined together in forming Kofu Bonsai Kai.

Harry and other members brought other American and Japanese bonsai masters to Orange County to share their bonsai expertise with interested students. These bonsai masters gave workshops and programs to the club members, thus furthering the art of bonsai in Orange County.



Since its origin, Kofu Bonsai Kai has become one of the top ranking bonsai clubs in California with over 200 members who participate in many activities and workshops which the club sponsors.

Kofu Bonsai Kai is a member of the Golden State Bonsai Federation which is a statewide organization of over 70 bonsai clubs. Our members attend and participate in their annual state conventions as well as other statewide bonsai programs.

The club meets monthly (at 7:00 pm on the third Saturday) at the Anaheim United Methodist Church providing bonsai lectures, demonstrations, workshops and beginner classes. At each monthly meeting, bonsai tools, pots and trees are available through a benefit drawing. Often the tree that has been styled by a well known bonsai master is included in the drawing. At 4:00pm (preceding each meeting) a two hour workshop, hosted by club members, is available to members and guests who need assistance with their own trees.

We are privileged to have Harry Hirao as our Founding President. He is a nationally known and respected master. He also participates by providing demonstrations and workshops at various bonsai clubs, exhibitions and conventions throughout the State.

In 1981 he was honored by Prince Takamatsu of Japan with the "Ryoko Hakiju Yukosho" medal for his contributions to the art of bonsai in the United States. He has bonsai trees on exhibit at the U.S. National Bonsai Pavilion in Washington, D.C., The Huntington Library & Botanical Gardens in San Marino, CA., the GSBF Bonsai Collection at Lake Merritt, Oakland, CA., and the Weyerhauser Bonsai Gardens in Washington State.

Club meetings are open to the public. Membership in the club is available for \$20 per individual and \$25 for families. A monthly newsletter is available, and distributed by email. The club website is www://kofukai.org and contains information concerning club activities, exhibits, and other functions as well as photographs of members trees and programs.

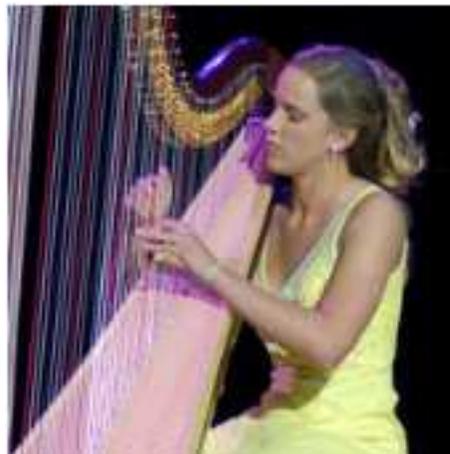
On April 11-15, 2012 the California Bonsai Society (CBS) will be presenting their 55th Convention and Bonsai Exhibition at the Anaheim Crown Plaza Resort, 12021 Harbor Blvd. The five surviving original CBS members will be starring with workshops and bonsai demonstrations, and a large bonsai exhibit by CBS club members will also be featured. The exhibit and vendor area will be open to the public (free) while the workshops and demonstrations require registration fees. Our founding President, Harry Hirao is one of the original members of CBS, and will be taking a leading part in this program. Many of our Kofu Kai members are also members of the California Bonsai Society.

We encourage members of the Anaheim Arts Council to visit the CBS Bonsai Exhibit & Convention.

HARP GUILD OF THE PACIFIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: a History

When a fledging orchestra was formed to perform at California State University Fullerton, hopes were high for a full-fledged orchestra in residence in Orange County. Keith Clarke was hired to help organize and conduct the diverse group of musicians. Funds were scarce, but Marcie Mulville had high hopes for the group, and began the daunting task of raising money to keep the group going. She spread the word throughout Orange County, and the effort caught the imagination of Anaheim Piano Teacher Ruth Salaets.

A determined, dedicated woman, Ruth's ongoing motto was "Music is food for the Soul". She heard that guilds to support the orchestra were being formed. She gathered a group of friends and known music enthusiasts to form a nucleus of prominent women to recruit members and form a guild in Anaheim to raise funds to keep the orchestra going, and to expand it into a cohesive group of expert performers.



Orange County harpist, Leah Cecil

Each guild was named for a different musical instrument, and the Anaheim group chose the name "Harp Guild". One of the first meetings was an informal dinner held in the Nuns' quarters of St. Joseph Hospital in Orange.

Following a lively meeting, the group entered the auditorium to hear one of the Orange County Symphony Orchestra's first concerts under the direction of Keith Clark. It was greeted with great enthusiasm, overlooking the somewhat hesitant phrasing of some of the pieces.

Marcie Mulville, Elaine Redfield and of course, Ruth Salaets, took the orchestra under their wings, and these angels of the arts supported the orchestra through many troubled times, raising money and fostering the prestige of the growing ensemble of talented musicians.

The indomitable spirit of Ruth Salaets guided Harp Guild as president through the next seven years, becoming the guiding spirit of the guild to succeed at enviable fund raising through fashion shows, parties at private homes and many other events. Carl and Margaret Karcher, founders of Carl's Jr. restaurants, hosted many of these events in their Anaheim home, as did the late Betty Hughes.

After Ruth turned over the guild to other ambitious members, she returned her devotion to her piano teaching, still keeping a watchful eye on Harp Guild until her death, which saddened not only Harp Guild, but the entire city of Anaheim.

Harp Guild continued on under the leadership of other Anaheim residents until today, when it is small, and struggling, but undergoing a renewal, guided by Dorothea Stephenson and Elsie Reed, charter members, and the new co-presidents Susan Echevarria and Carol Schott.



The Segerstrom Concert Hall

while raising money for the world class Pacific Symphony Orchestra, now conducted by Carl St. Clair, and based in Santa Ana. The orchestra has found a home at the Orange County Performing Arts Center (now named the Segerstrom Center for the Arts), and its new Music Hall.

Today, Harp Guild is engaged in raising funds for the

orchestra's education program, sending its musicians to elementary schools (Stoddard and Adelaide Price Schools in Anaheim), teaching the teachers and pupils the joys of classical music and its composers (Beethoven is a favorite of the children), and hosting the youngsters at formal concerts at the Music Hall.

Harp Guild is continuing its work, its members celebrating the spirit of founder Ruth Salaets whose motto "Music is food for the Soul" is continuing, a memory not forgotten by a new generation of music lovers.

**First General Meeting of the Arts Council
 in 2012 will be on
 Thursday January 12th.**

Remember to read our web site often!

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On the Calendar you will find FULL details for:

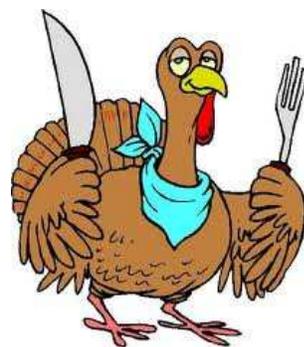
Dec 3: Downtown Anaheim Nutcracker festival details

Dec 3: Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

Dec 6: Anaheim Union High School District Words Out Loud competition.

Dec 10-11: The Nutcracker, by Anaheim Ballet

Dec 12: N Orange County Community Concert with the Quadre Horn Quartet.



**HAPPY
 THANKSGIVING
 TO EVERYONE**