



**ARTS COMMISSION**

Monday, July 24, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 P.M.

**- AGENDA -**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Wood)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Public Communications - *To assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A. **2023 Juried Fine Art** – Discuss and approve Gerard Basil Stripling as a juror. (Staff: McGregor)
  - B. **September Sunset Serenades** – Discuss and approve performers for the September concerts. (Commissioner: Wood/ Staff: McGregor)
  - C. **Arts Commission Sub-Committees** - Discuss and approve sub-committee assignments (Commissioner: Wood)
  - D. **Temporary Mural Collection** – Review and discuss murals located throughout the city and take necessary action on expired permitted installations. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Poeschl)
- 7) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Director Transit and Community Services

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## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

### Recap of Minutes

**PRESENT:** **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Austin Barrow, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, Carl Smith, and Karen Wood. **ABSENT:** Michael Ray and Adam Schwerner.

**STAFF:** Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, and Michael Litschi, Director of Transit and Community Services.

**COUNCIL:** Sue Kempf, Mayor Pro-Tem.

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the June 12, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood congratulated returning commissioners and welcomed newly appointed commissioners.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Austin Barrow noted attending Music in the Park on July 9, 2023. Staff McGregor noted the Music in the Park concert on July 9, 2023, was well attended and a successful start to the season. Staff noted Community Art Project was exhibiting artwork by local students at City Hall and thanked Michael Ervin for representing the Commission at the exhibition reception on July 6, 2023. Staff noted the Cultural Arts Department was accepting entries for the Juried Fine Art and Council Chamber Banner Competitions. Staff noted Cultural Arts Funding Grant checks were ready for distribution and would be mailed with letters from Mayor Whalen. Staff Poeschl recognized Public Works employee Rick Weirs for his years of service with the Music in the Park concerts and noted staff would plan a thank you for him on July 23, 2023. Staff noted that, once appointed, Arts Commission officers would meet with staff to discuss grant opportunities for individual artists. Staff shared former Public Art Coordinator Jamie Bichler's documentation of ownership information, approval dates and timelines for public murals throughout the city. Staff noted booking for the Promenade on Forest would begin for September through December 2023, and there would be a brief performance by No Square Theatre on July 11, 2023. Staff noted the temporary sculpture "Inquire Within" would be installed on July 31, 2023, at City Hall, and thanked Commissioners for attending the dedication of "We Need to Talk" at the telephone booth on Forest Avenue. Staff noted that Casey Parlette completed the installation of the Art in Public Places mural for Coast Liquor. Staff noted working with Community Development to streamline the Artist Review Panel Process.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.

6) Items for Discussion and Action:

- A) **Election of Officers** – Donna Ballard nominated Karen Wood to serve as Chair of the Commission. M/S Ballard/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Wood. Noes: None. Michael Ervin nominated Donna Ballard to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission. M/S Ervin/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Wood. Noes: None. Karen Wood nominated Michael Ervin to serve as Treasurer of the Commission. M/S Wood/Ballard. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Wood. Noes: None.
- B) **Arts Commission Sub-Committees** – Staff Poeschl presented the current list of sub-committees. Staff recommended eliminating the Economic Study Committee and appointing a sub-committee for Artist Grants. Staff requested Commissioners note their preferred appointments by email to the Arts Commission Chair and Cultural Arts Manager.
- C) **Temporary Mural Installation – Alta Laguna Park** – Staff Poeschl presented two mural design proposals by artist team DABSMYLA for the dugout wall at Alta Laguna Park. A motion was made to approve proposal B by DABSMYLA to be installed for 12 months, with the possibility of an additional 12-month extension by administrative approval, based on condition and status of future projects, at a cost of \$20,000 allocated from the Arts Commission Special Programs Budget. M/S Ballard/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Smith, Wood. Noes: None.

7) Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf, Director of Transit and Community Services

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** 6A  
**Title:** 2023 Juried Fine Art Juror  
**Location:** Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

The City of Laguna Beach Juried Fine Art Exhibition is currently in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. The deadline for artwork submission is August 27, 2023. The exhibition will be installed at City Hall from September 25, 2023, to November 16, 2023. Awards will be announced on November 2, 2023.

**Summary of the Matter**

The Arts Commission must approve a qualified juror to review and select artwork for the exhibition from the field of entries. Staff recommends artist Gerard Basil Stripling as juror for the 2023 exhibition. Mr. Stripling is a notable local artist with work in the City's public art collection and a recipient various awards including Laguna Beach Arts Alliance's "2023 Artist of the Year." His artwork was also featured in a 2023 solo exhibition at the Laguna Art Museum.

More info: <https://www.gerardbasil.com/>

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve Gerard Basil Stripling as juror for the 2023 Juried Fine Art exhibition.

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** 6B  
**Title:** Sunset Serenades – Fall 2023 Performers  
**Location:** Heisler Park Amphitheater

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**Overview**

Sunset Serenades is a free public concert series held each Friday evening in May and September at the Heisler Park Amphitheater. Fall concerts take place from 5:30 p.m. to sunset. On September 12, 2022, the Arts Commission approved fall 2023 concert dates for Sunset Serenades.

**Summary of the Matter**

The Sunset Serenades performances are curated with the help of local musician Jason Feddy. The Performances Subcommittee is recommending the following schedule for September 2023:

9/8	Lee Coulter	Australian Singer-songwriter (possible duo)	<a href="#">Sample link</a>
9/15	Brad Wilson Trio	Blues/Rock	<a href="#">Sample link 1</a> <a href="#">Sample link 2</a>
9/22	Pacific Opera Project	Opera	<a href="#">Sample link</a>
9/29	Las Colibri	Mariachi	<a href="#">Sample link</a>

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Arts Commission approve the Sunset Serenades performer schedule as presented.

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 18, 2023  
**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Arts Commission Sub-Committees** (Item 6C)

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Arts Commission Chair, Karen Wood reviewed the selections made by Arts Commissioners to serve on sub-committees.

From Karen Wood:

10 sub-committees, 7 commissioners, no more than 3 members per sub-committee (Brown act compliance), plus alternates where anticipated they may be needed.

There are some adjustments to last couple of years for diversity of perspectives and inclusion.

To populate so many sub-committees, everyone is on 4.

Everyone got 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice & most also got a sub-committee not in their top 4.

Everyone Chairs one or more sub-committee (first listed on each sub-committee).

SORRY for any disappointments, HAPPY for all perfect fits, GRATEFUL in advance for your participation.

<b>2023-2024 Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff Liaison</b>
Artist Review Panel	Chair: Suzi, Donna, Carl – Alternate Adam	Mike McGregor
Banner and Palette	Chair: Pat, Carl, Karen	Public Art Coordinator
Budget	Chair: Karen, Donna, Michael	Siân Poeschl
Exhibitions at City Hall	Chair: Michael, Carl, Pat	Mike McGregor
Implementation Plan	Chair: Suzi / Alternate Pat	Siân Poeschl
Innovation Grants	Chair: Donna, Suzi, Adam	Siân Poeschl
Performing Arts	Chair: Pat, Suzi, and Karen	Mike McGregor
Laguna Beach Arts Alliance	Michael – Alternate Karen	Mike McGregor
Public Art	Chair: Adam, Pat, and Donna	Siân Poeschl
Youth Advisory	Chair: Carl, Michael, Adam	Mike McGregor

It is recommended by Chair Karen Wood, that the Arts Commission discuss and approve sub-committee assignments.

## MEMORANDUM




**DATE:** July 18, 2023  
**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Temporary Mural Collection** (Item 6C)

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Laguna Beach is fortunate in having more than 30 murals installed throughout the city, a concentration of which are in the Civic Arts District and Downtown. Many of the murals are privately owned and funded and have been reviewed and approved by the Arts Commission. When reviewing the mural proposals, the Commission on occasion has stipulated timeframes for exhibit, temporary being 12 months or less and long term being based on the materials used for installation. An update on the status of the existing murals is warranted, to discuss expired permitted murals and their condition.

The City does not own many buildings within the Downtown to facilitate installations but has made the process of approval for private projects, streamlined and free of any permit charge. From application to approval can be undertaken in 21 days. The Cultural Arts Department does not maintain an inventory of properties interested in hosting temporary murals as owners and businesses change and there has been little an interest or commitment other than through non-profit organizations.


Staff has prepared the attached report of existing murals, their status, and their condition. Additional installations exist and staff will continue to update the document. It is recommended that the Commission review the installations and staff recommendations and take the necessary action on 12 of the existing murals.

Location	Status	Mural Imagery
<p>#1 Jo Allen Mural Brass Tack</p> <p>Location: 311 Ocean Ave</p>	<p>Approved September 2019 for five years Expires September 2024</p> <p>Assessment – wall needs cleaning. Mural is still in good condition.</p> <p>Privately owned <b>Recommend extending the installation for 12 months</b></p>	
<p>#2 Sonny Behan PangeaSeed Foundation</p> <p>Location 311 Ocean Avenue Peppertree Parking Lot</p>	<p>Approved March 13, 2023 Expires: May 2024</p> <p>Privately owned PangeaSeed Foundation</p> <p><b>Follow up with PangeaSeed Foundation regarding replacement or removal in January 2024.</b></p>	
<p>#3 Wyland Wyland Galleries</p> <p>Location: 417 S Coast Hwy</p>	<p>Approved September 2019, Expires September 2023</p> <p>Lower portion only</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p><b>Recommend extending the installation for 12 months</b></p>	









<p>#4 Alan Davis Buchards Pharmacy Location: 244 Forest Avenue</p>	<p>Approved October 10, 2022 Approved for five years and may be extended based on condition.  Buchards Pharmacy  <b>No action required.</b></p>	
<p>#5 Scott and Naomi Schoenherr Location: Forest Lane Restrooms</p>	<p>Approved 2009 Permanent mural  City of Laguna Beach  <b>No action required</b></p>	
<p>#6 Verizon Building/Whole Foods Parking Lot Location: 295 Broadway</p>	<p>2020 with installation in February 2022 due to covid February 2027  City of Laguna Beach  <b>Recommend "Call for Artists" in September 2026</b></p>	

<p>#7 Lynn Basa</p> <p>Location: Main Beach Restroom</p>	<p>Approved 2021</p> <p>City of Laguna Beach Permanent Installation</p> <p>Restoration early July 2023.</p> <p>No action necessary.</p>	
<p>#8 Randy Morgan Hobie</p> <p>Beach Street</p>	<p>Approved 2012</p> <p>Permanent mural Privately owned.</p> <p>No action necessary.</p>	
<p>#9 Beau Stanton</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Approved March 26, 2018 Temporary, up to five years. Expired March, 2023</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>Recommend maintenance and approve extending the installation for 12 months</p>	


<p>#10 James Thistlethwaite</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Did not require approval</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>No action required.</p>			
<p>#11 James Thistlethwaite</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Did not require approval</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>No action required.</p>			
<p>#12 Kelly Castillo &amp; Sara Hasse</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Did not require approval</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>No action required.</p>			
<p>#13 Chad Hasegawa</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Did not require approval</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>No action required.</p>			

<p>#14 Chad Hasegawa</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Approved March 26, 2018 Temporary, up to five years. Expired March, 2023</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>Recommend maintenance and approve extending the installation for 12 months.</p>			
<p>#15 Faith 47</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Approved March 26, 2018 Temporary, up to five years. Expired March, 2023</p> <p>Not in good condition Privately owned</p> <p>Recommend removal.</p>			
<p>#16 Brett Crawford</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Did not require approval</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p>No action required.</p>			



<p>#17 Okuda</p> <p>Location: 891-777 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Approved March 26, 2018 Temporary, up to five years. Expired March, 2023</p> <p>Façade of Art-A-Fair painted over by property owner.</p> <p><b>Recommend maintenance and approve extending the installation for 12 months.</b></p>	
<p>#18 Tara Luther</p> <p>Location: 935 Laguna Canyon Road</p>	<p>Approved May 8, 2023 for exhibition through May 2024.</p> <p>Sawdust Art Festival <b>No action required.</b></p>	
<p>#19 Collette Miller</p> <p>Location: 477 Forest Ave.</p>	<p>Approved 9/2017 five years Expired 9/2022</p> <p>Assessment – wall needs cleaning. Mural is still in good condition.</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p><b>Recommend maintenance and extending the exhibition 12 months.</b></p>	

<p>#20 Timothy Robert Smith / Starbucks</p> <p>Location: 180 N. Coast Hwy</p>	<p>Approved 9/2019 five years with possible extension through reapplication. Expires September 2024 Possible extension to 2029 based on condition</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p><b>No action necessary</b></p>	
<p>#21 Sandra Jones Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory</p> <p>Location: 248 S. Coast Hwy</p>	<p>Approved 12/2010 According to the minutes, 5–8-year lifespan, Expired 2018</p> <p>Privately owned and facilitated by Community Art Project.</p> <p><b>Arts Commission to provide direction.</b></p>	
<p>#22 Hung Fine Art</p> <p>Location: 1294A South Coast Hwy/ corner of Cress</p>	<p>No approval or complaint received.</p> <p>Privately owned</p> <p><b>Arts Commission to provide direction.</b></p>	

<p>#23 Ryan Callisto</p> <p>Location: Promenade on Forest</p>	<p>Approved Temporary Mural by Arts Commission 8/8/22 12-month exhibit</p> <p>Heavy use and damage.</p> <p>City of Laguna Beach</p> <p><b>Recommend removal.</b></p>			
<p>#24 LCAD</p> <p>Location: 2222 Laguna Canyon Rd.</p>	<p>Permanent location for rotating art works.</p> <p>Laguna College of Art and Design</p> <p><b>No action necessary.</b></p>			

<p>#25 Beau Stanton</p> <p>Location: Third St. Stairs</p>	<p>Approved Temporary Mural by Arts Commission 2/7/22 (Repainted with new design from 2020)</p> <p>City of Laguna Beach</p> <p>No action necessary.</p>	
<p>#26 Walter Viszolay</p> <p>Location: 577 S. Coast Hwy</p>	<p>Approved by the Arts Commission 3/9/2015 No expiry date or mention of "Temporary"</p> <p>Walter Viszolay</p> <p>No action necessary.</p>	



<p>#27 Location: Oak St. alley behind Laguna Surf and Sport</p>	<p>No approval or complaint received.</p> <p>Taylor Hawkins tribute</p> <p>Arts Commission to provide direction.</p>	
<p>#28 Timothy Robert Smith  Location: 328 Glenneyre</p>	<p>Approved August 23, 2021</p> <p>Installation through September 2026</p> <p>Community Art Project</p> <p>No action required</p>	

<p>#29 Mike Tauber LOCA Location" 699 South Coast Highway</p>	<p>Approved June 12, 2023 Installation through August 2028 Can be administratively approved for an additional 5 years based on condition.  Laguna Outreach Community Arts <b>No action required.</b></p>	
<p>#30 DabsMya Location: Alta Laguna Park</p>	<p>Approved July 10, 2023 Installation through August 2024 and can be administratively approved for an additional year.  City of Laguna Beach  <b>No action required.</b></p>	