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Most of October was spent preparing for the Rex Brandt Centennial Celebration and the Blue Sky plaque dedication ceremony. Staff from the Municipal Operations Department and Public Works did a great job of working with the plaque pedestal contractor to prepare the site and add landscaping after the plaque installation.

Staff brought the Arts Commission recommended Cultural Arts Grants to City Council for approval at the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Approved Cultural Arts Grants recipients include:

- Baroque Music Festival
- ExplorOcean
- Festival Ballet Theatre
- Newport Beach Film Festival
- Orange County Museum of Art
- South Coast Repertory Theater
- Southland Opera

Checks will be presented to Cultural Arts Grant recipients at the November 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the City Arts Commission hosted the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the City of Newport Beach's relation with our Sister City Okazaki, Japan. The Okazaki delegation presented a statue of Tokugawa Ieyasu and gifts were exchanged from the Mayors of our respective cities. The Bamboo Courtyard, itself a gift from Okazaki, served as an elegant and appropriate site for the ceremony and reception, which featured traditional Japanese song and dance.