

TO: Newport Beach City Arts Commission
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James Strombotne: An artist's reception was held on June 18th in the Friends Room for James Strombotne, who answered questions about his work and signed copies of his new book, *Strombotne*.

Mr. Strombotne, whose work was also displayed in Central Library during the summer of 2014, is exhibiting both paintings and small scale sculpture in the Central Library gallery. His paintings can be found in the permanent collections of museums across the United States, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Whitney Museum of American Art, The Hirshhorn Museum, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Art Institute of Chicago. His work is also included in many well-known private collections, most notably the Jack Nicholson collection, which includes twenty of Strombotne's major pieces.

Concert on the Green: On Sunday, June 7th, Stone Soul provided 90 minutes of classic soul music on the Civic Green. The concert was enjoyed by over 2,000 attendees.

2015 Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale: On Saturday, June 13, the City Arts Commission hosted the 51st annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale. The event was well attended. Award winners include:

- Painting/Mixed Media
Third Place: Untitled by Salli Hosseini
- Painting/Mixed Media
Second Place: "Never Ending Paradise" by Jessica Cardelucci
- Painting/Mixed Media
First Place: "Echo Park Views" by Victor Santoyo
- Sculpture
Third Place: "In Tune" by Judit Laufer
- Sculpture
Second Place: "Gallery Gustav-Klimt" by Grace Park
- Sculpture
First Place: "Opulence" by Steven Lustig
- Photography
Third Place: "Pathway to Light" by Aron Kearney
- Photography
Second Place: "Scrap (Water)" by Dani Sanchez-Lopez

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First Place: "Palm Trees #4" by Nick Carver
- Juror's Choice
"Little Lost Boy in the Corn Field" by Caroline Miller
- People's Choice
"Flying Beauty" by Basar Simsek

Ben Carlson memorial: At their June 23 regular meeting, City Council approved the City Arts Commission recommendation to accept the Ben Carlson memorial sculpture into the City art inventory and to place the finished work at the base of the Newport Pier.

Fine Art Exhibitions at Central Library: The following artists are scheduled for exhibitions in the Central Library gallery space:

- June/July 2015: James Strombotne
- August 2015: Richard Bohn
- September/October 2015: Ting Ting Lee
- November 2015: Joe Lewis
- December 2015/January 2016: Charlotte Lerner

Concerts on Green and Shakespeare By The Sea: The following dates are scheduled for the City's annual concert series and Shakespeare plays:

- **Concert on the Green: Sligo Rags – Celtic Bluegrass Fusion**
Sunday, July 12, 6-7:30 p.m., Newport Beach Civic Center Green
- **Concert on the Green: Kelly Rae Band**
Sunday, August 23, 6-7:30 p.m., Newport Beach Civic Center Green
- **Concert on the Green: Britain's Finest – Beatles Tribute Band**
Sunday, September 27, 6-7:30 p.m., Newport Beach Civic Center Green
- **Shakespeare by the Sea: The Tempest**
Saturday, July 18, 7-9 p.m.
Bonita Canyon Sports Park, 1990 Ford Road, Newport Beach
- **Shakespeare by the Sea: As You Like It**
Sunday, July 19, 7-9 p.m.
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