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Two Stunning Summer Exhibitions
Open July 2023
Discover a World of Artistry this Summer
FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

UBUHLE WOMEN
Beadwork and the Art of Independence

Jul 1 - Aug 27, 2023

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Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence tour is developed by the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC in cooperation with Curators Bev Gibson, Ubuhle Beads and James Green, and is organized for tour by International Arts & Artists, Washington, DC.
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Unlock Limitless Exploration with Your Bowers Museum Membership!

*Join today* and not only will you receive an opening night invitation and unlimited admission to the entire Museum all summer long, but you’ll also receive exclusive savings across the Gallery Store, lectures, film screenings and more!

*Membership prices increase September 1. Join today!*

Join Now

For assistance in joining or to learn more about our membership levels, please contact us at

📞 714.567.3639  |  📧 membership@bowers.org
Members' Celebration

**Friday | July 7 | 6 - 9 pm**

Don’t miss this exclusive member celebration of our two newest featured exhibitions, *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence* and California Art Club’s *112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition*.

**Curator’s Presentation:**
The Development of a Collective with Beverley Gibson

**7pm | Norma Kershaw Auditorium**

This special preview lecture will look at the history and social economic landscape of South Africa 1998-2023. The economic crisis, exacerbated by an energy crisis, has brought new challenges to being able to work in South Africa. The success of the women of Ubuhle, within the current landscape, needs to be protected.

Space for the Curator’s Preview Presentation is limited, seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Overflow seating will be available for livestream viewing in John M. Lee Court.

RSVP to Members Opening Night by June 28 to membershiprsvp@bowers.org

Learn more and RSVP
Transformative Influence: Ubuhle Artists Shaping the Perception of Contemporary Art by African Women

Join us for a captivating lecture by Beverley Gibson, the esteemed curator of *Ubuhle Women*, who has traveled from South Africa to be at the Bowers’ opening events. Engage in a thought-provoking discussion on the evolution of traditional techniques and their shifting reception in the art world within the last decade. Explore the profound impact of these changes on the relationship between the talented artists of Ubuhle and the world of museums, art collectors, and academic institutions.

**Ticketed Onsite Event**

**Members $10 | General $15**

Advanced reservations are encouraged.

**Recorded Online Screening**

**Members $5 | General $10**

Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.

Experience the unique atmosphere as we aim to capture the essence of the Ubuhle artists’ camaraderie, where they gather, bead, and engage in lively conversations, exchanging ideas and stories.

**Ticketed Onsite Event**

**Members $40 | General $50**

Space is limited. Advanced reservations required.
Ubuhle Lecture

with Mark Bustamante

Saturday | July 22 | 11 am - 12 pm
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

Enjoy a special lecture from Bowers Museum’s own Director of Special Exhibition Development, Mark Bustamante, as he shares behind the scenes of Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence.

BSOC: Bead Society of Orange County
An affiliate council of the Bowers Museum

Ticketed Onsite Event
Free for Bowers Members | General $15

Recorded Online Screening
Free for Bowers Members | General $10

Online version will be emailed to ticketholders one week after the onsite event.

Get Tickets
Clay Jewelry Workshop with Erna Van Dyk

Sunday | July 30 | 1:30 - 3 pm | John M. Lee Court

Workshop

Mold your own beads out of colorful oven-bake clay to create a unique pair of earrings!

Ticketed Onsite Event

Members $20 | General $30

Space is limited. Advanced reservations required.
*Suitable for ages 10 and up with adult supervision.

Get Tickets

Closing Day – KCRW Summer Nights

Sunday | August 27 | 7 - 10 pm | Key Courtyard

After Hours

Dance through the closing day of featured exhibition Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence! This after-hours event will feature live sets from KCRW DJs, SiVA and Dan Wilcox, pop-up bars in the museum’s Key Courtyard, kids art activities and extended dining hours at Tangata Restaurant. Bowers is staying open late, so come explore!

Onsite Event: FREE with RSVP

Free gallery access for KCRW/Bowers Members and Santa Ana residents with proof of membership/residency. General Admission prices apply to the public.

RSVP Now
The Art of Appreciating Art with Jean Stern

SUNDAY | JULY 9 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | OPENING DAY LECTURE

On the opening day for the California Art Club’s 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, one of the nation’s most anticipated displays of Contemporary-Traditional art, art historian Jean Stern will explain the key elements that art experts and savvy collectors consider as they view representational works. Stern will discuss the basics of composition, form, perspective, color, and drama, using artwork (or works) from California Art Club artists as examples. This lecture is a perfect primer for art enthusiasts interested in educating their eyes on what to consider when looking at art.

**Ticketed Onsite Event**
MEMBERS $10 | GENERAL $15
Advanced reservations are encouraged.

**Recorded Online Screening**
MEMBERS $5 | GENERAL $10
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California Art Club: 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition

Programming

Artist Spotlight Talks

Saturday | July 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 12, 19, 26
11 am - 12 pm | Gold Medal Exhibit | Gallery Talks

Every Saturday morning during the California Art Club’s 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, participating artists will be in the exhibition gallery to provide insight into the works on view and answer questions.

Each weekly event spotlights a different theme:

- **July 15**: Landscapes
- **July 22**: Figurative
- **July 29**: Still Lifes
- **August 5**: Seascapes
- **August 12**: Miniatures
- **August 19**: Sculpture
- **August 26**: Women Artists

Ticketed Onsite Event

Free with General Admission
No RSVP Required

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LEARN FROM MASTER ARTISTS
WITH THE CALIFORNIA ART CLUB

PLEIN AIR
LANDSCAPE
PAINTING WITH
ROBIN HALL

Sun | Jul 16 | 11 am - 12 pm
Huang Sculpture Garden | Workshop*

This workshop focuses on plein air landscape painting – the practice of painting outdoors. California Art Club artist Robin Hall, whose early works focused on the open fields of Orange County, will lead this family-friendly activity.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $10 | General $15

Get Tickets

SCULPTING
TREASURES FROM
THE BOWERS WITH
CHRISTOPHER SLATOFF

Sun | Jul 23 | 1 - 4 pm
John M. Lee Court | Workshop

Acclaimed sculptor Christopher Slatoff, the Sculpture Chair for the California Art Club, will lead this fun hands-on workshop as participants create their own original works inspired by the three-dimensional artwork on display in John M. Lee Court.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $70 | General $80
Limited Space. Advanced reservations required.

Get Tickets

SCULPTURE WITH
ADAM MATANO

Sun | Aug 20 | 11 am - 12 pm
Huang Sculpture Garden Workshop*

Participants will sculpt animals. California Art Club artist Adam Matano, who specializes in animal art, will lead this family-friendly activity.

Ticketed Onsite Event
Members $10 | General $15

Get Tickets
Tutankhamun’s Secrets After 100 Years

SAT | AUG 19 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

Distinguished Lecture & Book Signing

Take part in the centennial celebration of the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb with legendary archaeologist Dr. Zahi Hawass. This exclusive presentation will begin with a film about Dr. Hawass’ historic uncovering of the lost golden city near Luxor, considered to be the most important discovery of 2022, which led to the secrets of King Tut’s final days and Egypt’s Golden Age.

Dr. Hawass will then lecture about these secrets including what DNA reveals about King Tut’s family, Nefertiti’s tomb, and his search for the mummy of the Egyptian queen. Dr. Hawass will also discuss his work in the Valley of the Kings. Hear about his newest discoveries at the Bowers Museum!

This event is part of the Archaeology of the Biblical Lands Distinguished Lecture Series, which is made possible through a generous bequest by Norma Kershaw (1924-2020).


**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**
MEMBERS $75 | GENERAL $95

Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged.
Invocations for Amun-Re: Textual and Spatial Developments in Persian Egypt

Saturday | July 15 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

Presented by Hong Yu Chen, an Iranian Studies and Egyptology graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles

(Re)Assessing Some Ramesside Period Statuary

A Diachronic Study of Ancient Egyptian Copper Alloy Artifacts

Saturday | August 12 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Norma Kershaw Auditorium | Lecture

Presented by Kylie Thomsen and Matei Tichindelean, University of California, Los Angeles

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Free for Bowers & ARCE Members | General $15

**RECORDED ONLINE SCREENINGS**
Free for Bowers & ARCE Members | General $10

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Talks

Timeless Melodies
Take a nostalgic walk down memory lane with music and more presented by Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc.

Rodgers & Hart
THURSDAY | JULY 27 | 1:30 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Join Larry Maurer for an in-depth look at two of the greatest Broadway songwriters, Richard Rodgers & Larry Hart. Timeless Melodies takes you from the roots of Broadway and their first shows in 1919 to 1943 and the classic songs *Manhattan, Blue Moon, The Lady is a Tramp*, and many more.

Rodgers & Hammerstein
THURSDAY | AUGUST 24 | 1:30 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

The second course of the two-part series on the music of Richard Rodgers continues with his great lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein. *Oklahoma!, Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music* say everything about this extraordinary team. Richard Rodgers introduced dance to musical comedy and Oscar Hammerstein’s lyrics tackled a variety of social issues.

Ticketed Onsite Events
Members $10 | General $15
Summer Outdoor Family Film Screenings

Join us under the stars for family-fun film screenings that will take us across the world from Africa to Asia and beyond!

Each film screening will pair with a related exhibit and special art project for the entire family to enjoy.

Picnics, low folding chairs, and blankets are encouraged!

**Madagascar (2005)**

**SATURDAY | JULY 15 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM***

**KEY COURTYARD | FILM SCREENING**

Travel to Africa with these animal friends who break out of the Central Park Zoo but soon find themselves headed to the wilds of Madagascar!

Includes access to featured exhibition *Ubufle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence.*

**TICKETED EVENT**

**MEMBERS $20 | GENERAL $30**

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 $10**

**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2**

*Film begins at 8 PM or sundown.

**Kung Fu Panda (2008)**

**SATURDAY | AUGUST 12 | 6:30 - 9:30 PM***

**KEY COURTYARD | FILM SCREENING**

Learn about the ancient art of kung fu through a panda named Po and his dream of abandoning noodle-making to become a martial-arts master. Includes access to featured exhibition, *Ancient Arts of China.*

**TICKETED EVENT**

**MEMBERS $20 | GENERAL $30**

**CHILDREN UNDER 12 $10**

**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 2**

*Film begins at 8 PM or sundown.
Celebrate with the Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held monthly in the Museum’s beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival! Free Family Festivals are made possible with generous support from the Nicholas Endowment. Watch festival highlights livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube @BowersMuseum at 11 am on Sundays following our onsite events, through a generous grant from Capital Group Companies.

Celebration of Indian Culture

SUNDAY | JULY 16

Celebrate the beauty of India’s art, music, and dance. A special program of Bollywood video and classical tabla music, presented by Sadubas, will both soothe and excite you. Bring the family to enjoy free face painting, art projects and sampling of traditional Indian sweets.

American Blues and Jazz Festival

SUNDAY | AUGUST 6

On a hot summer afternoon listen to the cool jazz and blues vibes of the Steve Johnson Quartet, The Will Trueblood Quartet and Party of Three. The entire family will enjoy free face painting, art projects and all-American chocolate cookies.
Bowers’ Books for Kids: Storytime in the Galleries

Held every last Saturday of the month, Storytime in the Galleries includes free copies of each author’s book for the first 35 to RSVP (during months with guest authors) and free General Admission to the galleries for the first 35 participants to arrive at each event. Reading in the galleries will be followed by a simple, fun art project that kids will love.

SATURDAY | JULY 29 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence Exhibition

Join author, singer, and actor Ashli St. Armant for a reading of her first book Viva Durant and the Secret of the Silver Buttons. Viva Durant, New Orleans’ youngest detective, is on a quest to solve a jazzy mystery involving hidden treasure, while exploring the city’s unique culture, history, and music.

Ticketed Event
Free with General Admission

SATURDAY | AUGUST 26 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM
Ancient Arts of China Exhibition

Follow Zelda through the Alphabet Zoo as she tries to find an animal that starts with a Z. What animals will she find along the way? Join her as you meet friends and learn fun facts about each animal. We’re going to the zoo, and Zelda is inviting YOU! Reading of the book Zelda Goes to the Zoo! by author Krista Seaman.

Ticketed Event
Free with General Admission
ANNE’S TREASURES
ART WORKSHOPS

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

Join this very special arts engagement program for seniors and their community.

10 AM - 12 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT

TICKETED EVENTS: FREE FOR BOWERS MEMBERS AGE 62 & OVER
GENERAL $7

Questions? E-mail mlopez@bowers.org or call 714.567.3678.

JULY WORKSHOPS

Painting with Beads

THURSDAY | JULY 13
First, take a docent led tour of the Ubuhe Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence exhibit, and then make your own beautiful bead painting inspired by their work.

Get Tickets

Tin Foil Enameling

THURSDAY | JULY 27
Design a beautiful flower on gold foil and paint it with special enamel-like tempera paint.

Get Tickets
ANNE’S TREASURES ART WORKSHOPS

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AUGUST WORKSHOPS

Oil Pastel Still Life

THURSDAY | AUGUST 10

Take a docent led tour of the California Art Club’s 112th Annual Gold Medal Exhibition, and then create an inspired still life with oil pastels. We request that participants bring fruit, vegetables, flowers, or other items to use as subjects in their masterpiece.

Get Tickets

Paint Party

THURSDAY | AUGUST 24

Bowers art instructor and professional artist Matt Southgate will lead us through the steps of creating our own original painting.

Get Tickets
Arts on the Move
Community Display

July 12 - 27 | 10 am - 4 pm
John M. Lee Court

Held in partnership with VSA Orange County, experience the transformative power of art in Arts on the Move, a community display on view free of charge July 12 - 17. Arts on the Move showcases artwork by Special Education students from Orange County Schools, alongside talented adult artists with disabilities. Held in conjunction with Disability Pride month, the exhibition also features educational elements such as the Braille Alphabet and the ASL alphabet, fostering a deeper understanding of diverse communication methods. Join us for an inspiring celebration of creativity, diversity, and the limitless potential of the human spirit.

VSA Orange County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education. VSA Orange County’s mission is to provide arts, education, and cultural opportunities by, with, and for people with disabilities, making the arts accessible to people of all abilities. All artwork for this virtual art show was provided with special permission from participating students, their guardians, teachers, and community organizations.
“Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages” is a Bowers Docent Guild-sponsored book club that pairs a topical book with a museum art experience.

The August Book Club selection is *The Woman Next Door* by Yewande Omotoso. It is her first novel published in the United States and was named one of NPR’s Best Books of the Year in 2017 and the winner of several awards. The novel’s two protagonists are widowed neighbors of twenty years, Hortensia, a Black woman, and Marion, a white woman. The two women have often been verbal sparring partners rather than friendly neighbors. When a repair project leaves Hortensia with a broken leg and Marion in need of temporary housing, the two share a house and attempt to find common ground. Children, marriage, money, race, grief and forgiveness all play a part in the two women’s struggles with understanding one another and reaching a place of true compassion. Ultimately, Omotoso delivers a thought-provoking tale about friendship with plenty of humor and wit. 288 pages.

Following the engaging in-person discussion in the auditorium, knowledgeable docents will guide a tour of the captivating South African exhibit *Ubuhle Women: Beadwork and the Art of Independence*.

**Free for Bowers Members.**

RSVP on Bowers.org. Space is limited to 30 Bowers Members per discussion. A confirmation email will be sent to participants. Questions? Email programs@bowers.org.
Elevate your collection with one of these extraordinary *ndwango* by the women of Ubuhle.

**Only available in person at the Gallery Store!**
All proceeds go towards the Ubuhle collective.

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**Beads, Beads, Beautiful Beads...**

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