Guest Curator Mr. Jean Stern

A nationally recognized authority on California Impressionism, Mr. Stern has extensive experience as an author, curator, lecturer, and teacher. He was the founding and sole director of The Irvine Museum (1992-2016), a small but exceptionally active California institution that collected, researched and displayed paintings of the California Impressionist Style (1890-1940).

The Irvine Museum was founded by Joan Irvine Smith (1933-2019) and her mother Athalie Richardson Irvine Clarke (1903-1993) in 1992, and with James Irvine Swinden as president. As director, Mr. Stern worked to establish a national presence for California Impressionism through a noteworthy series of books, exhibitions, lectures, articles and video documentaries. In his career, he has presented over 250 lectures and judged and juried more than 125 local, national and international art competitions. He has authored, edited or contributed to over 30 books on California art. He is credited with coining the term "California Impressionism" first used in his introductory essay to Plein Air Painters of California: The Southland, published in 1982 by Ruth Lilly Westphal, the first book on Southern California painting to gain national distribution.

Mr. Stern has presented tours and lectures on California Art in numerous museums including the International Cultural Center, Krakow, Poland; Mona Bismarck Foundation in Paris, France; El Centro Cultural del Conde Duque, Madrid, Spain; National Academy Museum in New York; Terra Museum in Chicago; San Diego Museum of Art; Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma; Gibbs Museum in Charleston; Brigham Young University Museum; Autry National Western Heritage Center; The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and many others. He appears in IMPRESSIONS OF CALIFORNIA, a PBS documentary video series on art in California, and on PLEIN AIR: PAINTING THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE, (PBS 2007).

He was a consultant to the Fleischer Museum in Scottsdale, Arizona, the first museum anywhere dedicated to California Impressionist art. He also is an adviser to the Hilbert Museum of California Art at Chapman University, in Orange, California. He currently serves on the board of the California Art Club, founded in 1909, and is a board adviser to the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, in Laguna Beach, California. Since its inception in 2012, he has presented lectures at every annual Plein Air Convention, organized by B. Eric Rhoads and Plein Air Magazine.

In 2017, Mr. Stern received the prestigious CHEVALIER OF THE ORDER OF ARTS AND LETTERS from the French Ministry of Culture. He has also been presented with three LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: by the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association in 2013; by the Plein Air Painters of America in 2014; and by Plein Air Magazine in 2014. In 2011, he and his wife Linda Weingarten Stern were honored with the SAMUEL GENDEL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD, presented by the American Jewish Committee of Orange County.
This summer, don’t miss two remarkable exhibitions featuring paintings from local female collectors and artists in their own right: *The Gift of Los Angeles: Memories in Watercolor by Gayle Garner Roski* and *Artistic Legacy: The Ann and Bill Cullen Collection*.

**Opening July 24 and August 28**
FREE with General Admission

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Coming Soon

7.24 - 11.14.21

THE GIFT OF Los Angeles!

Memories in Watercolor
by Gayle Garner Roski

FREE with General Admission

Book Tickets
Gayle Garner Roski (1941-2020) was a nationally-known painter in watercolor and a prize-winning illustrator of seven children’s books. Gayle’s last major undertaking was the “The Gift of Los Angeles,” a work of love for her native city. The set of forty-four watercolor paintings, which took twenty years to complete, shows sites and places she loved throughout the Southland.

Join Mr. Stern, an author who was a friend and admirer of the late artist, as he discusses the remarkable events of Gayle Garner Roski’s life and many of the paintings on display in the exhibit, “The Gift of Los Angeles.”

This program is generously sponsored by the Cramer Family Trust.

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $15 | Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged.

Online: Member $5 | General $10 | A link to view a recording of the presentation will be emailed within a week of the onsite event.

Held in conjunction with Bowers’ newest exhibition The Gift of Los Angeles: Memories in Watercolor by Gayle Garner Roski, Bowers is proud to present an outdoor watercolor workshop led by noted watercolorist Jennifer Alvarado in honor of the late Gayle Garner Roski. In true Gayle fashion, sugar cookies and tea will be provided, as will workshop materials and access to Gayle’s exhibit!

Ticketed Event: Member $40 | General $60 | Space is limited and advanced reservations are required.
Coming Soon

8.28-12.19

Artistic Legacy
The Ann and Bill Cullen Collection

FREE with General Admission

Book Tickets
The Cullen Collection 3-Part Lecture Series with Guest Curator Mr. Jean Stern

Lectures will be held at 1:30 PM on the dates below and may be purchased individually or as a series for a discount price, see below for details.

Sponsored by the Bowers California Arts Council, an affiliate council of the Bowers Museum.

Opening Day Talk

ARTISTIC LEGACY
The Ann and Bill Cullen Collection

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:
The Historical Development of Watercolor Painting
(details below)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23:
The California Watercolor Style

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19:
The Anne Cullen Collection with Mr. Jean Stern

Ticketed Series: Member $25 | General $40
Online: Member $10 | General $25
Links to view recordings of the presentations will be emailed within a week of each onsite event.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28
1:30 – 2:30 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

The Historical Development of Watercolor Painting
with Guest Curator Mr. Jean Stern,
Part 1 of 3-Part Lecture Series

Take a deep dive into watercolor painting in this fully illustrated lecture that traces its history and development. Mr. Stern will define various water-based media and review their historical evolution, showing that water-based paint appears in ancient art dating back to the cave paintings of pre-historic societies.

Mr. Stern will close the presentation by discussing the remarkable works of the California Watercolor Style (c. 1925 – present).

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $15
Advanced reservations are strongly encouraged.

Online: Member $5 | General $10 | A link to view a recording of the presentation will be emailed within a week of the onsite event.
**SATURDAY | JULY 3 | ONLINE ENCORE**

**Indigenous Music and Instruments of the South Pacific with Jim Berenholtz**

*Learn More*

Prepare to embark on a Trans-Pacific journey as ethnomusicologist Jim Berenholtz takes you on his musical canoe to tropical islands, large and small.

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**SUNDAY | AUGUST 8**

**ONLINE ENCORE**

**Authenticity Matters: A Connoisseur’s Guide to Judging Authenticity in Oceanic Art**

*10 Crucial Factors Explained*

*Learn More*

Oceanic art expert Michael Hamson will outline the 10 most crucial factors to consider when authenticating a piece of Oceanic tribal art, from style to patina and beyond.

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**SUNDAY | AUGUST 22**

**ONLINE ENCORE**

**Elements and Principles of Art and Design in the Spirits and Headhunters Gallery**

*Learn More*

Join Dr. Irini Vallera-Rickerson, Professor of Art History and Architecture at Orange Coast College, to better understand how to view and analyze artwork in terms of the elements and principles of design, such as texture, balance, line, color and rhythm as showcased in Bowers’ exhibitions.

**Ticketed Event: Member $5 | General $10 | Ticketholders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight**
TALKS
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SATURDAY | JULY 10
ONLINE
The King’s Stones: Royal Monopoly and the Semiprecious Stone Industry with Dr. Shelby Justl

Learn More

Dr. Shelby Justl, Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania

Hear directly from Dr. Justl as she explores the strong royal role in semiprecious stone administration, indicating that this is an aspect of kingship not often acknowledged.

SATURDAY | AUGUST 14
ONLINE
Akhenaten’s Main Temple to the Sun-God at Amarna

Learn More

Dr. Barry Kemp, Professor Emeritus, Egyptology, University of Cambridge, UK

Explore Tell el-Amarna (Amarna for short), the largest easily accessible city from ancient Egypt, built by king Akhenaten around 1350 BC and abandoned less than twenty years later.

Sponsored by Clinton and Carol Owen

Ticketed Event: Free for Bowers and ARCE Members | General $10 | Ticketholders will receive their link at 11 am the day prior to the event. Official 24-hour access begins at midnight.
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SATURDAY | AUGUST 28
11 AM – 12 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

Places that Inspire: Santa Fe is My Muse with Noted Jewelry Fabrication Teacher and Artist Marilee Nielsen

Learn More

If you have been an artist for most of your life, there are times when you need a little extra inspiration to get the creative juices flowing. Travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico with Marilee Nielsen as she explains how the history, the cultures and the geography of Santa Fe inspire her to create her artwork.

Ticketed Event: Free for Bowers Members | General $12
Online Presentation Tickets: Free for Bowers Members | General $10 | A link to view a recording of the presentation will be emailed within a week of the onsite event.
Bob Hope: Thanks for the Memories

Join Timeless Melodies for a laugh-filled look at the life of Bob Hope, singer, dancer, MC, and of course comedian. Enjoy film clips of Bob entertaining members of the military all over the world as well as songs and dances that made him America's favorite goodwill ambassador.

“Happy Trails” Songs of the Frontier

From the frontier came songs for Broadway, Hollywood and television. Music historian Larry Maurer presents the music of the pioneers who built our American heritage. From “The Streets of Laredo” to “Home on the Range,” cowboy and western songs began around campfires and spread to the Broadway stage.

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $13
**WEDNESDAY | JULY 7**

1:30 – 3:30 PM |

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

**Chocolate Road (2020)**

Screening + Q &A

Join us on World Chocolate Day for a West Coast premier of the new documentary Chocolate Road, featuring an introduction and Q&A with our favorite chocolate guru, Dr. Lee Scott Theisen. Make it a World Chocolate Day to remember and order Tangata’s delicious Chocolate Bomb Cake to enjoy before the film!

Ticketed Event: Member $15 | General $20

Film + Chocolate Cake: Member $23 | General $28

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**SATURDAY | JULY 31**

6:30 – 9:30 PM | KEY COURTYARD

**Distilled California: An Imbibed History (Part II)**

Join Gentleman Historian Dylan Almendral and Distiller Extraordinaire, Ryan Freisen for part two in their Distilled California Series as they dive into the world of bootleggers, rum runners and even pharmacists in Orange County’s history. This talk will begin where the last one left off, around 1900. Stories, myths and legends galore abound in the seedy underworld of Orange County and its legal relationship with booze. The night will also feature a signature cocktail from Santa Ana’s Blinking Owl Distillery!

6:30 PM | Doors, Tangata Restaurant and Gallery Store

8:30 PM | Presentation begins

Ticketed Event: Member $40 | General $55 | Ticket includes presentation and two cocktails.
SATURDAY | AUGUST 7
1:30 – 3 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

Festivals, Fairs & Rituals: Textiles, Costumes and Carpets of the Eastern Grasslands of Tibet with Cheri Hunter

Presented by Cheri Hunter, Photographer, Writer, Textile Collector and TMA/SC President and Program Chairman

In 2006, Cheri Hunter traversed the grasslands on the Tibetan Plateau in a group with 4-wheel drive vehicles, photographing these festivals and rituals, several of which have since disappeared. Her article and photo spread were originally published in HALI magazine (Issue 154.) Join Ms. Hunter as she shares her experience and images, with a closer look at both the local and imported textiles and rugs in use throughout the grasslands, as well as the shaman festivals and horse fairs, where all of the participants, including the horses, are dressed in their best.

Sponsored by the Collector’s Council, an affiliate council of the Bowers Museum.

Ticketed Event: Member $10 | General $15

SATURDAY | AUGUST 14 (In celebration of World Photography Day, August 19!)
11 AM – 12:30 PM | NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

Adobe Photoshop 101 for Students and Professionals with Anthony Calzada

Eurotec Marketing Director and Brand Manager Anthony Calzada talks about his 15 years of experience using Photoshop in professional settings and how students and professionals can utilize this valuable tool.

Anthony will also lead the group through a live demonstration of basic and intermediate concepts in Photoshop including color balance, lighting, and layers. To follow along in this tutorial, participants will need to bring a laptop and already have Adobe Photoshop downloaded onto their computers; however, spectators are welcome!

Ticketed Event: Free for Members and Students (with valid student I.D. at check-in) | General $10

Advanced reservations are suggested.
Our Festivals May Be Virtual, but the Fun is Real!

Featuring performers, artmaking, and food recipes.

LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE AT 11 AM

SUNDAY | JULY 25
Orange County Rocks Festival

Learn More

Featuring Orange County rock bands including Bite Me Bambi, 3rd Degree Blues Band, Electric Corduroy, and The Altar Billies.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 29
Noodles Around the World Festival

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Experience noodle-making and history from across the globe while enjoying music from Japan, Mexico, China and Italy.

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ART KITS for Pick-up
2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS | Presented by ANNE’S TREASURES

A very special arts engagement program for seniors

For July 8 and July 22, pick-up will be from 10 -11 AM at the North parking lot on the designated Thursdays. Reserve your kit at least one week prior to the dates listed below by contacting Lupe at (714) 567-3678 or mlopez@bowers.org.

Kits: Free for members age 62 and over | General $7

THURSDAY | JULY 8
Clay Sculpture
Learn More

Make a creative clay sculpture and paint it in beautiful colors. Borrow ideas from nature or your vivid imagination!

THURSDAY | JULY 22
Pull String Art
Learn More

Be creative with string and paint making flowers and abstract designs.

Anne’s Treasures workshops will be held in-person at the Bowers beginning August 12!

10 AM - 12 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT
Ticketed Event: Free for Members age 62 and over | General $7

Purchase tickets onsite or online at bowers.org or contact Lupe Lopez at 714.567.3678, mlopez@bowers.org. Reservations encouraged!

THURSDAY | AUGUST 12
Cling Art
Learn More

Draw fanciful mini designs to place on windows and walls using a material that will cling to any smooth surface without leaving any residue behind.

THURSDAY | AUGUST 26
Macrame Wall Hanging
Learn More

Enjoy this weaving craft popular in the 17th Century and the 1970’s. It’s back again in 2021.
Mandala Rock Painting: Healing through the Arts with Sonserae Leese

Get in touch with your creativity and community in this healing art workshop. Sonserae Leese is the Executive Director of Sophie's Dream, a non-profit to help people heal from trauma and PTSD through the Arts. She has also spent over 25 years in the film industry working as an artist on animated films for Walt Disney Studios, Sony, and Nickelodeon.

Supplies for this workshop are included in the price and may be taken home with participants following the event.

Ticketed Event: Member $45 | General $55 | Space is limited and advanced reservations are required by Tuesday, July 6 at noon. Suggested for ages 10 and up.
General $10 / person | Exclusive Member Discount 50% off
Discounted pricing available for groups of 50 or more

Prices Vary – Details to be finalized upon booking

Limited Grant funding available to Orange County Title 1 schools

*Please Note: tours and art classes may be modified and subject to availability.

Choose from a variety of customized learning options to find what works best for your students: Virtual Live Docent-led Tours, Pre-recorded Tours, Art Kits, Teacher Q&A, and Kidsseum At Home Lessons.

July – August K-12 School Tours Include:
• Arts of Ancient China
• California Legacies: 3-Part Series
• Curriculum-Based Custom Virtual Tours Upon Request

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ONSITE SELF-GUIDED GROUP TOURS
Although our Docent Guild is not conducting group tours in the museum at this time due to COVID-19 health restrictions, you may book a group tour at the reduced group admission rate (minimum 10 people) and enjoy a self-guided tour.

TANGATA, OUR ON-SITE RESTAURANT IS NOW OPEN!
Consider combining your group tour with a specially selected box lunch to enjoy on our historic balcony at a discounted rate: Seniors $20 and General $28
Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages


The August Book Club selection is entitled *The Last Painting of Sarah De Vos* by Dominic Smith, 304 pages. The author “…deftly bridges the historical and the contemporary, tracking a collision course between a rare landscape by a female Dutch painter of the golden age, an inheritor of the work in 1950s Manhattan, and a celebrated art historian who painted a forgery of it in her youth.” (NYTimes, April 2016) In celebration of women artists, this book is paired with the newest exhibit, *The Gift of Los Angeles: Memories in Watercolor* by Gayle Garner Roski.

Please note Thursday’s discussion will be in person at the museum and Saturday’s discussion will be held virtually on zoom.

Free for members. To RSVP, email programs@bowers.org. Space is limited to 25 Bowers Members. This meeting will be virtual and take place via Zoom. A confirmation email with directions to access the meeting will be sent to participants.
Save the Date
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 | 6PM TO 9PM
MEMBERS ONLY CELEBRATION

Celebrate two remarkable exhibitions Treasures in Gold & Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan and The Gift of Los Angeles: Memories in Watercolor by Gayle Garner Roski

This night also includes an exclusive sneak peek into the galleries of the upcoming exhibition Artistic Legacy: The Ann and Bill Cullen Collection (opening August 28!)

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SHOPPING & DINING

BOWERS MUSEUM
GALLERY STORE

FREE ADMISSION
10 AM - 11 AM | MEMBERS-ONLY SHOPPING HOUR WITH MEMBER ID
11 AM - 4 PM | PUBLIC SHOPPING HOURS

SUMMER SALE BAZAAR
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Enjoy sunshine and shopping

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TANGATA RESTAURANT

Join us at Tangata Restaurant for sandwiches, salads, cocktails and more! Located at the Bower’s Museum, Tangata Restaurant has options for adults and children alike to enjoy in the beautiful courtyard in sunny SoCal weather.

Open Tuesday-Friday from 11am-2pm and Saturday-Sunday 11am-3pm.

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