

BOWERS MUSEUM

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# *PROGRAM GUIDE*

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MAY/JUNE 2025

*Get Ready,*  
**EPIC FUN  
STARTS NOW**



FEATURED EXHIBITIONS



— WORLD OF THE —  
**TERRACOTTA  
WARRIORS**

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NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES  
IN SHAANXI IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

**5.24.25 – 10.19.25**

**Purchase Tickets**



# MEMBERS' OPENING NIGHT

*Be among the first to experience our  
most anticipated exhibition of the year!*

**MAY 24 | 6-9 PM**

*FREE FOR BOWERS MEMBERS*

Limited Capacity—**Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 14  
to [membershipsvp@bowers.org](mailto:membershipsvp@bowers.org) or call 714.567.3644**

*Provide your name, the name of your guest, and a daytime telephone number.  
Watch your mailbox and inbox for more details on parking and check-in!*

**Become a Member**

Images seen on pages 1-3 are provided by the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center.

This exhibition is jointly organized by the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Heritage Administration, Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Center, and Emperor Qin Shi Huang's Mausoleum Site Museum of the People's Republic of China, and Bowers Museum in the United States. Generous support for *World of the Terracotta Warriors* comes from Lead Chairs of Terracotta Warriors Project Charles and Ling Zhang, China Southern Airlines, South Coast Plaza, PNC Bank, East West Bank, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and Huaxie Int'l Fine Art Freight Service Co., Ltd.

***DISTINGUISHED OPENING LECTURE***



## **What the Stone Faces Tell Us with Dr. Lothar von Falkenhausen**

**SUN | MAY 25 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Presented by Dr. Lothar von Falkenhausen,  
Distinguished Professor of Chinese Archaeology and Art History,  
University of California, Los Angeles

Join renowned UCLA archaeologist Dr. Lothar von Falkenhausen as he reveals the fascinating stories behind mysterious stone carvings from ancient China. Discover how these ancient faces shed light on a lost civilization and what they still teach us today.

*This lecture is made possible through a generous bequest by Lynda Thomas (1950-2021).*

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

**Get Tickets**





## Sacred Realms Sound Immersion with Jody Post Theissen

**WED | JUN 4 | 6 - 7 PM**

**SACRED REALMS EXHIBIT | SOUND MEDITATION CLASS**

Enter a sanctuary for sonic exploration surrounded by vibrant Buddhist paintings. Guided by the expertise of sound alchemist Jody Post Theissen, this transformative practice is designed to cultivate inner peace and overall well-being. Immerse yourself in the resonant vibrations of ancient instruments, including Tibetan and crystal singing bowls, gongs, flutes, drums, mantras, and more.

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.*

*Please bring a yoga mat. A blanket which can be folded for support and/or a cushion is also recommended but not required.*

**Get Tickets**



## Who Really Wrote the Bible with Dr. William Schniedewind

**SAT | MAY 10 | 1:30 - 3 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

Presented by Dr. William Schniedewind,  
Professor of Biblical Studies at UCLA, and the Sady and  
Ludwig Kahn Director of the Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies

Who really wrote the Bible? Its books have no bylines. Tradition has long identified Moses as the author of the Pentateuch, with Ezra as editor. Ancient readers suggested that David wrote the psalms and Solomon wrote Proverbs, but the Hebrew Bible rarely speaks of its authors. This lecture offers a bold new answer: the Bible was not written by a single author, or by a series of single authors, but by professional communities that used writing including “the sons of prophets,” peripheral and central priests, the military, and government bureaucrats. Drawing on ancient inscriptions, archaeology, and anthropology, as well as a close reading of the biblical text itself, this lecture traces the communal origin of biblical literature.

*Who Really wrote the Bible: the Story of the Scribes* will be available for purchase and a book signing will follow the lecture.

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

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20**

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# Chicago! Architecture and Art of America's (Second) Greatest City, with Annalee Andres

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Art Historian

**WEDNESDAYS | MAY 7, 14, 21 | 11 AM - 12 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | 3-PART LECTURE SERIES**

## **May 7 | Go Chicago Go! Building the City of the Future**

Learn how Chicago's groundbreaking skyscrapers set the stage for a fierce rivalry with New York, forever shaping the modern skyline.

## **May 14 | The Embrace of Culture**

The 1893 World's Columbian Exposition transformed Chicago, inspiring institutions like the Art Institute and influential patrons of the "Paris on the Prairie."

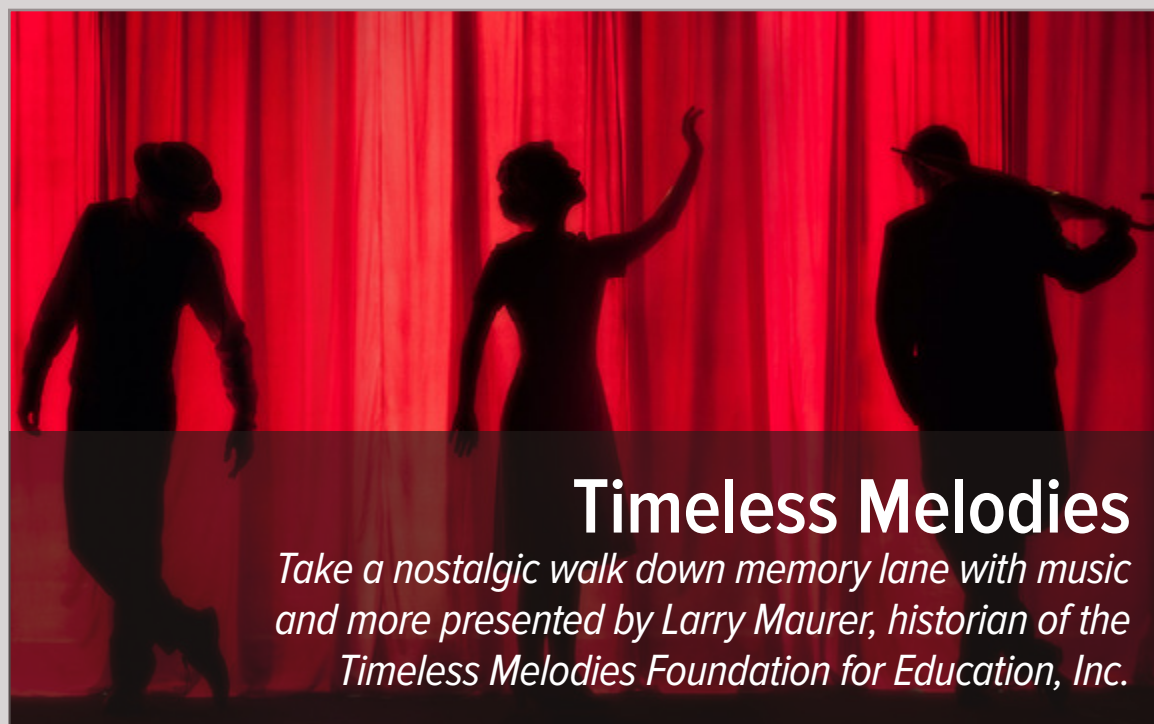
## **May 21 | Chicago in the 20th Century**

Well into the 20th century, Chicago remained a hub of architectural innovation, from Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie School to Mies van der Rohe's Modernist influence and the rise of the Second Chicago School.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS:**

**SERIES PACKAGE: MEMBERS \$30 | GENERAL \$45**

**SINGLE LECTURE: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15**



## 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.*

### Broadway in the 1940s

**THU | MAY 29 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Broadway's golden era of the 1940s came alive with hits like *Oklahoma!*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *Kiss Me, Kate*—join Larry Maurer for a lively lecture on the musicals that shaped modern theater.

[Get Tickets](#)

### 1950: The Year in Music

**THU | JUN 26 | 1:30 - 3 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Join Larry Maurer to explore a pivotal moment between the Swing era and the rise of Rock and Roll.

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**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15**



**TALKS:** *Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series*



## Research in the Valley of the Kings with Dr. Donald P. Ryan

**SAT | MAY 3 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Presented by Dr. Donald P. Ryan, Fellow of both the Explorers Club and the Royal Geographical Society, and an archaeologist affiliated with the College of Liberal Studies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington

Project director Donald P. Ryan shares insights from Pacific Lutheran University's Valley of the Kings Project, which explores Egypt's lesser-known tombs and has uncovered remarkable finds—from a possible mummy of Hatshepsut to royal women and animal burials.



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**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15**

**TALKS:** Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series



# Contextualizing Middle Kingdom Kingship

with Dr. Luiza Osorio G. Silva

**SAT | JUN 7 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Presented by Dr. Luiza Osorio G. Silva, Assistant Professor of Art History, Archaeology, and Visual Studies at the University of California, Irvine.

Traditional views of Egyptian kingship focus on grand monuments, royal rhetoric, and images of conquest. However, recent scholarship explores how non-royal Egyptians in the Middle Kingdom engaged with kingship, revealing a more complex and dynamic relationship. In this lecture, Luiza Osorio G. Silva discusses insights from her book project, *Kings from Below*, challenging the idea that Egyptian culture was defined solely by its rulers.



[Get Tickets](#)

## **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

**FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15**

## **RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING**

**FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$10**

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





## **Journey into Victorian Jewelry** with Judy Colbert

**SAT | MAY 24 | 11 AM - 12 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Join jewelry historian Judy Colbert as she takes you on a dazzling journey into the world of Victorian jewelry. With over 30 years of experience managing visual resources at the Gemological Institute of America and a passion for jewelry history, she will explore the artistry, symbolism, and cultural influences behind these treasured adornments.

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## Traveling the Fascinating World of Terracotta Jewelry with Chumki De Sarkar

**SAT | JUN 28 | 11 AM - 12 PM**

**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE**

Join jewelry designer and Bead Society member Chumki De Sarkar for a fascinating exploration of Lustre Jewelry from the ancient Indus Valley civilization. Inspired by her worldwide travels and deep appreciation for diverse jewelry traditions, Chumki will unveil the artistry and sustainability of this terracotta jewelry—one of the oldest forms of adornment in the world.

### **TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**

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## Bowers Board Game Day + *Magic: The Gathering*

**SAT & SUN | MAY 17 & JUN 29 | 12 - 4 PM**  
**JOHN M. LEE COURT | BOARD GAME DAY**

Step into a world of adventure, strategy, and creativity at Bowers Board Game Day. Engage in a learn-to-play session with Hexes & Brews or participate in an afternoon of *Magic: The Gathering* Commander and Jump Start games, hosted by AKH Trading Card Co, where you'll be surrounded by history and art while slinging spells and battling friends and foes alike. Featuring exciting raffle prizes, board games for rent, and cold brews available for purchase.

May's event is held in conjunction with Arts Orange County and OC Department of Education's Imagination Celebration.

Learn to play *Terracotta Army* on June 29!

**TICKETED EVENT: FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**

*Recommended RSVP.*



**RSVP May 17**

**RSVP Jun 29**



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Endowment

Celebrate with Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held every first Sunday of the month 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.

## Cinco de Mayo Festival

**SUN | MAY 4**

[Learn More](#)

Join us on May 4 as we kick off the Cinco de Mayo spirit a day early with vibrant music, delicious food, and cultural celebration! Enjoy music by Mariachi Anacatlan, a performance by Relampago del Cielo and dance to the rhythms of boleros, salsas, and cumbias by Los Cuates. This festival includes a special student art exhibition by Santa Ana Unified with generous funding provided by the California Cultural Heritage Endowment.

## Reggae Festival

**SUN | JUN 1**

[Learn More](#)

Feel the island vibes with thrilling performances by Caribbean Joy—featuring limbo dancing, walking on broken glass, and fire eating! Then, keep the party going with the infectious reggae, soca, and Caribbean rhythms of UPSTREAM, Southern California's premier Caribbean band.



## Sailing Through Spring Watercolor Workshop

SUN | MAY 18 | 11 AM - 12 PM  
JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP

Ahoy, young artists! Join Erna van Dyk to paint a seascape inspired by *Boats at Aliso* by Phil Dike. Using vibrant watercolor techniques, you'll create your own sailboat masterpiece. Come make waves and let your imagination set sail!

**TICKETED ONSITE EVENT**  
**MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15**

*\*Suggested for children 4+ with adult supervision.*

[Get Tickets](#)



# 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 featured book for the first 35 to RSVP 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.

## Kailani's Gift

SAT | MAY 31 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
ART OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS EXHIBIT

Join author Dorina Lazo Gilmore-Young for a reading of *Kailani's Gift*, a heartwarming story about a young girl learning the traditional Filipino dance *tinikling* to surprise her grandparents. A beautiful celebration of family, culture, and determination!

RSVP



## The Little Tree That Couldn't Be

SAT | JUN 28 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
CALIFORNIA BOUNTY EXHIBIT

In this magical forest, talking trees brag about what they will eventually become someday. A little birch tree hopes to be carved into a beautiful carousel horse. All the other trees of the forest laugh at his impossible dream until one day...

Join author Donna Bishop for a reading of *The Little Tree That Couldn't Be* followed by a drawing activity that's fun for all ages!

RSVP



**TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**

*This program is made possible through generous donations from Capital Group.*

# 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: \$3 MATERIALS FEE

FREE TICKETS FOR BOWERS MEMBERS AGED 62+ | GENERAL \$7

Questions? Email [mlopez@bowers.org](mailto:mlopez@bowers.org) or call 714.567.3678.



## Needle Felting

**THU | MAY 8**

Turn fluffy wool into a beautiful work of art! Learn how to “paint” with fiber by using special needles to blend colorful wool onto felt—fun, relaxing, and perfect for all skill levels.



[Get Tickets](#)

**NO CLASS ON MAY 22**

## Painting on Silk Fans

**THU | JUN 12**

Stay cool in style! Create your own one-of-a-kind silk fan with vibrant colors and designs—perfect for fanning yourself with something uniquely *you*.



[Get Tickets](#)

## Paper Parasols

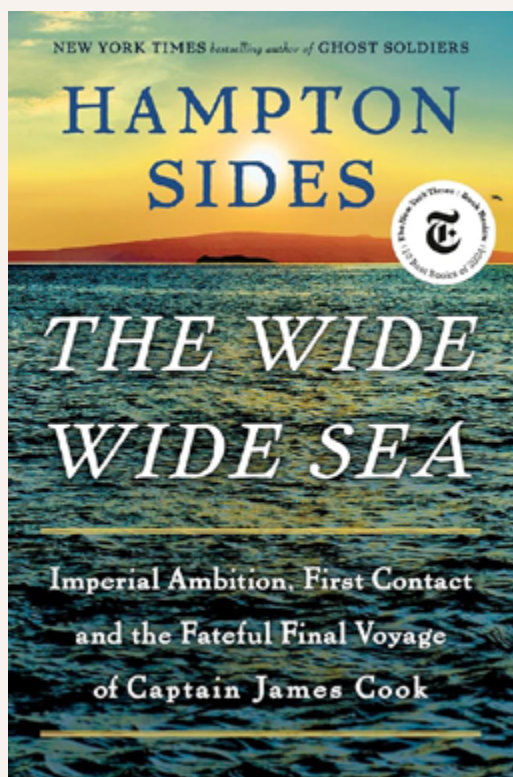
**THU | JUN 26**

Just in time for those hot summer days: take a stroll under your beautifully painted DIY paper parasol.



[Get Tickets](#)

# Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages



## **ONSITE Book Discussion & TOUR**

**THU | JUN 19 | 1-2 PM**  
**NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM**

**RSVP Jun 19**

**SAT | JUN 21**  
**10:30 - 11:30 AM**  
**HSU GALLERY**

**RSVP Jun 21**

## ***For Members Only: A Book Club Experience***

Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages is a Bowers Docent Guild sponsored book club for Bowers Museum members.

The June book selection is paired with the exhibition *Art of the Pacific Islands*. *The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook* by Hampton Sides is one of the *NY Times* 10 Best Books of the Year. *The Wide Wide Sea* transports the reader to this fateful and thrilling voyage with the words of Cook's own men, oral tradition of the Indigenous people of the Pacific Ocean, and comprehensive research.

Following each in-person discussion a docent-led tour of the *Art of the Pacific Islands* exhibition will showcase some of the cultural practices and locations discussed in the book.

## **Free for Bowers Members!**

Space is limited to 30 Bowers Museum members.  
A confirmation email will be sent to participants prior to the event.



# VIVID HISTORY, BOLD COLORS—



## TERRACOTTA WARRIORS REIMAGINED

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MUSEUM**  
— Gallery Store —

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*to See the Dazzling Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt!*

***CLOSING JUNE 1***

Don't miss your final opportunity to experience the breathtaking artistry of Harold Van Pelt, one of the world's foremost gemstone carvers.

From luminous quartz goblets to intricately carved lapis and agate sculptures, *Gemstone Carvings: The Masterworks of Harold Van Pelt* showcases decades of brilliance in transforming raw stones into exquisite works of art.

**Free with General Admission**

**Purchase Tickets**

