

# THE ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART



The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private institution operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

The Museum Associates is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit support group for the Ontario Museum of History & Art. We provide support financially, through our fundraising and membership efforts; educationally, through our support of the docent program; and throughout the community with our representation at events and activities.

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## 9th Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibition

Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, June 4, 2017

On display Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, June 4, 2017, the 9th Biennial *Ontario Open Art Exhibition* features a fantastic array of art from talented artists in the region. Sponsored by the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates, this juried exhibition is one of the Museum's most anticipated by artists and the community. For the past sixteen years visitors have enjoyed viewing 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork with a wide range of subject matter and technique. The *Ontario Open* features both established and emerging artists who use a variety of media such as oil, acrylic, clay, metal, fiber, textiles, photography, ink, graphite and more.

This year the *Ontario Open* is juried by Danielle Giudici Wallis, Interim Executive Director of the Arts Connection, the Arts Council of San Bernardino County. Wallis is an artist, educator and arts administrator whose administrative work had become a complementary medium as she explores larger collaborative projects and brings organizations and communities together through the arts.

Awards are given out to First Place, Second Place, Third Place and 4 Honorable Mentions. The winners from the 2017, 9th *Ontario Open*, will be invited back to show a body of their work at the 2018, 9th Biennial *Ontario Invitational Art Exhibition*. The museum will have an Awards Presentation and Opening Reception on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 1 PM to 3 PM, remarks will begin at 1:30 PM. The juror will discuss her selections and lead a walkthrough of the exhibition. Visit the museum to view all the great artwork.

# Highlights from the Collection: All States Picnic

Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM

In 1916, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce developed the idea of having a city-wide picnic, known as the All-States Picnic. The picnic was held at John Galvin Park for 23 years before moving to the Euclid Avenue fairway. Guests were encouraged to sit with people from their home state on specially marked tables. In 1949, the picnic was incorporated and designated as a community event, and in 1951 given the permanent date of July 4th. Come learn more about the history of the All States Picnic and see artifacts from the Museum's collections



All States Picnic, Ontario Museum of History & Art Collection.

on Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Museum's Historic Council Chambers. Admission is free, reservations are required. Call the museum at (909) 395-2510 for additional information and to make reservations.

## Make a Difference -- Become a Docent

May 2017

As a member of the Museum you are aware of the highlights that make the City of Ontario unique. Consider joining the Museum's team of docents! This brief but comprehensive training on Wednesdays (from May 3 through June 21) helps prepare docents to lead tours of the Museum's new water conservation landscape. Plus, docents hear "inside" information about local history, traveling exhibits on art, and other topics.

To learn more, attend one of the following information sessions:

Share Your Love for the City of Ontario: Introduction to the Museum Docent Program

Saturday, April 15, 2017 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM)

or

Thursday, April 20, 2017 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM)

Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Reservations required. Free Admission. Please call the museum at (909) 395-2510 to reserve a seat.

# From the Director

By John Worden

The opening of the *Sheets, Sheets, and Caughman* exhibit at Ontario Museum of History & Art and Chaffey Community Museum of Art exceeded expectations. Between the VIP and public receptions, over 500 guests visited the exhibit. The Museum's daily attendance has also grown, doubling in size from the norm. In so many ways, the exhibit raised the bar on expectations of what is possible. This is true not only for the content of the exhibit, but also in the way many people worked together to make it happen. The Museum's partners at CCMA not only created an outstanding exhibit, but they held countless meeting with OMHA staff and other city staff to ensure the project's success. The combined staff of both museums worked tirelessly to develop the exhibit with a 100% commitment to make it the best possible, with a focus on reaching both new and traditional audiences.

The Urban Greening re-landscaping project was completed just in time for the exhibit opening. As with the exhibit, the project required the hard work and cooperation of different City departments, as well as contractors.

Both the exhibit and the re-landscaping project are not so much a product as they are an opportunity, to continue working in an inspired way to preserve and interpret the community and regional history, art, and culture.



Museum new signage. Photo courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.



Museum grounds from Transit St. and Lemon Ave. Photo courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.



Students tour *Sheets, Sheets, and Caughman: Art for Living and Living for Art*. Photo courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.



Docent training for *Sheets, Sheets, and Caughman: Art for Living and Living for Art*. Photo courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

# Evening for Educators: Science and History at the Museum's New Water Conservation Landscape

Thursday, April 13, 2017 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM)

In February 2017, the Museum unveiled its new water conservation landscape. Now, the Museum's learning opportunities extend to the science state standards and related Common Core. Join the Museum for an evening for local educators and learn about exciting tour and workshop opportunities available in connection with the Museum's new grant-funded water wise garden. The garden highlights the landscape of the Tongva, the founding of the community by the Chaffey brothers, and water-conserving features and plantings.



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# In The Museum



There are no statues erected or schools named for E.H. Richardson in Ontario, but a display in the Museum's *Gem of the Foothills* exhibit shows he played a major role in the region's history.

Around the turn of the century, Richardson invented the first practical household iron -- the Hotpoint -- which for more than 80 years was produced in Ontario. His innovative iron was the first with an effective heated point -- hence, the brand name he gave it.

From 1902 to 1982, Ontario's plant produced as many as 5 million of the irons a year. General Electric acquired the factory in 1918.

Richardson produced a variety of electrical appliances -- the Ontario area initially produced more electricity (mostly for lighting) than it used. He sought to find daytime uses for that unused power. His company also produced electric grills, coffee makers, tea pots and other items which are on display in the Museum.

The Ontario General Electric plant produced its final iron on February 26, 1982, with about 1,000 workers losing their jobs. At that time, G.E. moved production of its irons to Mexico, Brazil and Singapore. Today it no longer makes household irons.

Check out the Hotpoint display on your next visit to the Museum.



Top: Earl Holmes Richardson. Bottom: *Gem of the Foothills*, Hotpoint Display. Photos Courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.

# Great Adventure Arts Enrichment Program

Summer 2017

This summer, the Museum becomes an arts enrichment learning lab for participants ages 8 to 12. Children will explore local history and art through gallery tours, garden explorations, and individual and collaborative art projects. Students will showcase their projects for families and friends on Saturday, June 17, 2017 (2 PM to 4 PM).

Great Adventure Arts Enrichment Program

Monday, June 12, 2017 (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Friday, June 16, 2017 (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Ages 8-12. Lunch is not provided. Please bring a sack lunch. Seating is limited. Reservation and application required. Free Admission. For more information call (909) 395-2510.



Photos courtesy of the Ontario Museum of History & Art.



For more information on exhibits, programs, and events or to make a reservation please call (909) 395-2510.

# Event and Program Calendar

## APRIL

### EXHIBITION

NINTH BIENNIAL ONTARIO OPEN ART EXHIBITION

Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, June, 4 2017

### PROGRAMS

EVENING FOR EDUCATORS  
SCIENCE AND HISTORY IN THE MUSEUM'S NEW WATER CONSERVATION  
LANDSCAPE

Thursday, April 13, 2017 (4:00 PM to 5:30 PM) RSVP

GALLERY GUIDE TRAINING: ONTARIO OPEN ART EXHIBITION

Saturday, April 15, 2017 (10 AM to 11 AM) RSVP

SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO: INTRODUCTION TO THE  
MUSEUM DOCENT PROGRAM

Saturday, April 15, 2017 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) RSVP

Thursday, April 20, 2017 (6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) RSVP

### ARTIST RECEPTION

ONTARIO OPEN ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Saturday, April 22, 2017 (1 PM to 3 PM)

## MAY

### PROGRAMS

PAINT AN EPIC SPACE CHARACTER

Thursday, May 4, 2017 (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) RSVP

INTERN AND VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Saturday, May, 6 2017 (10:30 AM to 12:00 PM) RSVP

MEET AND ZINE!

Saturday, May 20, 2017 (12 PM to 4 PM)

SALSA AT THE MUSEUM!

Thursday, May 25, 2017 (6 PM to 8 PM) RSVP

## JUNE

### EXHIBITION

EXPRESS, EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE: A DYNAMIC DISPLAY OF ARMSTRONG  
COMMUNITY CENTER ARTISTS

Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, July, 23, 2017

### ARTIST RECEPTION

EXPRESS, EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE: A DYNAMIC DISPLAY OF ARMSTRONG  
COMMUNITY CENTER ARTISTS EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Saturday, June 10, 2017 (2 PM to 4 PM)

### PROGRAMS

GREAT ADVENTURE ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (Application Required)

Begins Monday, June 12, 2017 (8:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

GREAT ADVENTURE SHOWCASE

Saturday, June 17, 2017 (2 PM to 4 PM)

DOCENT GRADUATION

Saturday, June 24, 2017 (2 PM to 4 PM)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION: ALL STATES PICNIC

Sunday, June 25, 2017 (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM)

## ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

### MEMBERSHIP

New

Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Category (check one):  Student \$15  Individual: \$25  Family: \$35

Contributor: \$100  Corporate: \$500  Benefactor: \$1,000+

All Museum members receive:

- Personalized Membership Card
- Subscription to the Associates' quarterly newsletter
- 10% discount on all purchases from the Museum Store
- Invitations to member events
- Discounts on selected programs and special events
- and much more

Clip this and send it with your check for membership. Mail to: The Ontario Museum of History & Art, 225 South Euclid Avenue, Ontario CA 91762. Please make checks payable to the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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