



## EVA President Phil Appleby Requests Reader Input!

*By East Village Association President: Phil Appleby*

What would you like to see this part of the downtown become?

When I was involved in starting the East Village, I initially hoped for a village style environment with local merchants from a local grocer, butcher, bakery and coffee houses to art galleries and designer boutiques. There would be Artists living and working in a community that was inviting and conducive to artist, residents and merchants.

In many ways, this has happened. This once-blighted area is now a haven for residents. There has been some success with retail and we host some of the finest restaurants in downtown.

We still struggle with store vacancies and a limited art and cultural influence that downtown needs. However, things seem to be better than they were with each passing year; although a bit to slow for me.

Well this was my early vision, not too grand but still filled with hope.

Please tell us your vision of the East Village as well as your ideas and how we can get there.

E-mail me at: [pappleby@applebyre.com](mailto:pappleby@applebyre.com)

Thanks, Phil Appleby-EVA President

## East Village Association Meeting

*Drug Investigator Paul LeBaron Speaks on Hot Topic of Local Marijuana Storefront*

The last East Village Association Meeting took place at the First United Presbyterian Church (also known as "The Little Brown Church" (located at 5th and Atlantic) on Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. to a room of over two dozen people.

**MEETING HOT TOPIC!!!** A large portion of the meeting consisted of discussion on the topic of the Medical Marijuana outlet located in the 400 block of Olive and the unsavory activities and disturbances experienced by those living near the location. Their concerns were addressed expertly by Drug Investigator Paul LeBaron with his informative presentation on the current Medical Marijuana "Catch-22" situation (Federal and State laws continue to be at odds on this matter) that continues to exist in our community today). The investigator also provided the legislative history and current dilemmas surrounding this matter. In concluding his talk, LeBaron encouraged those with concerns to keep detailed logs of all complaints and perhaps to consider starting a Community Task Force to help alleviate tensions and resolve issues.

**HISTORY:** In the last decade, partly due to the fact that a housebound and/or very ill person in need of medical marijuana may not be able to physically get to a Medical Marijuana distribution location, The Compassionate Care Act were enacted.

It stated that only a verbal agreement between the person in need of the marijuana and the doctor was needed to enable one to receive marijuana from such a center and that a Designated Caregiver may be given permission to dispense such. The centers are set up similar to a co-op. Although reimbursement is allowed, making a profit isn't. Up to eight ounces dried, six mature plants and twelve immature plants are also allowed within the walls of each center.

**CONCERNS:** East Village attendees voiced agitation with the rising occurrence of neighborhood nuisance and how the quality of life has been going down; including "stoned people" showing up at their front doors! Parking problems were also reported by both Larry Bott and by ACE Hardware.

**SOLUTIONS:** Requiring a Certificate of Occupancy, restriction of where these centers should be placed, using small Claims Court and involving D.E.A. (which Nuisance Abatement Officer Rita Hooker informed the audience was already being done).

### **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mary Coburn (DLBA Operations Manager), spoke on: Cleaning Guides. Interest in cleaning alleys was voiced.. Signal Box Graffiti: Reported on the rise. Peter Ronca-Principal Code Enforcement Inspector gave update of code violations & a detailed list of the resolutions taken. Block Captains & referrals are still wanted. Bonnie Lowenthal's New Intern: Ann Chau was introduced Field Deputy: Bianca Roman was also present and can be reached at: [Bianca\\_Roman@longbeach.gov](mailto:Bianca_Roman@longbeach.gov) Special Thanks: Goes out to the Church Pastor: Ralph Conrad & Security personnel-David DeLong for enabling us to conduct our meeting at their church. Welcome to two new business owners present: Lisa Hernandez of The Long Beach Depot For Creative ReUse at 320 Elm Avenue (see article within this issue) & Crystal Ann Mitchell of LuciusBirks-Integrated Design Resource at 424 E. 7th Street.

### **UPCOMING EVA MEETINGS:**

**No August EVA Meeting. Sept. Meeting-Wed., Sept. 17th at 7:00 p.m. City Staff discussion on current \$500,000 infrastructure bond issue. Q & A at Neighborhood Resource Center at 425 Atlantic Ave. (562) 570-1010.**

# The Long Beach Depot for Creative ReUse



*Yoshino & her mother/owner: Lisa Hernandez at Depot*

Some of you may have recently passed down the 300 hundred block of Elm and noticed an attractive sign in the storefront window of a business at 320 Elm Avenue. Seeing the sign: "The Long Beach Depot For Creative ReUse," you, like myself may ask yourself what sort of depot? An answer to this question was recently given to me by the brand new business owner-Lisa Hernandez's with her mission statement: "To encourage, inspire and promote creative reuse." Reuse of what and how, you'd like to know? The Depot's clever motto sums up succinctly: Don't Waste It...Depot It!!! One traipse around the numerous neatly arranged shelves of overstocked, overrun, misprinted discarded scraps and items and your creative juices will surely begin to stir.

The ingenious business creation of owner Lisa Hernandez and her daughter Yoshino, promises to elicit the imaginations of customers as well as enhance the environment. This nifty business is rather unique, with its ample supply of discards, craft center and free exchange area. In addition, both examples and instruction on alternative reuse and conversion into art are

all located, right within the walls of this one magical shop

The Depot had its Official Ribbon Cutting back on July 10th during its Grand Opening Celebration. There, a packed group of attendees enjoyed snacks, D. J. music by DJ "P", a Hula Hoop performance by Ginger White (from Extensions of You: Customized Coiffure and Clothing Creations. 562-682-2869) all decked out in her recycled material fashion. Prizes were also given out and an attendance by members of The City of Commerce added to the other surprises!

Proprietor Background: Lisa was born in San Francisco and raised in the Daly City area most of her early life. She also served in the Air Force for four years in Inventory Management Supply Finances for two years as well as attended college in San Mateo where she majored in journalism

After several years of assisting teachers in classrooms and traveling extensively to Greece, Turkey, Switzerland, as well as spending some time in American Samoa a few years ago; Lisa found herself soul-searching to get involved in some sort of established community business, one that would entail giving back to others. After moving to Bixby Knolls in 2005 and when the moment was right, Lisa with the strong, loving character provided by her inspirational and generous parents; (her mother was born in one of the American Japanese interment camps and her Mexican father was an early conservationist as well as a Cesar Chavez activist); she only needed her daughter-Yoshino to say the encouraging words: "Just do it yourself Mom" to set her fully into action. And that is exactly what Lisa had done! Building on the likes of the similar East Bay Depot for Creative ReUse and armed with years of businesses experience from working in several of her families owned and managed restaurants; she has plowed ahead without looking back. Currently Lisa is working on gaining a non-profit status.

I guarantee you'll enjoy visiting this East Village First and its more than reasonable priced treasures. But don't take my word for it, visit soon and see for yourself!

The Long Beach Depot for Creative ReUse is located at: 320 Elm Avenue. Hours: Monday to Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Phone: (562) 437-9999.

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## Scrabble Scramble Tournament to Benefit Local Education Center

A first of its kind Scrabble Scramble Tournament will take place on Friday, September 19, 2008, as a fundraiser for the Marguerite Kieffer Education Center, Inc., a non-profit after school drop-in program that serves 200 at-risk children and youth in downtown Long Beach, through academic support, mentoring, cultural enrichment, arts, sports and recreational programming. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 607 E. Third Street in Long Beach, and is open to the public by advance registration.

Doors open to registered players at 6:00 p.m. for light refreshments, the purchase of Opportunity Drawing tickets and the viewing of the prizes. The competition proceedings begin at 7:00 p.m. Game prizes will include a \$500 Team Grand Prize, provided by event sponsor Appleby Real Estate & Brokerage, a member of the East Village Business Association, and a \$100 Highest Individual Score Prize.

This Scrabble Scramble Tournament is not sanctioned by the National Scrabble Association, but is designed to appeal to many

ages and abilities. Registration fees are just \$25 for an individual, age 13 and up. Teams of four are encouraged to register under themed names (company, school, church, association, sports team, etc.) and to challenge rival teams. Individuals who have no partners will be placed on a team. Individuals may register to play on multiple teams for an additional charge per team registration. Participation will be limited to the first 100 players to register, so register early!

Game registration deadline is Friday, September 12, 2008.

For further details please contact: Jo Sutton at (562) 424-3035 or e-mail: ksutton@usc.edu. Contributions are welcome. Anyone interested in making a general donation or contributing toward one or more drawing prizes, please contact Sandra Lawler by calling: (562) 432-4293 or e-mail at: sallas21@aol.com.

The word is out on the street: start forming your team now and challenge all your friends to compete! And may the best team win!

Sent by Shelley Hellen

Marguerite Kieffer Education Center

# Vin De Pays Has A Fresh, Inviting New Look!

Walking into Vin De Pays (French for local country wines) recently one afternoon, my sidekick-Steve and I found ourselves commenting aloud: "Is this the same place?" Someone had obviously done a splendid job, totally redesigning the interior since Tom Keim was the owner. Yet after speaking with new manager and co-proprietor owner Arnie Entis; we soon discovered that many returning customers often utter these same words. And that is exactly what Arnie and co-partner/majority owner Joe Bergin had hoped to accomplish: to make a concentrated effort to constantly keep their quality-minded, value-driven wine shop looking fresh and inviting.

But hold on, as I seem to be getting ahead of myself. For perhaps (although it would be totally to my surprise), you aren't even aware of, nor know the type of business conducted by this priceless gem. Well, basically Vin De Pays is an East Village shop dealing in retail wine, craft beer and gourmet food with a very nice tasting room and beautiful large multi-colored maps depicting the wine regions of France, Italy and Spain adorning its walls. They are also a full service retail group that specializes in high quality, value priced, fine wines for the best prices available. And as their website ([www.vindepayswines.com](http://www.vindepayswines.com)) states: "Their selection of limited production wines in the 'under \$50 price range' are astonishing and second to NONE." Of course, they also offer many great wines in the \$20 to \$30 range!

**Beer Tastings:** Are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to closing (the last one being Wed. August 6th). They accept all major credit cards, will do Out-of-State orders, have 1/2 Off Shipping on all Web Orders, as well as have an off-site license. Free delivery is available on any purchase over \$100.00 within a five mile radius of the store. A minimum delivery charge will be added for all orders out of the immediate area.

**Wine Tastings:** One of the main highlights of this business, are held Thursdays thru Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. and consist of wine-tasting lineups (eight 1 1/2 ounce pours at \$13.99 per person or \$10.99 per person w/minimum \$15 in store purchase). The selections are chosen by their resident Advanced Sommelier and CWE (Certified Wine Educator) Christopher Lavin (C&S WINE SPECIALISTS) who will also be conducting a six week Wine Education course on a variety of topics on Wednesday nights starting at 6:00 p.m. in the near future (90 minutes in length for a mere fee of \$25.00). You can check their website for a detailed listing of upcoming classes/

rates for each. And of course they always pair their wine tasting lines well, with a variety of cheeses, olives, nuts and other snacks and also occasionally offer optional cheese tastings to accompany wine tastings (additional cost of \$8.00 per person). Private wine tasting may be set up and require only ten drinking age persons or more to attend. AND if they use your theme; you will receive one free tasting for you and a guest. Call the store for more details.

Next Wine Tasting Event: Espana, Ole' Event: Wine & Food Tasting -Will take place on Wednesday through Friday, August 6th through 8th 2008 from 6:30 PM to closing. Operating hours have been extended during The East Village 2nd Saturday Art Walk from: 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. (yet only food and wine pairings are offered on these nights, at this time). Don't miss out on this experience while you are taking in the next 2nd Saturday Art Walk.

## Mark your calendars for the next one on: Saturday, August 9th!

Treat yourself while enjoying an evening on one of the nights at a Vin de Pays Wines lovely tasting - in their Downtown Long Beach Tasting Pen soon.

Special Note: Arnie (see photo below) is currently asking for local artists to contact him for the possibility of exhibiting their work there. Vin De Pays is located at: 252 Elm Avenue.



## Community Leaders to be Congratulated!

"Team 4 Safety," Members: Eric Pieper, Louise Kripal, Marlene Garcia, Charles Wade, Dee Williams, Melinda O'Hara, Mario Pimental Jr., Travis Miller, East Village member/resident/EVA Newsletter Editor-Louise Kripal & Publisher-Steven Stein, recently completed their mission: to increase safety at the Colin Powell Academy. For more info. on The Neighborhood Resource Center's Leadership Program see page 7 and/or for a full Press Release on this Safety Banner Project go to: [EVfriends.com](http://EVfriends.com)



Banner design by East Village Graphic Artist/Photographer Steven Stein. "Team 4 Safety's" banner will be hung in front of Colin Powell Academy for Success in September!

# Gallery Eleven/Seven Exhibits

AUGUST 9th, 2008  
Artist Maria McCloud

**"Mixed media Artworks"**  
**From the beginning to the present**  
**A partial Retrospective**  
**Saturday, August 9th thru Monday, September 8th, 2008**

**Artist Statement: by Maria McCloud**

Maria McCloud has been a local artist in the Long Beach area for most of her life. She is a self taught artist, but attended formal art classes at Long Beach City College. Currently, Maria is a member of the co-op Eleven/Seven Art Gallery located here in the East Village Arts District of downtown Long Beach.

In regards to her artistic style, Maria made the following statement: "I have been drawing and painting since the age of two! My artworks vary in media from pencil drawings, to watercolors and oils. My chosen subject matter also varies greatly, from insect life to portraits; all of which concern the anatomy of such things - that is my focus which inspires most of my artwork!"

[LOUISE'S SIDE NOTE: You will be blown away when you see the exquisite detail and preciseness of Maria's work. Don't forget to follow your scrutinizing by taking a step back and then allowing the full experience to sink in deep. All I can say is: You're missing out if you don't take advantage of the opportunity provided by this exhibit!

**SEPTEMBER 13th, 2008**

**Art/Music/Community Event Promoter-Enthusiast KaRi**  
**"ThePrimeSpot.com Anniversary Party**  
**Spotlights Three SoCal Artists "**

Saturday, September 13th thru Monday, October 6th, 2008  
specifically from 6:00 to 9:00pm plus an Ice Cream Party  
provided by Dreyer's Slow Churned Ice Cream

ThePrimeSpot.com, established on 9/9/99@9am, celebrates it's anniversary month in September and this year the Big Party will take place during the East Village's Second Saturday Artwalk in Long Beach, California.

For years ThePrimeSpot.com has been promoting the Creative Community of Long Beach, "localizing the web" and showing off local talent to visitors and residents alike. This year, ThePrimeSpot.com Presents an art show at GALLERY ELEVEN/SEVEN.

The artists featured are those who have inspired ThePrimeSpot.com's founder, KaRi Nielsen. Promoter KaRi states: "These are not "just" artists - they are inspiring women, overcoming obstacles to make the world a better place."

**MARGERY SAUVE (MargerySauve.com).** Who KaRi met on the island of Oahu, Hawaii in the early nineties while working on her first Jazz CD has lately been producing fine art. Her CD "Sauve en Jazz" which will be playing on September 13th during the reception, sports one of her paintings on the cover.

**CINDI BERNHARDT (MouthArtistCindi.com),**

...a gymnast in her teens, survived a tragic accident which led to her painting "God's Creations." KaRi learned of Bernhardt in 2002 when she read in the newspapers that Cindi was carrying the Olympic torch and learned that Cindi's "Sunflower" watercolor was hanging in Long Beach Memorial hospital.

**LOUISE KRIPAL, somewhat KaRi-like is an Art Promoter/Enthusiast,** editor of the East Village News and was President of Long Beach Arts, (LB's oldest art organization) when KaRi met her in 2000. "The focus was local music until I met Louise and the awesome folks at LBArts!" KaRi recalls.. Louise who'll be a graduate of The Long Beach Neighborhood Leadership Program Class of 2008 on August 23rd (see NLP article in this issue), recently had her first digital art piece\* on display at The 2nd City Council Art Gallery in July/August "Strength & Vulnerability Exhibit".

Dreyer's Slow Churned Ice Cream will provide an ice cream party for the Gallery Eleven/Seven co-op members, the featured artists and their guests, the Artwalk organizers and booth holders, the Long Beach Community Television Producers who have promoted the Creative Community (via Charter Communications channels 65, 69 and 95 in Long Beach and Signal Hill) and last but not least, Nielsen's co-workers at the United States Postal Service (The Special Delivery Unit which oversees collections and Express Mail).

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 13th and before attending the art reception check out: ThePrimeSpot.com, TPSradio.org, ThePrimeSpot.TV, and the artist sites mentioned above.

SIDE NOTE: Gallery Eleven/Seven a Co-op Member Gallery, located at: 117 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802 in the EastVillageArtsDistrict.org. Current members include: Mari Abrams, Larry Bott, Robin Bott, Maria McCloud, Mike Partnov, Steven Stein, Thea Robertshaw and KaRi Nielsen. (Apology for misspell on Ms. Nielsen's name last issue).

**Have an interest in becoming a member of this gallery?**  
**Please call Gallery Owner-Larry Bott at: (562) 590-6525**



*\*Louise Kripal and Diane Reeves with their artwork at the recent "Strength & Vulnerability" Exhibit at 2nd City Council Gallery.*

# Art Exhibits Around the East Village

By Louise Kripal

## Regional Artist Exhibits at Americana Restaurant

Cathy Franklin's regional/urban/historical Art will be on exhibit at The Americana Restaurant starting with the 2nd Saturday Art Walk on Saturday, August 9th and continuing through early September.

Cathy's quaint, yet realistic paintings grew out of "plein air" studies done at a time when Long Beach's downtown was in a slash and burn mode to make way for buildings with a new veneer. With a path to work that took her in the opposite direction each day, she would get by and see a gap here, a gap there, but in truth, yet clearing the land was a process that took many months. Her statement: "Sorry to say, my decision to capture some of the relics came after some places dear to my heart, had already bit the dust. What I captured was purposefully left standing anyway"; succinctly expresses what so many of us local residents feel in our hearts.

P.S. Visionary owners John and Gladys Lamping are also keeping The Americana constantly changing, adding new food items and lowering their prices. For example they now offer the most scrumptious pizza you'll ever taste, (starting at the low price of \$6.99 a pizza or \$1.99 a slice) and a Happy Hour with drinks at 99 cents. In addition they now serve beer and wine,

NOTE: Local artists interested in exhibiting here may contact the editor: Louise at: (562)491-5677 for exhibit consideration.

What: Art by Cathy Franklin, great eats, music & more!  
When: Saturday, August 9th through early September  
Where: Americana Café  
601 E. Broadway (at Atlantic Avenue)  
(562) 435-4030

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## "The Secret Life of Faeries"

A whimsical Art Exhibit by artist Timna Pilch will take place at the Ascend Gallery. Timna has a track record of selling all her original art work at her exhibitions and is known for her extreme fine detail and richness in watercolor art. Each work is accompanied by its own narrative storyline and soon to be illustrated book. Don't miss out on meeting this special soul and her narrative storytelling.

Exhibit runs: Saturday, August 16th thru October 1st, 2008  
Artist Reception (Restaurant & Champagne) on August the 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Please RSVP by calling: (562) 436-9522.  
Catering by La Muse

Regular Gallery Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Closed Sunday/Monday. Gallery available off hours by Appointment Only.  
Ascend Gallery is located at: 105 #B Linden Avenue.  
(www.ascendgallery.com)  
(Information submitted by Dora Khuzaie)

## Utopia Restaurant Has a New Event

Music, Dinner & wine every Sunday  
We are pleased to present *Vino & Vinyl SUNDAY*, where past old vinyl melodies will merge with today's rhythm. Our local sound artist Mateo will spin tasty vinyl while you relax and have a delicious dinner at Utopia.

*Vino & Vinyl SUNDAY* has a Special Menu  
Limited seating, RSVP online Now  
Please note this event will begin from August 10th, 2008 and continue each Sunday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m..

Please check our web site for more information.  
Reserve your table online or call 562-432-6888  
Price: \$25 / person, No Cover Charge

Utopia Restaurant  
445 E. 1st Street  
www.utopiarestaurant.net

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## 2nd City Council Gallery + Performance Space

Urban Portrait  
Exhibition: August 16 to September 11th, 2008  
Community Potluck BBQ & Artists' Reception:  
August 16th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Visual Literacy  
A juried visual arts exhibition with works that incorporate letters, words or text; makes literary references or tells a visual story.  
Exhibition: September 20th to October 16th, 2008  
Reception: September 27th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

2nd City Council Gallery  
435 Alamos Avenue  
Phone: (462)901-0997  
Email: 2ndcitycouncil@earthlink.net

Regular Hours: Wednesdays through Sundays,  
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: Becoming a member of 2nd City Council. Members entitle you to:

- receive regular notification of exhibitions and events
- one free entry in an exhibition of your choice each year
- save on all other entry fees for exhibitions
- apply to participate in annual Members Only exhibition

Membership is \$40 per year and includes one free entry in an exhibition of your choice each year. 2nd City Council invites all people; artists as well as those who support the arts to become involved in this exciting, new community. A week-long down time occurs as exhibitions change. Please check the Calendar on their site: (www.2ndcitycouncil.org) for more information or call the Gallery, (562) 901-0997.

# Standing Still

by Patrick Kennedy

It was early and still cool even though the sun was sending light throughout the garden. I could barely hear the sound of cars and trucks, and people chattering from far away in another world outside of this one. Sarah (my Golden Retriever), lay ten feet away on a soft bed of hay under the shade of the apricot tree. Her head down on her crossed front legs; she was waiting. She is always waiting.



*Volunteer Patrick Kennedy & his Golden Retriever- "Sarah" in 1st & Elm Garden.*

Something caught my eye. A bird came down to collect it's first meal of the day. California Golden Finches love to eat seeds from the sunflowers that dry in the July and August heat. It occurred to me that he was quite close, busy extracting his found treasure with very little concern for me. But why should he worry, I was standing still.

I then noticed how many bees surrounded me, taking their treasures as well. One might feel concern for oneself to find so many bees so close. But they seemed quite content with me and I with them, as long as I was standing still.

It seems a unique privilege for the gardener to be accepted as one of earth's many inhabitants by the wild life that also inhabit the garden. While standing still I see the fish in Rocky Point Pond slowly rise to the surface to collect warmth from the morning sun. I might catch a glimpse of an opossum or raccoon making his way home after staying out too late the night before. When your head is bowed at work, digging, planting, harvesting and thinking; the world around you is busy as well, all working toward the goal of making the land healthy and useful.

I do get tired, but I never get bored working side by side with my fellow inhabitants. When it's time to go, I feel a little like I am breaking the cycle. Like I am leaving the troops behind, but they don't seem to mind. They do very well on their own.

Maybe that is what calls me back again and again. I want to be part of the cycle. I want to do my part. And I am constantly rewarded with their acceptance of me.

Now I am a big animal and can be pretty intimidating, but when I slow down, lower my head and work hard even the shy butterfly doesn't seem to mind my clumsy attempts to participate.

It amazes me how much can happen when I am standing Still. Paddy.

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This East Village 1st & Elm Ave. Garden is part of a larger group known as Long Beach Organics, Inc. which includes several other gardens. You may contact Patrick for your gardening questions by phone at: (562) 432-1174 or e-mail at: Pklongbeach@aol.com

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## NEW GARDEN BLOG!

Hey everyone! So our blog for the garden is up and running. The idea is to have a central place online where our friends, family, and other community members can see what is happening in the garden, what events are coming up, and any and all things that pertain to gardening and our community.

To view it, simply go to: <http://1standelm.blogspot.com/>

If you are interested in making posts on the blog, please

email April at [afresh@earthlink.net](mailto:afresh@earthlink.net) to get the login information and instructions as to how to post. It will be great to get a mix of people who are posting about what is going on in their own plots! (pictures, links, and videos can all be uploaded and added). Also, if there is anything along the right hand side of the page that you think we need to add, please email April, as she will be the person maintaining the blog. Happy blogging!

# KaRi's KoRner

by KaRi Nielsen



Cariacature by  
USPS' Gerald Carroll

Long Beach Community TV  
Spotlights Local Art Scene.  
EarthNeighborhood.com and  
U.T.V. Bring you the Long Beach  
Community TV Festival on  
Saturday, Aug. 9th during the  
Second Saturday Artwalk from  
4:00-8:00pm at First & Linden.

Read about this and Long Beach Arts' brand new TV show  
at [myspace.com/LBCTelevision](http://myspace.com/LBCTelevision).

Check out ThePrimeSpot.TV for clips of Community TV  
Shows and LOCAL YouTube videos submitted by residents  
and visitors of Long Beach. You will also find a "channel" on  
here specifically spotlighting LB's East Village Arts District.  
Got Press Release? Upcoming Event or Article about the  
East Village?

Email your Press Release in text format to:  
[Evfriends@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Evfriends@yahoogroups.com) and it will become part of  
Evfriends.com

Louise Kripal, the East Village Newsletter editor and  
Evfriends.com subscriber will "carry over" information to  
this newsletter as space allows.

## Did You Know An East Village Treasure Lies In Our Very Own Backyard?

By Louise Kripal

Well, it surely does and for anyone not yet familiar it is  
called The Neighborhood Resource Center and it is located  
at: 425 Atlantic Avenue. Recently Steve, I and almost three  
dozen others who had been accepted into the center's  
Neighborhood Leadership Program were successful in  
obtaining four grants and completing (or will be quite  
soon) valuable community/neighborhood projects. As  
you will see by a recent press release sent out by TEAM  
4 SAFETY\* member-Travis Miller and by the info I have  
provided (see below).

The Neighborhood Resource Center offers a treasure  
chest of services. With it's high-professional, super  
warm, inviting staff and its huge pool of speakers; not  
to mention free printing services to groups, equipment  
lending, numerous workshops and too many other things  
to mention here; it more than takes the prize in being a  
priceless resource to the communities of Long Beach!

I encourage any curious and/or interested East  
Village resident who care about the revitalization of  
our precious East Village, to seriously consider looking  
into this invaluable no-cost-to-you program and allow  
yourself the opportunity to enrich both yourself and your  
neighborhood. Request cards for the Class of 2009 are  
available at the center now or call: (562) 570-1010 for more  
info. Please Do It TODAY!

(\*the name chosen by the nine member project group that  
Steve and I were part of,\*)

### More Background on The Neighborhood Leadership Program

The Neighborhood Leadership Program (NLP) is  
funded through the Department of Housing and Urban  
Development's Community Block Grant (CDBG) and is free  
to participants. The Neighborhood Leadership Program is a  
nationally recognized multi-lingual, multi-cultural program.  
The program has been offered by the City of Long Beach  
Neighborhood Services Bureau for the past twelve years.

In this 5-month program participants enhance their  
skills, knowledge and resources to become more effective  
community advocates, to revitalize neighborhoods and  
to provide leadership roles in improving the Long Beach  
community. Participants work in teams and learn to  
prepare grant funding proposals to complete class projects  
along North Long Beach Blvd. corridor in North Long  
Beach. The teams each utilize up to \$1,000 in matching  
grants funds and leverage additional community resources,  
supplies and services to create their class projects.

Interested residents who would like to participate in the  
next class may inquire and/or get more information email  
via: [Francisco\\_Rodriguez@longbeach.gov](mailto:Francisco_Rodriguez@longbeach.gov) or call: (562)  
570-1010 This information was taken from press release  
handout literature provided by Neighborhood Services 9:  
Marketing & Public Relations on 6/26/08).

The Neighborhood Resource Center assisted NLB CAG  
and other neighborhood organizations in the Neighborhood  
of the Year application process, and has now successfully  
helped 11 groups in the past seven years to win national  
recognition for their hard work and dedication to their  
North Long Beach, Bluff Heights, Central Area (twice!),  
Coolidge Triangle, Craftsman Village Historic District, East  
Village, El Dorado Park South, Los Cerritos, Washington  
Middle School, and Willmore City Historic District.

The North Long Beach Community Action Group  
(OR NLB CAG) was the first Long Beach neighborhood  
organization to win the Grand Prize, the highest honor  
awarded by Neighborhoods, USA at its annual conference,  
held this year in Hampton, Va. In addition, the NLB CAG  
also won first prize in the "Social Revitalization" category.  
A total of 15 finalist cities in three categories vied for the  
Grand Prize award.

*"No matter what our age or condition, there  
are still untapped possibilities within us and  
new beauty waiting to be born."*

# Last East Village Issue Possibility

by Louise Kripal

As we get back (or rather restarted) to working on the newsletter, Steve and I are a bit saddened yet relieved. For we finally have the courage to admit that it is time for us to let go and inform our East Village Newsletters Readers that this will be our last issue. As much as we hate to admit (Ha), we are NOT the only people with writing, publishing, or graphics skills in this whole super talented-filled Village. It is my personal hope that one or many will come forward to take on the tasks required to keep the newsletter going. A few like Pat Bott, Maria from AI's Fingerprinting (now at: 627 E. 4th Street, 437-1591) and article contributors such as KaRi of ThePrimeSpot.com, Patrick of The 1st & Elm Community Garden and a few others, have offered to help. And of course, I will attempt to also continue writing articles as my health allows. So please spread the word regarding this possibility.

An Explanation-(although I realize that one is not necessary): It's just not fair nor healthy, for Steve or myself to be overtaxing ourselves; especially right now. I personally, have had difficulty ALL my life in attempting to say "No" or in being able to stop "doing". Now however, I have fully come to understand that it is time for me to turn my life around and

to spend my time treasuring each moment and soaking in every soul I encounter.

Steve and I want to end on a happy note and let you all know that we have both truly loved and enjoyed being able to offer you (via the creativity of our hands & hearts), only the tiniest taste of The East Village's delectable morsels. It would truly take many lifetimes to even sample the whole menu. And the choices change, almost monthly it seems; so you'd never be able to try them all.

I am looking forward to having some time to get back into my visual arts (see photo on previous page), I was actually able to have a piece accepted into a juried show. Steve and I are hoping to take a trip to The Grand Canyon and/or perhaps New Orleans in the next six months or so. And heck....who knows, miracles do occur and if one does. We may be back. I did say..maybe? Didn't I?

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## SoundWalk2008

WHAT: The 5th Annual "Sound Art" event produced by the Long Beach artist group, FLOOD, involving a one-night of sound installations by over 50 local and international sound artists.

WHEN: Saturday, September 20th, 2008  
from 5:00 – 10:00pm

WHERE: Throughout the area encompassed by Broadway, Atlantic Avenue, Ocean Boulevard, and Elm Street in the East Village Arts District of Downtown Long Beach. The art is exhibited in a variety of indoor and outdoor spaces.

WHO: SoundWalk2008 Participants include:

Aaron Drake / Adam Fong / Amy Ling Huynh / Andrew Johnson / Bekkah Walker / Betsy Lohrer Hall / Braden Diotte / C.T. Anderson / Carlin Wing / Clay Chaplin / D. Jean Hester / David P. Earle / Divine Brick Research / Double Blind / Eric Lindley, Dave Mickey, He Yin, Dan Rae Wilson & Carlo Voegel / Eric Strauss / Finishing School / FLOOD / G. Douglas Barrett / Gary Raymond / Gintas K / Hans Tammen / inLimen / j.frede / James Orsher / Jeff Foye and Gordon Winiemko / Joe Cantrell / Joe Newlin / Joe Tepperman / John Kannenberg / John P. Hastings / Julia Holter / Karen Crews & Robert Douglas / Lewis Keller & Philip Stearns /

Madelyn Byrne, Randy Hoffman & Ellen Weller / Mark Trayle / Megan Madzoeff / Metal Rouge / MLuM / N\_DREW (aka Andrew Bucksberg) / Object Control / OTONOMIYAKI / Phil Curtis / phog masheen / Robert Adam Malin / Robert Martin & John M. Kennedy / Robot Repair Projects / Sander Roscoe Wolff & Matthew O'Donnell / S.S. "SEATBELT" McLean / Small Drone Orchestra / smsgap / Steve Craig / Stuart Sperling / SUBLAMP / Super Minerals / The Hop-Frog Kollektiv & Friends / Vincent Olivieri

ADMISSION: Free

PARKING: Metered parking is available on the street; additional parking is also available in the parking lot at the NE corner of Broadway and Elm Avenue.

More information about FLOOD and the participating artists is available upon visiting the website at: [www.soundwalk.org](http://www.soundwalk.org) or by contacting current FLOOD Member, Marco Schindelmann at: (562) 413-5868

[NOTE: A DVD catalog/soundtrack of this event will be available for sale at "Momentum" on October 5, 2008 during the "University by the Sea" event]

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We are currently in need of talented volunteers to take on the tasks of publishing the newsletter. If enough volunteers come forward in time, the deadline for the next issue (October) of East Village News will be Saturday, September 20th, 2008. Submit to: [sssteevove@aol.com](mailto:sssteevove@aol.com) Write: "EVA Newsletter Submission" in subject heading. For the time being call: Louise Kripal at: (562) 491-5677 for more info or to schedule an interview. The East Village News cannot be held responsible for name, date changes, and/or errors therefore it is best to confirm meeting and/or art events by calling ahead to verify such.

