

East Village Association September 19th Meeting

Standing Room Only by Louise Kripal

On September 19th, 2007 at 6p.m., The East Village Association held its monthly meeting where several guest speakers including: Larry Bott-Owner, Gallery Eleven Seven; Sergeant Richard Hill, South Division; Pete Ronca, a speaker from Code Enforcement, Rita Hooker of Neighborhood Nuisance Abatement; and Brian Ulaszewski, Community Leader and Amory Park Advocate, packed a room with East Village attendees.

The meeting began with a cordial introduction by Larry Bott who provided the audience with information about the upcoming 2nd Saturday and SoundWalk events and a short talk on the operation of the gallery. He followed with a general outline about the East Village Association and the need for all East Village individuals and businesses to get involved.

Sergeant Hill from the South Division then spoke on various issues from homelessness and graffiti to an increase in thief of items left in cars. Sergeant Hill stated that: "It is not a crime to be homeless" and that when it comes to how they handle the homeless, "The Police Department tries to balance compassion with enforcement." Sergeant Hill stated that it is not a requirement to identify oneself when reporting a crime and/or a complaint, however, he stated further that anonymity sometimes limits what the police can do.

Regarding graffiti, it was suggested that people call the Graffiti Hotline at: (562) 570-2773.

Pat Paris mentioned that she had recently repainted the signal box on Atlantic and Broadway and that it was disfigured with graffiti again, barely a week later (sometime during first week of September). Pat also asked that all those present spread the word and anyone who may have seen or has knowledge of such crimes, promptly report it as soon as possible.

Pete Ronca from Code Enforcement gave an informative talk on how violation of different codes, such as excessive trash refuse and blockage of alleys and pathways, can be cause for ticketing. He encouraged attendees to call (562) 570-2700 or 570-CODE (2633) to report such matters.

Rita Hooker from Nuisance Abatement explained the goals of her department: 1) to put one in touch with the right department, 2) to initiate procedure to resolve problems 3) to work responsible parties to resolve problems and 4) to begin possible legal action which may add up to a \$5,000 penalty, if party does not work to resolve problems. All three of the law enforcement



This recent photo of Martin Luther King Boulevard between 6th and 7th streets, is the proposed site of a new neighborhood park.

speakers stressed the need to maintain accurate records, thus keeping a track record to back up one's complaints.

The final speaker Brian Ulaszewski-Community Leader and Amory Park Advocate, spoke and showed slides providing details on the proposal to turn Martin Luther King Blvd. between 6th and 7th into a park. He discussed the three traffic studies and their findings and provided such facts as the number of car accidents that have occurred at this location due to the present traffic set-up. 111 accidents in five years have taken place with 2/3 of those being broadsided. Broadsided accidents are considered to be the most dangerous type of accident, when it comes to injury. Brian further stated that the opposition to the change stems from the Traffic Engineers report and also the concern that parking spaces would be lost with the shut down of the street. According to Brian the proposed changes could result in a surplus of parking rather than a loss.

The meeting ended with a decision to have "Pro-Park" petitions available at Gallery Eleven Seven for signing and distribution.

(NOTE: If you missed this meeting and would like to have an opportunity to hear both the Park Advocate and the Nuisance Abatement speak; you may do so at the Neighborhood Resource Center on December 7th at 6 p.m.)

**The next East Village Association meeting will be on:
Wednesday, October 17th at 7 p.m..**

Dia de los Muertos (*Day of the Dead*)

An Annual Celebration on Olive Ave.

by Pat and Larry Bott

As we approach the courtyard of the apartment building that our friend and neighbor, Antonio Ambriz, manages the atmosphere is festive. Twinkling lights hang overhead as we enter the protective, garden retreat that Antonio has created for his tenants and their children. Colorful altars line the walkway, the fragrance of burning sage and the sound of traditional live music fills the air. Antonio greets us and invites us to join in. People are getting plates of tamales, tacos, and other wonderful smelling things and cups of chocolate caliente and hot cider. They are making their way to find a seat. The program is about to begin and promises traditional dancing and musical performances in memory of family members and friends that have passed on. This is a celebration of their lives, and is their way of honoring and remembering their loved ones. This is a yearly event that Antonio has been producing for 14 years. It is truly an unforgettable experience that leaves you looking forward to the next one.

When asked, "What is Day of the Dead?" Antonio reflects on his memories of how it was celebrated when he was a boy in Mexico. He recalls that the market places in town would begin to fill with flowers, pumpkins and incense, starting about 2 weeks in advance and building in magical ambience to Day of the Dead. It has religious meaning as well as fun tradition. Church bells and firecrackers welcome the souls as a home-by-home procession with live music begins. People offer their guests the best food that they have, even though they are poor. "The people who have the least, give the most", he says. They are showing their thanks for the past and good things that happened throughout the year.



Antonio Ambriz stands in the courtyard at 434 Olive where every year the neighbors celebrate Dia de los Muertos.

Each year is unique and this year's event is bound to be as enchanting as ever. Everyone is invited on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 6-10 pm. The event is in the courtyard of 434 Olive Ave., which adjoins the patio of 2nd City Council Gallery. The gallery will be exhibiting a Dia de los Muertos show. The two outdoor spaces will be joined for the festivities. Be prepared to partake of some delicious homemade Mexican food and enjoy the music of the Philharmonic Band of Oaxaca. The proceeds from the sale of the food will go to a fund to build an art school. Donations, to the art school fund, of course, are also welcome.

More about Antonio and his many community outreach projects, ideas and ambitions in a future EVA newsletter article.

Fall Events at Gallery Eleven Seven

by Karen LaMantia

Starting In October 2007! Help Celebrate Arts Month!

Classes and groups, join friends and make new ones while attending evenings of art and creativity at Gallery Eleven Seven in the East Village Arts District.

The following events and activities will take place at Gallery Eleven Seven located at 117 Linden St., Long Beach 90802. Gallery Eleven Seven is open Wednesdays thru Saturdays from 12 Noon to 8pm and Sunday 12 Noon to 6pm.

Wednesdays:

Writer's Discussion Group and Story Share. Bring samples of your work to read and discuss. 6pm - 7:30pm. drop ins welcome! FREE!

Thursdays:

Artist's Way Study Group: Get Creative With Your Fine Self! 6pm to 8pm. Limited participation, participants must make a commitment to a 12 week session. RSVP Karen (562) 590-3739. Materials fee. No group every first Thursday of the month.

Fridays:

Artist Share and Swap. Bring art to view with other artists and art materials you no longer need, to swap with others. 5pm-7pm.

Tarot Classes with Thea Robertshaw. 7pm-9pm. (562) 432-7762 for fees and information.

Prior to each 2nd Saturday, we will meet to discuss the works of featured artist, that month at Gallery Eleven Seven. FREE

Saturdays:

Book Readings by Long Beach Authors. Drop by and find out who is reading and sharing that day! 2pm-4pm. FREE

Sundays:

Art of Life with Thea Robertshaw - Healing Mandala Workshop. Painting Master Classes once a month 11am-3pm. And more! RSVP by contacting Thea for information as what to bring and fees at (562) 432-7762.

2nd City Council Art Gallery & Performance Space

by Louise Kripal

Recently Steve and I had the opportunity to experience a relaxing visit with two of the most fun-loving people we know, Cheryl and Dwight Bennett. There amid the tranquil beauty of their gallery's "Sato Garden," they enthusiastically provided us with the unique history of the building, their personal dreams behind the making of the gallery and they enlightened us on the numerous upcoming projects which the public will be sure to enjoy.

History: Cheryl Bennett, an artist (photographer) herself, enjoyed serving on the Long Beach Arts board for several years yet never did she cease to harbor her personal dream, that being, to have a gallery of her very own. Finally after several years of research and relentlessly working to secure the necessary funds; Cheryl along with her artist-husband Dwight, (a metal smith) incorporated Second City Council on 1/1/2000. By the end of that year they had secured their first gallery space, complete with a huge rooftop outdoor patio, in the Ocean Center Building at 110 W. Ocean Blvd. For the next three years 2nd City Council, with its mission statement: *to be dedicated to supporting and promoting California artists, their work and education*, continued to amaze and educate the public with its exhibits and performances ranging from exhibits with a more traditional theme to "cutting edge." However, the Bennett's dreams were temporarily suspended in 2003 when they were told that their panoramic ocean view space was being sold, and therefore they needed to relocate their gallery. Rather than settle for a less attractive gallery space in the same building, 2nd City Council went gallery hunting for new space.

Thanks to the generosity of Bud Wille, Second City Council reopened in August 2003 in the historic 1930s Wille's Building, once an industrial tin shop and on the edge of Long Beach's East Village Arts District. This gallery is a "must see". The architectural integrity of the building has been maintained and features Art Deco elements. The 2400 sq. foot interior includes a large main gallery with 12' high walls for juried exhibitions and a small windowed gallery (Wille's Trapezoid) that serves as either an installation room or an exhibition space for teen and children's workshops. The view through the gallery's rustic barn doors invites you to walk through and discover Sato Garden, (named after volunteer Doug Sato who so graciously designed, created and maintains the gorgeous lush garden). 2nd City Council or 2cc is also disabled accessible.

For the last four years, 2nd City Council has been able to carry on with such renown exhibitions and events as the Annual Women's Festival, Annual Compassionate Cuisine-a fantastic vegetarian food-tasting and music event which benefits Animal Acres, an animal sanctuary, (taking place this Sat., Oct. 6th, 5-9 pm), and Art from Arts & Services for Disabled, Inc. (exhibit thru Thurs., Oct. 18th). This November, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 2cc will again participate in the Dia



Dwight and Cheryl Bennett sitting in the "Sato Garden" of the 2nd City Council Gallery and Performance Space.

de los Muertos Celebration but on a larger scale than last year (see adjoining article on page at left). Gallery exhibition starts at noon and the outside garden and alley celebration begins at 6 p.m. and continues to 10 p.m.

Upcoming event: Celebrating Creativity & The Long Beach Community!!!

A nine month project, entitled: "Urban Portrait of Long Beach" will be launched on October 1, 2007, the beginning of Arts Month!

Sign up for a FREE disposable camera at urbanportrait@earthlink.net

Take one photo of what you would MOST like others to know about Long Beach, then pass the camera among family/friends. (or send us your 4" x 6" photo)

Photos exhibited August 16 to September 11, 2008.

Free community potluck Bar-B-Que and free weekly events.

2nd City Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, volunteer organization and is supported in part by donations and memberships. An annual membership fee of \$40 includes the following benefits: 1st entry free, per entry savings for all exhibitions, 8% discount on purchase of an art piece or rental of gallery, an annual exhibition where MEMBERS ONLY show their work. Exhibition includes cash awards.

Volunteers are needed to help with publicity, gallery sit, set up and take down at all events and more. If you have time and talent to share please call: (562) 901-0997

Second City Council Gallery & Performance Space
435 Alamitos Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802
Wednesday – Sunday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
(562) 901-0997
www.2ndcitycouncil.org

Clancy's Irish Pub and Restaurant, New Again!

by Louise Kripal

In September I interviewed Mark Dana, the new owner of Clancy's Irish Pub & Restaurant located at 803 E. Broadway on the corner of Alamitos Ave. & Broadway (on the far east border of The East Village).

To tell you the truth, I was a bit hesitant upon entering the newly-owned Clancy's for fear that it may not be the same (Clancy's has continuously held a special place in my heart ever since I began frequenting it in my mid-twenties.) Boy, was I in for a surprise! For upon pushing open it's ole swinging saloon doors, (now newly refurbished), I found

items on the menu. The menu has also been improved by expanding its choices to include some interesting new items such as a full variety of tacos, fish, shrimp calamari or carnitas.

The delicious and diverse menu is offered all

The Clancy's sign that has graced the corner of Alamitos and Broadway for years.



Clancy's, a long time Long Beach landmark here in the East Village on the corner of Broadway and Alamitos gets new life, again!

myself totally put at ease by the same "neighborhood feel" and my fears were quickly replaced by the warming welcome of a whole new look. Yes, no longer do the dark confines of the once cluttered ceilings and tightly fit booths dampen your senses. Now due to an opening up of the ceiling, the removal of walls and an elimination of the pool table, customers are provided with open wide space and just the right amount of light. Further remodeling also included: revamping the restrooms, reupholstering of the booths, as well as the installation of beautiful brick walls and new flooring. Up-to-date improvements include a new jukebox with updated selections, and eight flat screen TV's!

All in all, the refurbishing has enhanced Clancy's to the point that it can now offer patrons a most comfortable, fresh, and friendly atmosphere in which to eat, imbibe and find entertainment.

The newly owned Clancy's officially opened in May 2006. It then closed for a few months of further remodeling and has opened in July.

The quality of Clancy's food and their menu have remained basically the same. They have retained the same cook, Guierlmo, as well as the most popular and/or regular

day and evenings with breakfast starting at 7a.m.

Clancy's is THE SPOT for award winning KARA-

OKE. They were nominated three times in 2007-Best Venue/Best KJ (which stands for Karaoke Jockey, for those aren't well-versed in karaoke lingo, as myself) and best Music Library for Los Angeles County. Join in with Shed, every Wednesday, and Tom (best KJ awardee) on Friday and Saturday nights for the best KJ party in Long Beach. A premium sound system with over 53,000 songs to choose from make Karaoke special at Clancy's. Enjoy live music every Thursday night, no cover. Watch all of the NFL and College games on any one of their eight big screen televisions.

Owner Mark Dana has practiced Law for over twenty years and has lived in a historical house in Long Beach for seventeen years; When asked what brought him to The East Village to become the proprietor of Clancy's he said, "I've always been interested in historical buildings and although I practice and enjoy Law, I wanted to find something a bit more fun to supplement it."

myspace.com/clancyslbc
(562) 437-1836

Let The East Village News know about your new or existing East Village business. Send details to Steven Stein at sssteevve@aol.com or call Louise Kripal to set up an interview at: (562) 491-5677. Please mention "Newsletter" in your e-mail subject heading.



Habana's House of Hookah

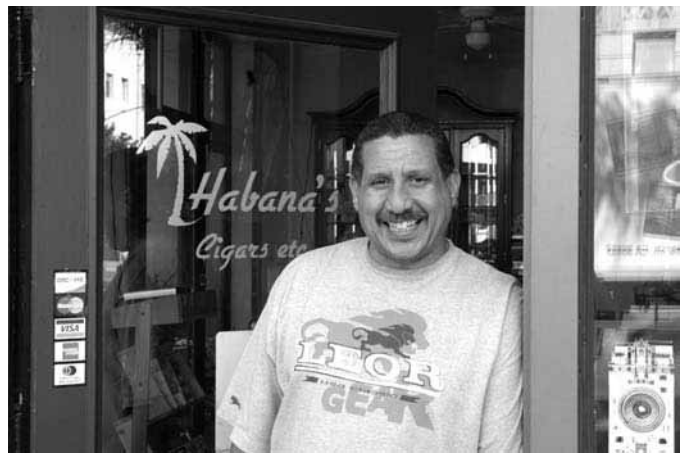
First opened one year ago in October 2006, Keith Fullbright and partner William Bramble offer all types of services from their Habana's House of Hookah East Village venue. Currently their main service is sales. From their quaint little shop located at 145 Linden Ave. in the Broadlind Building; they both rent and sell hookah's along with an assortment of flavored tobaccos. Other unique items sold include: candles, oil lamps, art work and various other Bangkok Imports.

Habana's House of Hookah rent the use of their hookahs at other downtown satellite locations such as: at 245 Pine in Rhythm Lounge, Blues Café and Mariposa.

Cost: \$1.00 a trial test or \$10 for a bowl.

In the near future Keith hopes to begin selling other articles such as sport T-shirts as well as offer rental services including promotional acts and children's Bouncers for parties.

Recently, Ema'niah Shinar, known for his fine performances on the "Beating Pan" has been playing at Habana's during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk. Ema'niah is not to be missed.



Keith Fullbright standing in the doorway of his business Habana's House of Hookah.

145 Linden Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802

Mon. thru Thur. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Fri. & Sat 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Phone: (562) 495-5721

Raymundo Gardea's Gallery

Raymundo was born in El Paso, Texas yet was raised and lived most of his life in Los Angeles, California before moving to Long Beach in 1979. Raymundo's artistic talents stem from within his being, for other than a having a few Community Art courses under his belt, he is basically self-taught.

Raymundo's exquisite oils have been described by The Long Beach Telegram as: "elegant", "insightful" and "sensuous". "Whether it's a cityscape mural showing the detailed mechanistic beauty of the buildings a portrait of the surrealist soul of the inner city, or the innocent face and fragile wings of an enchanting Desert Angel, his multi-styled work is guaranteed to move the viewer into new arenas of heightened visual awareness."

Raymundo (and Gardea Gallery), with his dedication and involvement in both creating and promoting the arts has set him aside as one of the true pioneers of the East Village. Raymundo leases wall space to other artists and is currently showing Phoenician Glass by Sawsan Jassoume and lithographs by Carolyn Van Hosen.

105 Linden Ave., #B (between 1st & Broadway)

Long Beach, CA 90802

Tues. thru Sat. 12 to 7 p.m. (562) 436-9522

www.absolutearts.com/portfolios/r/raymundogardea

www.talentedatabase.com



Raymundo Gardea

Frank . . . the East Village Ambassador

Have you seen this guy walking around The East Village, maybe passing a few flyers to people walking by or perhaps you've see him directing traffic as artists unload their art in preparation for the 2nd Saturday Art Walk?

Who is this guy who seems to be everywhere, doing everything and spouting out volumes of East Village history?

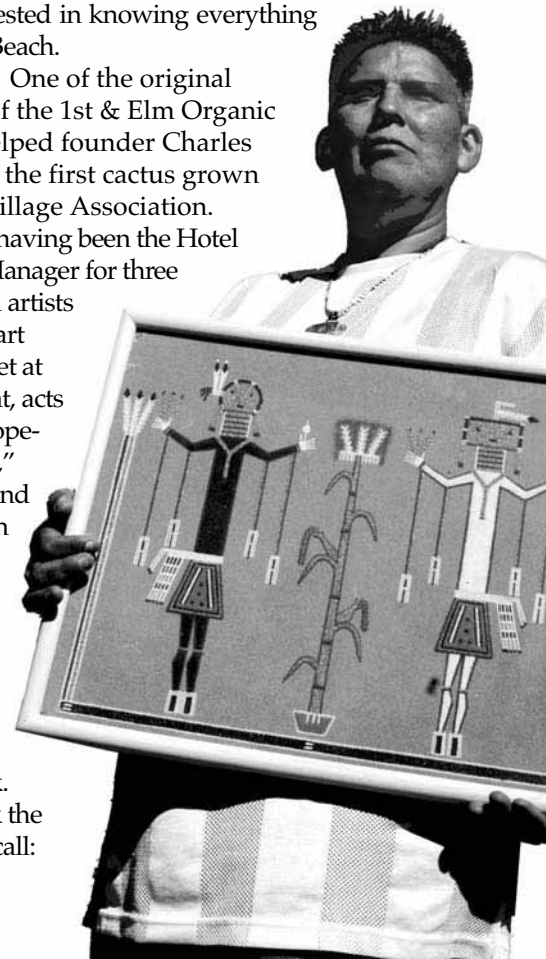
Well, this is Frank, better known as The East Village Ambassador. Frank was born in San Pedro in 1959 has lived most of his life in Long Beach. As far back as the late 60's when Frank was a shoeshine boy working at the original Pike, he became interested in knowing everything he could about Long Beach.

Accomplishments: One of the original founding members of the 1st & Elm Organic Garden (where he helped founder Charles Moore plant some of the first cactus grown there) and the East Village Association.

Activities: Include having been the Hotel D'Artistes' Resident Manager for three years where he helped artists to conduct their own art shows, served as a valet at The Gazella Restaurant, acts as "A Walking Encyclopedia on the East Village," viewed by the Police and Fire Departments as an Ambassador of Good Will, assists with fundraising and security,

Hobbies & Talents: include painting, beadwork, collecting Native Indian artwork.

If you need "Frank the Ambassador's" help, call: (562) 972-6505





530 E. Broadway
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562)491-7584

<http://www.koos.org/calendar.html>

**Koo's Art Center "October is Arts Month" Schedule:
Doors open 30 minutes prior to show times.**

10/6 7 p.m. \$5
Daniel Morones, Eric Volcano, Matt Kullish

**Every Sunday (Oct. 7, 14, & 21) -Upper Reaches
Theatre 2 to 3:30 p.m. FREE**

10/13 Second Saturday Art Walk-Doors open at 6 p.m.
Art by Matt Wignal, Jennifer Celio
Music by Coho, Summer Darling, Gena Rowland's Band

10/15 - 7 p.m. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door
Solomon Sparrow's Electric Whale Revival...featuring
Derrick Brown, Buddy Wakefield, Dan Leaman, Mike
McGee, Anis Mojgani...SPECIAL GUESTS: Matt Death and
The New Intellectuals and Mindy Nettifee

10/19 8 p.m.
Benefit Concert for Save the Bunnies: Featuring Susan
Brown with Mary Love, Kelly Armantage, Susan Barth,

Cynthia Catania, Susanne Arriaza and The Eckos.
Your donations will go to Long Beach City College to help
with medical care to spay and neuter abandoned bunnies on
campus.

10/20 8 p.m. \$5
NOT ROBOT NOT HUMAN
Koo's monthly ambient and experimental music night
hosted by Kyle Connor. This month featuring Potar.,
Fantastic Sleep, White Trash Firecracker and Space Kitt.

10/25 AKOOSTIC THURSDAY 8 p.m.
(every 4th Thursday of the month). \$5
This month hosted by Kai Brant and Sheava

10/27 6 p.m. \$5
John Cann Art Show

*Tickets for ALL may be purchased at Koo's door or in advance
at The Broadlind Café located at: 438 E. Broadway Phone: (562)
495-6222*

Koo's is an all-ages art center. Consumption of alcohol in
or around Koo's during public events is strictly prohibited.
Parking is available in the SST Records lot on the corner of
4th St. and Linden. Please respect their neighbors by
maintaining low volumes when entering and leaving their
facility.

Weekday shows end by 10 PM and weekend shows end
by 11 PM.

Parking is available in the SST Records lot on the corner
of 4th St. and Linden. Metered Street parking is free after 6:00
and on Sunday.

East Village Public Art

By Casey Carver

The East Village has more public art projects than all other parts of Long Beach combined. Over the past 15 years, we have installed sculptures, mounted ceramic murals on buildings, painted signal boxes, and installed artistic bike racks. Along with those projects, we have planted about 100 street trees and remodeled the facades of three blocks along First Street between Linden and Atlantic. The team of grant writers who gathered money from the Long Beach Arts Council, The City of Long Beach and other sources were Pat Paris, Jim Brophy, Phil Appleby, myself, and many, many others. Thanks to support from the DLBA, Arts Council, Redevelopment Agency, Parks, Recreation & Marine department, we have received almost a million dollars to improve the "livability" of the East Village.

There will be a walking tour of the East Village public art during every Second Saturday Art Walk beginning October 13th starting at Gallery Eleven Seven. I will conduct some tours along with Karen Ashika and other volunteers. Right now, artists are painting and repairing more traffic light switchgear boxes in the East Village. Other neighborhoods have learned from our beautification projects, and have started painting switchgear boxes. I will continue telling about the many projects and their artists in future issues of this publication. We hope to share the rich history of the East Village Arts District of Long Beach with our neighbors.

Neighborhood Clean Up Saturday, October 6th

Show your East Village Community Involvement!

WHAT:

Come meet your fellow neighbors and others that care during our next a 44 minute clean-up.

WHERE:

Covering the area North and South: 1st street to 3rd street.
East and West: Atlantic Avenue to Lime Avenue.

We meet in the Parking Lot of Vons Market
located on the corner of Broadway and Atlantic
(at 600 Broadway).

WHEN:

Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 a.m.-10:44 a.m.

A raffle is held immediately after the clean-up and light refreshments will be available.

And don't forget! We'll be having a 44 minute clean up every first Saturday of the month!!!

For additional information call Michael L. Dixon at
562-606-7555 or by Email blackdiamond90802@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Resource Center

by Louise Kripal



Neighborhood Resource Center Staff-Left to Right: Margaret Madden, Lydia Calvillo, Erika Moreno, Francisco Rodriguez, Dinah Sheriff and Kathleen McCleary. (Background ceramic tile mural created by artist Tom Barter.)

On Thursday, September 20, 2007, I met with Margaret Madden, Neighborhood Resource Officer of Neighborhood Resource Center located at 425 Atlantic Ave. in Long Beach. Previous to this meeting (as a volunteer for Long Beach Arts and East Village Association), I thought that I had availed myself of all services the center had to offer. However, by the time I left the center I found that I had only just begun to tap its resources. This meeting not only expanded my knowledge of the center services; it also made me realize how fortunate we truly are to have such a resource right in our own backyard. Perhaps as you read the following information, you will be brought to the same realization.

The Neighborhood Resource Center first opened in October 1974, although at that time it was located inside

the old Long Beach Plaza. It remained there for twelve years until moving to its current building located at 425 Atlantic Ave. in 1988. This building, before being vacant for three years, housed tenants with diverse uses as: a headquarters for barbecue sauce, a hearing aid office and a doctors office before moving.

The center is funded by The City through the Department of Community Development, Neighborhood Services Bureau and Federal Block Grant money. The focus or mission of the center is to help neighborhood groups by providing the tools necessary to make improvements. Tools include: conducting workshops on various topics such as grant award information, providing meeting space (until 9 p.m.) and equipment to be used at meetings such as: projectors, V.C.R., printing services including flyers, newsletters (such as this one) and special multiple copying needs for grants (for instance: color copies needed for application packets). In addition, the center provides both technical and research assistance to help obtain and write grants via the use of their computers, as well as free use of a shredder which helps to assure confidentiality and prevent identity theft.

Another fantastic function the center provides is a method by which all neighborhood groups can exchange information. Each group may receive and distribute information by utilizing the numerous mailboxes set aside for each group in the back room.

Neighborhood Resource Center

425 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 570-1010

Open: Mon. – Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Miss Polonia California Pageant in the East Village

by Marek Dzida

For the eighth year the beautiful Polish young ladies will compete for the title Miss Polonia California and Queen of Polonia International. The event organizers invite everyone to see the show and experience an adventurous evening of Polish culture and tradition. Those present will also enjoy the taste of delicious Polish food, music and more.

The Polish Beauty Pageant will take place at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 855 Elm Ave., Long Beach, CA 90802 at 5:30 PM on November 3rd. For tickets call Marek at 562.435-5232. More details on www.misspoloniacalifornia.com

The Long Beach Scottish Rite Temple

More information about The Long Beach Scottish Rite Temple including its history, interior design and details on rentals such as: the size/types of rooms, equipment available and fees is available on the following website: <http://www.lbscottishrite.org>



Finalists of the pageant in 2006 with the evening hosts Evita Ciezarek (left from the Queen) and Marek Dzida

October is Arts Month

The Arts Council for Long Beach coordinates OCTOBER IS ARTS MONTH in Long Beach, joining artists and arts organizations nation-wide to celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month throughout October.

The city-wide happening in Long Beach features over 80 events, activities, special projects and promotions. Mayor Bob Foster will proclaim OCTOBER IS ARTS MONTH in Long Beach at the October 2, city council meeting. The goal for OCTOBER IS ARTS MONTH is to

expose the arts and arts opportunities in as many ways as possible to create a higher level of awareness of the value of the arts.

Starting the last week of September, 84 street banners featuring FACES OF LONG BEACH ARTISTS and their individual and inspirational comments in relation to the arts will be donning the streets of Long Beach. Long Beach citizens are encouraged to take a moment and enjoy an arts experience or acknowledge an artist in your neighborhood.

Below is a partial list of East Village activities during "October is Arts Month":

Now through Oct 18

Arts & Services for Disabled and The Arts & Disability Network at UCLA
CORE 3: Defining Ourselves
2nd City Council Gallery and Performance Space
435 Alamitos Ave.
Free
artsandservices.org
(310) 901-0997

Now through Oct 20

Assassins
Cal Rep at The Armory
854 E. 7th St.
Call for Showtimes
\$15 - \$20
calrep.org
(562) 985-5526

Now through Oct 26

Open Mic Poetry & Music every Friday Night
Acres of Books
240 Long Beach Blvd
7:30 pm
Free
acresofbooks.com
(562) 437-6980

Now through Oct 27

The Griot Café
Open Mic every Saturday Night
Shades of Africa
352 E. 3rd St.
8 - 10 pm
\$3
(562) 436-2210

Oct 5

Spotlight on Speakology
The Prime Spot Radio show with KaRi & poet G. Murray Thomas
Kbeach.org
9 - 11 pm
ThePrimeSpot.com

Oct 6

Animal Acres
Compassionate Cuisine: A LB Food, Art & Music Event to Benefit Animal Acres Farmed Animal Sanctuary
2nd City Council Gallery + Performance Space
435 Alamitos Ave.
5 pm - 9 pm
\$35
animalacres.org

Oct 9

DBM Productions
Terron Brooks "Unplugged!!!"
The Broadlind Café
438 E. Broadway
7 pm
TerronBrooks.com
(562) 495-6222

Oct 12

Ghost Hunter's Guide to Los Angeles
Acres of Books
240 Long Beach Blvd
1 pm
Free
acresofbooks.com
(562) 437-6980

Oct 13

2nd Saturday Artwalk
East Village Arts District (centered on Linden & Broadway)
4 pm - 10 pm
Free
(562) 590-3739

Paul Dominguez and Dean Hargrove perform their music during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk
6 - 8 pm

Artists Paul Hogue and Zara Kand, with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Long Beach
Free Family Art making event
1 to 3 p.m.
Art Park
Broadway & Elm
(behind Zepps Signs)

Oct 13 continued

Talking Drums by DBM Productions
featuring Hanif Riley
4 - 6 pm
(310) 467-7169
Art Park
Broadway & Elm
(behind Zepps Signs)

An Evening with Darick Simpson
Village Treasures
146 Linden Ave.
6 - 9:30 pm
villagetreasuresonline.com
(562) 435-3110

LEAVES, Pages from Artists' Books
Utopia Gallery
445 E. 1st St.
4 pm - 6 pm
utopiarestaurant.com
(562) 432-6888

Art by Matt Wignal, Jennifer Celio. Music by Coho, Summer Darling, Gena Rowland's Band
Koo's Art Center
530 E. Broadway
6 p.m.
(562) 491-7584
(see Koo's article for full October schedule)

Original acoustic guitar music by Christian Marcinko
Americana Restaurant
Broadway & Atlantic Ave.
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
(562) 435-4030

Ghost Hunter's Guide to Los Angeles
Acres of Books
240 Long Beach Blvd.
1 pm
acresofbooks.com
(562) 437-6980

Oct 19

Kicking Edgar Allen Poe
Acres of Books
240 Long Beach Blvd.
7:30 pm
Free
acresofbooks.com
(562) 437-6980
Auction Exhibition Preview

Museum of Latin American Art
628 Alamitos Ave.
11:30 am - 7 pm
\$5 - \$7.50
molaa.org
(562) 437-1689

Spotlights on Local Music Bands in the 562 Area Code
The Prime Spot Radio Show
9 pm - 11 pm
Free
kbeach.org

Oct 20 & 21

Auction 07 - Contemporary Latin American Art
Museum of Latin American Art
628 Alamitos Ave.
Sa 6:30 - 8:30 pm Silent Auction, 8:15 - 10pm Live Auction; Sun 1 - 4 pm
\$100, Sun Free
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Oct 26

Spotlight on Speakology
October is Arts Month
The Prime Spot Radio show with KaRi
Kbeach.org
9 - 11 pm
ThePrimeSpot.com

Silent Scream presents The Unknown
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
525 E. 7th St.
7:30 pm
\$10 - \$12
stlukeslb.org
(562) 436-4047