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A Morning at Bowers Museum

by Harrison Zierer

There is nothing lovelier than spending the day at a museum. Luckily for the residents of West Floral Park, we have a fantastic museum right in our backyard. Bowers Museum is located at 2002 North Main Street and is the perfect place to spend a morning or afternoon soaking in some culture and fine works of art.

I remember taking a school field trip to Bowers Museum in elementary school and sadly I had not been back since. The other day I decided to take the morning off and explore what the museum has to offer. I started in their newest exhibit *Dimensions of Form: Tamayo and Mixografia*. This exhibit addresses the legacy of modern master Rufino Tamayo (1899-1991) in a display of his groundbreaking work depicting celestial bodies, animals, and the human form. Over fifty prints and an 1,800-pound lithograph plate are on loan from the Mixografia studio in Los Angeles.



In 1973, Rufino Tamayo was invited to create a series of prints by Taller de Gráfica Mexicana, a print shop founded by the Rembas family whose legacy reaches back to 1930's Mexico City. Tamayo was eager to incorporate aspects of texture and dimension into his artwork and agreed to collaborate under the condition that the studio develop a technique that would allow him to produce his prints in relief. Relief printing is a method where a printing block, plate, or matrix that has had ink applied to its surface, but not to any recessed areas, is brought into contact with paper. The areas of the printing plate with ink will leave ink on the paper, whereas the recessed areas of the printing plate will leave the paper ink-free.

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Upcoming West Floral Park Events

November 3: Fall Garden Swap

November 17: General Meeting

December 7: Christmas Party

December 14: Meet the Kringles

The shop rose to the challenge by inventing a process that not only allowed Tamayo to create prints in relief, but also registered the artwork's texture and very fine surface detail. Unable to use commercial paper for this new kind of printing, the Rembas family designed and built special paper-making machinery to use in the studio. The name of the print shop was changed to reflect the name of the medium for which it had become known: "Mixografia."



If you haven't had a chance to see this exhibit, hurry over to Bowers before it leaves on January 19, 2020. Also coming to Bowers this month is *Arthur Beaumont: Art of the Sea* which will feature a stunning array of watercolors by artist Arthur Beaumont, capturing the grandeur of the sea and vessels that sail on it. His body of work includes numerous portraits of specific vessels, including mighty aircraft carriers and destroyers as well as personal yachts of presidents and celebrities. Beaumont aimed to portray not only admirals but also common sailors and soldiers.



If you prefer Mickey and his pals over sailing ships, this spring and summer Bowers will house the Disney Archives. The exhibition titled *Inside the Disney Archives: 50 Years of Preserving the Magic* will celebrate the magic of The Walt Disney Company on the 50th anniversary of its archives, with behind-the-scenes access never before granted to the public. The 10,000-square-foot traveling exhibit, which premiered at the D23 Expo Japan in 2018, will offer several rare items on loan only to the Bowers.

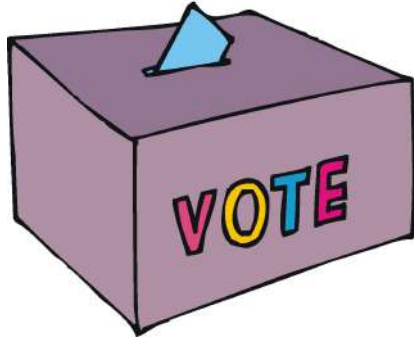
After visiting the Tamayo exhibit, I explored the rest of the museum galleries. Some highlights were the Polynesian masks, gemstone carvings, and ancient Chinese pottery. There is also a fantastic wing that features California arts and crafts that shouldn't be missed when visiting.

In addition to its permanent and visiting collections, the museum also offers a wide variety of lectures and activities. While visiting on a Thursday, I got to see first-hand the program *Anne's Treasures* in action. Every week, museum members 62 and older can visit the museum to create their own special work of art. This week almost fifty members were creating decoupage gift boxes and seemed to be having a grand time. The rainy weather certainly didn't stop them from enjoying a day at Bowers.



The museum also offers, lectures, films, classes for children, and other fun activities for the whole family. Make sure to visit their website www.bowers.org for a full list of events and exhibits. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00am-4:00pm and is closed on the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission ranges from \$10-15 and children under 12 are free. On Sundays, admission is free for all Santa Ana residents! Memberships range from \$50 to \$200 and include a variety of perks and special offers only available to members of the museum.

If you have never visited Bowers, or if you're like me and it's been a few years, be sure to take advantage of this gem located within walking distance to our neighborhood!



WFPNA General Meeting and Board Elections

**Sunday, November 17, 2019
at 3:00pm
910 West Riviera Drive**

Don't miss our last WFPNA General Meeting of the year. It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to make our neighborhood such a wonderful place to live. We would love to have some new faces on our board and to serve on WFPNA committees!

Welcome New Neighbors!

We would like to welcome the following people to West Floral Park. These new neighbors, along with those who moved in last spring, were invited to our New Neighbor Social in September. If you happen to see them, be sure to say hello and welcome them to our neighborhood!

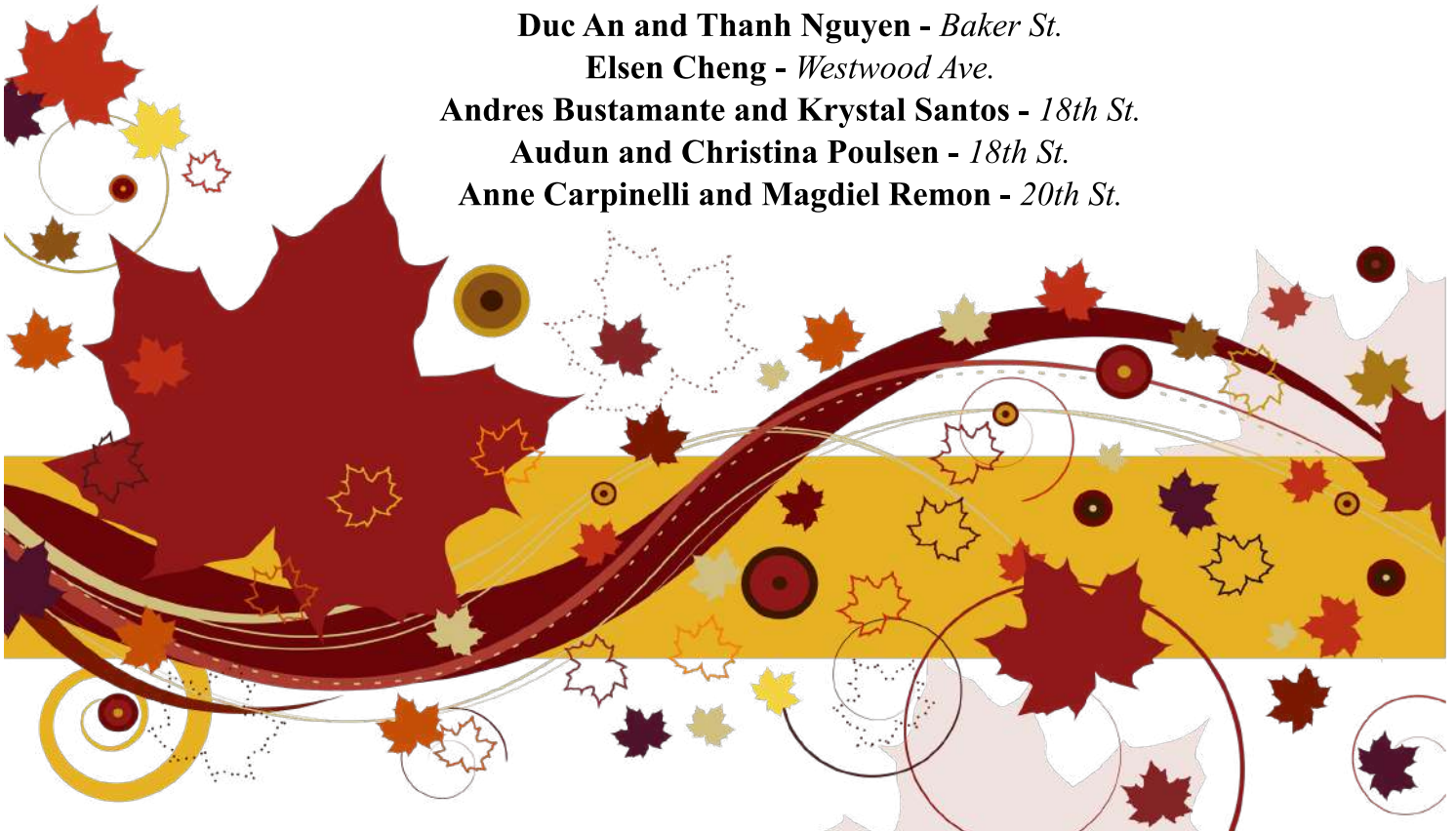
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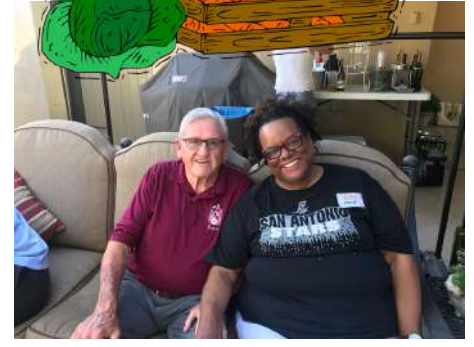
Andres Bustamante and Krystal Santos - 18th St.

Audun and Christina Poulsen - 18th St.

Anne Carpinelli and Magdiel Remon - 20th St.



Beautification Committee Report



Summer Garden Swap



On Saturday, July 14th, our summer garden swap was held at the home of Joe and Michele Chatelle on Westwood Avenue. It was another wonderful event where we gathered for a potluck dinner, drinks, and of course the swap itself. Neighbors brought items from their gardens including tomatoes, eggs, lemons, cucumbers, and so much more. Be sure to join us for our final swap of 2019 at the home of Allen and Donna Layne on Sunday, November 3rd.



Congratulations to our West Floral Park Garden of the Fall Season Winner



**Home of Rigo and Amelia Garcia
at 2001 North Olive Street**



Garden Award Guidelines

- *Pruned, trimmed, and shaped foliage; edged and defined lawns; yard is free of debris and clutter.
- *Water-wise gardening: plants and trees that reduce the need for watering, while preserving the integrity and continuity of the landscapes for which the WFP neighborhood is known.
- *Excellence in home and property maintenance.
- *Overall landscape design, including elements that are original and creative.
- *Garden beds that are neat in appearance, weed-free, mulched, etc.
- *Landscape design that fits the home's architecture.
- *Overall, beautiful curb appeal.

Santa and Mrs. Claus are once again visiting

West Floral Park



On Saturday, December 14th, the Kringles will once again visit Westwood Avenue. Neighbors of all ages (even our four-legged friends) are welcome to pose for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus and share some holiday sweets and beverages. Last year was the first time the Kringles visited our neighborhood and we're so excited they have asked to come back for another visit. If you missed this great family-friendly event last year, make sure to save the date and join us!





The Social Buzz

by Michele Chatelle- Social Committee Chair



On August 10th we had so many friends join us for the Progressive Dinner. We had lots of new faces which made our night! This time around, we went back to an older format so the price came down and everyone signed up to bring a potluck item. We had a wide variety of great food, a few rounds of very competitive BINGO with nice gifts for the winners, and five giant raffle baskets generously donated by Cathie Fryer and her company, CTS Travel. Oh what a night!



To see the photos of all the neighborhood events, check out our website www.westfloralpark.com



OKTOBERFEST

Always a crowd favorite! On October 5th we had beer, bratwurst, potato salad, desserts, plus our ever-popular CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST. Congratulations to this year's winner Karen Mittendorf for her first place Chili Verde. And thanks again to Cathie Fryer and her company, CTS Travel, for the wonderful raffle baskets!



Mark your calendars for the final social event of the year!

The Annual Christmas Party is December 7th at 5:30pm. The ticket price is \$35 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, champagne, wine, and beer; plus live entertainment from a local OCSA student. We will continue our annual tradition of adopting three families from the Orange County court system, so bring a grateful heart and sign up to provide a gift to one or more of the very deserving people.

If you've ever thought, "The best thing about this neighborhood is that everyone is so friendly," don't be shy! Here in WFP we know the more, the merrier. We guarantee a good time!





WFP Coffee Morning

West Floral Park once again took over the patio at Hidden House Coffee in Downtown Santa Ana. On Saturday, August 3rd, neighbors gathered in the morning for coffee and donuts that were provided by the association. This yearly event has become a favorite of many. Not only do we get to gather and spend time together, but we also get to support a local business. Be sure to join us next time!

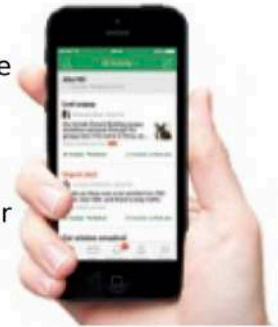




Neighborhood Connections!

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association relies on many different communication tools to communicate neighborhood news, safety, and events as well as important city information. Sign up for one or all to get connected!

WFPNA Email Blasts: Be "In the Know," send us your email contact information and we will add you to our email blast list. Email Harrison Zierer at ziere101@yahoo.com and in the subject line of your email type: "WFPNA Add me to your list." Include your name, address, and email in the body of your message. Email blasts are sent out as needed, about twice monthly.



Facebook: Our Facebook page is a more informal, day-to-day, interactive page on happenings in and around our neighborhood and the City of Santa Ana. Anyone who is a member can post there. Check it out and request to join this closed and private Facebook group. Send an email to Mika at mikadenny@me.com if you have trouble joining.

Nextdoor.com: WFP residents can sign up on Nextdoor.com/join/JXNKHE at any time by going directly to the website. There is an address verification requirement to ensure the safety and security of this site. Residents can post on Nextdoor.com as appropriate and needed. You can access the site from your desktop or better yet, get the Nextdoor.com app for your smart phone and get alerts any time, anywhere.



Neighborhood Watch Report

by Mark Engeln, Neighborhood Watch Captain

Earlier this year, the neighborhood started a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for the purpose of hiring a private security patrol on our streets. We had several motivations behind this: 1) to have a conspicuous presence in our neighborhood to discourage potential incidents of petty crime; 2) to have a better log of the number suspicious people (e.g., people who appear high or intoxicated, adults wearing backpacks, people who seem to be snooping in other people's yards); and 3) to have a contact for concerned neighbors in addition to the police non-emergency line.

The GoFundMe campaign was a great success, with generous neighbors donating a total of \$5,650. This was sufficient to hire SafeGuard OnDemand, a local security company, for a three month trial. The trial consisted of a marked car making three patrols per day through West Floral Park. The timing of the patrols were randomized, but typically two were done during daylight hours, and one late at night or early morning. Additionally, the patrol would weave through the neighborhood on different streets to increase the covered area. Every morning, I received a report indicating when and where the patrols had gone the following day, the guard's notes, and an attachment of any photos he took.

The trial has been concluded for several weeks now, and our assessment is mixed. On the positive side, during the trial period crime incidents did seem to be lower, especially in comparison to adjacent neighborhoods. On the other hand, the patrol service did a poor job of documenting suspicious people in our neighborhood and their phone line was cost prohibitive for neighbors to use for non-emergencies.

This issue was discussed at our most recent general neighborhood meeting and, despite the drawbacks, the consensus was to investigate ways to have patrols in our neighborhood on a more permanent basis, whether that be by collaborating and sharing costs with other neighborhoods, or by looking for lower cost alternatives.



Treasurer's Report

by Ian Gibson

Account Balances as of 9/15/2019
Checking: \$9,659 Savings: \$8,101

Revenue	Budget	YTD	Expenses	Budget	YTD
Membership Donations	7,000	8,325	New Neighbor Welcoming	300	254
Newsletter Advertising	2,500	3,000	General Meetings	350	366
Social Events	11,700	4,226	Community Events	670	507
Open Garden Day	12,500	16,745	Community Outreach	450	412
Subtotal	33,700	32,296	General Operations	2,750	2,362
			Open Garden Day	9,650	11,458
			Social Events	12,300	7,183
			Neighborhood Watch	200	200
			Newsletter/Communications	4,250	1,638
			Beautification	2,100	874
			Subtotal	33,020	25,254

We provide the Treasurer's Report each quarter and provide copies at each General Meeting to let you know what's going on with our WFPNA funds.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ian Gibson (nosbig8585@gmail.com).



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