

Long Beach Museum of Art

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Book Arts for All at the Long Beach Museum of Art

Long Beach, CA: The Long Beach Museum of Art has received a grant from the Marcella Brenner Trust to fund a series of adult workshops this summer. Participants will explore the exhibitions at the Museum to inspire contents for the book structures that they will make.

Making a book can be empowering as well as fun! Everyone has a story to tell and each art work has a story as well. Building on her many years of experience in the book arts, artist and educator Sue Ann Robinson will teach six two-part workshops designed especially for parents, teachers, caregivers and artists. In addition to the instructions, resources and materials provided, Robinson will discuss the application of these projects for all ages in classrooms, as family memory books, and to facilitate communication with family members who suffer memory loss. Dates and topics include:

June 14, 16: *Gerit Grimm—Beyond the Figurine* inspiring VERY short stories for a “Flag Book”

June 28, 30: “What’s inside ceramics?” Building a 3-D poem for a “Triangle Book”

July 5, 7: Everyone has a point of view in the *Highlights: 1945-1980* exhibition. Make a journal to hold your own voice.

July 12, 14: Views inside and outside the Oceanview Gallery; create a sense of place in a “Pocket Book” to carry with you.

August 2, 4: Collecting and displaying textures while exploring contemporary fiber art in *Small Expressions* and make a “Baggie Book”[®] of your own collection.

August 16, 18: What was it like, then and now? Take a trip through *Buena Vista: California Painters in Mexico*, and create a your own travelogue in an “Envelope Book.”

Each session is composed of a Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and the following Saturday afternoon from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Reservations may be made for a single two-part Thursday & Saturday session, or, some, or all six sessions. Space is limited to 20 adults in each session. Reservations are required. No specialized bookbinding or art expertise is required and all of the materials and equipment will be supplied. The series and the low cost workshop fees

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are made possible by the Marcella Brenner Trust. Please visit www.lbma.org for a registration form, or, pick one up at the Museum.

Robinson has taught the book arts since 1984 when she was the artist-in-residence at the Long Beach Public Libraries, followed by her residency at the Long Beach Museum of Art from 1988 - 1991. Robinson continued at the Museum as the Director of Education and is currently the Director of Collections. She has taught all ages in schools, colleges, museums, community centers, hospitals, libraries, and at her own Long Beach studio. Teachers of all ages have learned to make books appropriate for use in classrooms for pre-schoolers, K-12, college and seniors in continuing education. In 2010-2011 she was awarded a Neighborhood Arts Grant from the Arts Council for Long Beach to teach the book arts for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's. Her artist's books are in many private and public collections including the National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Getty Research Institute, among others.

The Long Beach Museum of Art presents changing exhibitions this summer including *Small Expressions* fiber art from the Handweavers Guild of America, and *Buena Vista; California Painters in Mexico*. The Museum presents Family Art making workshops on Sundays.



About the Long Beach Museum of Art Located on a magnificent bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Long Beach Museum of Art features a historic mansion and carriage house, expansive galleries and gardens, oceanfront dining at Claire's at the Museum and a unique Museum Store. The galleries and store are open Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday – Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students and seniors age 62 and older, free for Members and children under 12, and free for everyone on Thursday evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and all day on Friday. Claire's is open Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (562) 439-2119 or visit www.lbma.org.