

PUBLIC ART ^{UP}DATES



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Three Indeterminate Lines
San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina

BERNAR VENET

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The Port of San Diego, in partnership with Scott White Contemporary Art, is proud to present a one-year exhibition of sculptures by world-renowned French artist **Bernar Venet**. This historic exhibition encompasses 13 sculptures which can be viewed at Harbor Island, Embarcadero Marina Parks, San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, Laurel Street & Harbor Drive, San Diego Museum of Art,

Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Omni Hotel, Liberty Station, and the San Diego International Airport. The exhibit includes works from Venet's most important series including the Vertical Arcs, Classic Arcs, Leaning Arcs, Straight Lines, Random Combination, and Indeterminate Lines.

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BROADWAY PIER: New Cruise Ship Terminal



Lighting artist, **Leni Schwendinger**, was selected to create a public art proposal for the new cruise ship terminal. The building is intended to be "industrially handsome" and energy efficient. The artist's concept builds on several architectural elements to create an immersive environment that will provide both a visual and experiential installation to engage the public. The imagery is based on the rippling surface of water.

NORTH EMBARCADERO VISIONARY PLAN: Phase One





Can a service structure be dynamic?

Can a roof tell a story?

Can a public restroom be public art?

Artist **Pae White** has participated on the NEVP design team and recently unveiled her proposal which addresses the two pavilions and the public restroom. Prompted by her interest in architecture, this very integrated smart solution will be dramatic and provocative from above, below, inside and out.

NEW PROJECTS & UPDATES



THE DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO PARTNERSHIP AWARDED URBAN TREES THEIR COVETED ALONZO AWARD FOR 2008 FOR PROVIDING VISITORS TO THE NORTH EMBARCADERO WITH A PUBLIC ART EXPERIENCE AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO.



Stephen Fairfield

URBAN TREES 5 New Text Messaging Feature

A new 'grove' of the ever popular and multiple award winning "Urban Trees" was officially dedicated and unveiled on August 2, representing the fifth edition of this exhibit. The collection is on display along a half-mile stretch of pedestrian promenade on San Diego's North Embarcadero between B Street Pier and Hawthorn Street. Commissioner Mike Najera recognized the creators of the thirty-one "Urban Trees" at a special reception for the artists and their guests that preceded the public dedication.

Twelve hundred people attended the festivities, touring the new sculptures and playing the popular "Urban Tree Challenge" for prizes provided by Port tenants.

Urban Trees 5 also marked the kick-off of the first text messaging program by the Port which allows viewers to text for additional information on each artwork in the exhibit. Over the next few months, the text messaging feature will be popping up on sculptures around the Port tidelands.



ART PLAYGROUND OPENS

Dedication: July 26, 2008

Children enjoyed the new "art playground" at Cesar Chavez Park, officially dedicated on July 26th. Councilman Ben Hueso, Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña and Board of Port Commissioners Chairman Michael Bixler cut the ribbon to the area.



Thomas Aire Donch of Interplay Design, Vallejo, CA named the playground "Ocean Circle." The art elements were chosen with the aim of extending play time, providing interest for a wider age range, and providing a sense of discovery. Enhancements include a water play system that allows children to operate a fountain that trickles through a sand sculpture, a rock climbing sculpture, decking, sidewalks and rubber surfacing for safe play.

Throughout the sand area, artificial turtle eggs and fossils are buried for children to discover. The playground is ADA-accessible and the Port received a grant for the usage of a recycled rubber product.

Built by the Port in 1990, the park is popular with soccer leagues and families from Barrio Logan.

ART PICNIC TABLES Now on Display



Sue Betanzos



Anna Hamann & Mike Tauber



Christie Beniston



Victoria Polyak

Over two weekends in August, artists transformed eight ordinary concrete picnic tables into beautiful works of art in Embarcadero Marina Park North. Artists worked onsite during a fun-filled public event where park users had a unique opportunity to watch the artists in action.

The program was completed as a joint effort between the Port's Public Art and Land Use Planning Departments to aesthetically enhance the park.

AROUND THE TIDELANDS



COOL GLOBES: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet

Cool Globes, a temporary exhibition of 41 artistic globes, will soon be installed around the Tideland at Embarcadero Marina Park North, Seaport Village, and the plaza adjacent to Tuna Harbor. The exhibition will run from early December through mid-March 2009.



The original project consisted of over 120 sculpted globes that were displayed along Chicago's lakefront from the Field Museum to Navy Pier in 2006. Artists from around the world participated in the project and used a variety of materials to transform their white fiberglass globes into original works of art with environmental messages relating to climate change. Portions of the original exhibit are currently touring the country and have appeared in such other cities as Washington, D.C., and San Francisco.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As promised in our February newsletter, an abundance of projects have now been realized, providing a smorgasbord for the culturally minded. With the completion of the Bob Hope Tribute, the artworks on Tuna Harbor are a destination for thousands of people every day. This location has become a favorite for tourists interested in San Diego's military heritage.

The overlap of the loan of the Dennis Oppenheim and Magdalena Abakanowicz artworks with the installation of the Bernar Venet exhibition provides a limited-time opportunity to walk among artworks previously sited in the best cities of the world right here at home. Talk about 'stay-cation'—we hope you will.

It is now time for the Public Art Committee to thoughtfully consider recommendations for the next fiscal year's acquisitions. We will continue to stretch those dollars and provide the best recommendations to the Board of Port Commissioners for a well-balanced, responsive program for the community.

Catherine Sass, Public Art Director

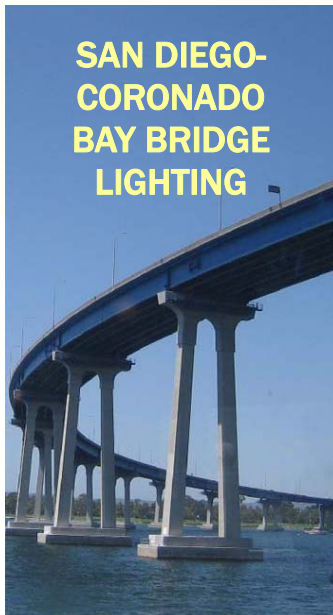


URBAN TREES ON DISPLAY Around the region

The Coronado Historical Association and Museum of History and Art is currently displaying an exhibit titled "Public Eye: A Focus on Community Art" which features 19 Urban Tree maquettes. The exhibition will held through January 2009.



The San Diego International Airport is currently exhibiting two Port-owned Urban Trees. The trees can be viewed outside Terminal 1 at Gate 19 and at the east end of Terminal 2. In addition, 20 Urban Tree maquettes are on display inside Terminal 1 through July 2009.



SAN DIEGO-CORONADO BAY BRIDGE LIGHTING

THREE TEAMS SELECTED

The Port received a great response to the international Call for Artists for teams to propose artistic lighting designs for the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge.

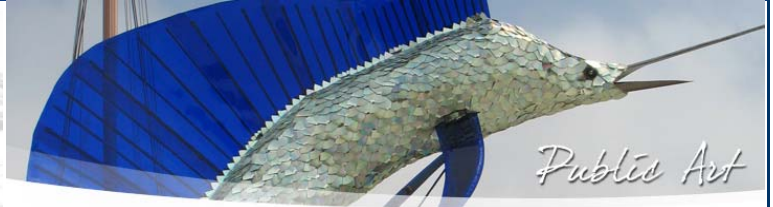
Of 87 teams, 3 teams were recommended to submit proposals for the project: the **Bideau Company** of Ballan-Mire, France; the **Peter Fink Design Team** of London, UK; and the design team of **Ned Kahn/ Patrick McInerney/ Arup Lighting** of California.

Teams are expected to submit video proposals which will be viewable on the Port's website.



GETTING INVOLVED

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AN ARTIST REMEMBERED



PUBLIC ART WEBSITE

We have a new look

In a constant effort to improve our program, we have recently revamped the Public Art website. Upgrades you will see– saving both money and trees– include the ability to receive our newsletters and invitations to public events via e-mail; listing of the Public Art agendas and timely posting of action taken at the meetings; the status of public art projects; Calls to Artists, announcements, and expanded information on projects and artists, including progress photographs.

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TENANT PROJECT

PIER 32: SAN DIEGO'S NEWEST MARINA

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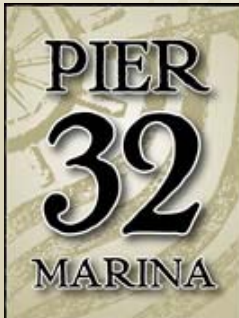
John Grimstad Sr. raises the Pier 32 flag



Mr. & Mrs. Grimstad, Alber de Matteis, Ron Morrison, and Port Commissioners Valderrama & Bixler christen "Le Bateau"

PIER 32 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS CHAIRMAN MICHAEL BIXLER ACKNOWLEDGED PIER 32'S OWNER AND OPERATOR, JOHN GRIMSTAD SR. AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR EFFORT, NOTING THAT "WITHOUT HIM AND HIS FAMILY, WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TODAY."



National City's Pier 32, the first marina to be built on San Diego Bay in more than 15 years, is open for business.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony signaling the grand opening of the 250-slip marina and dedication of public artwork "Le Bateau Ivre," by Alber de Matteis was held on Saturday, August 16, 2008.

Alber De Matteis' concept for the artwork came while he was imagining what it was like for sailing ships in the 1800s; he wanted the work to convey a sense of adventure and inspiration.

"Le Bateau Ivre," which means the drunken boat, is a 15-by-18-foot sculpture made of galvanized steel with a bronze patina that evokes the framing and planking of a sailing vessel. The art piece is located in front of the small beach overlooking the marina.

Pier 32's design reflects National City's past when cargo ships offloaded lumber and other products at Frank Kimball's National City wharf in 1886; and the design elements give the marina a modern, yet nautical feel.

The marina, located adjacent to Pepper Park on Marina Way at the entrance of the Sweetwater Channel, is considered state-of-the-art with high-speed Internet access, an exercise and workout center, community room, putting green, a small beach and a one-bedroom fully furnished apartment for marina users.

"This is just the beginning of what we will see in National City," said Ron Morrison, the city's mayor. "This morning, I'm especially proud to be the mayor of National City."

John Grimstad is currently developing Point Loma Marina which will feature beautiful architecture and stunning views of America's Cup Harbor.



Pier 32 Marina is located at the mouth of the Sweetwater Channel as it enters the San Diego Bay in National City.

For additional information: www.pier32marina.com



PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

The Port of San Diego's Public Art Department

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The Port's Public Art Program is currently going through a reorganization: both funding and program implementation have been reformatted to provide a solid foundation for upcoming years and ensure sustainability. The restructure is the result of a workshop held by the Board of Port Commissioners last November. Adopted changes include a reconfiguration of the membership of the Public Art Committee and a fixed annual set-aside to the Public Art Fund.

The **Public Art Committee** will now consist of three Board of Port Commissioners members, a representative from each of the Port's member cities, a representative from the Port Tenants Association, and four at-large members appointed at the pleasure of the Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners.

The **Board** has authorized a fixed set-aside of \$1.2 million annually to provide for program operation & expenses, acquisition and maintenance of the collection.

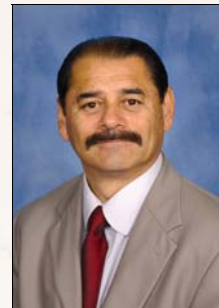
COMMISSIONERS



Commissioner Laurie J. Black was sworn in to represent the City of San Diego on the Board of Port Commissioners in June 2007.



Commissioner Michael Najera was sworn in to represent the City of Chula Vista on the Board of Port Commissioners in October 2006 and is currently the Chair of the Public Art Committee.



Commissioner Robert "Dukie" Valderrama was sworn in to represent the City of National City on the Board of Port Commissioners in 2005.

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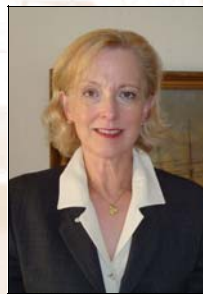
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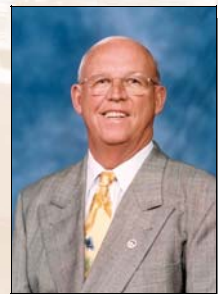
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