



*The Long Beach Creative Group (L to R) - Terry Fontenrose-Quinlivan, Marka Burns, Robyn Feeley, Phyllis Schmidt, Greg Fritsche, Michiel Daniel, and Dorte Christjansen.*

## The Long Beach Creative Group Raises Awareness for Local Artists Three Incredible Art Exhibitions Not to Miss in 2018!

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Long Beach thrives from public belief in and support for creativity and the arts. Having access to a diverse spectrum of artists and cultural experiences is essential. Our artists are a crucial component to a healthy community as the arts are a societal foundation that brings people together, builds community, and promotes social progress.

There are many amazing artists in the Long Beach area, but unfortunately, there is a lack of gallery space to exhibit their work. In addressing this issue, Marka Burns and Donald Tiscareno established the Long Beach Creative Group to raise awareness and actively engage in creating these much needed spaces to showcase local artists in the form of art exhibits, events, and overall unique experiences.

Starting in 2017, the group was the recipient of a grant provided by the Arts Council for Long Beach. The funds were used for the art exhibit, "Pure Nature", at the Long Beach Playhouse. In November 2018, "Painting Long Beach" will be sponsored by The Port of Long Beach and will debut at the Long Beach Playhouse. Grants like these help to pay for publicity and advertising for local shows and to heighten community awareness.

Below are upcoming events in 2018 that will foster the arts in our city, and together, help to create a synergy for artists and those interested in art.

### **IN THEIR OWN STYLE**

**Greenly Art Space, 2698 Junipero Ave #113, Signal Hill**

**Aug. 4th through Sept. 29th**

**Opening Night Reception Aug. 4th, 7pm - 9pm**

The Long Beach Creative Group will be showcasing their work at Greenly Art Space. This diverse group of artists create in a range of different styles, genres and mediums. Greenly Art Space director and curator, Kimberly Hocking states, "I am excited to be able to provide

an opportunity for each of these artists to share more of their artwork with the community and I feel that their show will inspire those who come to see the exhibit."

### **THE NEWLY MODERNE**

**The Center Art Gallery, 2017 East 4th Street, Long Beach**

**Sept. 8th through Nov. 30th**

**Opening Night Reception Sept. 8th, 5pm - 8pm**

The Long Beach Creative Group is excited to announce the grand re-opening of the Center Gallery. The first exhibit will be LBCG member Donald Tiscareno unveiling his new series "The Newly Moderne" inspired by the "vibe" and art he saw in Paris in the 1960's.

### **PAINTING LONG BEACH**

**Long Beach Playhouse Gallery, 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach**

**Nov. 3rd through Dec. 29th**

**Opening Day Reception Nov. 3rd, 1pm - 4pm**

The exhibit "Painting Long Beach" supported through a sponsorship from the Port of Long Beach is to bring attention to, and celebrate, the many interesting destinations and cultures of Long Beach. The Long Beach Creative Group exhibiting with six invited Long Beach artists will provide the viewers with an exciting range of creative and artistic interpretations of the city.

As part of their mission, the Long Beach Creative Group is continuously reaching out to the Long Beach community seeking space to exhibit the work of our vast and talented community of artists. They invite your suggestions, ideas, and activism. Please contact Marka Burns at [markaburns0@gmail.com](mailto:markaburns0@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LongBeachCreativeGroup](http://www.facebook.com/LongBeachCreativeGroup) for more information on upcoming events and exhibits.

# Art and Artists

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### *In Disguise* by MARKA BURNS



Using digital and mixed media, Marka Burns' current work explores the connection between identity and disguise combining images that come together in unexpected and surprising ways. She exhibits during the Long Beach Open Studio Tour Oct. 20-21. Her work and information about exhibitions are posted on [www.markaspaintings.com](http://www.markaspaintings.com).

### *San Luis Obispo #2* by GREG FRITSCHÉ



Greg Fritsche is a California impressionist. He draws inspiration from the plein air painters of the 1920s and 30s. He is currently the curator of the art gallery at the Long Beach Playhouse.

### *Newly Moderne* by DONALD TISCARENO



The painting, "Newly Moderne" is part of a new series of oil paintings inspired by the modernist work he saw in the early 60's in Paris. Tiscareno will be exhibiting this series at the grand re-opening of the Center Gallery Long Beach Sept. 8 to Nov.30 and his work can be seen on the Long Beach Open Studio Tour Oct. 20-21.

### *Jittery Man* by MICHEL DANIEL



The painting, "Jittery Man" is the first work in a new series. This piece addresses the digitation and distortion of electronic images in a Surrealist approach. Daniel's work has exhibited at Tortue Gallery, Santa Monica, Albert Contreras Gallery, Los Angeles, and The William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco to name a few.

### *With a Little Help From My Friends* by ROBIN FEELEY



Pastel paintings on velour board, inspired by local sea creatures. Original paintings can be purchased at the Greenly Art Space during the month of August, Stateside Craft in Bixby Knolls and the Long Beach Open Studio on Oct. 20-21. Her work and information about exhibitions are posted on her website at [www.bungalowartstudio.com/blog](http://www.bungalowartstudio.com/blog).

### *Moon Glow* by DORTE CHRISTJANSEN



Surrounding landscapes, plants growing her garden and the Colorado Lagoon provide the rich variety of imagery that inspires Dorte Christjansen's work. Her batiks and watercolors illustrate her love of pattern, symmetry, and nature. Her work may be viewed by appointment at her studio, info at [www.dortechristjansen.com](http://www.dortechristjansen.com) and during the Long Beach Open Studio Tour Oct. 20-21.