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PROGRAM GUIDE

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024



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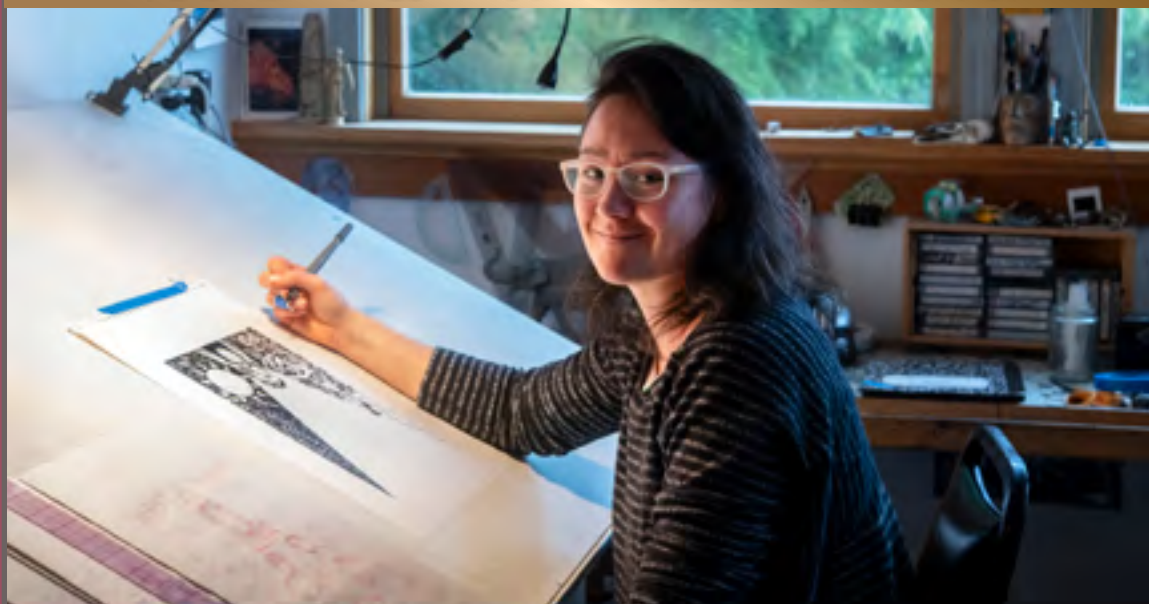
FANTASY:
Realms of
Imagination

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 6 - 9 PM

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CLOSING LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING



Between the Lines of Family History with Tessa Hulls

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 7 | 1:30 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM
CLOSING LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

The comics medium holds unique qualities when it comes to exploring time, making it a powerful tool for showing the complex relationships between the personal and the political, the present and the past. Hulls's graphic memoir, *Feeding Ghosts*, traces the entwined story of three generations of women in her family, set against a tumultuous backdrop of Chinese history and diaspora. Delving into her own graphic memoir and the work of other comics artists, Hulls will demonstrate why this form allows for the deep interrogation of personal history.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING
MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

*Online version will be emailed to ticketholders
one week after the onsite event.*

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OPENING DAY LECTURE



Realms of Imagination with Tanya Kirk

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 26 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | OPENING DAY LECTURE

Presented by Tanya Kirk, lead curator for
Fantasy: Realms of Imagination.

For centuries readers have escaped their everyday lives and journeyed into new worlds filled with magic and adventure, incredible mythical creatures, and heroes and villains that speak to our greatest dreams and fears. This lecture will explore the roots of modern Fantasy in some of the world's oldest forms of storytelling, and will demonstrate how the genre draws on the past while constantly reinventing itself.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

Advanced reservations are encouraged.

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RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING

MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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Image: Brian Froud, English, born 1947; detail of concept artwork for *The Dark Crystal* (1982), on loan from the family of Jim Henson.



Hexes and Tales, Unveiling the History of Witchcraft and Folklore with Roxanne Mayoral

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 27 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Presented by Roxanne Mayoral, archaeologist, forensic anthropologist, and an anthropology professor at Pierce College, Pasadena City College, and California State University Los Angeles teaching both cultural and biological anthropology.

Explore witchcraft and folklore from an anthropological perspective, examining cultural ideologies of myth, legend, folklore, and religion through historical and modern examples. We will discuss how anthropologists understand witchcraft in different societies, highlighting unique cultural variations.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

Advanced reservations are encouraged.

RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING

MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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***Frankenstein* (1931) Film Talk & Screening with Theo Siegal**

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 31 | 1 - 3 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

Join us for a special Halloween screening of “the original horror show” known as *Frankenstein*. Experience the iconic 1931 masterpiece like never before after an insightful film presentation by Theo Siegel that delves into the film’s enduring legacy. Don’t miss this spine-tingling event!

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

Advanced reservations are encouraged.

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New Perspectives on Israelite Religion with Ido Koch

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 20 | 1:30 - 2:30 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Presented by Ido Koch, Associate Professor of Archaeology at Tel Aviv University.

Recent archaeological discoveries in key Israelite sites challenge traditional understandings of ancient Israelite religious practice. This lecture will present these new findings, emphasizing their significance for reinterpreting crucial aspects of Israelite religion. Topics include the prevalence of multiple temples, the sensory experience of worship, the use of religious imagery, and the role of altered states of consciousness in ritual practice. These discoveries provide valuable insights into the complexities and diversity of religious life in ancient Israel.

This lecture series is made possible through a generous bequest by Norma Kershaw (1924-2020).

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

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MEMBERS \$5 | GENERAL \$10

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Catskills to Contemporary: A History of Art in the Hudson River Valley

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with Annalee Andres

Art Historian

WEDNESDAYS | OCT 9 - NOV 13 | 11 AM - 12 PM*
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | *UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Oct 9 | Introduction and History of the Hudson River Valley

Oct 16 | The Hudson River School and the Discovery of an American Identity

Oct 23 *Starts at 11:15 am | The Hudson River School and the Rise of the American Art Market in New York

Oct 30 | Great Estates of the Hudson River Valley

Nov 6 | Expansion and Sculpture in the Hudson River Valley

Nov 13 | Displaying Art in the Hudson River Valley

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

SERIES PACKAGE: MEMBERS \$50 | GENERAL \$75

SINGLE LECTURE: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15



Timeless Melodies

Take a nostalgic walk down memory lane with music and more presented by Larry Maurer, historian of the Timeless Melodies Foundation for Education, Inc.

Gone But Not Forgotten Jewish Songwriters

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26 | 1:30 - 3 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

By the 1930s a handful of Jewish songwriters were pouring out a stream of popular songs for Broadway and Hollywood: George & Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers, and more. Join Larry Maurer of Timeless Melodies as he shares the music of these long forgotten Jewish songwriters.

[Get Tickets](#)

America 1900: Popular Music Begins

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24 | 1:30 - 3 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Step back into the transformative era at the turn of the 20th century, where change and innovation shaped America's musical landscape. Witness the excitement as millions of immigrants enriched the cities, farms gave way to factories, and the nation's heartbeat to a new rhythm.

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TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15

TALKS: BEAD SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY
AN AFFILIATE COUNCIL OF THE BOWERS MUSEUM



BEAD SOCIETY OC BEAD SALE

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 10 AM - 2 PM
KEY COURTYARD | BEAD SALE

Join members of Bead Society of Orange County as they sell/swap/trade their beads and share their findings. All are welcome!

TICKETS: FREE
MUSEUM ADMISSION NOT INCLUDED.

TALKS: *Explore Ancient Egypt with ARCE-OC during our ongoing lecture series*



Uncovering the Ahmose Cemetery in Egypt with Emily Smith-Sangster

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE

Presented by Emily Smith-Sangster, a Ph.D. Candidate in Egyptian Art and Archaeology at Princeton University.

In early 2023, the Abydos South Project (ASP) began its season working on a plot of land to the local north of the Ahmose Pyramid. This area had been identified as the possible location of the Ahmose Pyramid Town. ASP's excavations, however, discovered that this area was, in fact, a large elite necropolis used for an exceedingly brief period of time. This lecture will discuss these excavations and resulting discoveries, while also highlighting the impact this discovery will have on our understanding of the Ahmose period at Abydos and beyond.

Sponsored by Bryan Kraemer and Kate Liszka.

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TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15

RECORDED ONLINE SCREENING

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The Contributions of Women in Egyptology with Dr. Kathleen Sheppard

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 12 | 1:30 - 3:30 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

Presented by Dr. Kathleen Sheppard, a Professor in the History and Political Science department at Missouri S&T in Rolla, Missouri.

This talk will (re)introduce several women in the history of Egyptology who carved out spaces of their own through excavation, patronage, and publication and who shaped the discipline with their expertise.

Dr. Sheppard's new book, *Women in the Valley of the Kings: The Untold Story of Women Egyptologists in the Gilded Age*, will be available for purchase in the Gallery Store.

Sponsored by Susan Deering.

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TICKETED ONSITE EVENT

FREE FOR BOWERS & ARCE MEMBERS | GENERAL \$15

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MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

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CELEBRITY SPEAKER SERIES 2024



EAGLES RONSTADT EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 19 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM | MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

This 6-piece band of accomplished musicians are dedicated to bringing audiences an exciting concert experience of two iconic and popular artists of rock: Linda Ronstadt and The Eagles. Eagles Ronstadt Tribute Band promise a nostalgic journey through the golden era of music with hits like “Hotel California,” “Blue Bayou,” “Easy Feeling,” and “Desperado.”

TICKETED EVENT: \$45 GENERAL ADMISSION

*Bowers Museum members may buy one discounted ticket for \$35.
For information about tickets contact Maggie Hart at (714) 356-6720.*

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Celebrate with the Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held every first Sunday of the month in the Museum's beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival. Free Family Festivals are made possible with generous support from the Nicholas Endowment. Additional support is provided by Capital Group.

Asian Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 8*

[Learn More](#)

Whether it is called Moon or Mid-Autumn festival this is one of the most important Asian festivals after the New Year celebration. The Moon festival is a celebration of family unity, lighting lanterns and enjoying traditional moon cakes. Come and enjoy beautiful traditional music & dance, face painting, art projects, and moon cake samples for the entire family.

**Please note: This event is being held the second Sunday in September due to the Labor Day holiday.*

Mehregan Persian Festival

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6

[Learn More](#)

This ancient Zoroastrian and Persian festival celebrates the end of the harvest and beginning of winter. Honoring Mithra, the god of light, friendship, and love. The entire family will enjoy beautiful performances of dance and music, art projects, face painting and a sampling of a Persian sweet treat.

Bowers' Books for Kids: Storytime in the Galleries

Held every last Saturday of the month, Storytime in the Galleries includes free copies of each author's featured book for the first 35 to RSVP and free General Admission to the galleries for the first 35 participants to arrive at each event. Reading in the galleries will be followed by a simple, fun art project that kids will love.

Mamie Takes a Stand: The True Story of Mamie Tape, a Chinese American Girl's Fight for School Rights

SAT | SEPT 28 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

ANCIENT ARTS OF CHINA EXHIBIT

Join author Marie Chan to learn about the little-known story of Mamie Tape, an eight-year-old Chinese American girl whose desire for knowledge and belonging led her family to fight for her right to attend public school in San Francisco. This interactive reading of Chan's newest book will be followed by a Chinese calligraphy art project that's fun for the entire family!

[Learn More](#)



Magenta

SAT | OCT 26 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM

JOHN M. LEE COURT

Join #1 best-selling author Sheri Fink for a reading of her newest book, *Magenta!* Magenta is a little kitten lost in the woods until she discovers a mysterious cottage filled with magic and wonders. Discover what matters most in this charming fairytale about Magenta's magical mishaps that lead to finally finding the purr-fect place where she truly belongs.

[Learn More](#)



TICKETED ONSITE EVENTS: FREE WITH GENERAL ADMISSION



“The Scary Night” Art Project with Erna van Dyk

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 13 | 11 AM - 12 PM
JOHN M. LEE COURT | WORKSHOP*

This Vincent van Gogh-inspired art project is sure to get you in the Halloween spirit! Teaching artist Erna van Dyk will guide you through creating your own spooky masterpiece using watercolors and markers.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$10 | GENERAL \$15

**Suggested for children 4+ with adult supervision.*

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Kofu Kai Annual Bonsai Display

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY | OCTOBER 18 - 20
10 AM - 4 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT

Did you know that bonsai trees are not typically ancient, don't have to be expensive, and can be created using ordinary plants from your local nursery? Contrary to common belief, most bonsai trees thrive outdoors. Bonsai is a dynamic and evolving art form, transforming ordinary plants into unique, living sculptures.

Kofu Kai Bonsai Club members will be on hand throughout the run of this display, featuring living bonsai masterpieces, to share their insight and appreciation for this ancient art form.

Don't miss a special bonsai demonstration by expert Jason Chan on Saturday, October 19 at 1 PM in John M. Lee Court. Limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

TICKETS: FREE
MUSEUM ADMISSION NOT INCLUDED.



Art & Sound Immersion with Jody Post Theissen

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | 5 - 6 PM
JOHN M. LEE COURT | SOUND MEDITATION CLASS

Enter a sanctuary for sonic exploration surrounded by art from the Pacific Islands and ancient China. Guided by the expertise of sound alchemist Jody Post Theissen, this transformative practice is designed to cultivate inner peace and overall well-being. Immerse yourself in the resonant vibrations of ancient instruments, including Tibetan and crystal singing bowls, gongs, flutes, drums, mantras, and more.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$15 | GENERAL \$20

*Space is limited and advanced reservations are encouraged.
Please bring a yoga mat. A blanket which can be folded for support
and/or a cushion is also recommended but not required.*

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ANNE'S TREASURES ART WORKSHOPS

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

*Join this very special arts engagement program
for seniors and their community.*

10 AM - 12 PM | JOHN M. LEE COURT

TICKETED EVENTS: \$3 MATERIALS FEE

FREE TICKETS FOR BOWERS MEMBERS AGED 62+ | GENERAL \$7

Questions? Email mlopez@bowers.org or call 714.567.3678.



Coil Baskets

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

Make a small “catch-all” basket out of cotton cord. Paint and decorate your basket with various designs.

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Japanese Fish Prints

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

Gyotaku, dating back to the mid-1800s, is the traditional Japanese method of printing fish. Fishermen used this method to record



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their catches, but now it has become an art form of its own. Print your own fish using special forms, (no smelly fish here) and markers.

Mexican Day of the Dead Refrigerator Magnets

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 10

Have fun painting these humorous plaster figures. Use these on your refrigerator to hold notes and photos or give them as gifts for that “artsy friend.”

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Mexican Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 24

Decorate a sugar skull with icing, sequins, flowers, and ribbons. Present it as a gift to a friend or place it on a memorial table as a sweet offering for a departed loved one.

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Evening for Educators

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | 4 - 7 PM

***Be our guest at an educator's night out
at the Bowers!***

The evening includes light bites, wine, art projects, fall exhibition previews, and free all-gallery access.

Space is limited, advance RSVP is highly recommended.

RSVP Now



Spirits & Legends of the BOWERS MUSEUM

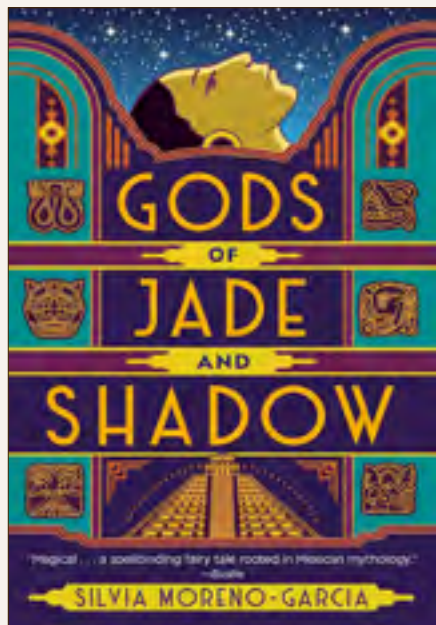
THURSDAYS | OCTOBER 3, 10, 17 & WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 30
7:30 - 9 PM | MUSEUM GALLERIES

First opened in 1936, the Bowers Museum has educated and enchanted people from all over with its exhibits on local and world history as well as preeminent presentations on culture and art from around the world. And for decades, many of the employees and guests have told stories of paranormal encounters they have experienced at the museum. Join Haunted Orange County's Drew Chappell for an exclusive after-hours tour as you explore the spirits and legends of Bowers Museum. Approximately 1.5 hours.

TICKETED ONSITE EVENT
MEMBERS \$40 | GENERAL \$50

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Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages



ONSITE BOOK DISCUSSION & TOUR

THU | OCT 17 | 1 - 2 PM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

RSVP Now

SAT | OCT 19 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM
NORMA KERSHAW AUDITORIUM

RSVP Now

For Members Only: A Book Club Experience

Books at Bowers: Touring Through the Pages is a Bowers Docent Guild sponsored book club for Bowers Museum members.

The October 2024 Book Club selection is *Gods of Jade and Shadow* by Canadian-Mexican novelist Silvia Moreno-Garcia. The author's unique narration style takes Mayan myths and combines historical fiction and fantasy to tell a modern story set in the 1920's Mexico. A young woman accidentally frees the spirit of the Mayan god of death who requests her help to recover his throne. The book was nominated for Best Fantasy novel in 2019 and is featured in the upcoming exhibit, *Fantasy: Realms of Imagination* from the British Library. 335 pages.

Following the book discussion, there will be a slideshow presentation on Mexico's Indigenous cultures and myths, followed by a brief tour.

Free for Bowers Members.

RSVP on Bowers.org. Space is limited to 30 Bowers Members per discussion. A confirmation email will be sent to participants. Questions? Email programs@bowers.org.

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in nature's splendor
this fall



BOOK EARLY AND SAVE

Book your holiday party by
September 30, 2024 and receive
an upgraded bar package.

Begin planning today:
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Eligible for private event bookings Monday-Thursday,
November 27-December 27, 2024.
Additional restrictions may apply.

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