



Sandra Heaton Illustrates Beautiful County Career

For more than 20 years, Sandra Heaton has used her artistic talents to capture the County's natural and architectural treasures to help educate and inspire the community we serve.

Though she can be found today working as a graphic designer inside OC Parks' Headquarters, Sandy began her creative career sketching her favorite animals – horses – as a young girl at age 10.

When the time came to attend college, she enrolled at Occidental in Los Angeles with the intention of becoming an elementary school teacher. After taking a break to care for a loved one, meeting her husband and starting a family of her own, Sandy's passion for art re-emerged and she signed-up for courses at a local community college.

With the portfolio she prepared there, Sandy applied and was accepted into the illustration program at California State University, Long Beach. She recalls fondly a professor with sparkly blue eyes who provided extra encouragement as she completed her final year of study and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

After being employed as a draftsman with the Aerospace Corporation, Sandy was hired by the County of Orange in 1989 as a map drafting technician with the Environmental Management Agency (now OC Public Works). She stayed with the department through three name and organizational changes, and came to join the team at OC Parks a year and a half ago.

"My job at the County of Orange has been a special part of my life," Sandy said. "It has given me the opportunity to draw and paint the beauty we have here; not only the historical buildings, but the wonderful parks, which are unique. Also special are the great people with whom I have worked."

Just one of the many reasons she enjoys coming to the office everyday is because of its location inside the building that formerly housed the headquarters of the Irvine family's ranch and land development business.

On site is the Katie Wheeler Branch Library, a faithful reproduction of the



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original Irvine family ranch house where Sandy loves to visit and check out books on California Impressionism, her favorite style of painting.

The image used for this article comes from a painting created by Sandra Heaton in gouache (opaque water color) for use in Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve and Ecological Reserve promotional materials. ■

HEATON'S ART SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)



Click here to view a slideshow featuring some of Sandra Heaton's artwork.

Sandy Heaton Art Contest

Get your Photo in the Next County Connection!

Readers who locate the works featured in [this slideshow](#) or journey out to any of the locations below and have their photograph taken with one of Sandy's creations will have it featured in the next edition of the **County Connection** newsletter. The first 20 respondents will receive a prize, courtesy of OC Parks.

Please ensure that you have your supervisor's permission to do so, then get out there and have fun! Photograph submissions can be e-mailed to Jessica Good at Jessica.Good@ocgov.com or sent via ponymail to Jessica Good with the County Executive Office.

LOCATIONS:

★ [Old Orange County Courthouse](#)

- Large drawing (in sepia tones) of the Old Courthouse on the wall over the main staircase mezzanine
- Old Courthouse Centennial 1901-2001 banner in the lobby entrance on Santa Ana Blvd.
- Drawing of the old jail, which used to reside behind the courthouse itself, etched in marble on a state base behind the courthouse near the parking lot

★ [Riley Wilderness Park](#)

- Vista Ridge Trail sign, located inside the park
- Small signs featuring the beaks of birds, such as the Acorn Woodpecker, Gnat-catcher, and Riley Park Hummingbirds
- Ore Mining Cart painting
- Wooden blocks featuring the birds of Riley Wilderness Park, located inside the Butterfly Garden ■

Are You Prepared for An Emergency? You Promised!

For those who live in Southern California, there are lots of reminders about the need to prepare for emergencies. Fires, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis are just a few of the hazards that should motivate us to prepare our homes, families and businesses.

Still, studies show that most of us haven't made a plan or put together an emergency kit. For those who need a little more motivation, the ReadyOC campaign has launched a new "Promise to Prepare" to challenge people who live, work or go to school in Orange County.

People can go to ReadyOC.org to make a promise to take actions such as making or updating an existing kit or plan, taking disaster training, volunteering for programs like CERT or signing up for AlertOC. Once a promise is made, an online counter automatically shows the latest total. Those who fill out their promise online at www.readyoc.org/promisetoprep may also provide their e-mail address to be entered in an opportunity drawing for prizes, like an emergency kit.

The ReadyOC campaign is counting on this personal commitment to encourage people to follow through with the basic steps. If 32,000 people make the promise by the year's end, then one percent of Orange County's total population will have taken action to be prepared.

Take the next step in preparing your family for an emergency by visiting ReadyOC.org and making a "Promise to Prepare," then follow through on your promise. When the next emergency happens, you won't be sorry! ■



OC Public Works Manager Receives Inaugural David Kurtz Award

"The first task of a leader is to define reality; the last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is servant."

Max De Pree

David Kurtz, late Manager of Administrative Services with the Social Services Agency, was known as a quiet leader. Those who knew him best state that he spoke with a calm passion, worked with integrity and always passed praise onto his staff members.

It has almost been a year since Kurtz passed away while on vacation and members of the Orange County Leadership Academy (OCLA) alumni committee sought a way to honor his memory while recognizing managers for living the same servant leadership qualities that Kurtz exemplified daily.

And so the David Kurtz Award of Servant Leadership was born.

The inaugural award was presented to Tony Bernard of OC Public Works at the OCLA Annual Conference last month at Chapman University. Bernard was selected by the committee based on his demonstrable abilities in listening, conceptualization, foresight, commitment to the growth of others and building community.

Since coming to work for the County in 1987, Bernard has sought to participate in projects and programs that support the County's mission. He has exuded a people-oriented leadership fashion in his current post as Manager of OC Public Works Fleet Services where he has taken extra care to gain insight from his staff members and

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implement cost-effective, industry-standard changes to the way the department services its customers.

“Having worked alongside David Kurtz for several years before his passing, it is very gratifying to see so many of the same qualities David possessed to be embodied by Tony,” said OC Public Works Director Jess Carbajal. “Tony leads with the upmost integrity and is always looking for better, more efficient ways to do things. He has tremendous respect from his employees and is very humble in his demeanor.”

Other nominees for the David Kurtz Award included: Jennifer Burkhart (Treasurer-Tax Collector), Under-sheriff John Scott (Sheriff-Coroner), Karen Roper (OC Community Resources), Rachel Gibson (John Wayne Airport), Christy Preble (Social Services Agency), Colleene Preciado (Probation Department) and Dee Dinnie (Child Support Services). ■



OC Public Works Director Jess Carbajal (right) presents the inaugural David Kurtz Award to Tony Bernard (left) at the annual OCLA conference.

The Orange Turns Green at First OC Green Fair

More than 3,000 community members and employees came to the Santa Ana Civic Center May 20th for the first County of Orange Green Fair, a free event that showcased eco-friendly products and services.

The Fair featured displays from more than 80 vendors, whose sponsorships made it possible to stage the event at no expense to taxpayers while providing door prizes and other giveaway items to visitors. A colorful art walk served as the unveiling site for the County’s Going Green campaign, where “What Sustainability Means to Me” themed creations by local students were exhibited.

“The event educated both public employees and private citizens about clean, eco-friendly product alternatives at very competitive prices,”

said Ron Vienna, County Purchasing Agent. “Attendees reported that the Green Fair was extremely informative and gave them ideas for reducing their individual impact on the environment. Vendors and exhibitors shared that they were extremely pleased with the turnout and look forward to the annual event.”

As an event co-sponsor, OC Waste & Recycling kicked off a Business Challenge at the Green Fair to encourage waste reduction within the business community as part of its “10 in 2010 Challenge.” The department organized the inclusion of new technology for the community to observe, like a food dehydrator that is able to decrease food waste by 90 percent and is being used through grant funds in several local restaurants, hotels, and golf courses.

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“By the end of the day, more than 500 people had signed up to take the challenge to reduce their waste by ten percent in 2010,” said Michael Giancola, Director of OC Waste & Recycling. “It was a success for everyone involved.”

Sign-up to take the 10% in 2010 Challenge online at <http://www.wastefreeoc.com/10-in-2010-challenge.html>. ■



GREEN FAIR SLIDESHOW: [CLICK HERE](#)

OC Public Works team members (from left to right) Avelino Javier, Lillian Hua, Daniel Li, Matt Ottoson and Jewel DeGuzman greet the crowd and share information about the department’s green initiatives. Please click here to see additional photos from the 2010 OC Green Fair.

HCA Employee Honored With W.I.S.E. Award

Just a few minutes with Margaret “Peg” Jones, an employee of the Health Care Agency’s Behavioral Health Services, is enough to convince you that she loves her job. And that love for public service has led to Peg being presented with a Working Involved Seniors of Excellence (W.I.S.E.) Award acknowledging her accomplishments and contributions at work and in the community.



Margaret “Peg” Jones was honored at the first-ever Working Involved Seniors of Excellence (W.I.S.E.) Awards on May 18. She was presented her award by Amanda Blake Secola, publisher of *Not Born Yesterday!* Magazine (the sponsor of the event).

An employee of the County since 1980, Peg is currently a Senior Office Supervisor in HCA’s Children and Youth Services Program. Although she is 89 years old, Peg has demonstrated remarkable adaptability and resilience in keeping up with her ever changing work environment. Due to funding cuts and reorganizations, Peg is in her fourth different job in just two years, which she views as an opportunity to learn new things. She estimates that in her 30 years with the County, she’s had 30 managers. That’s remarkable when you consider she only planned to work for the County for eight weeks when she took an extra help position after her husband retired.

Peg has also worked very hard at staying current. When her youngest daughter went to college in 1980, Peg went, too. She received a degree in computer programming from Cypress College at a time when most people did not have a home computer, and the classes she

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took at Santa Ana College in word processing and office management helped her promote into the supervisor series. Her quest to learn continues today with courses on effective supervision skills and interactive management as well as taking on the challenge of learning a new database system for client records. In 1986, she was selected by the County of Orange as a Woman of Achievement for her outstanding leadership as a supervisor.

Peg’s love for public service has been passed on to her family. Two of her daughters, Jane Dawson and Sandy Corder, also work for the County of Orange. When asked how much her mother influenced her decision to work for the County, Sandy immediately responded “100%.” From letting others know about job opportunities to alerting them to training and educational programs, Peg has quietly helped dozens of her co-workers advance in their careers. She’s even influenced many local youths through her involvement with summer programs.

Her motivation to continue working comes from a desire to help others reach their full potential. She freely states, “If I wasn’t working, I’d be volunteering,” showing that she has no intention of slowing down. Needless to say, Peg has a reputation for bringing out the best in people and is an excellent role model for younger generations. Our congratulations to Peg on receiving the W.I.S.E. award and for her continued service to the County of Orange. ■



Peg Jones was followed into County careers by two of her daughters. Pictured (l-r) are Jane Dawson, Manager of CEO Volunteer and Intern Resources, Margaret “Peg” Jones, and Sandy Corder of the Health Care Agency’s Behavioral Health Services. Together, they have 73 combined years of service to the County of Orange

“Bear In Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly” Exhibition Opens at Old Courthouse

Over the centuries, the relationship that Californians have had with the grizzly bear is one of dualities – expressed in fear and fascination. Although now extinct in the state, the grizzly has long been a central character in California’s history. The exhibition “Bear In Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly,” which will run at the Old Orange County Courthouse from June 7th through Oct. 8th, illuminates the story of the grizzly.

The California grizzly possessed characteristics that we hold dear: independence, adaptability, resourcefulness, intelligence, and strong maternal care. Yet human interaction with the bears was often misguided, intolerant, and violent.

Scientists estimate that 10,000 grizzlies once lived in California, perhaps the densest population of brown bears on the continent. Through increased human settlement, loss of habitat, and hunting, however, by the early 1900s the California grizzly had vanished and can only be seen on the state flag. Although the loss of the California grizzly was a tragic lesson, it is not too late to save other threatened and endangered species.

Today, California grizzly bears only exist in our imaginations as symbols of things desired and things lost. Since the mid-1800s, the grizzly has been used as an icon, advertiser and entertainer,

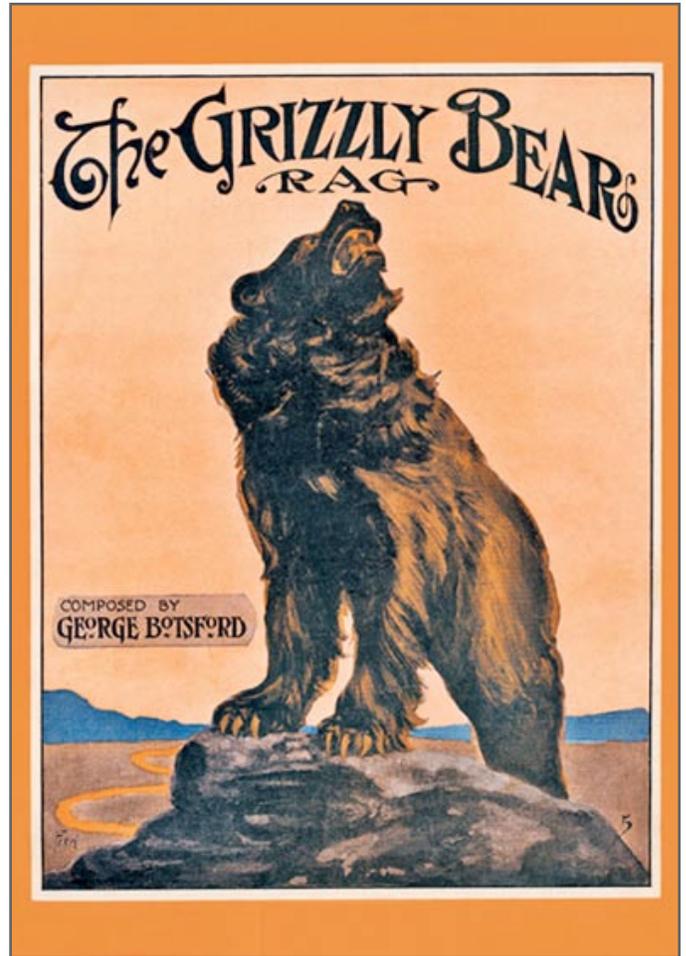
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making the image of the bear a familiar one to most people. Little physical evidence remains of the grizzly bears that once roamed California. It is through stories, artifacts, striking images, and hands-on activities that the “Bear In Mind” exhibition provides an in-depth look at the history and science of one of California’s most revered and feared animals.

Susan Snyder, author of the book *Bear in Mind: The California Grizzly*, of which the exhibition is based upon, will speak at the opening event for the exhibition on Friday, June 11th at 6 p.m.

The exhibition is produced and toured by the California Exhibition Resources Alliance (CERA). The exhibition was developed in concert with The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley and Heyday Books. CERA is a network of professionally operated museums and cultural organizations that collaborate to create and tour smaller, affordable, high quality exhibitions that enhance civic engagement and human understanding. This exhibition was supported by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation with additional funds from the Bank of the West. ■



Cover art of the Grizzly Bear Rag sheet music composed by George Botsford is an example of one item that will be on display at the “Bear In Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly” exhibit at the Old Courthouse.

Bear In Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly

On exhibition June 7th – Oct. 8th

Event: Opening Reception & Lecture with author Susan Snyder

When: Friday, June 11th, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Event Fee: FREE **Parking Fee:** FREE

Ages: All Welcome

Location: Old Orange County Courthouse. 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 92701

Contact: (714) 973-6605

More Info: www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse/

Note: Refreshments will be served

Get the 411 On OC Internal Audit Department

1. The Internal Audit Department (IAD) is one of the most cost-effective and efficient audit departments in the country, providing audit coverage with 40% fewer auditors than the average recently identified by the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) for its members.
2. The IAD has the most qualified auditors in the nation for a county of this size: 100% of its auditors are Certified Public Accountants (CPA), vs. 27% for ALGA members; 73% of its auditors are Certified Internal Auditors (CIA), vs. 10% for ALGA members; and 46% of its auditors are Certified Information System Auditors (CISA), vs. 10% for ALGA members.
3. The department’s CPA auditors average 21 years of professional experience each.
4. The IAD has satisfactorily completed the approved annual audit plan consecutively for the past 10 years and has passed, without exception, all three of its Quality Assessments/Peer Reviews – which are conducted to determine adherence to professional auditing standards.

To get more of the 411, visit <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Internal%20Audit>.



Service Awards

For the Month of May

30 YEARS

Mary Dang
Auditor-Controller

Dave Riley
Health Care Agency

David Thiessen
Health Care Agency

David Ledesma
OC Community Resources

Sylvia Mencias
OC Community Resources

Raul Romero
OC Community Resources

Athena Cumberland
Probation Department

Marianne Moreno
Probation Department

Diana Rouwenhorst
Sheriff-Coroner

Patricia Vega
Sheriff-Coroner

Hue Do
Social Services Agency

Judith Hall
Social Services Agency

John Mung Le
Social Services Agency

Bich-Loan Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Valerie Thomson
Social Services Agency

Hoai-My Vu
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Swades Chakrabarti
Assessor

Paula Alvarez
Human Resources
Department

Hector Calderon-Nava
OC Community Resources

Gilbert Oropez
OC Public Works

Mark Uribe
OC Public Works

Rusell Chilton
Sheriff-Coroner

David Erickson
Sheriff-Coroner

William Griffin
Sheriff-Coroner

Rosemary Montes
Social Services Agency

Edwin Pendrey
Sheriff-Coroner

Michael Robertson
Sheriff-Coroner

Donna Sievers
Sheriff-Coroner

Hien Tran
Sheriff-Coroner

20 YEARS

Saeb Al-Sunna
Assessor

Michael Keese
Assessor

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Norma Lievanos
Assessor

Mary Anne Love
Assessor

Debi Murray
Assessor

Robert Thomas
Assessor

Wendy Whitford
Assessor

Pondory Houli
Auditor-Controller

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Stacy Vandegriff
Health Care Agency

Zareen Husain
Human Resources Department

Scott Sanders
Human Resources Department

Yoke Chann Wong
John Wayne Airport

Efren Sio
OC Community Resources

Reza Zargham
OC Community Resources

Hiram Downard
OC Public Works

Ubalдина Triana
OC Public Works

Jason Gomez
Probation Department

Elsie Manzor
Probation Department

Joe Nunez
Public Defender

U Choe
Sheriff-Coroner

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Sheriff-Coroner

Bina Iyer
Sheriff-Coroner

Pennie Laferty
Sheriff-Coroner

Danilo Lucero
Sheriff-Coroner

Carmen Medina
Sheriff-Coroner

Kenneth Sedei
Sheriff-Coroner

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Social Services Agency

Cynthia Chappell
Social Services Agency

Michelle Chea-Ung
Social Services Agency

Jazmin De La Cruz
Social Services Agency

Leah Glastetter
Social Services Agency

Leslie Morgan
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