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Art in the Heights

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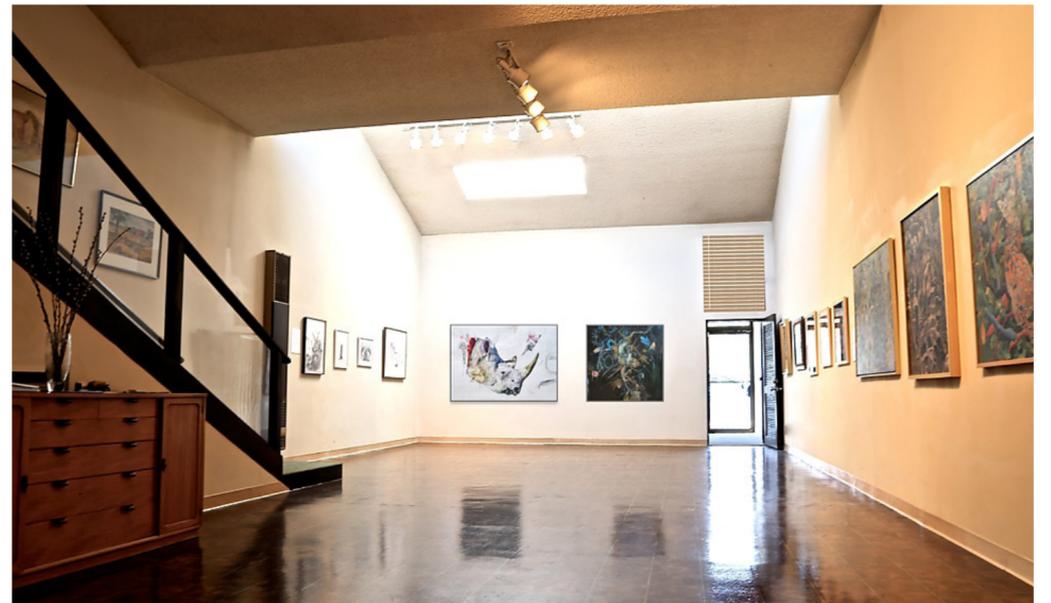
Did you know that we have an art gallery collective right in our neighborhood? The [Long Beach Creative Group](#) at Rod Briggs Gallery (2221 E. Broadway) is “an established consortium of experienced artists, teachers, and art enthusiasts engaged in creating exhibit spaces and opportunities for artists through curated exhibits, events, and overall unique experiences,” according to their website.

The group celebrates the depth and diversity of Long Beach artists, including Bluff Heights resident Sandy Winkler and her award-winning watercolors. Past exhibits and the themes they explored included: Pop Surrealism (which started in the late 1960s in Los Angeles); Fragments of Self, of History, of Identity; Small Works; Transparency (of watercolors); and Long Beach, to name a few. Many of these exhibits were made possible through grants and sponsorships from the Arts Council for Long Beach and the Port of Long Beach.

Long Beach Creative Group (LBCG) and the Rod Briggs Gallery offer artist talks, classes (often free), and movies to the public. One such class on printmaking will be held on Sunday, July 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Upcoming movies include Julian Schnabel: A Private Portrait on Friday, July 21 at 7 p.m. and Exit Through the Gift Shop: A Banksy Film on Friday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

The current exhibit, Multiple Intersections, explores fine-art printmaking and was organized and curated by CSULB Faculty Emerita Roxanne Sexauer. The exhibit’s promotional material explains: “The title of the exhibition arises from the fact that prints are usually classified as identical multiples, each originating from the same matrices. While each of the fifteen artists in the exhibition has a distinctly unique vision, there are often related themes or media that cross paths.”

Featured artists include Mary Sherwood Brock, Rob Brown, Jennifer Chen, Helen Cox, Sydney A. Cross, Guerra, Alvaro D. Marquez, Kimiko Miyoshi, Tim Musso, Kiyomi Fukui



Nannery, Michelle Rozic, Marianne Sadowski, Todd Smith, Camilla Taylor, and Tava Tedesco. Multiple Intersections runs through July 22.

The space at 2221 E. Broadway was the former gallery space of Roderick Briggs, who was an artist, educator, and prominent member of the Long Beach art community for more than 60 years. His work (photo-realistic oil paintings)—is part of the Long Beach Museum of Art’s permanent collection. You can also see his work when you walk through the front door of the gallery.

During exhibits, the gallery is open to the public Fridays through Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is required. Follow LBCG on Facebook at facebook.com/LongBeachCreativeGroup and on Instagram [@LongBeachCreativeGroup](https://instagram.com/LongBeachCreativeGroup).

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