



West Floral Park Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Message From The Secretary

Hello Residents,

My husband Glenn and I have lived in West Floral Park since August of 1989. Prior to that time we had lived in Orange and Glenn had worked in Los Angeles. One evening while he tried to get home through the "Orange Crush", he bailed off the freeway on the now defunct Flower Street off ramp and discovered West Floral Park! He came home told me about it and we started looking for a home in this area. Living here has been a wonderful experience and we are so lucky for our immediate neighbors and the community that surrounds us. The racial and ethnic makeup gives Santa Ana a vibrancy and vitality that one does not feel in the sterile environment of South County, we just love Santa Ana.

We had a truly great event in the Fall/October Festival – this event was for young and old with good food, a great band, prizes for the best carved pumpkin, and even a wagon horse ride through the neighborhood! For those of you who haven't attended a previous event, we have a holiday party scheduled for December 4th and would love to lots of new neighbors join us. This will be an adult party with cocktails, live music, and delicious appetizers and desserts! Wear a warm holiday outfit (we will be outside) and join us for this last neighborhood celebration of 2005.

For those of you who missed the General Meeting November 9th, we had an election of Officers for 2006 and a great photographic display and lecture regarding the Parrots of West Floral Park by Loretta Erickson. We all know that these parrots live here as they make their presence known every morning and evening, however, I did not know that there are about ten different species here! Ms. Erickson brought photographs of all of them. The newly elected 2006 Officers are as follows:

President	Gary Castro
Vice President	Nicole Doughty
Treasurer	Steve Tancredi
Secretary	Debbie Lawler
Member at Large	Donna Layne

An Evening Of Elegance Hosted by WFPNA Celebrating the Joy of the Holiday Season

Cocktails, hearty appetizers, decadent desserts



Sunday Dec. 4

7 PM – 10PM



Dress In The holiday spirit

**At the home of The Doughty's
2206 N. Westwood Ave**

**\$25.00/ couple
\$15.00/ person**



714-953-1056 For Tickets

Adults only, please.

We have many Committees: Communications, Social, Beautification and Welcoming. All these Committees would welcome your assistance as this is what makes the neighborhood unique. We would also ask you all to join the Association next year as the Membership Drive Flyer will be given to each of you after the first of the year. Join us at the Holiday Party and celebrate with new and old neighbors.

Debbie Lawler



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A Message From the Social Chair

Once again the season draws to an end, the great parties and BBQ's will be only a distant memory. It has been a whirlwind of events, the Progressive Dinner was great fun with people participating and dressing up in vintage outfits from the 50's 60's and 70's. Everyone did such a great job bringing their favorite dishes from recent decades – hats off to all the great chefs in the neighborhood!

Fourth of July had an incredible turnout of over 200 people. Eric Arel does such an amazing job putting on this event and this year he outdid himself! I understand that the local Fire Department actually called him this year to make sure they would be included in the event. Thank You Eric!

The Fall Block Party (Octoberfest) was held October 8th and this event was fun for the whole family. We are also working on a Christmas Party that none of you will want to miss, so stay tuned....

Thank you to the board members for understanding the importance of attending and supporting these events in our neighborhood. Your enthusiasm is contagious and makes our events fun and entertaining for everyone. **Thank you** to all the sponsors who donate items for us to raffle at our events, this really helps to fund future events and congratulations to all our winners. **Thank you** to all the people that give up their time to help with the set-up and take down of these events. Without you, these events would not be possible.

And finally, **Thank you** to the great neighbors of WFP for making this neighborhood such a special place for all of us to call home.

Juanita Gallifor, Social Chair WFPNA

PS If anyone has not picked up their dish from the Progressive Dinner I have some left over at my house.

Beautification Committee End of Year Highlights

Several volunteers meet on Saturday, November 12th to tune up the Bristol Santa Clara WFP Entrance: Cleaning, Trimming, and Planting of New Winter Color.

At the end of November, Holiday decorations will be hung from the trees lining Santa Clara Street. Holiday Light Judging will take place the week of December 11th.

Get those lights hung to be one of the recognized winners for "Best Lights", "Most Lights" (The Griswald Award) and the newest category - "Best Door and Entry" category. To participate as a volunteer with the Beautification Committee, contact Mel Steiner at 714-269-4138 or msteiner01@adelphia.net.

Bristol Street Widening

From the OC Register - A plan to widen Bristol Street in Santa Ana won a crucial recommendation today, as an Orange County Transportation Authority committee backed funding the project with the needed \$225 million. Another lane in each direction would be added to Bristol, along with linear parks on each side and a palm tree-dotted strip down the middle. Businesses and homes would have to be taken through negotiations or condemnation proceedings in order to complete the project, but that is not considered a major hurdle for the city. The plans have been in the works for 15 years, and the project has cleared environmental-impact scrutiny. The improvements would be made along Bristol, roughly from 17th Street to Warner Avenue. Other parts of the street have already been improved. Santa Ana Mayor Miguel Pulido said the street widening let motorists count on the crucial north-south street again. "I don't know what the average speed is," Pulido said. "But you don't need a city engineer to tell you that you are stopped. We have a ready-to-go project." The full OCTA board must approve of the recommendation Nov. 28 before Santa Ana officials can push forward.



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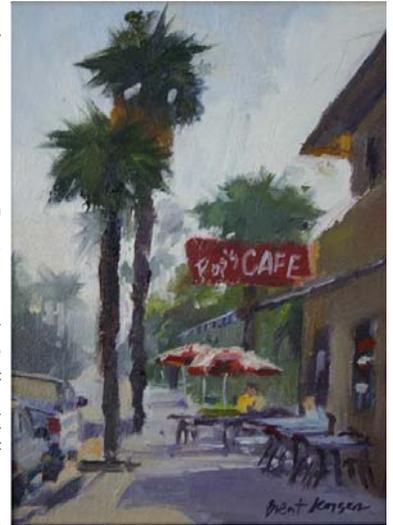
Local Oil Painter Preserves Santa Ana with 50 Paintings in Solo Exhibition

Brent Jensen's love of plein air (outdoor) painting started with his rural upbringing in the rolling hills of Wyoming. In sixth grade, he won a state-wide art contest and never looked back. After receiving his B.A. in Art, Brent worked as an architectural illustrator. In 2002, a European trip inspired him to renew his passion for plein air oil painting. As a plein air painter, Brent has painted on location in Arizona, Texas, Mexico, and France. However, his primary focus is capturing all that California has to offer.



Sometimes, he gets on the road by 3:00 a.m. to be on location in time to catch the morning shadows.

Brent is memorializing Santa Ana in 50 plein air oil paintings. This venture stems from his love of the architecture of historic buildings and neighborhoods that he has cherished in his 10 years of residence in the city. Each painting, priced at \$325, is painted on a 6 x 8 canvas. The exhibition includes paintings of landmarks from Bowers Museum to the



Old Orange County Courthouse. Unique homes from various association

neighborhoods as well as downtown scenes are also included in the solo exhibition. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society receives a portion of the proceeds from each painting sold. Preview exhibition paintings at www.jensenstudio.com. Because Brent views the world as paintings, it allows him to create plein air oil paintings that remain true to nature's color tones. He creates harmony within his work by mixing the three primary colors. His art education is enhanced by attendance at numerous week-long plein air workshops with well-established mentor artists. Brent has membership in the California Art Club, Oil Painters of America, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association and Southern California Plein Air Painters Association. He studies classic art books from and about Impressionist masters and early California Impressionists. This knowledge blends with his innate style and flows onto his canvases to draw observers into his oil paintings. His sole interest lies in painting what inspires him beginning with well-selected compositions. Because of his philosophy and goal to create original museum-quality oil paintings, Brent does not reproduce his work.

The solo exhibition location is the Dr. Howe-Waffle House/Museum, 120 W. Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701. Saturday, Dec. 3: Noon to 9:00 p.m. (Artist's Reception 6-8 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 4: Noon to 4:00 p.m. Parking and museum admission is complimentary.

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Steve Doughty
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1st 4-year old
Spurgeon
Graduation
Class in 1970.

PERMITS REQUIRED!!!

Did you know that a building permit is required before changing or installing new windows in your home or business? Also, the City encourages that new or replacement windows be of high quality and generally match the style of the existing windows and structure. Please contact a City Planner at (714) 667-5804 if you are thinking about installing new windows and have questions.

Thank You West Floral Park Neighbors

This summer in June, I participated in the Aids/Lifecycle bicycle ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Over the course of seven days, we biked over 575 miles. All proceeds raised go to help people living with AIDS and HIV. After all was said and done, I helped to raise over 6 million dollars! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the neighbors that helped me to raise \$2,800 for this most important event. Thank You All

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A blend of warm sunshine, surprising good course conditions, and the anticipation of 'in-your-face' competition were in place to greet this year's participants in the 3rd Annual WFPNA Golf Tournament held September 17th at the Riverview Golf Course. Players from Morrison Park, Jack Fisher Park, and Floral Park 'mixed it up' with some of the 'local duffers' to stage a hotly contested battle for Tournament Champion. There was even some great play by newcomers and beginners that impacted the final standings. "Great trophies and prizes" for the serious players combined with some very impressive raffle prizes made for a nice balance of competitive vs. fun golf. A close battle was waged for 1st Place between the defending champion and a team comprised of players from JFP, FP, and WFP. The

West Floral Park Neighborhood Association 2005 Membership Drive

And the 2005 Winners Are...

Greatest participation by street.....Lowell Lane
Most dollars contributed by street.....Riviera Drive
Lafest average per household donations...Riviera Drive
Most households contributing per street.....Westwood Avenue

Street	# of HH's	Current Ttl Donations	Avg Don Per HH	# of Prtic. HH's	% of Prtic. HH's.
Lowell Lane	15	\$170	\$11.33	6	40.00%
Marion Way	8	\$30	\$3.75	1	12.50%
Baker Street	67	\$225	\$3.36	9	13.43%
Olive Lane	19	\$270	\$14.21	7	36.84%
Freeman Street	25	\$180	\$7.20	8	32.00%
Greenbrier	19	\$30	\$1.58	1	5.26%
Louise Street	36	\$75	\$2.08	3	8.33%
Olive Street	47	\$195	\$4.15	8	17.02%
Rosewood	35	\$380	\$10.86	9	25.71%
Towner Street	59	\$385	\$6.53	10	16.95%
Westwood Avenue	68	\$815	\$11.99	19	27.94%
Ruth Circle	5	\$25	\$5.00	1	20.00%
18th Street	41	\$45	\$1.10	2	4.88%
Flower Street	38	\$100	\$2.63	2	5.26%
19th Street	25	\$450	\$18.00	7	28.00%
20th Street	23	\$25	\$1.09	1	4.35%
21st Street	19	\$25	\$1.32	1	5.26%
22nd Street	5	\$0	\$0.00	0	0.00%
Buffalo Avenue	12	\$30	\$2.50	1	8.33%
Riviera Drive	37	\$765	\$20.68	14	37.84%
Santa Clara Avenue	<u>29</u>	<u>\$115</u>	<u>\$3.97</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10.34%</u>
Total	632	\$4,335	\$6.86	113	17.88%

'mixed bag' had just enough game to out duel Steve Doughty and his 'motley crew' – Boy! That kid from FP 'sure plays a mean golf ball'. There was a one stroke differential between 3rd and 4th place as well. The Tournament Committee would like to express their sincere appreciation to **Rick Powell** (Lowell Lane) and Roger Dunn Golf Stores for their player package and prize contributions, Mastercraft Homes for this year's trophies, **Greg West Jr.** (Riviera Dr.) for his wonderful raffle prize donation, **Santa Ana Realty** for the beverages, and Riverview Golf Course for having the course in great shape and the tasty BBQ afterwards.

Be sure to put this event on your calendar next year – the tournament will continue to be held in September to balance out the WFPNA social calendar. Regretfully, I will not be playing in next year's tournament. Instead I have decided to dedicate the tournament committee to make next year's tournament as good as any event the association is capable of putting on.

Steve Tancredi
Tournament Coordinator



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Does your house have a WOW Factor?

If you're a creative, out of the box do-it-yourselfer who has completed a unique home project ... HGTV is looking for you!

HGTV (Home and Garden Television) and Weller/Grossman Productions are looking for unique, cool and creative projects designed and done by real people without the help of contractors or experts. We're searching for individuals across the country that would like to share their fun stories and incredible results. This fun and inspirational new program chronicles everyday people and their amazing "did it myself" design endeavors. From unbelievable room reinventions, to cool outdoor creations, innovative kids rooms, wild wall treatments, playful pet projects, and more ... we're looking for ideas that break the design mold and make people say "wow!"

So, if you've transformed your garage into a wine room, built Fido his own futuristic pad, designed the most fabulous fireplace ever, recreated your kids room and built a headboard out of hockey sticks — or done something else spectacular and uniquely special to your home, HGTV is looking for you! To apply, e-mail a description of the project (with pictures) of the area you've improved, and your contact info to Brian Heller at bheller@welligrossman.com

New Neighbor Corner

Joan Squillacioti and her Welcoming Committee are busy making new friends in West Floral Park by making personal visits offering a gift bag of treats along with valuable neighborhood information. Please welcome the following new residents:

The Uraje Family
N. Louise Street

The Arnold Family
Freeman Street

Dave and Jennifer Hall
20th Street

Kay Spaks
Olive Street

Photo Contest

What about a photo contest? Brian Daley is interested in creating a photo contest with the theme of "life in West Floral Park". If you would like to participate, submit your West Floral Park photos to brian@westfloralpark.com. The deadline is December 31 and the photos may be posted on the West Floral Park Neighborhood Association website.

Things to Know

West Floral Park has its own Yahoo Group at WestFloralPark.com. Please sign up and join the group.



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