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New Exhibition at the Ontario Museum of History & Art
Creating A New Legacy

Then & Now: Women Artists of the Pomona Valley
Creating a New Legacy
Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, September 4, 2022

The Ontario Museum of History & Art invites you to visit the new art exhibition *Creating a New Legacy* in celebration of the artistic talent that makes the Pomona Valley a very special creative place in Southern California. Opening Thursday, June 2 through Sunday, September 4, *Creating a New Legacy* focuses on contemporary artists who are shaping the present and future of the arts in the Pomona Valley. Forty pieces of artwork will be on display by artists Mary Beierle, Domonique Brown, Cellibacello, A'Kailah Byrd-Greene, Gina Lawson Egan, Sumi Foley, Rebecca Hamm, and Dulce Soledad Ibarra.

Creating a New Legacy is a joint exhibition in collaboration with the Chaffey Community Museum of Art presenting a single theme interpreted in two distinct ways, *Then and Now: Women Artist for the Pomona Valley*. The Ontario Museum of History & Art's subtheme is *Creating a New Legacy* and focuses on contemporary artists who work as teachers, professionals, and mentors inspiring the next generation of artists in the region. The Chaffey Community Museum of Art's subtheme is *Founding a Legacy* and features nine women artists who have been recognized as professional artists of outstanding caliber since the 1940s. Both museums are proud to showcase the work of artists who were seminal in laying the foundation for arts in the region and continue to forge new paths today.



The Ontario Museum of History & Art selected eight artists for *Creating a New Legacy* that are unique in every way and are driven by different passions and concerns. Domonique Brown's work was fueled by the isolation of the pandemic and celebrates Black Joy, inclusivity, and the empowerment of men and women of color in portraiture. A'Kailah Byrd-Greene's paintings challenge the way Black women are portrayed in American culture. Her work honors Black women through a range of stirring emotions using vibrant complementary colors.

Mary Beierle's use of color and form evokes a meditative state. Her glacial sculptures pay homage to the beauty of vanishing glacial fields in a landscape affected by global warming. Sumi Foley's painterly works, which at first read as studies of nature, call upon memories of her family and friends, literally weaving together pieces of fabric into beautiful tapestries.

Color features prominently in the works of this group of artists as well. Rebecca Hamm's canvases draw their source from the natural world and an improvisational process. Hamm's artworks hold an exuberant energy through unpredictability. Dulce Soledad Ibarra's work is deeply rooted in community, culture, and labor. The *Bolsote* series simultaneously honors Xicanx community and acknowledges systemic inequities in the workforce.

The works on view also present opportunities for exploration. Gina Lawson Egan's ceramic sculptures transport viewers to another realm with figures housed in architectural dwellings and reminiscent of a familiar monomyth journey. Cellibacello's installation is an expression of her need for healthy boundaries as she juggles her artistry, family, and home. She displays her in-between world with examples of her journals and scrapbooking.

Creating a New Legacy is part of *Then & Now: Women Artists of the Pomona Valley*, a collaborative exhibition developed with the Chaffey Community Museum of Art. To learn more visit OntarioMuseum.org or call (909) 395-2510.

Exhibit Related Programs

Community Reception: *Then & Now: The Legacy of Women Artists in the Pomona Valley* Exhibitions

Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 4 PM - 7 PM

S. Lemon Ave & E. Emporia St

Celebrate the artists from the *Then & Now: The Legacy of Women Artists in the Pomona Valley* exhibition at the Ontario Museum of History & Art and the Chaffey Community Museum of Art. While conversing with artists and art enthusiasts, enjoy light refreshments, and art-making activities inspired by the exhibit.



Artist Talk: *Creating a New Legacy*
Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 6 PM - 7:30 PM
Museum Historic Council Chambers

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is opening its historic council chambers for an evening conversation with the artists from *Creating a New Legacy*. The moderated discussion will explore the challenges and the successes in the artists' professional careers and art practice. Light refreshments will be provided. Reservations are required.

Participating Artists: Sumi Foley, Domonique Brown, Rebecca Hamm, Mary Beierle, Cellibacello.

Moderator: Wendy Slatkin, an art historian with over 30 years of teaching experience, at the college level. She has expertise in all time periods of western art history, from antiquity to the modern age, with a special interest in women artists. Professor Slatkin has published scholarly articles, in peer reviewed publications, and is the author of *Women Artists in History* (2019, 5th edition) and *In Her Own Words* (2011).

Art Cart Takeover: *Creating a New Legacy*
Friday – Sunday, July 22-24, 2022 at 12 PM – 4 PM
Museum Hallway

Join us for an Art Cart activity inspired by Cellibacello, who is one of the artists in the *Creating a New Legacy* exhibit. During this drop-in program, participants will use upcycled paper materials like magazines, junk mail and other supplies provided by the museum to make their very own collage journal. Cellibacello will be hosting an artist demo on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 12 PM – 4 PM. Reservations are required.

Popcorn Chat: Film Night at the Museum
Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 6 PM – 7:30 PM
Museum Historic Council Chambers

Grab some popcorn, dress in comfy clothes and join us for a film night! Watch a film by Lynn Hershman Leeson !WOMEN ART REVOLUTION (!W.A.R.) that looks at stories of resilience, inspires feminist social movements in the late 20th century and sheds light on artists and creatives who fight for gender equality. We'll popcorn chat about the film and make connections with *Creating a New Legacy* exhibit. Reservations are required.

Art Cart Activity: Sketch in the Galleries
Friday – Sunday, August 12-14, 2022 at 12 PM – 4 PM
Museum Hallway



Visit the Art Cart and grab some sketch paper to take with you into the galleries. Connect with the artworks by following our guided prompts as you experience the *Creating a New Legacy* exhibition. Reservations are required.

We welcome you to the galleries and to participate in our free public programming! For more details, information, and event reservation links, please call (909) 395-2510. Please note, that programs are subject to change.

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Noon to 4 PM, Friday to Sunday
Noon to 8 PM every Thursday
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