



THE ONTARIO MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

The Ontario Museum of History & Art is a public-private institution operated by the City of Ontario with support from the non-profit Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates.

The Museum Associates is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit support group for the Ontario Museum of History & Art. We provide support financially, through our fundraising and membership efforts; educationally, through our support of the docent program; and throughout the community with our representation at events and activities.

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It was a desire to celebrate the passions of art that has motivated the Associates of the Ontario Museum of History & Art to assemble a special “work of art” of its own on Thursday, April 25, 2019.

The work is not a painting or sculpture but rather a gala celebration to place on a public pedestal the artistic efforts of three significant people and institutions in the region.

The Associates are members of a support group for the Museum, raising money, directing projects and assisting in each activity the museum provides to the community. As part of that role, the Associates decided it was time to truly honor those who have done so much in promoting the arts.

The event will honor Randall Lewis and the Lewis Family, artist Tony Sheets, and the Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts -- individuals and

Ontario *Arts & Culture Awards:* Celebrating Regional Impact

April 25, 2019

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institutions whose positive impact on the region and its populations every day is beyond calculation.

The event will bring together those who have shaped arts and cultural institutions in the region in the past while at the same time nurturing new interest and achievement for the future.

Lewis, whose family company has built tens of thousands of homes in this region, has been a longtime supporter of the arts including his many philanthropic activities. Among these are the Lewis Family Playhouse in Rancho Cucamonga, Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas and Fender Center for the Performing Arts in Corona.

Sheets is a noted artist working in enameling on copper, ceramics, ceramic sculpture, painting and printmaking and has produced significant works of public art. He also tirelessly works to preserve the many murals of his father, renowned artist Millard Sheets, which have been threatened by demolition of the buildings in which they were created for.

The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts, which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2019, carries forward its founders' dream for establishing a Museum, Learning Center and Workshop at the site of the Maloof Historic Home in Rancho Cucamonga. A Smithsonian Affiliate, The Maloof today serves K-12 students, veterans, artists and the public at large with tours, exhibitions, public programs and experiences in art, craft and creativity.

"These leaders and institutions every day positively affect the people of Ontario and surrounding communities, encouraging appreciation and participation in the arts," explained Sherry Glab, President of the Board of the Ontario Museum of History and Art, Associates.

"We feel it is time to fully recognize them, their efforts and their tremendous positive influence. We're encouraging the community to join in the celebration of everything they have done for the arts."

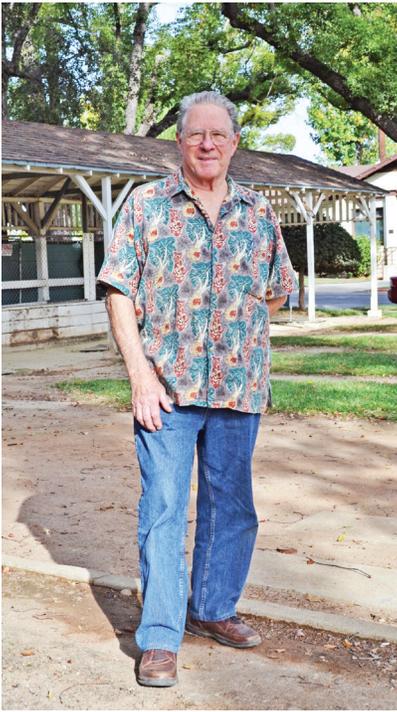
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Please join us in a special gathering to honor three awardees that for years have nurtured an overwhelming passion and support of arts and culture in our community. The Ontario Arts and Culture Awards will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Ontario Museum of History & Art located at 225 South Euclid Avenue, Ontario.

This first-ever arts and culture awards ceremony, presented by the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates and City of Ontario, will enable you to meet and honor a legendary artist (Tony Sheets), an iconic cultural organization (The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation) and a key regional patron of arts and culture (Randall Lewis and the Lewis Family).

Contributions from sponsors and donors will benefit arts and cultural programs for Ontario and the region. For questions regarding sponsorship opportunities please contact Kathleen Fariss at awards@ontarioca.gov. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.ontarioarts.org/awards for more information and to register.

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Individual Artist – Tony Sheets

Tony Sheets (1942-): Tony Sheets, son of Millard Sheets and an artist in his own right, was raised in a small artists colony in the foothills of Claremont and grew up with art. In the early 1960s he began five years of apprenticeship with sculptor Albert Stewart, while working in the studios of other artists to learn enameling on copper, ceramics, ceramic sculpture, painting and printmaking.

Working as an assistant to artist Tom Van Sant, Tony helped develop new processes to create concrete wall sculptures and apply sand and cement to wall reliefs. In 2007 Tony was named Director of Art for the Millard Sheets Fine Arts Building at the Los Angeles County Fair, a position he held until 2015.

Tony has specialized in large-scale sited works as well as work on an intimate scale. He has worked to preserve his father's legacy by helping remove murals threatened by demolition of the buildings in which they were installed.

Cultural Organization – The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts

Launched in a garage in Ontario in 1949, Sam and Alfreda Maloof's furniture-making enterprise outgrew its original space as Sam's California Modernist designs became increasingly well known to clients across the nation. With the family's move to Alta Loma in the mid-1950s, Sam began building the home that would become perhaps his greatest work. Today, The Maloof is part of the Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program established by the National Trust—one of about thirty sites across the nation that encourage exploration of the lives and legacies of prominent American artists. Also now a Smithsonian Affiliate, The Maloof welcomes thousands of visitors annually from around the world with programs that seek to grow the understanding and appreciation of fine craft as an expression of the human spirit.



Through educational programs developed in partnership with Ontario-Montclair School District, and Maloof Teen programs serving students in Chaffey Joint High School District, The Maloof annually serves more than a thousand local public school students. In 2018, The Maloof's newly equipped Upper Barn workshops began offering courses in woodworking. The recently launched Maloof Digital Resource Collection makes it possible for remote students and scholars to access images of The Maloof collection, including Sam Maloof drawings, via the Internet. The Maloof also collaborates with institutions such as the Smithsonian's American Art Museum, the University of California, Riverside, Pomona College, and the Ontario Museum of History & Art on symposia, exhibitions and other special projects.

Patrons of Arts and Culture – Randall Lewis and the Lewis family



With over 40-years' experience in the real estate industry, Randall Lewis is Executive Vice President and a Principal of Lewis Management Corp., a member of the Lewis Group of Companies. Randall oversees the marketing activities for all regions of the organization. His broad areas of expertise include land acquisition, market research, product design, advertising and sales.

Randall is an active and philanthropic supporter of the arts, health and education. Randall serves on the Executive Board of the Southern California Association of Governments, as well as the Southern California Leadership Council. Randall is a past Trustee of the Urban Land Institute and is a current Governor of the Urban Land Institute Foundation. He is also the co-chair of the San Bernardino County Alliance for Education, and serves on several executive boards, including the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

In recognition of his hard work and dedication to the community, Randall has received numerous prestigious awards, including the 2018 Larry Sharp Inland Empire Leader of the Year Award, the 2014 Southern California Association of Governments' President's Award for Sustainability Leader of the Year and the 2011 San Bernardino Association of Governments' Exemplary Achievements Award. Randall and his wife, Janell sponsor the Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship, and he is heavily involved in the Healthy Cities movement in the Inland Empire.

Lewis Group of Companies – When Ralph and Goldy Lewis started their home-building business in 1955, they established a family-oriented vision to developing their business that proved to be a winning approach. For more than 60 years, that vision has expanded to wonderful new heights. Today the Lewis Group of Companies focuses on the development of mixed-use planned communities and residential subdivisions in California and Nevada, as well as building and owning rental communities, shopping centers, and office and industrial parks.

The Company recognizes the importance of helping to make the communities where it does business better places to live. As business members and active participants in the community, the Lewis Group believes in getting involved and giving back to the community. Lewis is a strong supporter of the arts and cultural programs, as well as promoting healthy communities, education and youth organizations. A partial listing of some of the philanthropic activities include the Lewis Family Playhouse, Smith Center for the Performing Arts, Fender Center for the Performing Arts, YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club.

Working closely with community representatives from cities such as Ontario, Chino, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana and Rialto, has given the company a unique insight into the importance of communities coming together. The Lewis Group treasures the moments when their contributions, ideas, or sponsorships make something that was once a dream, a reality. That is the mark of true success and one more legacy that founders, Ralph and Goldy Lewis, would be proud of today.

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Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates: The Year in Review

A well-run museum almost always has an enthusiastic circle of volunteers who serve as the heart and soul of many of its successes. For the Ontario Museum of History & Art, that group of volunteers is known as the Museum Associates. The Associates' activities are many and varied: they present art exhibits, attend community outreach opportunities, and serve as docents.

There are hard-working Museum staff members as well, and the City Council's appointed Board of Trustees provide leadership, but the volunteer Museum Associates play a key role in helping make many of the Museum's efforts reach its goals.

The Museum Associates held the first-ever "Night at the Museum" art auction and fundraiser in December 2018. They sponsored the event with the assistance of the museum staff team. A variety of local artwork was exhibited in the North Gallery and over 100 attendees were able to "buy now," "silent auction," and bid during "live auction" to buy pieces for themselves. The event resulted in over \$3,000 in sales in one night with 80% of the profits going to the Museum Associates to support Museum activities.

One of the truly vital activities of the Museum Associates is providing education and training for the museum docents. Our docents serve a large number of students, with 2,500 touring the museum last year. Through the docents, these students are exposed to many aspects of local history and society that they would not otherwise have a chance to learn about.

The Museum Associates operate the Museum store, which helps add to their budget. The Museum Associates use these funds to support community programs, to assist in financing some of the traveling exhibits which appear at the museum each year, and to fund community outreaches. The Museum Associates often provide hospitality for museum receptions.

Throughout the year, the Museum Associates participate in community programs. If you have attended such local events as the 5K Reindeer Run, Christmas on Euclid, or the Route 66 Reunion, you may have stopped in at the Museum's booth and spoken with a Museum Associate staffing the event.

Additionally, Associates attend senior events, educational conferences and school events to help make residents aware of the benefits available at the Museum. The Associates are usually busy but try to flag one down and learn how to join this enthusiastic and talented group. Staff and volunteers help make the Museum an important educational institution in the community. We educate all ages.

"I work and volunteer at the Museum, because I believe in its mission and providing a place for students to come and learn our city's history."

- Cherry Dobbs – Docent & Board Member of the Ontario Museum of History & Art, Associates

"We have a gem in the City of Ontario and it's the Ontario Museum of History & Art. Serving on the Board of Trustees gives me an opportunity to share my passion for the arts and building an institution for our community."

- Christian Kueng, Member of the Board of Trustees.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship will enrich and preserve Ontario's artistic and cultural heritage.

Diamond
\$20,000

- Exclusive opportunity to introduce award recipients (Limited to three (3) sponsors).
- Invitation to VIP Meet and Greet with award recipients before the event.
- Verbal Acknowledgment as Diamond Sponsor in opening and closing remarks.
- Prominent presentation of company logo and web address in print, electronic, and other marketing.
- Prominent signage at event and prominent recognition in event program.
- Logo/name recognition displayed on opening sponsor slideshow.
- Web information link with logo on the Ontario Arts & Culture website.
- Social Media recognition as Diamond Sponsor.
- Sixteen (16) Complimentary Event Tickets (Two (2) Tables).

Platinum
\$10,000

- Opportunity for sponsor to speak at event.
- Verbal Acknowledgment as Platinum Sponsor in opening and closing remarks.
- Prominent presentation of company logo and web address in print, electronic, and other marketing.
- Prominent signage at event and prominent recognition in event program.
- Logo/name recognition displayed on opening sponsor slideshow.
- Web information link with logo on the Ontario Arts & Culture website.
- Social Media recognition as Platinum Sponsor.
- Eight (8) Complimentary Event Tickets (One (1) Table).

Gold
\$5,000

- Verbal Acknowledgment as Gold Sponsor in opening and closing remarks.
- Presentation of company logo and web address in print, electronic, and other marketing.
- Signage at event and recognition in event program.
- Logo/name recognition displayed on opening sponsor slideshow.
- Web information link with logo on the Ontario Arts & Culture website.
- Inclusion in Social Media Promotion.
- Eight (8) Complimentary Event Tickets (One (1) Table).

Silver
\$3,000

- Verbal Acknowledgment as Silver Sponsor in opening remarks.
- Presentation of company logo and web address in print, electronic, and other marketing.
- Signage at event and recognition in event program.
- Logo/name recognition displayed on opening sponsor slideshow.
- Web information link with logo on the Ontario Arts & Culture website.
- Four (4) Complimentary Event Tickets.

Bronze
\$1,000

- Presentation of company logo and web address in print, electronic, and other marketing.
- Signage at event and in recognition event program.
- Logo/name recognition displayed on opening sponsor slideshow.
- Web information link with logo on the Ontario Arts & Culture website.
- Two (2) Complimentary Event Tickets.

Upcoming Programs Presented by the Ontario Museum of History & Arts, Associates

The Museum Associates present the 10th Biennial *Ontario Open Art Exhibit* (“*Ontario Open*”) from Thursday, April 11, 2019 to Sunday, June 9, 2019. This juried exhibit is one of the museum’s signature exhibits that takes place every other year and is eagerly anticipated by area artists and the art community. Proceeds from the submissions of art go to funding ongoing exhibits and programs.

Artists in Schools: “*Eye on Ontario: Community Empowerment through Photography and Storytelling*” is a pilot demonstration project that will pair a photographer, Thomas McGovern, and a poet, Juan Delgado, to work with newly immigrated students to the community in an English Language Development class at Chaffey High School. The Museum Associates are sponsoring the project through a generous donation that supports instruction and supplies such as digital cameras. McGovern will lead the students in understanding visual expression and will introduce the students to photographers and writers who have documented their personal lives and surroundings. They will focus on the challenges of cultural change and assimilation, as well as personal and group identity. Culminating project activities will include an exhibit and reception at the Ontario Museum of History & Art on Thursday, May 2, 2019 (6 PM to 8 PM). For more information call (909) 395-2510.

10th *Biennial Ontario Open Art Exhibit* Reception and Awards Ceremony

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (1:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

Light refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served. Remarks and recognition will be at 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM.

Become a Member!

Did you know there’s a great way for you to get involved with the Museum? Join the Ontario Museum of History & Associates, OMHA’s non-profit support organization. With your membership, you are helping the MA’s in their mission to enhance the educational and community outreach programs of the Museum. There are several levels of membership available, so there’s sure to be one that fits your budget. Plus, every level entitles you to 10% off in our fabulous Museum Store, with additional savings for higher levels. You can download an application at the MA website, <https://www.oma1996.com/>. Join us, visit us, maybe even volunteer! See you at the Ontario Museum of History & Art!



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 Contributor **\$100** Sponsor **\$250** Corporate **\$500** Benefactor **\$500**

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