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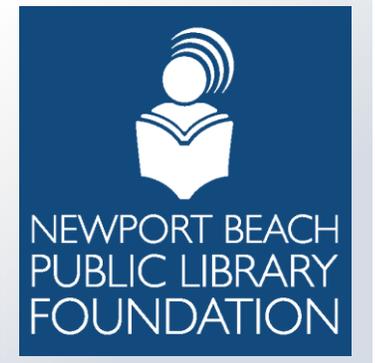
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Newport Beach Public Library Foundation announces the launch of a new FREE four-part virtual program with contemporary creatives in conversation with curator, writer and CEO of the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation Meg Linton on Tuesday, August 25 at 1:05pm

Newport Beach, CA – [Newport Beach Public Library Foundation](#) (NBPLF) is excited to announce the launch of a new virtual program called **Studio Chats: A conversation with contemporary creatives in a time of COVID with NBPL Foundation CEO Meg Linton**. This 24-minute conversation followed by a brief Q&A gives you an intimate glimpse of what three contemporary artists and an architect are working on and thinking about during this time of physical distancing and uncertainty. Creativity never sleeps, so join the NBPLF for an inspiring chat about art and now. The first conversation with artist **Deborah Aschheim** is on Tuesday, August 25 at 1:05pm. To reserve a virtual seat for this FREE event, please send an email to RSVP@nbplfoundation.org to receive a ZOOM invitation and link.

This program is the NBPLF's first foray into virtual programming and is in line with its mission of providing diverse and intellectually stimulating cultural events for the community. After a reservation for the event is made, a ZOOM link will be sent along with a little light reading about the presenter, so attendees may enter the conversation prepared with some background information about the guest artist and their work.

Studio Chats Schedule

Send an email to RSVP@nbplfoundation.org to make a reservation for this FREE event.

Tuesday, August 25, 1:05pm

Artist [Deborah Aschheim](#) discusses her *365 Days of Voters* Instagram drawing project. This is an individual's visual diary documenting voters from all backgrounds and why they vote. Ms. Aschheim has exhibited her work in Orange County at Laguna Art Museum, The Orange County Great Park Gallery, and The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. *365 Days of Voters*: <https://www.instagram.com/365daysofvoters/>

Tuesday, September 1, 1:05pm

Santa Barbara based architect [Michael Patrick Porter](#) discusses how the pandemic is shaping conversations about urban planning and home design for the future. Mr. Porter is a former president of the American

Institute of Architects in Orange County and has designed homes up and down the Southern California coastline.

Tuesday, September 8, 1:05pm

Artist [Holly Tempo](#) discusses her abstract paintings inspired by her daily walks in her Inglewood neighborhood. Her painted and conceptual gestures speak to her urban setting’s geographic and cultural history, its state of transition/gentrification, and what it means to be an artist during COVID 19. Ms. Tempo is a [2019-20 City of LA Department of Cultural Affairs](#) COLA fellow and a 2012 recipient of a grant from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation.

Tuesday, September 15, 1:05pm

Artist **Juan Carlos Muñoz Hernandez** discusses his recent abstract paintings and sculptures inspired by his neighborhood and growing up in Boyle Heights. When he is not in his studio Mr. Muñoz Hernandez works at the esteemed [Robert Graham Studio](#) and was a featured artist in the exhibition, “[Bridging Homeboy Industries: Fabian Deborá, Alex Kizu and Juan Carlos Muñoz Hernandez.](#)”

Event details and RSVP Information:

- All virtual Studio Chats take place on Tuesdays at 1:05pm
- Location: NBPL Foundation’s ZOOM Webinar Room
- Virtual Doors open 10 minutes before program begins promptly at 1:05pm
- FREE event with reservation
- Email RSVP@nbplfoundation.org to make your reservation today

Questions? 949-717-3818 or programs@nbplfoundation.org

About the Foundation

Founded in 1994, the **Newport Beach Public Library Foundation (NBPLF)** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to *funding valuable library resources, programs and services, and engages the community through the creation and sponsorship of diverse literary, cultural, and intellectual programs.* The Foundation fills in the gaps between the community needs and local government funding to help make the Newport Beach Public Library one of the best resources in the county. The NBPLF and its dedicated membership help make the library happen every day and for every one!

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