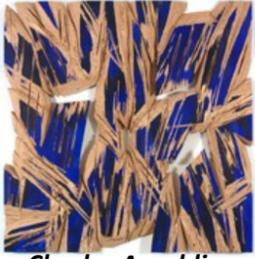




Arts & Culture

Oceanside's vibrant arts and culture scene teems with lively performances, thought-provoking exhibitions, and engaging historic sites. Oceanside is home to theatres, public art, music, film, galleries, historic mission, and a multitude of other cultural offerings. No matter what inspires you, there's always something happening in Oceanside to engage your senses and enrich your mind. Below is a sampling of what Oceanside has to offer:



Charles Arnoldi



The Graves House on Pacific Street, a.k.a. "Top Gun House"



Oceanside Museum of Art—Through August 25, OMA is hosting an exhibition by renowned artist Charles Arnoldi, one of the most significant contemporary abstract painters, sculptors and printmakers of our generation. Internationally recognized as an accomplished colorist who came out of the booming 1970s Los Angeles art scene, Arnoldi's multi-hued paintings are experimentations in color, form and structure. *Intersections* will present a sampling of Arnoldi's seminal early painted constructions and sculptures that brought him acclaim in the early 1970s. Don't miss the special tour with the artist on Saturday, August 24 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Oceanside Arts Commission—The Arts Commission considers and makes recommendations to the City Council on the development and promotion of performing and fine arts programs, arts facilities, and policies pertaining to cultural enhancement. Read the [Arts Commission Workplan](#), [Agendas](#), or [become involved!](#)

Oceanside Cultural Arts Foundation—From the Oceanside Days of Art to annual festivals celebrating music and film, the OCAF brings quality artistic, visual, performance, and musical arts to the community. Held August 22- 25, 2013, the Oceanside International Film Festival (OIFF) officially kicks off a season of various film festivals, which are conducted annually in San Diego county and usually continue through the Fall. OIFF is an opportunity for independent filmmakers to have their work screened and judged. It also gives the film buffs a chance for viewing local and international films at a place in Southern California known for its rich history, beautiful beaches, and artistic freedom.

Oceanside Historical Society—The Oceanside Historical Society features Downtown History Walks in the summer through September on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. Your tour guide will be Oceanside native and historian John Daley. Walks begin at the Oceanside Civic Center Fountain at Coast Highway and Pier View Way. Walks take participants to historic homes, churches, and banks, three Irving J. Gill buildings, the famed "Top Gun" house, the Oceanside Pier and bandshell and variety of other sites.

California Surf Museum—The museum serves as an international repository and resource center for the sport of surfing through capturing, preserving, chronicling its art, culture, and heritage for the education and enjoyment of future generations. The California Surf Museum has engaging exhibits on current and historical surf topics and hosts surf films and events. Pick up a cool pair of Cobian limited edition sandals featuring iconic surfers and this non-profit gets \$1/pair. Museum admission is free on Tuesdays!

Mission San Luis Rey—Founded over 200 years ago, Old Mission San Luis Rey Francia is known as the "King of the Missions", and is a National Historic Landmark. It is home to a community of Franciscan Friars and is open daily to the public. Facilities include a Retreat Center, Cemetery, Gift Shop, Historic Church and interpretive Museum. The museum houses exhibits relating to the colorful history of Mission San Luis Rey de Francia. Its collections include artifacts from Native American, Spanish Mission, Mexican Secularization, and American Military periods.

Star Theatre—Designed by architect William Glenn Balch in 1956, the STAR is from an era where neon was king. The STAR Theatre is the largest of Balch's 17 theaters located in the state of California and the last one that is still open. In 1998, The STAR Theatre was named a Historic Resource. The STAR Theatre is a community based non-profit theatre that has become the desired performing space of many local theatre companies in the Southern California district. Seeing a show at the STAR is a treat you won't soon forget.

Sunshine Brooks Theatre—The Oceanside Theatre Company's mission is to create professional quality theatre for a vibrant and diverse population. OTC strives to reach a wide audience base and encourages artistic growth in the community by producing a broad repertoire of theatre, giving local theatre artists creative opportunities and offering educational theatre and outreach programs. The Brooks Theatre hosts music and plays not to be missed.

Regal Theater— Sit back and relax, knowing you'll enjoy a one-of-a-kind movie experience at Oceanside's Regal 12 screen theater. From crystal-clear, all digital projections to custom-built sound systems and stunning 3D, the theatre will immerse you in the movies like never before.