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San Pedro Waterfront Arts District presents
Armchair ArtsWalk Tour on FirstThursday, July 2nd, 6:00pm
Featuring the Artists of South Pacific Avenue

June 11th, 2020, San Pedro, CA – The San Pedro Waterfront Arts District, in collaboration with the artists who have performed or exhibited their arts in San Pedro, announces the next **Armchair ArtWalk Tour** to be held on Zoom at **6:00pm** on **FirstThursday July 2nd, 2020**.

The public is invited to join us on Zoom, by registering for a free ticket on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/myevent?eid=105300791502>, where you can see all of the Armchair ArtWalks for 2020 and register for a one-hour virtual, interactive tour with some amazing artists. We will also be live streaming on our Facebook site, <https://www.facebook.com/SPWArtsDistrict/>.

This is a free service for our community - we miss you and look forward to seeing you on Zoom. The **July 2nd FirstThursday Armchair ArtWalk** will feature **South Pacific Avenue artists**:

- **Fran Siegel**, whose investigation of place occurs through the activity of drawing. Sprawling collaged and patchwork constructions are depictions of time, movement, and cultural impact. Siegel's monumental spatial drawings have recently been acquired by LACMA, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, and the Yale University Art Gallery. Siegel's Fulbright award to Brazil supported her research for "Lineage Through Landscape" a solo exhibition at The UCLA Fowler Museum that was included in the Getty's city-wide initiative "PST- LA/LA" in 2017. She earned her M.F.A. from Yale University School of Art, and B.F.A. from Tyler School of Art. She is currently a professor in the School of Art at California State University, Long Beach.
- **Laurie Steelink**, artist, curator and founder of Cornelius Projects(<https://corneliusprojects.com/>), 1417 South Pacific and painter **Scott Aicher** a much-loved member of San Pedro's alternative community. His aesthetic has been shaped by Pedro's punk scene, underground comics, psychedelic art, and skate and custom car culture, and he devotes his talents to celebrating the things he loves. Aicher worked for the legendary Ed "Big Daddy" Roth in the years prior to his death in 2001, and has produced flyers for local bands, album covers, and surf wear. Laurie and Scott will be discussing The Art of Aicher, the current exhibit at Cornelius Projects.
- **The Mourners**, an artist led band with Moni Olguin, Candice Gawne and Ralph Gorodetsky, kicking out the jams old timey style. Rounding out the South Pacific Avenue theme for the July Armchair ArtWalk Tour, the Mourners will be playing from (<http://www.sardinepedro.com/>) the new live performance space at 1101 South Pacific Avenue.

In this time of our COVID-19 quarantine and social distancing, the Armchair ArtWalk Tour is an innovative way to visit with the arts of San Pedro on FirstThursday. We hope you; your friends and family can join us for a little taste of the FirstThursday ArtWalk from the comfort of home

About the San Pedro Waterfront Arts&Cultural District: (<http://sanpedrowaterfrontartsdistrict.com/>) – The mission of the San Pedro Waterfront Arts District is to promote San Pedro's authentic arts, culture and entertainment identity through advocacy, marketing and education activities.

San Pedro is home to over 90 visual artists, as well as 3 performing arts venues, art galleries and restaurants. The Arts District is anchored by the Warner Grand Theatre, a 1,500-seat historic art deco movie palace, the Little Fish Theatre, presenting repertory theater in a converted garage, the Grand Annex (a project of the Grand Vision Foundation), and the Loft Studios, a three-story warehouse with a concentration of fine artists. The Arts District's streets are lined with artists' live/workspaces and each month they open their doors to the FirstThursday ArtWalk, in operation since 1997. In 2017, San Pedro was designated as one of 14 California Cultural Districts by the Sacramento based California Arts Council.

The San Pedro Waterfront Arts District believes that public art is a vital way to make art accessible and commissioned professional artists to paint 25 DOT utility boxes throughout San Pedro, along with two wall murals in the downtown core. In June 2019, the Arts District launched **Adventures in Public Art** - a six-week mural workshop program, designed to engage participants in public art projects, become more astute arts enthusiasts and to foster a sense of community ownership and inclusion.