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### **'PLANT YOUR ART' IN TUSTIN IS BACK!**

**Four Orange County artists will paint planters in front of Old Town merchant locations as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Town Tustin Art Walk.**

**TUSTIN, Calif.** – Local artists Kay Dygert, Kimberly Hooper, Kathy Ochiai, and Karen Twaddell will each be creating a scene representing Tustin's heritage in planters in Old Town Tustin. A collaborative effort between the artists and the City of Tustin, the goal of the 'Plant Your Art' program is to recruit local artists to paint the planters in Old Town Tustin and bring Tustin's history to life while at the same time creating a vibrant atmosphere for residents and visitors.

The four planters painted last year, depict the hangars at the former Marine Corps Air Station, the historic citrus groves, and iconic images from the Old Town area.

'Plant Your Art' kicks off preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Old Town Tustin Art Walk scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. along El Camino and Main Street. Hosted in collaboration with various community partners, the Art Walk is a one-day celebration of fine arts that is free to the public.

In the days leading up to the Art Walk, there will also be artists painting all around the Old Town area as part of the 'Plein Air' contest. Entries for this competition must be painted outdoors in the three days before the event and depict scenes or subjects within Historic Old Town Tustin. Judging will take place at the Art Walk and the winner will receive cash award ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.

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## 2017 OLD TOWN TUSTIN ART WALK Cont'd

The Art Walk will also feature over 50 local artists with their work on display and for sale along the sidewalks of Old Town. Various types of paintings, photography, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, jewelry, mixed media, and hand-crafted items will be represented. The event will include live music, wine tasting, beer garden, a photography contest exhibit, a Kids Art activity by the Tustin Library, an art gallery by the Tustin High School Visual Arts Program, and docent-led van tours of Old Town Tustin's points of interest. All your favorite Old Town merchants and restaurants will also be open for business.

For more information regarding the 'Plant Your Art' project or the Old Town Tustin Art Walk, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (714) 573-3326 or visit [www.tustinca.org/artwalk](http://www.tustinca.org/artwalk).

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Editor's Note: Photos and event flyer attached

