



# CALEXICO ARTS COMMISSION NEWSLETTER



## Library & Cultural Arts Department

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### BLACK & WHITE ART EXHIBIT

The Black & White Art Exhibit II at The Historical De Anza Hotel will be held on Friday, April 27th. As the title implies, all artwork will be black & white medium. It will showcase drawings, paintings, photographs and film videos. Artists from both sides of the borders will be exhibiting their artwork.

The dramatic chiaroscuro technique will prevail throughout the exhibit. Realism and abstract will be the central focus of the artwork.

Guests to the Black & White event will be asked to wear black & white to add to the dramatic effect of the theme.

The artwork will be on sale (if the artist chooses to sell the artwork). The artist will be asked under contract to give to the Commission 20% of the profit.

## Library Corner

*Everybody's Reading*  
*The Joy Luck Club*  
by Amy Tan



Read the book, see the movie, meet the author!

Meet the author via videoconference: April 17th @ 5:30 p.m.

Watch the movie: April 25th @ 6:00 p.m. @ William Moreno Jr. High Branch Library

Check out the book at the library!

## Calexico Carnegie Library



Celebrate National  
Library Week  
from April 15-21, 2007

Photo courtesy of Pat & Bernie Sheehan



The restoration of the library is underway. The City is committed to making this project a reality. The latest development is that the architect, David Coup, is working on a couple of modifications to the design to improve handicapped access.

The library, that was built

This is a time to celebrate the many contributions that libraries, librarians and library staff make to the community. The Camarena Memorial Library will be offering daily activities during this week. Call the library for more details @ (760) 768-2170

in 1919, has been vacant since 1986. However, with the special funding allocated by the City Council, the Redevelopment Agency Board, and a grant of \$712,000 received from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment, it will be turned into a state-of-the-art community technology center. "It is our hope to be able to have this project completed within the next 18 months", said Lewis Pacheco, Mayor of the City of Calexico.

The Calexico Carnegie Technology Committee, that is a local non-profit in support of this restoration, will continue to do fundraising during the refurbishing phase. Margarita De Necochea, who is on the Board of Directors and is also the President of the Library Board of Trustees, has been working tirelessly for many years to insure that the historic building was saved. "I have fond memories of using the library in my youth," DeNecochea says. "It is only one of 12 left in Southern California and the only one on the border." The library was added to the National Register of Historic Sites in 2005.

### Calexico Arts Commission

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# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Calexico Arts Commission meeting @ 5:00 p.m. @ City Hall	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 "Enchanted Evening Under the Stars" Calexico's 99th Anniversary @ SDSU
15 National Library Week →	16	17 Library: Videoconference with Amy Tan @ 5:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	25 Movie Night "The Joy Luck Club" @ William Moreno Jr. High Branch Library @ 6:00 p.m.	26	27 Black & White Art Exhibit @ 7:00 @ the Historic De Anza Hotel	28
29 Dia del Niño Celebration @ Rockwood Plaza	30 Dia del Niño @ the library @ 6:00 p.m.					

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Calexico Chamber: 16th Annual Mariachi Festival Mixer	3 Calexico Chamber: 16th Annual Mariachi Festival Business Decorating Contest	4 Calexico Chamber: 16th Annual Mariachi Festival Sponsor Reception @ OLG Parish Hall	5 Calexico Chamber: 16th Annual Mariachi Festival Sin Fronteras Concert
6	7 Calexico Arts Commission meeting @ 5:00 p.m. @ City Hall	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 SDSU-IV Commencement	18	19 Alejandro Fernandez in Concert in Mexicali (Estadio Casas Geo)
20	21	22 Library Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 Holiday	29	30	31		