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New Trustees Join Laguna College Board

Laguna Beach, CA, May 7, 2012 - [Laguna College of Art + Design](http://www.lcad.edu) (LCAD) enthusiastically announces the recent election of new members to the Board of Trustees, Suzanne Chonette and Nancy Bushnell. LCAD's Board is composed of corporate officers, alumni, artists and community leaders whose roles include volunteer and fiduciary commitment to further the mission of the college, serving as ambassadors in the community, and applying their unique leadership capabilities on behalf of the institution.

Suzanne Chonette received her bachelor's degree from the Art Institute of Southern California, now LCAD, in 1990, Suzanne's representational works are primarily in pastel or oil and she currently shows at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs. She has been an active participant in Orange County philanthropies for the past 40 years. She has held offices and chairmanships in the American Heart Association, Guilds of the Performing Arts Center, Bowers Museum, CHOC and the Assistance League of Santa Ana. She has been a Pacific Symphony Board member for the past 8 years and is currently a Life Board member. Suzanne's current priorities include the support of performing and visual arts education for the youth of our community.

Nancy Bushnell received her bachelor's degree, with a double major in Spanish and Humanities, from Pitzer College in Claremont, California and a California Teaching Credential at University of Southern California. She earned a Master's Degree in International Management at The American Graduate School of Management in Glendale, Arizona. In 1976, Nancy married David P. Bushnell, founder of Bushnell Optical Corporation known for their sports optics and moved to Laguna that year. David passed away in 2005. Nancy served as a member of the Board of Directors of Pitzer College for 20 years. She also served on the boards of Human Options, Sally's Fund and The Laguna Art Museum. She is currently serving her first term on the Board of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center. The Bushnells have also been supporters of the Laguna Playhouse and The Friendship Shelter.

About Laguna College of Art + Design

Founded on classical drawing skills, fueled by creative energy, and dedicated to excellence - [Laguna College of Art + Design](http://www.lcad.edu) is a private, nonprofit art college where outstanding artist-educators, visual arts programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and year-round exhibitions give fresh vision to Laguna's extraordinary legacy in the visual arts. Founded in 1961, the art college educates artists at all stages of their creative careers, offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Drawing & Painting, Graphic Design, Illustration, Game Art and Animation, and Master of Fine Arts degrees in Painting and Drawing.

Images

- Nancy Bushnell
- Suzanne Chonette

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