

Activities Report from Cultural Arts Office, August 9, 2012

**Concerts in the Parks Continue...**

**Sunday, July 22, 6-7:30pm, Bob Henry Park, 900 Dover Drive**

**The Bracken Band**



The City Arts Commission presents 2012 Concerts in the Parks featuring The Bracken Band. Bring your friends and family for a fun evening of Celtic music. With influences from The Chieftains to the Cranberries, The Bracken Band delivers high energy Irish

songs, jigs, reels, with a little bluegrass and contemporary Irish tunes tossed in, too.

**And, on Sunday, August 5, 6-7:30pm, Bonita Canyon Sport Park, Field 4**

**The U.K. Beat – Back by Popular Demand**

The final Concert in the Park will be held on August 5 at Bonita Canyon Sports Park. Revivalist band U.K. Beat will rock the park with music by the best-loved British bands of the era including: The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Kinks, The Animals, The Yardbirds, The Hollies and more.

These summer events are free and open to the public. Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner to fully enjoy the entertainment under the stars.



Kids dance in a Conga line in front of the stage at Sunday's concert.

The U.K. Beat performs at Bonita Canyon Sports Park in Newport Beach on Sunday evening.



**Shakespeare Best Ever**

The City Arts Commission hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Shakespeare in the Park festival over the July 7/8 weekend. The "Romeo and Juliet" audience was the largest ever; with approximately 1500 in attendance (SBTS counts the audience). On Sunday about 1000 attended the "Two Gentlemen of Verona" performance.

This program has surely grown in popularity over the years and the audiences seem to come from just about everywhere. Bonita Canyon Sports Park is an ideal location with the space and parking that is available. As a matter of fact, I don't believe that park has ever looked so beautiful...many thanks to Parks and Parkways staff. Many thanks also to Eric Foley in Recreation for the great help with park set up and dismantling. There were no incidents, and the presence of the volunteer police department helps immensely.

## **Cultural Arts and Arts Commission Meetings & Events Calendar, 2012**

### ***2012 Arts Commission Meetings:***

~~January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13,  
October 11, November 8, December 13.~~

### **Events:**

Central Library Exhibitions Through 2012  
Lenahan collection

### **Cultural Arts Grants**

Cultural Arts Grant Completion Report due 09/28/12  
Grant funds must have been spent or encumbered 09/28/12

Museum Tour: 'Cleopatra', California Science Center 10/2/12