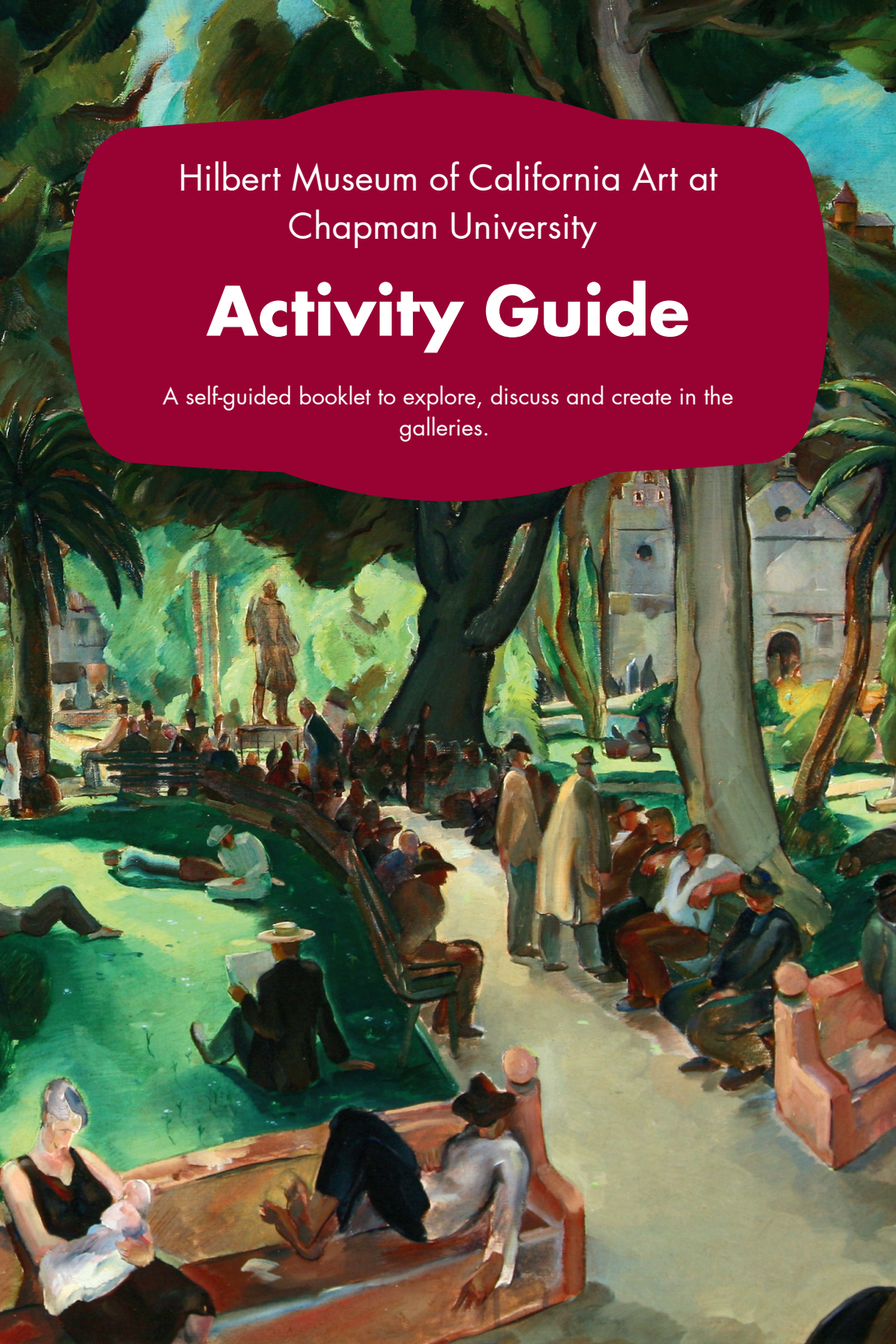




Hilbert Museum of California Art at
Chapman University

Activity Guide

A self-guided booklet to explore, discuss and create in the galleries.

How to Use

Hi! I'm Pete the Panther, the mascot of Chapman University.

The Hilbert Museum is one of my favorite places on campus and I want you to enjoy it your way. This booklet is yours to keep and you can use it in whatever order you like!

Each page will introduce you to a different type of art and give you something fun to do. Sometimes you'll draw, sometimes you'll write, sometimes you'll just look closely at a painting and see what you notice.

Before each activity, try this: stand in front of the painting for 20-30 seconds, just looking at it before you do anything else. You'd be surprised at what you start to see...

Now go **explore!**

- Pete



People & Places

Landscapes are a type of art that often show a scene from nature, such as the countryside. Landscape paintings may include people or animals, but the focus is on the scenery.

"En plein air" is a French term meaning "outdoors." It is used to describe painting done outdoors. Lots of California artists loved to paint landscapes 'en plein air'.



Find a landscape and imagine you have just walked into that place. Which of the 3 items below do you take with you?

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COAT

☐

SNACKS

☐

MATCHES

☐

TENT

☐

FRIEND

☐

BOAT

☐

SUNHAT

☐

INSTRUMENT

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WATER BOTTLE

People & Places

Portraits are a type of art that focuses on a person as the subject. Sometimes, it's a group of people. Portraits usually highlight someone's face, expression, or identity.

Look for a portrait painting you like and study the person in the painting for 20-30 seconds.



Write a short story about the subject based on what you see by filling in the blanks below.

This is _____; they are **from** _____; they are thinking **about** _____.

They sometimes **worry** that _____, and they are **happiest** when _____.

One day they **will** _____.

If they could **have** anything right now, it would be _____.

Make Some Noise

Before smartphones or the internet, the radio was how people found out what was happening. When it first came out, it was a big deal; for the first time ever, millions of people could hear the exact same thing at the same time.

Without radio technology, none of our electronics today would exist. That's why our radio collection is so special!



Imagine you have been asked to **design** a modern radio for our collection. What would it look like, and what would it do?



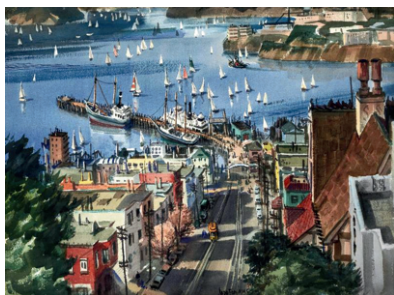
Where in California?

Here at the Hilbert Museum, we're all about California Art. These are the places in California where some of our favorite paintings were made.



Have you ever been to these places? Mark them off and **share** the story of your visit with a friend if you have!

San Francisco ☐



Yosemite National Park ☐



San Diego ☐



Palm Springs ☐



Mosaic Magic

A mosaic is a type of art in which a surface is decorated with a design made from small, closely set pieces of materials such as stone, tile or glass. Kind of like a puzzle!

Outside, you can find the largest piece of art at our museum: a mosaic by the artist Millard Sheets (1969). He made it for the bank of a beach city near Los Angeles called Santa Monica. It shows what the people in that city would usually do there.



Imagine you have been asked to **design** a large mosaic just like this one for your community. What would you put on it? Where would you have it built?



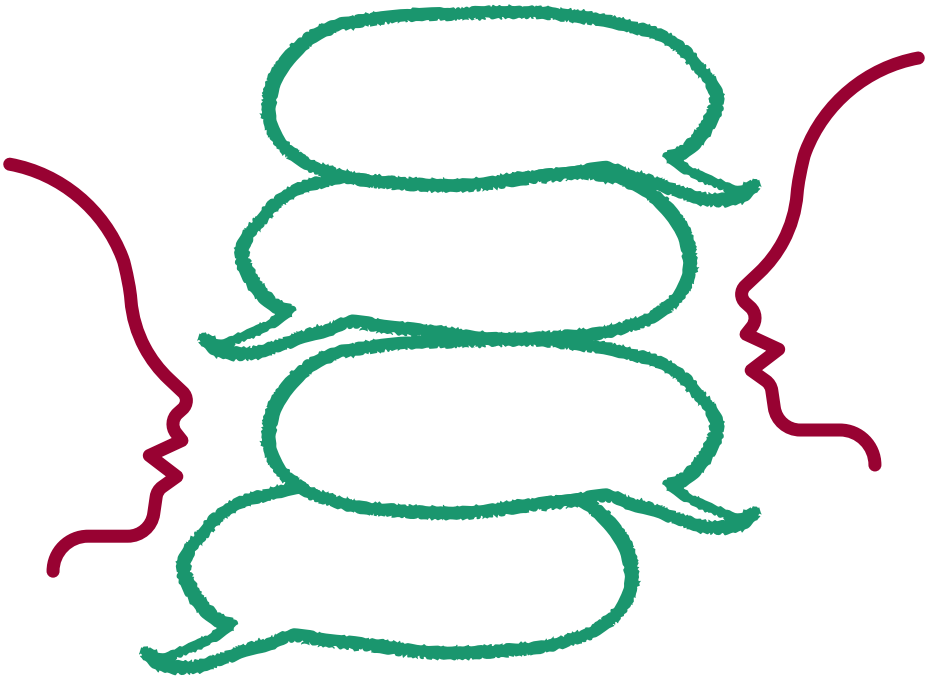
Say What?

Artists don't really use words, but they still tell stories. Every detail in a painting is a choice the artist makes to communicate something, whether it's about a person, how they feel, a place or even a thing.

Find a painting with two or more people in it. Look closely at their body language, their expressions, the place they are in. What do you think is going on between them?



Fill in what they would say below.



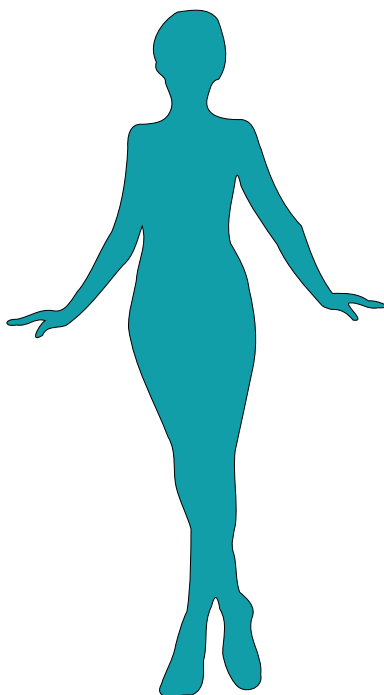
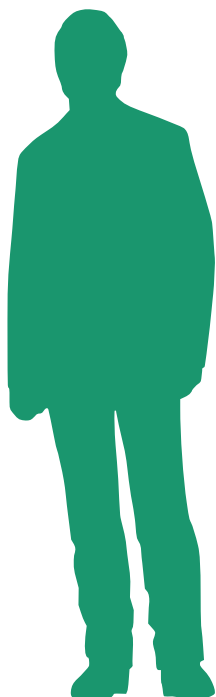
Strike a Pose

Before photography, artists had to capture a whole person — their mood, their story, their personality — just by how they stood or moved. Body language was very important.

See if you can find a painting with a person whose pose catches your attention. Can you copy that exact pose and hold it for 20-30 seconds?



Find someone you came with and share what you think about these questions: How did you feel while holding your pose? Does it change what you imagine this person would be thinking about?



Signing Off

Almost every artist has a small space on the artwork with their name to let everyone know they're the one who made it. These are called artists' signatures, and finding them on paintings can be like a game!



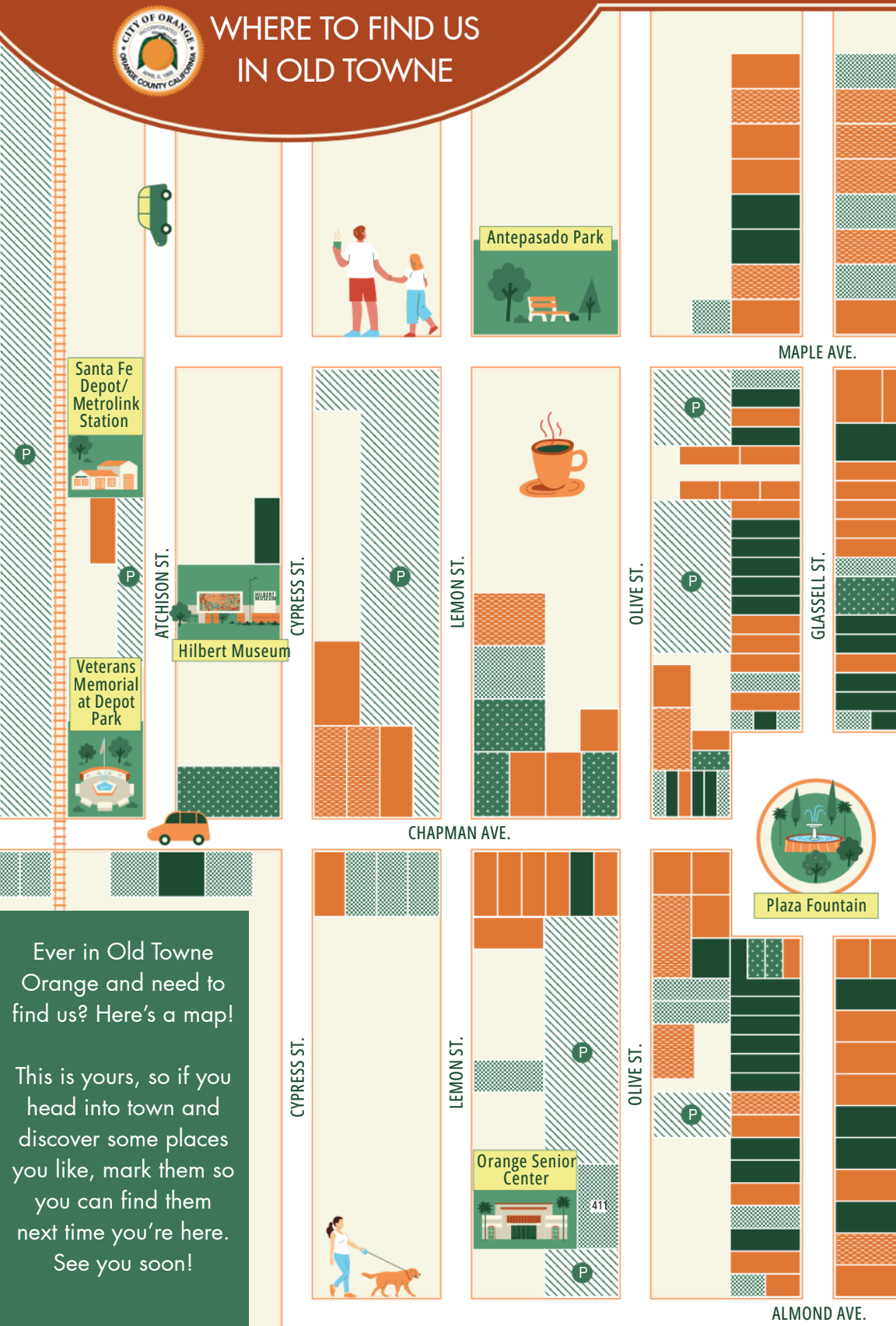
Sign your name below just like an artist would once you've finished your activity booklet. When you're done, bring it up to the front desk and collect your Hilbert Museum Sticker!

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a teal border. A horizontal teal line is positioned near the bottom of the box, indicating where to sign.

**Place your
sticker
here**



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Ever in Old Towne
Orange and need to
find us? Here's a map!

This is yours, so if you
head into town and
discover some places
you like, mark them so
you can find them
next time you're here.
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