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January 2025 tour report: OK, it was a last minute idea to go to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. And it was agreed upon to go on the following Monday. As it turned out, the weather was wonderful and as a bonus, it was also a day of free admission. As the Norton Simon Museum *celebrates its 50th anniversary* in 2025, it has embarked on a construction project throughout the exterior areas of the campus. This important work will enhance the beauty of the building and gardens as well as improve the Museum's appearance. The scope of the project will occur in the Museum's Sculpture Garden. Also, one of the most distinctive features of the Museum's building is the approximately 115,000 ceramic tiles that clad its exterior. These tiles are being cleaned and replaced as needed. As you approach the museums entrance you'll find numerous bronze statues on display.



Our primary reason for going today was to view the portrait of Queen MARIANA of Austria (1652-1653) but first we headed to the in-house café to pick up some vittles to help build a little energy for the museum tour. After all, what would a Jewel City model A club tour be without food involved? During the renovation process, the food services had been relocated to an lower-level outdoor courtyard area with plenty of seating available.



<< Here we see Adrienne Grigorian and Mary Thompson admiring the portrait of the queen.

Queen Mariana of Austria (1652-53), one of the most accomplished portraits by the 17th-century Spanish artist Diego Rodríguez de Silva y Velázquez, depicts the young queen consort in full, magnificent splendor. Clad in a luxurious black and silver gown of vast circumference, the queen gazes out with an inscrutable expression. Her costume and demeanor are intended to create an aloof distance from her subjects while asserting her physical presence. Mariana was Velázquez's first major composition after returning to Madrid from several years in Rome, and it ushered in a distinctive and final chapter of the artist's career. For the first time, he focused primarily on images of women and children, whom he depicted with great sensitivity and a new flair for color.



This is one example of the many walls there to view: This one is Francisco de Goya's artistic process through a series of working proofs from *Desastres de la Guerra*, the artist's harrowing, brutal print series portraying the conflict, suffering and famine brought about by Napoleon's invasion of Spain.

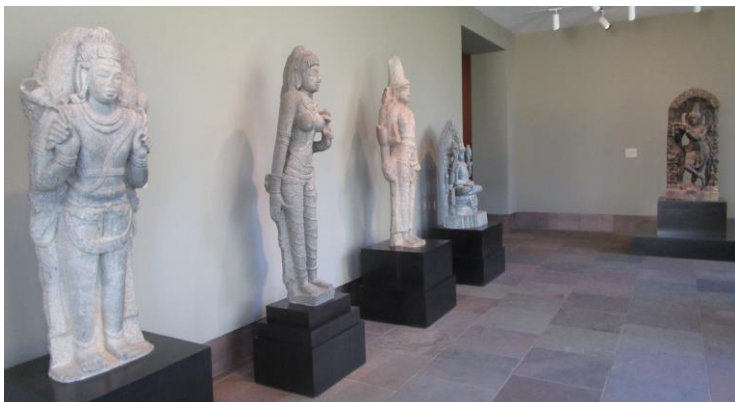


- Trailer: Plugged In: "Art and Electric Light"

An area being developed to show what can be done with NEON




The museum has an overwhelming collection of European paintings, sculptures and tapestries. Some displays and statues of the early American and centuries old renaissance eras. Shown here is very small example of what there is to be enjoyed by all. For more museum information, go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norton_Simon_Museum



With such short notice and going on a week day, it did interfere with quite a few members daily schedule. Adrienne Grigorian, Bob Reeves, Walt & Mary Thompson were the only members available to make it.

TOURS & ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2025

- Feb 01 – Jewel City tour – LUNCH at Pinocchio's Restaurant in Burbank.
- Feb 05 - Jewel City business meeting at STAR FORD in Glendale located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Conference room, second floor. Meetings start @ 6:30 PM.
- Feb 14 – **St. Valentine's Day**
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- Mar 05 - Jewel City business meeting at STAR FORD in Glendale located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Conference room, second floor. Meetings start @ 6:30 PM.
- Mar 15 – Jewel City is going to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley – more information at the March meeting.
- Mar 23 – OCMAFC 62 annual Pancake Breakfast.
- Apr 01 – April fools day.
- Apr 02 – Jewel City business meeting at STAR FORD in Glendale located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Conference room, second floor. Meetings start @ 6:30 PM.
- Apr ?? – Aprils tour.

Dues – If you haven't already paid your dues for 2025 and wish to remain on the club roster, please get your cash, check or money order to Bob Reeves ASAP.

ENDING NOTE: “Feeling good about ourselves is essential in being able to love others!”
Fred Rogers

; [Asian](#) sculptures, paintings

Meetings: The Jewel City Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Star Ford in Glendale, CA located at 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Meetings start at 6:30 PM.
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Important reminder. In order to maintain the use of the MAFCA insurance while participating in club activities, it is a requirement that ALL members of the chapter be members of MAFCA, the National club,. Your membership number is required to be on file with your chapter.



OCMAFC - 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California
7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection

Adults \$10 /

Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)

Pancakes

Sausage

Eggs

Juice

Hot Cocoa

Hot Coffee



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February 2025

JEWEL CITY MODEL 'A' FORD CLUB OF AMERICA



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 6:30 Club Business Meeting at STAR FORD 1101 S. Brand Blvd. Glendale	6	7	8 Happy Anniversary Walt & Mary Thompson
9	10	11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Happy Birthday Maral Matossian Happy Anniversary Peter and Maral Matossian	24	25	26	27	28 Happy Birthday Darrell Payne	