



MONCA Executive Director Pat Macias stands in the museum's library/tattoo parlor. The exhibit will feature a book signing of *The Tattoos of Chico* by Karen McHenry on Sept. 9 (see info box).



A collection of homemade tattoo machines, including a replica of a jailhouse model.

paint however they like.

*Tales of the Tattoo*, which runs until Oct. 9, kicked off Aug. 26 with an opening reception titled "Show Up and Show Off." For that event, the museum's library was transformed into a tattoo parlor so attendees could watch local artist Tanner Drake practice his craft. This effort, which Macias hoped would be "particularly interesting for people who've never seen it done before," required museum staff to meet strict health department requirements. A photo booth was set up inviting attendees to show off their own body art, tag the museum and post their pictures to social media.

Two more events will be held this month in conjunction with the exhibit.

Sept. 9, the museum will host a panel and book-signing featuring Karen McHenry, author of *The Tattoos of Chico* (2020), which features 19 locals talking about and showing

off their body art. There will be a bar set up, and local band Empty Gate will perform.

Sept. 17, E. Washington Avenue (on MONCA's south side) will be closed noon to 7 p.m. for a street party. This event will feature live painting by a local tattoo artist, a "crochet jam" with Bay Area artist Ramekon O'Arwisters along with other demonstrations and activities. Visitors can purchase temporary tattoos ("People might want to try one out before they dive in," Macias joked), including some featuring MONCA logos: the official red, yellow and blue design, plus two others designed by local students.

Macias said readying the exhibit has been "eye opening" and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the art form, prompting a question: "Are you inked?"

"No, I don't have any tattoos," she replied, "but boy, it is tempting." □

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## Fall Events

- 9/4 Sundays at Two: The Music of Tomorrow
- 9/13 Visiting Speaker: Author Jean Hegland with graphic artist Lomig
- 9/15 Turner Talk
- 9/22 Humanities Center Talk: JJJJJerome Ellis
- 9/25 Sundays at Two
- 9/29 History Talk
- 10/7-9 & 10/12-16 *Cabaret*
- 10/20 Humanities Center Talk: Melissa Warak
- 10/22 Jazz Concert: Big Band Boogie Bash
- 10/29 Choral Concert: The Language of Love
- 11/3 Hopper Visiting Artist: Shirin Towfiq
- 11/5 Symphonic Winds Concert: Electronica
- 11/8 Concert Band and Jazz Too Concert: Double Trouble, Toil and Trouble...
- 11/9-13 *Three Musketeers*
- 11/10 Turner Talk
- 11/15 Brass Choir Concert: Brass Wind
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