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grouted. Blakeley said selecting the subject matter was a collaborative effort with input from Steve and Lisa Cortese for the highly visible wall near the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road.

"We try to incorporate art projects in both Lafayette Mercantile and La Fiesta Square that the community will appreciate and enjoy," said Steve Cortese. "For this project we worked closely with the City of Lafayette and SZFM Design Studio. The artist we chose, Ellen Blakeley, really fit with our ideas for this public art work. The murals make an impact from a distance, and create a different experience up close." Starting out as a professional ceramist in 1993, Blakeley was enchanted by the glittering heap of broken tempered glass she found iTrim windows and entry. The subtle textures and patterns of glass come to life when viewed up close, highlighting tiny dragonflies, as well as glittering metallic bits that sparkle in the sun.



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