

Summer Concerts in the Park

The Tuesday night Summer Concert series, sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary, gets underway on June 21st and runs through July. Pack a picnic dinner and join your friends and neighbors at the Community Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for some food, fun, and music.

June 21	Mixed Nuts	Rock, Blues, Oldies
June 28	Cal Alumni	Big Band, Big Band Jazz
July 5	Pacific Coast	Classic Rock & Pop
July 12	Stone Soup	Classic Rock
July 19	Orinda Idol	Variety
July 26	Pladdohg	Celtic Rock

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Yarn Art Hits the Plaza



Photo A. Firth

The colorful wool sock that now serves as a sheath for the undulating metal bike rack in Orinda's Library Plaza is a perfect fit. The City's Art in Public Places program has

filled the outdoor space with vibrant sculpture by several Bay Area artists, and the incorporation of some textile art makes a logical progression. But the City had nothing to do with the

addition of this artistic knitwear in its suburban landscape. The yarn installation is the work of the street artist "Streetcolor" – she's a yarn bomber; a member of a growing community of knitting graffiti artists.

Berkeley-based Streetcolor doesn't venture east through the tunnel often, so why did she choose Orinda? Because, hey, it's pretty cool to have a library with a café, and when she chanced upon the art-filled plaza and the naked rack, she thought, "This has gotta be the most perfect spot." There is no way to knit and dash, so Streetcolor returned the next day and settled in with four, nine-foot long knitted sections that took her and a friend two and half hours to sew on. Yes, Orinda, you've been tagged. [Streetcolor's yarn installation has weathered the week's rains and remained in place as of press time.] *A. Firth*

Norcal Kids Tri Moves to August



The NorCal Kids Triathlon will be held on August 27th this year to accommodate the many young people who want to compete in the popular three-event race. "The date has been moved to late August to minimize conflicts with other sporting and

community events that happen on the weekends in September and October," said organizer Sue Severson. "We hope that the last Saturday in August will be the future permanent date—after swim season ends and school starts, and before Labor Day weekend and

the soccer and MOL football games." Participants also indicated they preferred a morning event, according to Severson, so this year the triathlon will be conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Participants, girls and boys through high school age, swim, bike and run the triathlon course as individual competitors or as part of a relay team. The course lengths are adjusted by age group. "We had over 300 participants the first two years, and there is room to grow," said Severson. For more information go to www.norcalkidstri.org, early registration ends June 15th. *A. Firth*

Miramonte Students Create Digital Model of Downtown

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Though Gell's students, like professional designers, continue to build paste-and-paper models as well, the advantage of the digital model is its limitless, effortless mutability. The students can erect new buildings, destroy old ones, and make other modifications with a few keystrokes.

Many of Gell's students are graduating seniors like John Krakowski, who says Architectural Design was his favorite class; he plans to attend the University of Oregon at Eugene and major in architecture. Krakowski worked with classmates to create the model's Wells Fargo building. Asked about changes he would like to see in Orinda's downtown in ten years, Krakowski said he would appreciate more businesses, noting that downtown currently "seems really underdeveloped."

Gell's course is the capstone in a multi-year sequence of design instruction. Next year, new students will join veterans of the current Architectural Design program. They will all work together to complete the digital downtown model, and time and resources permitting, to assemble a physical replica.



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