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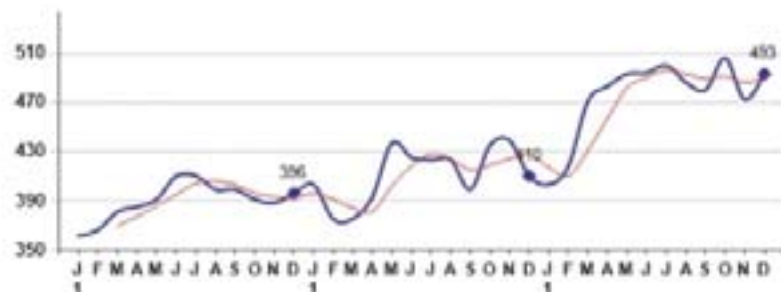
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## The Heart in Orinda's Art

By Laurie Snyder



"Art is a long-time interest of mine," says Susan Mautner, recently seen standing next to another of the works chosen by the Art in Public Places Committee to brighten the community. Created by Richard Starks, this sculpture is displayed inside the offices of the city's Planning Department. Photo Ohlen Alexander

Winston Churchill once asked, "What is the use of living, if it be not to strive for noble causes and to make this muddled world a better place for those who will live in it after we are gone? How else can we put ourselves in harmonious relation with the great verities and consolations of the infinite and the eternal?"

Those words are both an excellent description of what volunteers do daily for town and country and of the positive difference arts supporters make in Orinda each year – something Susan Mautner has experienced firsthand.

"I was pretty new to the community and looking for some way to get involved," says Mautner, who moved to Orinda when her oldest son was in junior high – just as Orinda was about to incorporate. "I was very inspired by the amount of volunteerism going on all around me for the sake of the community."

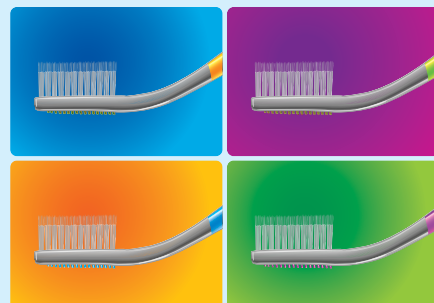
Mautner, who began studying art history at UC Berkeley, became truly hooked on the arts while volunteering as a museum docent in Seattle. After returning to the Bay Area in the mid-1980s, she put her training to use for the Orinda Arts Council.

An avid booster of the arts in Orinda's schools, she has been president of OAC's board of directors and has also taken a special interest in art installations in community gathering spots.

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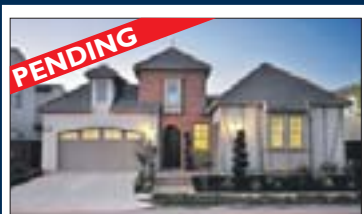
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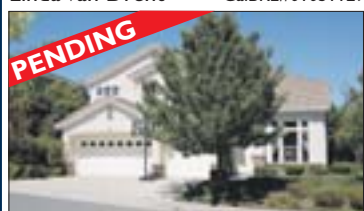


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