

Wildlife Exhibition Opens in Orinda



"The Offering" 24 x 18" Von der Decken's Hornbills, Acrylic Painting by Andrew Denman, 2014
Images provided

Returning to his roots, Orinda native and internationally recognized California artist Andrew Denman will be having an exclusive, three-day-only solo exhibition event at Scott McCue Gallery 83 (83 Orinda Way) in Orinda Nov. 14-16. Denman, an award winning member of the Society of Animal Artists, the International Guild of Realism, and Artists for Conservation, has participated in international ensemble exhibitions at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Wyoming, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wisconsin, the Hiram Blauvelt Art Museum in New Jersey, the Wildlife Experience Museum in Colorado, and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Arizona, among others. He has held numerous solo gallery exhibitions locally and across the country since 2001. His work can be found in the permanent collections of the several museums listed above and the Nature in Art Museum, Gloucestershire, England. Locally, Denman's work has been seen at the Oakland Museum, Bedford Gallery and Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, and the Saint Mary's College Museum of Art in Moraga.

Art from Saint Mary's College, and has been an instructor and lecturer at artist workshops and offers private art instruction to talented children, teens, and adults, many of whom have gone on to win awards of their own. An artist's reception is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. Regular gallery hours during the show are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Submitted by A. Denman



"Spring Time is for Happy People Who Like Owls" 12 x 9" Burrowing Owls, Acrylic Painting by Andrew Denman, 2014

Double Good Deed for Bike Donations

By Sophie Braccini



Arifullah with his 'new' bike Photo provided

For the 17th year, November is bike-collection month for Bobbie and Tom Preston. The Moraga couple is once again holding the Cycle Recycle, collecting repairable bikes to be refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute at Christmas. This year some of the bicycles will be given to Iraqi and Afghani refugees who have resettled

in Contra Costa County. "We will be distributing some of the bikes from this year's Cycle Recycle to recent Iraqi and Afghani immigrants who have been resettled in the area by Jewish Family and Children's Services in Walnut Creek," said Bobbie Preston, who has been collecting and delivering furniture to these families who worked with our

troops in Afghanistan and needed to leave their country. Arifullah, age 15, was the first to receive a bike; he is the son of Sharifullah, a recent immigrant from Afghanistan who served as a translator for the U.S. Army in Afghanistan for 10 years. Arifullah attends Oakland International High School.

"To date over 2,500 bikes have been collected for repair by the inmates at the Marsh Creek Detention Center, which provides bikes to Cambridge Community Center in Concord and other Contra Costa County charitable programs, and for repair by Trips for Kids in Marin," added Preston. New and/or used bikes and trikes—in working order or repairable, or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga, throughout the month of November only. Bike Helmets are especially needed (no skateboards please). There is no need to call beforehand, but for more information, contact Bobbie or Tom Preston at (925) 376-8474.

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8th Annual Artisan Faire Comes to Orinda Nov. 13

Submitted by Audrey Protiva



Moraga artist Kay DeGroot Photo provided


The much-anticipated 8th Annual Artisan Faire, showcasing 27 local artists, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 inside the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda. Founded by Orinda artist Gail Solt, this free event includes a wide variety of distinctive artwork and crafts, including ceramics, paintings, fiber art, woodwork, clothing, photography and more. Popular Moraga artist Kay DeGroot will feature her Asian-inspired neck-

laces and earrings from one-of-a-kind pearls, beads and semi-precious stones, many procured from far-away places such as Thailand and Japan. Each of her pieces is tagged with a description of its composition, often with a fascinating tidbit about its origin. The event will feature complimentary wine tasting. You can also view DeGroot's, as well as other local artists' work most Wednesdays at the Moraga Art Gallery in Rheem.

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