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Orinda library art gallery reopens to in-person viewing



Karen Hildebrand. "Hand Carved Design, Raku" 8.5" x 5.75", ceramic

By Sora O'Doherty

June brings back in-person art appreciation in Orinda. Following many months of only online exhibitions, the Lamorinda Arts Council has announced that it's June exhibitions in the Orinda library gallery will be open to the public, while the exhibition at the gallery at the Art & Garden Center at Wilder will continue to be available online only in June.

At the Library Gallery, photographer Nancy Rubin and writer Cynthia Overbeck Bix's "Reframing Aging" exhibit explores eight vital people aged 70 to 96, including former UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor Russ Ellis.

Wendy Liang is a recent graduate of the California College of the Arts. Her exhibit "The Peaceful Life," features her luminous watercolors. Liang says that watercolor is her favorite medium because its transparent and fluid qualities gives her the freedom to create her desired mood and atmosphere.

Karen Hildebrand exhibits 40 ceramic pieces, done with multiple firing techniques, includes art vessels as well as utilitarian ceramics. She often uses botanicals taken from her garden for surface treatments.

This exhibit runs June 1-30 during normal library hours, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The gallery is closed on Sundays. The exhibit can also be seen online at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/.

The virtual exhibit for June at the Art Gallery at Wilder is entitled "Déjà vu on the Wall – Paintings of Faraway Lands." Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Walnut Creek artist Janell Lumley and her husband traveled to faraway places where they took copious photos. Lumley derives her paintings from their photographs. She says that her oil paintings allow her to revisit faraway places. Déjà vu is the feeling that one has lived through the present situation before. Lumley invites you to view her paintings at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/ to see if you travel with her to any faraway places.



Janell Lumley, "Reflections" Oil on Canvas, 16" x 20"

Photos provided

Poul Anderson Writing Contest winners announced

By Sora O'Doherty

Friends of the Orinda Library has announced the winners of the 2021 Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest for students who reside in or attend high school in Orinda.

The winners received prizes of \$500 each along with certificates of recognition from the Friends of the Orinda Library. Winners of honorable mention received \$50 apiece as well as recognition. The Friends of the Orinda Library congratulated

all the young writers who "stretched their imaginations" and submitted their work for competition.

The contest was judged by Sally Hogarty, Orinda News Editor; Anne Lowell, Glorietta Librarian and author; Sarah Morgan, Campolindo Librarian; and Elizabeth Perlman, Director of the Intuitive Writing Project.

The Poul Anderson Writing Contest is named in memory of the beloved Orinda resident who wrote more than 80 works of science fiction.

The winners, who all attend Miramonte High School, are: Malayna Chang, 11th Grade Essay/Memoir/Biography; Wendy Mapaye, 11th Grade Poetry; Chaya Tong, 12th Grade Essay/Memoir/Biography; and Jarret Zundel, Ninth Grade, Short Story.

Honorable Mentions were given to Sajda Amiri, Eloise Anagnost, Malayna Chang, Reagan Kaelle, Danielle Kelly, Audrey Lambert, Amber Lee, Willa Mapaye, Rowan Sandhu, and Jonathon Su.

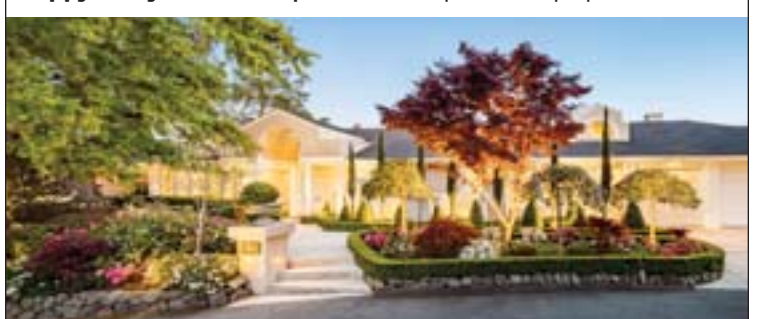
The winning entries, including honorable mentions, can be read online at <https://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org/2021/06/01/winners-of-the-2021-writing-contest/>



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