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Garden Club recognized for Library Plaza refresh

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For a project that has "restored a sense of tranquility and vibrancy in a space that fosters a connected community" the Orinda Garden Club was thanked by the City of Orinda at the Feb. 6 city council meeting. A certificate of recognition was presented to the club for "their purposeful vision and implementation of the renovation of the planter areas, and fountain area at Library Plaza" by Mayor Darlene Gee. Sue Anderson-Berger and Lisa Hallahan accepted the certificate on behalf of the club.

The representatives of the garden club said that they would like to continue with the community center and the driveway to the library's underground parking lot, where they would like to remove masses of rosemary that hinders vision for motorists and is not fire safe.

The newly replanted areas include many native plants, that the garden club members said are pollinators and low maintenance. Among the species listed are white crepe myrtle and Manzanita shrubs, pink carpet roses, Roxanne geraniums, celestial blue salvia, native verbena, popcorn ceanothus, Santa Barbara and seaside daisies, and many varieties of daffodil bulbs. 300 bulbs will provide color to the landscape over a long blooming season, as the club planted early, mid-season, and late blooming varieties.

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