

Orinda Arts Council

Spotlight

November/December

*“How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank! Here will we sit and let the sounds of music
Creep in our ears; soft stillness and the night become the touches of sweet harmony.”
Merchant of Venice by Wm. Shakespeare (1564-1616)*

Once again the Orinda Arts Council brought a creative copper-tooling project to **Orinda Intermediate School**. We are so grateful to **Hillery Paterson, Pam Brown, and Kate Chenok** for advancing this enrichment program, arranging the training and organization of about fifty parent volunteers, and keeping this art opportunity available to the children. **Susan Mautner** and **Nancy Daniels** shared docent program history and experience; **Mary Jane Duthie** and **Valerie Gsell** graciously provided refreshments for the volunteer training. Pam and Kate will lead a team to install the finished art on the wall in the Children’s Section of the Orinda Library on November 4. Please, have a look at the beautiful display when you visit the library.

We also want to thank the wonderful team of helpers for our fundraising luau on October 9. **C.C. Klevan** created fabulous kabobs and a beautiful presentation of fruit; **Mary Jane Duthie** baked a yummy haupia cake; **Jean Dent** made a delicious Asian salad; **Rhydonia Ring** helped us with the menu. Our home was overflowing with aloha spirit thanks to these wonderful ladies who contributed much more than I mentioned above. The event was a smashing success! **Maholo!**

The next OAC meeting will be on **November 11th at 7:30 pm** at the Orindawoods home of **Myrna Witt**. We’re hoping to accommodate some of our working members or those who might have other conflicts during the day. The agenda of this meeting will cover the Friends’ letter, the High School Visual and Performing Arts Awards, and fundraising.

The OASIS Committee will next meet on **Friday, December 3 at 11:45 am**. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for **January 28** and **February 28** and continuing through May will be the **last Friday of each month**.

Mary Jane Duthie has organized a wonderful excursion to **Stanford’s Cantor Center of the Arts** to see the installation entitled “**Question**” and to have lunch at the Museum’s **Cool Café** on **Wednesday, November 10**. Go to <http://www.stanford.edu/dept/ccva/> on the web to read about the exhibit and check the café’s menu! The carpool meeting place will be decided later along with a departure time of either 9:30 or 10 am. Contact Mary Jane at **254-5953**, or mjduthie@comcast.net, if you’d like to join her.

Finally, **December** should offer us a hiatus from our good works and an opportunity to celebrate our successes together. **Myrna Witt** has arranged for us all to enjoy a lovely holiday luncheon in the **Loggia Room** at the **Orinda Country Club** on **Tuesday, December 7 at 11:30 am**. The menu is a special **Trio of Salads with Chicken Salad in a Papaya, Shrimp Salad in an Avocado, and Fruit Salad**; for dessert is a **White Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream** all for **\$25**. If you are interested in attending, please, call **Myrna** at **254-8002** to reserve a place.

We hope to see many of you on **November 11th** and wish each of you **Happy Holidays!**

Sue Farmer and Susan Mautner, Co-Presidents

Report on the new alliance between the Arts Council and Orinda Union School District

Efforts are underway to plan and execute programs and events that will increase arts education support in Orinda by bringing quality student art out of the schools and into the greater community. The project that is progressing most rapidly is an art display case program that would showcase student art in local retail/commercial establishments. The “Creative Connections” network would be promoted heavily in OUSD literature and would increase the business community’s support of OUSD. Another benefit would be to increase the exposure and hopefully membership of OAC. We are producing a prototype display and are presenting the program to the Orinda Chamber of Commerce in mid-November. If anyone would like to be involved in this exciting endeavor, please contact Nancy Daniels at ndaniels@stanfordalumni.org.

Briefs... Shirley Towbis and Cherry Benzie with a team of helpers continue to bring smiles to the children at **Oakland Hospital**. Meet at the **Rite-Aid** parking lot at **10 am** on the following dates to go into the hospital: **Fridays, November 5 and December 3; Tuesdays, November 16 and December 14**. Please, contact Shirley (254-6607) or Cherry (254-0846) if you would like to help. **✦Orinda Library art gallery...** Young Sun Bai, who has donated artwork to the Arts in Bloom fundraiser (thanks to her daughter Elena Pang) and is an internationally acclaimed abstract artist, opened a show in the gallery. **Anna Marie Lininger**, a long-time Lafayette resident, also has a display of her beautiful batik eggs in the gallery. Between 1975 and 1980 she made over 500 eggs for the Macy’s Easter flower show; this show represents a personal collection of 30 years. Both artists will have a reception in the gallery on **November 14 at 2-4 pm...** The **Lamorinda Arts Alliance** will hold its fourth annual holiday display in the Orinda Library gallery with about 30 artists exhibiting in two and three dimensional media from **December 1 through January 15**. **✦Thanks go to Maggie Boscoe** for giving out the Filmmaker Awards to our prize winners, Zach Landman and Graham Roberts at the Orinda Film Festival in October. **✦** On the next page you’ll find the recipe for the marvelous **Orange Cake** that **Susan Mautner** made for the September meeting. For those of you who weren’t at the meeting, you may make it for yourselves. **Bon appetite!**

Calendar of Events

- ❖ November 10 – Excursion to **Stanford’s Cantor Center of the Arts** with Mary Jane Duthie.
- ❖ November 11 – OAC general meeting at 7:30 pm. **Veteran’s Day**.
- ❖ November 14 – Artist’s reception at Orinda Library Gallery, 2-4 pm.
- ❖ November 16 – Children’s Hospital with Shirley Towbis, 10 am.
- ❖ November 18 – Orinda Woman’s Club Festival of Trees event.
- ❖ **November 25 – Happy Thanksgiving!**
- ❖ December 3 – Children’s Hospital with Shirley Towbis, 10 am.
- ❖ December 3 – OASIS meeting, 11:45 am.
- ❖ December 7 – Holiday luncheon at Orinda Country Club, 11:30 am.
- ❖ **December 8 – Happy Hannukah!** (celebration begins at sundown)
- ❖ December 14 – Children’s Hospital with Shirley Towbis, 10 am.
- ❖ **December 25 – Merry Christmas!**
- ❖ **January 1 – Happy New Year!**
- ❖ January 13 – OAC meeting in the Garden Room at the Orinda Library, 9:30 am