

Orinda Arts Council

Spotlight

June 2004

***“The time has come’, the Walrus said, ‘to talk of many things:
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings;
And why the sea is boiling hot – and whether pigs have wings.’”***
“The Walrus and the Carpenter” by Lewis Carroll (1832 – 1898)

What a year this has been for our hearty OAC team. We have done so many things and yet there is so much to talk about. In addition to our “Arts in Bloom” fundraiser (by the way, great party and auction!) the Arts Council members have participated in:

- The Orinda Film Festival;
- Conducting school docent programs in copper tooling and batik;
- Bringing art projects to little patients at Children’s Hospital (19 visits with close to 600 patients participating);
- Holding scholarship competitions for high school students in the performing and visual arts, including a student art exhibit at Theatre Square with over 150 entries; awarding \$4200 in cash prizes to the winners of these competitions;
- Purchasing art display panels for use by the Orinda schools’
- Managing to do a little bit of living in between.

As with many volunteer organizations these days our active membership is not large – but, we have accomplished some great feats. It is now time to give ourselves and our loyal supporters a well-deserved round of applause. Congratulations to all for jobs well done and, in many cases, efforts above and beyond the call of duty. We now have the opportunity to reflect on this 2003-04 year and examine how best to prepare for the future. Clearly, we need more “people” power and your Executive Committee is taking steps to determine how this need can be met. We will also be taking a long, hard look at our organization and our programs with the goal of achieving a more productive and efficient organization. You will be hearing more about this and you will have ample opportunity to express your thoughts.

As you know, the OAC mission is ‘to stimulate, promote and support the arts in the community’. Each year various aspects of this mission are addressed. This year, because of the state’s fiscal crisis and the severe budget cuts in school funding, we have dedicated our efforts to arts education in the Orinda schools. Our fund raiser, “Arts in Bloom”, held in May at the lovely home of Ivette and Chuck Esseman, netted over \$17,000 for this cause – an OAC record. We are now exploring with the schools how this money can most effectively be used for the benefit of the Orinda students. Proposals will be received and presented to the OAC Board for approval. Credit for this huge success goes to fundraising Chairman, Sue Farmer, and her dedicated committee. You are truly appreciated with huzzahs to all, our intrepid crew!

We extend congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2004-05. The Arts Council has an experienced and able Board for next year.

CoPresidents: Sue Farmer and Susan Mautner

Vice-President: Ann Ward

Secretary: Mary Jane Duthie

Our final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 10 with the meeting at 11 am and lunch at 12 noon at 815 Ironbark Place in Orindawoods. If you would like to come for lunch and have not signed up, please call me at 253-1980. Please bring a prospective member but be sure to call. The meeting will be short so we have more time to visit.

Thank you all for a wonderful year. And special thanks to our Fearless Editor, Myrna Witt. Without Myrna's expertise we would not have had this great newsletter for the past four years. She has made us all look good!

CeCe Werson. OAC President

Children's Hospital Report

The Children's Hospital visitations are on summer hiatus now. We would like to acknowledge this wonderful group, including some non-members, who have been so supportive with their time and talents. The leaders Cherry Benzie and Shirley Towbis do an excellent job of finding new projects each month. The rest of the team is: Susan Mautner, Susan Livingston, Valerie Gsell, Betty Brotherton, Rhydonia Ring and Andrea De Witt. Thank you.

Orinda Library Gallery

Painters Sande Robert and Diane Peters currently are exhibiting abstract and representational works until June 9th. From June 11th to July 9th a varied photography exhibit brings large color landscapes by Don Mohr of Orinda and black and white photos by Bill Hesel's Acalanes adult school students. Displayed in the cabinets, will be Nancy Daniels' photo montages and Mark Clearwater's photo collages. They are both Orinda residents.

Pam Westin

Excursion to Yountville

Join us on Thursday, June 17 for an excursion to Yountville. We will have lunch at Pere Jeanty, a charming restaurant with a Provencal menu and then have the choice of either exploring the town or visiting the Napa Valley Museum. The museum has an incredible exhibition of modern American art taken from private collections of Napa Valley art patrons and collectors. Artists such as Calder, Diebenkorn, Lichtenstein, Hockney and Warhol are in the exhibition. Meet at the Pink Wall on El Nido Ranch Road at 9:30 am to carpool. Call Mary Jane Duthie at 254-5953 or Myrna Witt at 254-8002 to be put on the list.

Bring a White Elephant Luncheon

Come to the end of the year meeting & luncheon

At the home of

President, CeCe Werson

815 Ironbark Place

(off Ironbark Circle in Orindawoods)

Meeting at 11 am

Luncheon at 12 noon

Not signed up for this event? Reserve your place and invite a friend too. Just give a ring to

CeCe at 253-1980

For a laugh, bring something that you don't want...

The catch is that you must take something away!

After all, it might be your new treasure.

SPELL CZECH

Eye halve a spelling chequer. It came with my pea sea.

It plainly marques four my revue miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word and weight four it two say

Weather eye am wrong oar write. It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long

And eye can put the error rite. Its rarely ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it, I am shore your pleased two no.

Its letter perfect in it's weigh. My chequer tolled me sew.

Sauce Unknown

Art Classes with Marcy

Marcy Wheeler, who was one of our great judges for the Student Visual Arts Competition is conducting a series of classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, June 23rd to July 15th, from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The series of 4 classes will cost \$72. They will be held in her studio at the Plaza Shopping Center in Lafayette behind the Albertson's store. Call 283-7980 to sign up.

Dates to Remember

- ❖ May 5 –June 9 – Sande Robert and Diane Peter exhibition of abstract and representational works in the Orinda Library Art Gallery.
- ❖ June 3 – Presentation of Senior Awards at Miramonte High School. Congratulations to First Place winners: David Hofmayer and Yosef Farnsworth, instrumental; Christine Wong, vocal; Michael Oleon and Courtney Long, drama.
- ❖ June 10 – Last meeting of this year, 11 am, followed by luncheon, 12 noon, at the home of CeCe Werson, 815 Ironbark Place in Orindawoods.
- ❖ June 11 – Opening reception for Nancy Daniels, Don Mohr and Mark Clearwater, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at the Orinda Library Art Gallery. Exhibition will run through July 9.
- ❖ June 17 – Excursion to Yountville. Meet at the Pink Wall on El Rancho Nido Road at 9:30 am. Call Mary Jane Duthie at 254-5953 or Myrna Witt at 254-8002. Husbands are welcome too!
- ❖ Summer – Relax, find some shade and read a good book. We'll see you in the fall!