

*Orinda Arts Council*

# **Spotlight**

**March/April 2005**

*"Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life."  
Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)*

**M**any exciting upcoming events were discussed at our **February evening meeting at Sue Farmer's**. The next few months are filled with galas and competitions that recognize and highlight our gifted youth, culminating in our annual event on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

- o **Nancy Daniels** brought us up to date on the OAC-OUSD MOSAIC (Merchants in Orinda Supporting Art in the Community) Project.
- o **Shirley Towbis** brought samples to the meeting of the creative artwork that she & Cherry Benzie are organizing for the Oakland Children's Hospital. Their creativity and imagination never ceases to amaze us all. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated members who continue to brighten the lives of very sick children. They meet at Rite Aid at 10:00 on the following dates: Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 10<sup>th</sup> to carpool to the hospital. Please contact Shirley or Cherry if you can spare a morning and join their crew.
- o Toward the end of our meeting, we welcomed **Ted Urban**, a generous supporter of our organization, who told us about his vision of having public art in our community on a rotating basis. Mr. Urban will provide us more information later in the year.
- o Our evening closed with an important opportunity to sample margaritas prepared by our illustrious bartender **Eric Ward**. Plans are to serve these at our **May 14<sup>th</sup> Event**.

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** is our Gala Reception for the **OAC Student Visual Arts Competition** in the Orinda Library Gallery from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. **Nancy Daniels** and her committee have made it possible for us to enjoy the work of the talented youth of our Lamorinda community for two weeks! Following the Gala Reception, Nancy has also arranged a delicious meal for us at Caylen's restaurant in the Crossroads. Please contact Nancy at 253-1623 if you'd like to join us.

**Myrna Witt** has been organizing the **Student Performing Arts Competition** that is open to all high school students who live or attend school in Orinda, Moraga or Lafayette. Entry forms are due on April 8<sup>th</sup> and auditions take place on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. All entry forms are available online at [www.orindaartscouncil.org](http://www.orindaartscouncil.org). If you know young people who might be interested in applying, be sure to tell them about this great opportunity.

The **March Meeting of the OAC/Schools Committee** has been changed from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>; it will be held at the usual time of 11:45 a.m, location to be announced.

