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February 10, 2012

Dear OAC Members, Supporters & Volunteers,

Thank you for your support of **The Orinda Arts Council**. With your help, we continued to bring many exciting art programs and events to our schools and community in 2011!



Mission:
The purpose of the Orinda Arts Council is to stimulate, support and advocate for the visual and performing arts in the schools and the community.

- In March, we sponsored our **8th annual Visual Arts Competition** for Lamorinda high school artists. Nearly 150 entries in 2-D, 3-D & Photography were exhibited in the Orinda Library Art Gallery, highlighted by an Artist Reception with 150 guests recognizing 9 Winners and 9 Honorable Mentions, as well as a “Best In Show” voters’ choice award. And, 2011 marked the first year we partnered with Lamorinda-area educational foundations, **EFO**, **LPIE**, and **MFO** to provide the program. The 2012 VAC will begin accepting entries in February to again be displayed and celebrated at the Orinda Library Art Gallery in March.
- September 11th marked our **6th annual Orinda Idol** at the Orinda Theatre. Crowds again packed the theatre for this entertaining, free singing competition showcasing 50 Lamorinda Soloists and Groups K-12th Grade. Celebrity judges joined us, TV news personalities hosted the event, and Mayor Victoria Smith provided official oversight. Planning is already underway for Orinda Idol 2012 on September 9th. Don’t miss it!
- Our school support in 2011 included underwriting **1st & 2nd Grade Art Books** and **3rd Grade Sketchbooks** for the Orinda elementary schools, as well as supporting the **OUSD Art Ambassadors Exhibit & Reception**. Our funding of the **OIS Bulldog Theater Co.** supported productions of *The Wiz* and *Midsummers Nights Dream* and OAC grants assisted **Miramonte’s** production of *The Wizard of Oz*, as well as **Sleepy Hollow’s Aladdin**, **Del Rey’s Edwina, Jr**, **Glorietta’s Honk, Jr**, and **Wagner Ranch’s Fiddler on the Roof, Jr**. And for the first time, the OAC provided a scholarship grant to the **Lamorinda Acalanes Unified Film Festival** for high school filmmakers.
- In the community, our monthly exhibitions at the **Orinda Library Art Gallery** continue featuring intriguing works from local artists, and we participate in **Orinda’s Art in Public Places Committee**. In February, the OAC held it’s first-ever **Oscar Party & Fundraiser** at the Orinda Country Club, complete with a red carpet and paparazzi. July marked the return of **Arts in Bloom...In the Park**, a fundraising celebration of the arts featuring a **Visual Arts Faire** and the **Orinda Idol Singers Concert-in-the-Park**, with the support of the **Lamorinda Arts Alliance** and the **Orinda Community Center Auxiliary**. And, in September, we partnered with the **Lamorinda Theatres** to bring the first **Orinda Jazz Festival** to the Orinda Theatre to benefit **Hurricane Irene Relief** and the **OAC**.
- 2011 began auspiciously with the OAC receiving **The Orinda Association’s Volunteer of the Year Award** in recognition of the OAC’s tireless commitment to the arts. The Orinda Arts Council was founded in 1950 to enrich our schools and community through the arts, as we still do today with your valuable support. **You can help continue this six-decade legacy by becoming a Member or Supporter in our 62nd year!** And, if you join or donate at the \$125 Sponsor level or above, you will be **offered a copy of our hardbound keepsake book, OAC at 60**, a colorful retrospective created to highlight our rich history. For more information on our programs and events, please see our website at www.OrindaArtsCouncil.org.

Thank you very much!

Susan Garell, President

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