

LAC calls for student artwork submissions



"Bad Day" (Best in Show, 2021)

Artist: Andrew Parker



"Virtual Jail House" (1st place, digital arts, 2021)

Artist: Yesenia Del Cid

Lamorinda students will have an opportunity to show their artwork at the Orinda Library as part of the 19th High School Visual Arts Competition and the 15th annual Arts Ambassadors exhibit, hosted by the Lamorinda Arts Council.

The High School Visual Arts Competition offers students a way to display work in 2D, 3D, photography and digital arts. Last year's winners included Andrew Parker's "Bad Day" (Best in Show), Yesenia Del Cid's "Virtual Jail House" (1st place, digital arts), Lillia Hammond's "One-Sided Love" (1st place, photography), Kate Lee's "Division" (1st place, 2D) and Leena Hobson's "Alive" (1st place, 3D). Registration is now open; deadline is at midnight on Feb. 22. Cash awards and merit citations will be given and winners

will be featured in an in-person exhibit in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library during the month of March and an online public exhibit from April through February 2023. For information and registration, visit www.lamorindaarts.org/vac or call (925) 359-4490 with questions. To see all of last year's winners, visit <https://lamorindaarts.org/past-winners-archive-vac/>.

The 15th Arts Ambassadors In-Person Exhibit at the Orinda Library Art Gallery features K-8 student artwork from Orinda and Moraga schools, which will be displayed during the month of February. Orinda artwork is exhibited Feb. 1-15; Moraga artwork is exhibited Feb. 15-28. Instead of a public reception to award AA ribbons, art educators David Wilson of

Orinda and Moose Wesler of Moraga will award the ribbons within the students' classrooms. Learn more at <https://lamorindaarts.org/student-exhibits/>.

In addition to the student exhibitions, the Lamorinda Arts Council invites you to view Valerie Corvin's virtual exhibit – "Whispers of the Heart" – at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries through Feb. 28. Corvin has added new abstract work to her show, which is held over from January. She said, "I build layers of marks, first bold dark marks, and then colorful shapes ... that communicate unique shapes in nature." In-person viewings can be arranged by emailing Curator Aniston Breslin at wildergallery@lamorindaarts.org.
– J. Wake

Rotary volunteers add some sparkle to Park Theater exterior



Photos Tom Black



Submitted by Thomas Black

A small army of volunteers spent the morning of Jan. 15 doing a thoroughgoing scrub of the front exterior and sidewalk of the Park Theater in Lafayette. The Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary club supplied its volunteers, the offer readily and enthusiastically accepted by the folks of the Park Theater Trust who have undertaken a \$5 million capital campaign to restore and renovate the theater.

"They attacked the exterior of the Park Theater on Saturday morning and really made a huge difference in its appearance," said Park Theater Trust board member Tracey Karsten Farrell. "Obviously a long way to go ... but for now, the building looks a lot tidier!" The volunteer's work was done before noon, before delivery of freebie sandwiches from Diablo Foods.

Target date for reopening to the public is the end of next year. The Park opened originally in 1948, the same year as did the Orinda Theatre. For information about the Park Theater Trust, visit parktheatertrust.org.

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