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## Private proposal for mural art in Orinda

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Artist Jane Kim painting a 50-foot high Monarch butterfly mural in San Francisco last year. Photo provided

Orinda public library.

Rittmann imagines the project as a combination effort between the city and private sector. The Orinda Community Foundation has given the project a dedicated account for fundraising. Donations will be tax deductible. Vice Mayor Amy Worth asked Rittmann if it would be a daunting task to raise the funds, and she said that as soon as word got out, she received two emails from people who would like to be the initial donors.

The name of the account is OCF Connect Orinda Mural Project. Persons interested in donating should contact OCF President Sue Severson. Rittmann emphasized that although she is a member of the Orinda Garden Club, this is not a club project but a personal one.

Worth asked Rittmann about her background. "I'm not an artist," Rittmann said, "but I do have a good eye." Always interested in art and architecture, her youngest child went to the Rhode Island School of Design and Rittmann was asked to join the board. She served for 12 years on the board, making friends all over the world, including Kim. "Art makes things better," Rittmann says. "I really firmly believe that. When you see a 50-foot-tall butterfly in the city it sparks the neighborhood."

Maggie Boscoe also appeared before the council to talk about Artify Orinda, the idea of Maggie Boscoe, a longtime Orinda resident and co-curator of the Lamorinda Art Council's Art Gallery at the Orinda Library. Worth initiated a matter to look at art in the community on a future council agenda, which passed unanimously.

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