Create living sculptures with Kokedama

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Other items can also be used to wrap the balls like colored yarn or wire for a different look. "I love everything Japanese," explained participant Gail Reilly of Berkeley. "I've been to Japan twice and when I heard about this class I wanted to learn how to do it."

Recently Ferry put her own creative spin on Kokedama by crafting heart-shaped wire sculptures, stuffing them with the bonsai mix and moss, then adding succulents and beads. The result is a beautiful living sculpture to hang along a window or wall. The possibilities are endless. These heart-shaped creations and other more traditional Kokedama made by Ferry are available at Orchard.

Zahra Tanner of Benicia said, "I saw this class in the newsletter, and it sounded interesting. I'm making my Kokedama for my dad's birthday. We both like unusual plants."

Orchard Nursery and Florist has many classes throughout the year. Next up is Forest Terrariums at 2 p.m. on March 11. For more information visit www.orchardnursery.com.



From left: Laurie Hailey and Merrie DeFrene both of Walnut Creek.

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