

Published May 10th, 2023 Moraga Community Faire & Car Show makes fun-filled comeback

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Jungle James Animal Adventures rep holds a reptile and Campo sophomore Vivian Tolajian displays her artwork at the Moraga Community Faire. Photos Vera Kochan Just like most events that draw large crowds, the Moraga Community Faire & Car Show took a three-year COVIDrelated hiatus. The 2023 version came roaring back during a beautiful April 29 Saturday that brought young and old out to the Rheem Valley Shopping Center for a day of community conviviality.

Moraga's Chamber of Commerce, along with other sponsors such as 5A Rent-A-Space, Moraga Motors, the Town of Moraga, and U.S. Realty Partners, Inc., helped to make the Faire possible. Live music, food trucks and beverage offerings, a classic car show, a KidZone featuring bounce houses, a magician, face painting, and live animals, as well as an MOFD fire engine, MPD vehicles, a SportZone, pony rides, community organization tents and vendors selling their wares all added to the festivities.

The Artist's Alley included Vice Mayor Teresa Onoda's paintings in addition to Campo Art, featuring student artists from Campolindo High School. Sophomore Vivian

Tolajian only recently became interested in becoming an artist. "During the pandemic I had so much time and really got serious," she stated. "I worked about five hours a day." Tolajian has an eye towards pursuing either art or science (ecology) in college, but she wouldn't mind a career as a comic book illustrator. Her artwork could easily open some doors.

The biggest take-away from the day was the joyful atmosphere. Smiles on faces and laughter in the air signaled that Moraga was ready to party again.

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