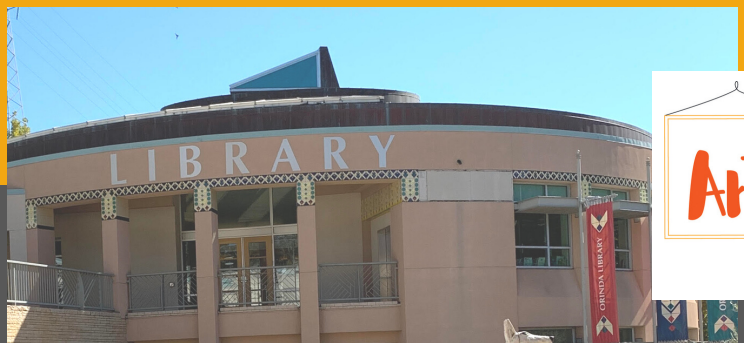


Art Gallery at the ORINDA LIBRARY

October 2021 Featured Artists

Paintings, Playful Tapestries and a Public Art Retrospective

John Toki

Toki's career as a public artist runs from 1982 to the present. He will display photos and models of his many projects, Visit www.johntoki.com to learn more about his artistic contributions in the SF Bay area and beyond.

At 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 2 Toki will host a 30 minute presentation about the historic value of public art, its educational value for young students (like students in Orinda), engaging in the process of making art for public viewing and the intrinsic value of art in society.



John Toki "Sakura, 2019"
10'4", weight 3600 lb.
stoneware and porcelain clay



Loralee Chapleau "Salient Passage"
10" x 10", oil on canvas

Loralee Chapleau

Chapleau has dabbled in acrylics on and off since high school in the 1980s. "I began painting with oils in 2009. My drawing background is expressive, dating back to Professor Luis Gutierrez at San Jose City College in the early 1990s. Whenever I get a creative block or am trying to begin a new piece, I hear his voice in my head saying, 'Draw with your left!' That voice is louder than ever lately," she said. Go to www.loraleecs.wixsite.com/loraleeart to see examples of her work.

Aiko Kobayashi Gray

Kobayashi will exhibit 10 large tapestries with the theme, "The Experience of the Journey." Her weaving recalls memories and reflections of certain travels such as the desert winds from Andalusia or riotous colors from Guatemala. Playful images of children and animals are seen throughout her work. Learn more about her work at www.aikokobayashi.com.



Aiko Kobayashi Gray "Forest Life"
48" x 48", fiber art/woven tapestry

Artists Reception
Saturday, October 2, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be served.

This exhibit runs October 1 - 31 during normal Library hours in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library at 26 Orinda Way. Hours are Mon. – Thur., 10 am – 8 pm, Fri. – Sat., 10 am – 6 pm, closed Sun. Please visit us online at **www.lamorindaarts.org/orinda-gallery/** *. Contact the curators at gallery@lamorindaarts.org.*

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