

Lafayette Gallery Holds Artists' Markets this Summer

By Andrea A. Firth



Oil painting by artist Jill Landau on display at the Lafayette Gallery
Photo provided

Farmers' markets have become a staple of weekend mornings in Lamorinda. Pleasant weather, good food, fine friends and neighbors—it makes a perfect combination. The combination seemed so natural and so good that the folks in the Lamorinda Arts Alliance decided to copy the combo and apply it to art. Once a month from May through August, the public can enjoy the outdoor market setting and browse through the original artwork, jewelry, and fine crafts of Lamorinda artisans.

There are two more artists' markets scheduled for the 2008 season on July 19th and August 16th. From 11 am until 5 pm on those Saturdays, artists will set up displays in the parking lot in front of the Lafayette Gallery. "Visiting the artists' market can tie in nicely with lunch at Chow," notes Lamorinda artist and photographer Warren Rice. "Plus, we'll have live music at the August market—a great duo called The Neighborhood (featuring his son)," he adds.

Art patrons can also take a stroll through the Lafayette Gallery where the summer exhibit, California Dreamin', will be on display. "With this exhibit, we chose to focus on what is special about California to each of us whether it is the scenery, a mood, or a color," states exhibit curator Linda Yoshizawa.

Oil painter Jill Landau has done some beach scenes. Abstract painter Paula Boaz used the beach colors of sand, ocean, and sky in her artworks. And, artist Susan Erikson has created some very personal reflections of her own visits to the beach with family. "My family loves the beach, and we feel so lucky to live where we do," states Erikson. To exemplify these cherished beach moments, Erikson has assembled sculpture, which contain books, seashells, and flip flops to reflect the summer fun feeling of the surf and sand. The California Dreamin' Exhibit will be displayed through August 9th.