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Artisan and Wine Faire

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Gail Solt's new jewelry has a Hawaiian influence.
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A wide variety of artisans will display their work at the annual Artisan and Wine Faire held at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda, on Thursday, November 18 from 4:00 - 8:00. This festive event offers an array of unique creativity from local craftsmen happy to discuss their artwork with you. Several wineries will be offering samples, and you may purchase your favorite at the event.

Gail Solt will again display some of the Gemstones and beads she has collected from around the world to make into sumptuous necklaces. On a recent visit to Hawaii Gail met a fellow artist from the University of Hawaii and together they designed some beautiful pieces showing a distinctive Hawaiian influence.

A new artist this year will show her intricate bead baskets. Sandra Wooten once lived in Santa Fe, and designs influenced by Native Americans can still be seen in her work. Each small basket offers its own unusual woven pattern created bead by bead. Symbols become an integral part of many designs often bringing a sacred quality to each piece of artwork.

Another returning artist will be welcomed back by her many patrons. Ceramic artist Gerry Wallace has spent many creative hours in her Orinda studio picking up a variety of awards over the years. The clay she works with may take on a totally whimsical personality, become highly functional, or a purely decorative addition to your home. The common thread is the final works will all be uniquely Gerry Wallace.

Other artists will feature pottery, glass, photographic stationery, jewelry, woodwork and some truly unique clothing. The Art Faire is free and provides a beautiful venue to gather your friends. Maybe you will find the perfect holiday gift for the most challenging on your list prior to dining either at the club or in Orinda.



Gerry Wallace's whimsical ceramics are unique.
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Sandra Wooten's bead baskets were inspired by her
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