

# Next Up in the Library Gallery—New Images of Old Orinda

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Orinda Park School, Group Portrait, 1900.

Photo courtesy of the Orinda Historical Society

The Orinda Library Gallery will showcase over twenty images of Orinda from the early 1900's as part of the exhibit New Images of Old Orinda – 1901 to 1920's sponsored by the Orinda Historical Society (OHS). The newly discovered photos of Orinda were taken between 1901 and the mid-1920's by Edward I. deLaveaga—a prominent developer and resident of the city. The granddaughters of deLaveaga found the original glass negatives on the family's estate.

"The most striking aspect of these photos is the lack of develop-

ment and the beauty of the hills and surrounding area before the city was inhabited in any significant way," said Charlie Vollmar, Vice President of the OHS. There is also a panoramic view of the hills, digitally pieced together by OHS member Teresa Long, which gives residents a full picture of Orinda's landscape in the early twentieth century, explained Vollmar.

In addition, the Society has created a mantle-like display of photographic portraits from the same timeframe. And, the exhibit also includes photographs of the original Kennedy Tunnel and con-

struction on the first three bores of the Caldecott Tunnel. Along with these two photo collections, the OHS is also displaying artifacts from the era that are normally on display in the Society's museum.

The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, January 7th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Members of the Orinda Historical Society, the deLaveaga family, and

Ray Mailhot, former Superintendent of the Caldecott Tunnel, will be on hand at the reception to address questions. For more information, contact the Orinda Historical society at (925) 254-1353.

## ROC Celebrates One Year



Pictured are ROC co-owners Peter McNiff (left) and Chih Fang. Photo Ohlen Alexander

The Republic of Cake, known as ROC to Orinda's cupcake-lovers, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary of business in Orinda. At the City Council's most recent meeting, ROC owner Peter McNiff told the Council Members that he had been forewarned about the curse of Theater Square. "But the clouds that had covered Theater Square seemed to break when we opened a year ago, and the sun has been shining on the place ever since," said McNiff. Over the course of the last year, ROC donated over \$8,000 of the store's proceeds to children's philanthropic causes including the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO). Every Monday 10% of ROC's revenues for the day are donated to EFO.

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- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (3)**
- Finance Advisory Committee (3)**
- Art in Public Places Committee (1)**
- Public Works Aesthetic Review Committee (1)**
- Audit and Finance Committee (1)**

Effective February 2011, there will be vacancies on the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, and one vacancy on the Public Works Aesthetic Review Committee, Art in Public Places Committee and Audit and Finance Committee.

Statement of Interest forms are available from the Orinda City Clerk's Office, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563. If you have any specific questions regarding the recruitment, please contact Michele Olsen, City Clerk at 925-253-4221 or molsen@cityoforinda.org. Application forms may also be downloaded from the City's website at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org).

Completed Statement of Interest forms must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by **Friday, January 21, 2011 at 5:00p.m.**

Qualified applicants will be invited to interview before the full City Council on **Saturday, January 29, 2011.**

Michele L. Olsen  
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