

Lemonade Entrepreneurs



Neighbors as well as friends, Alana Brinkman and Hans Ramirez, both six-years-old, opened up their first lemonade stand of the season last week, and business has been brisk – with three customers in the first half hour. This is not the kindergartener’s first rodeo, Hans reports he sold lemonade last year. No plans as yet about what to do with all the money they are making. C. Tyson.

Local Family Shares Art in New Exhibit at Library

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This exhibition series is a powerful tool, bringing people together and exposing the resource residing within our community. For this reason, I am happy to share the works.”

Varela enjoys exploring different cultures, evident by the variety of artwork throughout the family home. His philosophy on collecting centers on bringing uninhibited views of the world as interpreted by others into his own realm. According to Faulkner, “By doing this, he is gently exposing his children, as well as members of the community, through events such as Lafayette Collects, to the diversity of the world at large.”

Currently displayed are three acrylic/collage pieces by William Theophilus Brown from the Bay Area, a series of 12 small works on

paper by Joaquin Gonzalez from Miami and finally two large mono-prints by San Francisco abstract artist Gustavo Rivera. This first exhibit of the Lafayette Collects series will be on display until the middle of May and, like all exhibits in the Community Hall Gallery, is free of charge. The Public Art Committee is anticipating featuring Lafayette collectors once or twice per year. Look for an exhibit by Lafayette photographer Blake Farrington to go up when the Varela collection comes down.

Graduating from Sonoma State with a B.A. in Art History, Lauren Faulkner, whose family is from Lafayette, met the Varela family through mutual acquaintances, leading to her unique position as manager of their collection.

Book Bags Donated to Friends Corner Book Shop



Photo Jenny Wu

Mechanics Bank of Lafayette Vice President Debbie Cooper (right) and Financial Services officer Rene Cain (left) presented 100 book bags with the Friends of the

Lafayette Library and Learning Center logo to Sharon Lingane (center) last week at the Friends Corner Book Shop. The bags will be sold to raise funds for the Library. C. Tyson



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