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New Art in Public Spaces Committee Needs Volunteers

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The newly approved Moraga Art in Public Spaces Committee has openings for three residents. "The Art in Public Places committee will decide the kind of art we want on display in Moraga," says Council member Teresa Onoda, who was the force behind the approval of the new art policy. "It will inform residents and visitors alike about the way this community sees itself and the way it wants to be seen by others. Are we playful or serious? Bold or refined? Progressive or traditional?"

At the end of 2015, the council approved a town policy that will allow artists to submit pieces of art to be displayed in public places for at least a year, similar to what the city of Orinda is doing with pieces of all shapes and forms that adorn its downtown. Onoda will be sitting on the new committee with one park and recreation commission member, one design review board member, one Moraga park foundation member, and three Moraga community members.

"This committee is just one element of a larger effort to support and leverage the enormous pool of artistic talent we have in Lamorinda," adds Onoda. "Moraga is a town filled with musicians and painters, craftsmen, dancers and singers. Public art signifies that we celebrate this part of our lives in the way athletics fields mark our love of sports."

For those interested in participating in the administration of the town, other volunteer opportunities are available on different boards and committees: the Audit and Finance Committee, the Design Review Board, the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission. If interested in any position, residents are invited to complete the application and questionnaire found online at moraga.ca.us, and submit a letter of interest and resumé to the town clerk's office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or to the town clerk by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22.

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