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Orinda Library Gallery exhibitions and new gallery hours at Wilder Art and Garden Center

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"Ghost Boats" 48"x 37" by Sydney Chaney-Thomas Photo provided

The October exhibition in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library features artwork from five members of Three-Eight Art Studio: Doris and Wang Hai Chen, Celia Huddleston, Beichen Li, and Lucia Tsang during the month of October.

Doris and Wang Hai Chen are displaying paintings and Chinese ink drawings on rice paper. Doris' "Dahlia Flowers In a Vase" will appeal to gardeners everywhere and Wang Hai's "Yaya's First Astonishing" pulls the viewer into the world of a very young girl discovering something wonderful.

Celia Huddleston works as a Chinese brush painting teacher and is showing her watercolors and Chinese ink drawings on rice paper. Her "Dominica Republic" portrays a North American wilderness scene seen through a traditional Chinese aesthetic.

Beichen Li is a prolific acrylic painter. Her portfolio includes a variety of series: musical instruments, abstract works, portraits, architectural and travel works. She often uses photographs from her travels

as a source for her paintings and likes using vibrant colors. Check out her work at www.beichenlifineart.com.

Lucia Tsang creates both utilitarian and artistic ceramics. She states, "Art has nourished me at every stage of my life. I am inspired to make sculpture moments in life that move me including the birth of my grandchildren, the death of my father, and the internal life of trees." Tsang has "translated whimsy into art."

The Art Gallery at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, is open during normal library hours: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Featured artists will also display work at the Wilder Art and Garden Center. When the Art and Garden Center at Wilder opened, the new gallery space there was only open to the public for the opening art reception each month, by appointment or when other events happened to be going on at the center. However, beginning Nov. 5, the gallery will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:15 p.m.

For the remainder of October, the gallery at Wilder will be available by appointment only or during scheduled events. Currently on view there is featured artist Sydney Chaney-Thomas' exhibit, "Natural Beauty."

Chaney's work has been described as "a lyrical representation of natural phenomena swirling about the land and sea, reflecting her background growing up on a horse ranch surrounded by fields of

wheat, orchards, and rolling hills." The natural world is where Chaney is most comfortable and, according to the Lamorinda Arts Council, the style brings forth a sense of carefree serenity whether amidst the pine trees in Tahoe, or on a sailboat in the San Francisco Bay. Chaney's work is both Impressionistic and abstract, filled with emotion and color, allowing the "Natural Beauty" to rise to surface.

Appointments to visit the gallery at the Art and Garden Center can be made at wildergallery@lamorindaarts.org.

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