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Orinda library art gallery reopens to in-person viewing

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Karen Hildebrand. "Hand Carved Design, Raku" 8.5" x 5.75", ceramic

Wilder is entitled "Deja vu on the Wall - Paintings of Faraway Lands." Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Walnut Creek artist Janell Lumley and her husband traveled to faraway places where they took copious photos. Lumley derives her paintings from their photographs. She says that her oil paintings allow her to revisit faraway places. Deja vu is the feeling that one has lived through the present situation before. Lumley invites you to view her paintings at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/ to see if you travel with her to any faraway places.



Janell Lumley, "Reflections" Oil on Canvas, 16" x 20" Photos provided

June brings back in-person art appreciation in Orinda. Following many months of only online exhibitions, the Lamorinda Arts Council has announced that it's June exhibitions in the Orinda library gallery will be open to the public, while the exhibition at the gallery at the Art & Garden Center at Wilder will continue to be available online only in June.

At the Library Gallery, photographer Nancy Rubin and writer Cynthia Overbeck Bix's "Reframing Aging" exhibit explores eight vital people aged 70 to 96, including former UC Berkeley Vice Chancellor Russ Ellis. Wendy Liang is a recent graduate of the California College of the Arts. Her exhibit "The Peaceful Life," features her luminous watercolors. Liang says that watercolor is her favorite medium because its transparent and fluid qualities gives her the freedom to create her desired mood and atmosphere.

Karen Hildebrand exhibits 40 ceramic pieces, done with multiple firing techniques, includes art vessels as well as utilitarian ceramics. She often uses botanicals taken from her garden for surface treatments.

This exhibit runs June 1-30 during normal library hours, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., The gallery is closed on Sundays. The exhibit can also be seen online at www.lamorindaarts.org/online-galleries/.

The virtual exhibit for June at the Art Gallery at

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