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## Perfect weather and delicious cocktails make Art of Mixology a hit

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First place Mixologist of the Year 2023, Maxwell Freise from Wildseed, San Francisco for his cocktail, "Trippin to Manhattan." Photo Sora O'Doherty

Curve." Padgett took home a trophy and \$100.

Another local favorite, Jeremy Schlachter, of Canyon Club, Moraga, received the trophy for the Art of Table Staging for the cocktail entry, "Sandlot Treehouse Old Fashioned." Joy in Motion provided an entertaining flash mob before the awards ceremony.

The Masters of Ceremonies for the evening were Diane Dwyer of Compass Real Estate and Justin Cole of Joy in Motion. The competition was judged by Orinda residents David Roth of Trefethen Family Vineyards, Haley Moore, a nationally acclaimed sommelier, Shweta Srivastava, a local artist and foodies and two-time winner of the Best Amateur at the Art of Mixology. They were joined by provisional set designers and scenic artists, Fernando Ochoa Beltran and Ryan Smith.

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