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Orinda Historical Society hosts open house

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From left: Kay Norman (Board Member), Teresa Long (Archivist), Cheryl Cechvala (Vice President), Wendy Harnett (Membership Secretary), Vivian Ricci (Recording Secretary) Reg Barrett (Board Member) Mayor Inga Miller, Alison Burns (President) , and Kathy Barrett (Board Member). Behind, former mayor Amy Worth. Photo Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda Historical Society hosted their first annual open house on Nov. 30. In addition to an array of home-baked cookies and cakes and drinks, guests were treated to a musical performance by Patrick and Luke Burns, husband and son of Historical Society President Alison Burns.

Visitors were welcomed into the museum, newly refurbished in the past year. The walls and display cases are now full of Orinda memorabilia. In an adjoining room, hundreds of old photographs were spread on a table, and guests were invited to try to identify the people and places depicted.

Included among the guests were board members of the Historical Society, Mayor Inga Miller and Orinda City Council Member and OHS liaison Janet Riley, City Manager David Biggs, City Clerk Sheri Smith, Former Mayor Amy Worth, Bobbie Landers, former chair of the Orinda Historical Landmark Committee, and many other members of the community.

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