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Handmade Gifts by Local Artists

Nine local artists will host a "Holiday Shoppe" on December 7, 2-7pm and December 8, 10am-4pm. Sale items include ceramics, letterpress cards, framed artwork and a variety of small, handmade gifts. 5528 Dover @ 56th Street. 547-2029.

—Lynn Beldner, Artist

Happenings at Désa Arts

Désa Arts is pleased to announce our participation in "Art Walk" sponsored by the City of Oakland. This event takes place on the first Friday of every month with hours extended until 9PM. Take the free shuttle to all the art galleries on the circuit!

- **November 2-December 15** Sylvia La's "Memories & Marketplace" series. On display: paintings (oil, acrylic, watercolor), collage, giclee prints.
- **November 17** Global Trunk Show. Unique, handmade jewelry, art and accessories from around the world.
- **November 29** Tea Tasting and Discussion (contact the gallery for details)
- **December 1-24 HOLIDAY SALE.** Discounts up to 50% throughout the boutique.
- **December 7** Special First Friday Event TBA
- **December 8** Customer Appreciation Day. Stop by for a holiday treat and receive a free gift with any purchase (while supplies last). Désa Arts is located at 4810 Telegraph. 595-1669. Don't forget to shop local this holiday season!

—Lisa Tana, Desa Arts

Brazen Art: Local Shows in November

The Doodle-A-Day Project

Nomad Café 6500 Shattuck 595-5344 Tea Party

Reception: Sunday, November 11, 2-4PM

Exhibition Dates: November 1-30

Roos Café 4252 Piedmont 985-1360

Exhibition Dates: November 1-30

Visit www.BrazenArt.com to view original artwork, enjoy poetry and video clips and to learn about the Artist. See details on Ms. Brazen's shows, including on-going and upcoming national, international and local events.

A "Plug" for Temescals' Farmers' Market

I am a local clothing designer, artist and activist. I vend my commuter bicycle clothing and other sewn items at the farmer's market. Every Sunday morning I rise at dawn like a farmer, to set up shop in my little 10'x10' booth across from Temescal Creek in the DMV parking lot. I chose to become an artisan vendor at Temescal for a number of reasons. I love farming, was raised on a farm in Minnesota, and have been a farmer myself, if I may stretch the definition a bit to suit my politics. Before baby carriers and onesies, I was single and urban farming on vacant lots in West Oakland with City Slicker Farms, a project whose mission it is to use urban spaces to grow food with and for local residents. I am no longer actively farming, having moved from West Oakland to North Oakland a year and a half ago with my young son. Now I put my energy into building my business: beautiful, functional natural fiber sweat shop free clothing with bicyclists, pedestrians, parents and children in mind. I hand make wool knickers, cotton oilcloth raincoats, recycled sweater arm and leg warmers for bicyclists, hand-dyed and appliquéd t-shirts for kids (which I sew while you wait on my treadle sewing machine), and hand-dyed and appliquéd hemp podegi-style baby carriers. I have enjoyed participating in the market as a consumer in the past, marveling at the vibrant seasonal produce, the perfectly delicious prepared foods, the thoroughly transformed DMV parking lot, and the wonderful diversity of the people there. Two months ago I suddenly knew with all of the local bicyclists, parents and children ritually passing through each week, that the farmers market as a local outdoor center for trade should be the home for my store.

Besides vegetables and gourmet brunch and coffee, we local artisans vend a variety of high quality products for your wardrobe, your skin, your home. You'll find jewelry, hand bags, hats, children's clothing and accessories, t-shirts, photographs, wooden bowls, and herbal soap and oils. Please stroll and shop the creek side artisan strip of asphalt at the Temescal farmers market on Sundays. See you there!

—Nan Eastep, JoyRider Clothing

Bear Naked at the Temescal Triangle

Bear Naked Burgers is now open in the Temescal Triangle. The menu features fresh salads and paninis, organic-natural meats and free-range chicken from Fulton Valley Farms. Enjoy flavorful cheesecakes, ice cream and an assortment of pastries from Semifreddis. Food service begins at 11am. For earlier service, visit Bear Naked's Espresso Bar for organic fair trade coffees and teas from Mr. Espresso.

Bear Naked Burgers. 5179 Telegraph (next to La Calaca Loca)



Adults Wanted!

Experience Corps is revving up for its' second year at Piedmont Elementary School, and is currently searching for Temescal adults to add to an amazing team of tutors and mentors. Last spring, our team of tutors helped children learn and strengthened the community by sharing time, friendship and love. Five members contributed over 250 hours to help more than ten students. This marked a wonderful start toward enhancing intergenerational and community presence at Piedmont and we are looking for more caring adults to be part of this organization. If you are 55 or older and would like to share your knowledge and experience while helping Piedmont students excel, Experience Corps offers training, on-site support, and a monthly stipend of up to \$280 for those able to spend 15 hours or more each week at the school. 735-5725 or cmarable_ec@yahoo.com.

—Christina Marable

Progress Continues on "Field of Dreams"

A local "field of dreams", a \$1.2 million modern baseball and softball complex, is rapidly taking shape in Temescal. The site encompasses the fenced playgrounds and ball fields of the closed Carter Middle School, and occupies much of the area between 45th and 48th bounded by Telegraph and Webster. The old Carter campus buildings along Webster currently house the much smaller International High School. Though the project is envisioned to provide long-sought-after home fields close by the Tech campus, the facility will be open for use by other local youth sports programs. Planners are busy raising the final 100k needed to complete construction. They expect the baseball field to be ready by February 2008, with the softball diamond following in early 2009.

The grass root effort is led by long time schools advocate Paul Brekke-Miesner, Tech baseball coach Eric Clayton and school board member Kerry Hamill. Supporters include neighbors, Oakland Tech parents, students and staff, the Tech Parent, Teacher, Student Association and Oakland businesses and professional groups, including members of the Oakland Coliseum grounds crew.

Donations to help fulfill the "dream" may be sent to Field of Dreams, 2400 38th Ave, Oakland 94601. Make checks payable to "Friends of Oakland Park & Rec/Field of Dreams". For details contact Paul Brekke-Miesner brekmies@california.com.

—Patrick Daughton

Why is STAND Going to Court?

We have run out of other choices;

We reject the City's policy of granting unlimited variances;

We are concerned that 5-6 ++ story heights will set a precedent for Telegraph, Claremont, Shattuck, and Broadway.

Why we chose a lawsuit:

We are not being heard about the 4801 Shattuck development (5 stories, 44 units). We wrote letters, attended public meetings, and paid \$710 to appeal but the City Council approved the project.

We are challenging the Planning Department's practice of granting illegal, unlimited variances to projects and zoning on a project by project basis.

We are challenging approval of a huge number of condo projects. There are over 2000 market rate condo units in Temescal alone - with no environmental review and study of cumulative impacts.

We want environmental and cumulative impact reviews. Under the California Environmental Quality Act, jurisdictions and local agencies are mandated to analyze impacts of proposed projects BEFORE they're approved.

We want developers to involve the community early in the process.

We want a moratorium on the City approving upscale projects until it updates its zoning laws.

We need your help now to raise at least \$5000 soon. Please send a check to: STAND P.O. Box 20486 Oakland 94620

- Tamara Nicoloff, Co-chair STAND

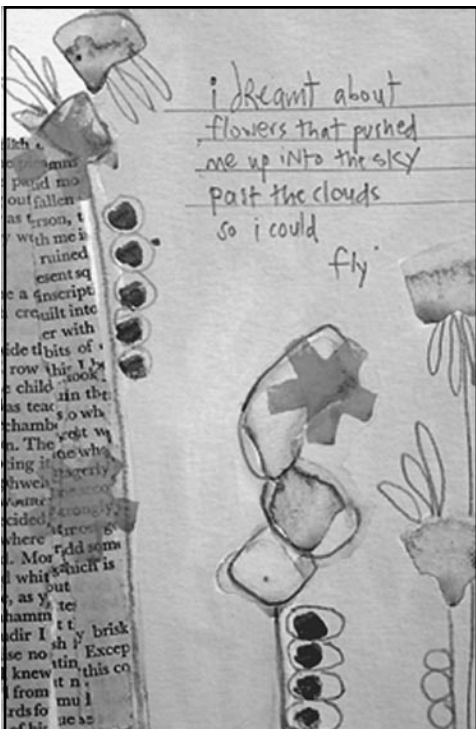
Studio One

Beloved by generations in the SF Bay Area, since 1948, Studio One Art Center plans to reopen its 365 45th Street north Oakland doors, in January 2008, offering a Free Public Re-Opening Cel-



"Knickers" by Joy Riders. Available at the Temescal Farmer's Market

celebration, a Gala and a 10-week winter session. Attending any of these is an investment in the arts whether it strengthens one's belief in community cultural enrichment or simply giving oneself pleasure. Your support will certainly pay off in the revitalized facility that is under the auspices of the City of Oakland's Office of Parks and Recreation. Participants can expect, with the Studio One Art Center's dedication to vocational and expressive arts, that special skills building classes leading to trade apprenticeships, workshops, lectures, artists' presentations, art exhibits, artistic games and of course yoga will compliment the art classes offered for children six years and older, teens and adults. Other services in the works are a vending gift area, a light refreshments service, scheduled in-house tours of classes and a pilot program to create items for publication with proceeds to benefit Studio One's art scholarship fund. To stay in touch with the on-going activities or volunteer, please connect with Studio staff 597-5027 Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM. Once occupancy takes place at 365 45th Street, calls can be left on a voice-mail system. In the meantime, please avail yourself or someone you care for,



"Flowers That Pushed Me Up Into The Sky"
by Teresa Brazen.
On display at Nomad Café.



"Cousins Picnic" by Sylvia La. On Display at Desa Arts.

with a gift certificate in whatever amount you'd like. It is a gift that keeps giving. To ensure you're giving enough, check on-line for pricing of current classes www.oaklandnet.com/parks/registration/default.asp. Winter session pricing and schedules available.

Affirmation and Peace.

—Studio One

New at the Library

Many people enjoy listening to books...on commutes to work, on road trips, or while projecting in their home or garden. Hopefully, some of you have noticed lately our Temescal Branch has even more books on CD and tape. In the past, these materials were obtained the Main Library's central collection. With our new lease plan, we now get these directly. Advantages of the lease plan include the ability to enjoy current titles and bestsellers, while replenishing stock regularly.

Through the same lease plan, I am building our collection of Large Print books on Aisle Four. We don't have many on the shelves right now, but more will be arriving soon!

From the Tool Library, Ty reports excitement over a cool new tool: a por-

table abrasive cut off saw for cutting through cement and metal. He has also gotten a new How-To series on DVD from Tauton Press; topics include stair building, tiling, framing and deck lying.

See you at the Library!

—Sally Bean, Branch Manager,
Temescal Branch Library

FROG NEWS

A Community Together

Over a hundred people gathered for the first annual Picnic in the Park, held Sunday, September 9th. With rakes and brooms donated by Rockridge Kids, children and adults tidied up the park before enjoying a picnic, fresh from the Temescal Farmer's Market. For children especially, it was a way to "give back" to the park that welcomes them all year. Apple bobbing, ice cream, spoon races and children's yoga followed the clean up to make it a spirited day at the park. Look for the next Picnic in the Park in spring!

Maintenance Day

Have you seen any shabby wooden playgrounds lately? Why does FROG park look so great? Because of volun-

Temescal Calendar

Thursday, November 8, 7 pm. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Steering Committee meeting. Everyone welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Friday, November 9, 7:30 pm. Poetry Saloon. Bring a poem that you have written and one by someone else to share, or come to enjoy. 472 44th Street. 594-2200.

Wednesday, November 14. Temescal Merchants Association monthly meeting. All are welcome. Call For Details. 653-7196.

Saturday, November 17, 10 am. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. Lake Temescal inlet near the Broadway Terrace park entrance. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

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Thursday, December 13, 7 pm. Temescal Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Steering Committee meeting. Everyone welcome. Faith Presbyterian Church, 49th and Webster. 420-6974.

Saturday, December 15, 10 am. Help monitor water quality in Temescal Creek. Lake Temescal inlet near the Broadway Terrace park entrance. 459-3967 or temcrk@mountaincurrent.net.

Congratulations on a Successful Adventure!

As of September 23, Temescal News & Views Senior Editor, Vicki Maxwell, completed her journey across the Pacific Crest Trail. By the time she crossed the Canadian/US border, she had hiked more than 2,600 miles! Congratulations, Vicki.

Volunteers Needed to Join the "Editing Staff" of Temescal News and Views!
Please send e-mail to fredrickapartments@yahoo.com if interested.
All work/time/etc. is volunteer-only.

teers! We had a successful Fall Maintenance Day on September 15th, with a large part of the work done by freshman and senior volunteers from College Prep High School. Many important tasks were completed, including cleaning and resealing play structures, turning over wood chips and putting in plants. Thanks also to Clinton Pugh of the City of Oakland, our favorite Park Maintenance employee, for his help in keeping our greenbelt looking great.

Why Isn't the Creek Flowing?

Unfortunately the creek won't flow again until April. The creek flowing through the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt is a faux creek – water from Temescal Creek is pumped up to the surface at Hardy Park where the pond is located. The water then travels below ground, under the greenbelt, to the other side of Clifton Street where it surfaces. It runs along the surface in the greenbelt by the DMV, under Cavour Street, then above ground along Clarke Street all the way to Redondo Park.

The current arrangement with the City and Alameda County Flood Control has the creek running from April 15th – October 15th. It currently does not run during the winter months, due to flooding, mechanical, and other issues. A committee of FROG is working to get the creek flowing year round. Please contact Jennifer Cooper, FROG Chair at 653-6581, if you are interested in getting involved.

—Jennifer Cooper, FROG
Friends of the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt

Letters to the Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I have concerns about the restoration project in progress at the Studio One Art Center in north Oakland. Although I am happy about the restoration, I feel that the historical integrity of the building is not being preserved. I have owned my home across the street from Studio One since 1973. I have observed the progress of this project since the beginning. It has been my understanding that the look of the building was to be preserved while upgrading the structural integrity of the building and modernizing the facilities. The brick has been cleaned; however, it appears that it will be painted over. I have been a resident of Oakland for over 50 years. In all that time, the brick has never been painted. Instead of having an aesthetically pleasing, historically correct structure for the entire community to enjoy, we will have a drab building that does nothing to enhance the community. I have spoken with several of my neighbors who share the same concerns.

Please let me know how best to bring these issues to the attention of the city of Oakland. If you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me 655-9664 jackson-eddie1@sbcglobal.net.

Best Regards,
Eddie Jackson

Dear Editor:

Please try to get the letter out earlier in the month!! I know it is a lot of work.

Thank you,
U. Boynton

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I'd like to volunteer. Please call me.