

# The Orland Arts Commission

## ***Who we are:***

The Commission is composed of seven members, appointed by the City Council. Four of the seven members are required to be working artists, and the other three are members of the community at large. Projects are funded through fees collected from new building development, as required by the Arts Commission ordinance, and through fees collected from art exhibits, art sales, and classes, as well as through private citizen donations and endowments.

## ***When we began:***

The Arts Commission was formed and the ordinance formally accepted by the City Council in November, 2005. The ordinance was drawn up by George Turnbull, our current chairman, and a nationally known Designer and Fine Artist and Professor Emeritus in the California State University System.

## ***What our purpose is:***

To heighten an awareness of art's importance in the health of a community, and to provide a place for quality art to be seen and enjoyed by the people in the Orland area. We also offer professional guidance on public art in the city, and enhance the city with significant art projects that add to the overall appeal of our town for citizens and visitors, as well. The Arts Commission is also consulted on all city enhancement projects.

## ***What we have accomplished:***

In just five short years, and at no cost to the city, we have:

- Designed and erected the memorial bench in Library Park.
- Selected and funded the promenade lights in the center of Library Park.
- Designed and funded the beautifully nostalgic Gazebo in Library Park.
- Designed the Orland Business Improvement Association "Welcome" banners that line the city's main streets.
- Designed and funded the handsome brick drinking fountain in Library Park.
- Most recently, the Arts Commission is responsible for the design of the City's impressive entry sign, the base for the Vereschagin clock, and the landscape design of "Welcome to Orland Centennial Park."
- Our unique Art Gallery features monthly art exhibits of local, regional, and nationally known artists.
- We offer regular drawing sessions and professionally taught classes in the gallery quarters.

## ***What is unique about our Gallery:***

We occupy the entire first floor of a handsome three story historic building located in downtown Orland. The building is currently owned by the Orland Laurel Masonic Lodge and was originally built in 1913, to be occupied by the Bank of Orland. The Gallery space alone is a spacious 2500 square feet, with a beautifully carved ceiling as one of its unique features, and state of the art lighting to enhance the artwork displayed. This beautiful gallery is one of the finest in the entire northern California area.