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## May art at Coffee Garden

The title for the exhibition by James Gasowski is: 'PICTURE-PAINTING-OBJECT-an exploration of Abstraction.' For the purposes of this series, a picture is defined as existing within the framework of the canvas. The most common example is a landscape or portrait. "It's ALL illusion," says Gasowski. Meanwhile, a painting occupies the surface and is more concerned with process and paint- familiar example of this is the Abstract Expressionists. Object extends itself beyond the surface and engages the viewer 3-dimensionally, becoming a study in material to the point of sculpture. ■



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## Correction

In regards to the story about the retirement of longtime Sacramento City College Doreen Irwin, we got the date wrong for her final concerts. The dates should have read: May 17 and May 20. We hope interested parties see this correction in time because we wouldn't want them to get confused or show up on the wrong day.

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## Over The Fence



By GREG BROWN  
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An observant Curtis Park resident was briskly walking the track around William Curtis Park when she witnessed a man backing his Ford Ranger up to a huge pile of shredded bark meant for the children's playground. She thought to herself, "What a shame to steal from the City and the children of our community."

She dialed 9-11 and reported the alleged thievery to police. My first thought was, why is there a mountain of bark dumped in the middle of the park? What would Leslie Knope (the main character of Parks and Recreation) do?

I called the City Parks And Recreation department and spoke to Lori Harder. She mentioned that the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association has officially adopted William Curtis Park through the City of Sacramento Partners in Parks program and it was part of the April 6th "Clean Up Day" at the park.

I then asked Terri Shuttle, who is the executive director of the SCNA, if she knew anything about the Curtis Bark Pile and she mentioned it was indeed part of a neighborhood cleanup day. They had requested bark for various spots; unfortunately, they were unable to bring the bark until a week later when no volunteers were readily available.

Soooo, one of the board members took it upon himself to work in the park one day to spread the bark using his pickup truck. Good for him! That's when the police showed up. Oops. Turns out the Curtis Park resident who initially called the cops was

barking up the wrong tree. Turns out the board member was just being a good deed doer. Now he is hesitant to go back and finish the job. The SCNA is looking at schedules to line up volunteers to take care of the rest of the pile but no date has been set.

Last month there was another episode of Yard Crashers direct from Hollywood Park. The lucky couple who received the grand makeover, "A Taste Of Tuscany," had a viewing party at Broderick's in West Sacramento. For those who don't know, "Yard Crashers" is a backyard improvement show where host Matt Blashaw surprises shoppers at Lowe's, Green Acres, Emigh Hardware and other home improvement and garden stores with promises of an amazing backyard transformation. From drab to fab!

A lot of the episodes have been filmed in our own backyard in Sacramento. The Yard Crashers crew invades yards with jackhammers, cement trucks, shovels, shears and chainsaws. Before you know it they're digging up turf, trees, shrubs and removing the greenery that has no purpose and replacing it with thoughtful landscape design.

There have been at least five episodes of Yard Crashers filmed in the middle class neighborhood of Hollywood Park alone in the last few years. Why Hollywood Park? Perhaps it's because it has Hollywood in the name. Showbiz! Or it could be that the neighborhood has the perfect palette for the backyard makeovers.

The production company, Big Table Media, is actually based out of Sacramento. So it's a short commute.

The show likes people who are showbiz ready, have a personality, and aren't afraid to get their fingernails dirty. Also, have a backyard that needs some drastic improvements. On



Photo by Greg Brown

A mound of bark at Curtis Park

the show's website they accept viewer submissions. Include a picture of you, your pathetic backyard, and why your yard deserves to be crashed. That's a route you can take if you're interested in getting a backyard makeover and want to be the envy of your entire neighborhood. The show airs on the DIY network as well as HGTV. The website for submissions is at www.Diynetwork.com

Last month I wrote about how Raley's, which purchased the former Capital Nursery lot on Freeport Blvd, has no official plans for it...yet. There have been blue prints created and lots of rumors bandied about. Raley's official spokesperson stated last month they have "no immediate plans for the site."

I recently received an email from an "Over The Fence" reader with a great suggestion for the abandoned site. Phil Schroeder mentioned he thinks the property would be a good location for Beer and Food Festivals. "It would be ideal for a Sacramento Oktoberfest. High school musicians could be taught to play appropriate fest mu-

sic and vendors could supply food and beer. The bus lines are right outside and the police are right down the street. It is just a dream I have of being able to hold European festivals right here in good ol' Sacramento."

I like the way Phil thinks! Sounds like a great idea. Throw in some lederhosen and dirndls and it could be a beer and sausage party on Freeport!

I have my own dream for that empty lot. I'd love to see somebody bring "The Zombie Hur" back to Freeport Blvd. "Delightfully different dining with a Polynesian atmosphere." Oh, and luscious fruity island cocktails topped off with cheery miniature umbrellas. It would be the pride of the neighborhood!

Readers: What would YOU like to see at the former Capital Nursery spot? Send me your ideas at Greg@Valcomnews.com and I'll publish them in next month's column. Also, if you have any local neighborhood gossip or items of interest, feel free to send me an email at Greg@valcomnews.com

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# Happy Mother's Day!

Here are some adorable photos and descriptions of moms and their babes who live at The Sacramento Zoo.

## Sumatran Tigers

**Bahagia and CJ (top left)**  
CJ – Born March 3, 2013  
Bahagia – Born November 27, 2000

CJ is Bahagia's fifth living offspring and latest cub. Currently both are spending time off-exhibit while CJ learns what it means to be a tiger. Almost all of his teeth have grown in

and he is starting to follow mom around and plays with her every chance he gets (he loves pouncing on her tail). Bahagia is a very patient mother who has always been playful with her cubs. Sometimes you will even find her initiating playtime with CJ, but when she has had enough she will gently put her paw on CJ's head and push him away.

## Wolf's Guenon (monkeys)

**Mimi and Baby (top right)**  
Baby – Born January 26, 2013  
Mimi – Born July 12, 2007

Mimi and mate Eddie are amazing first time parents. They have both been very protective of their little one. When the baby was less mobile Mimi would use one of the planters in the exhibit as a playpen, it allowed her to take a break while still keeping an eye on the little one. Because they are so protective veterinarians and keepers have not been able to get close enough to determine the sex of the baby. However, the Zoo has started a naming contest for the little one with gender neutral names. The final name will be announced May 10th.

## Brazilian Rainbow Boa

Mom – Born in 1987  
Pantanal – Born July 12, 2009  
July 12, 2009, the Sacramento Zoo's female Brazilian Rainbow Boa gave birth to a clutch of three through parthenogenesis. This means that a male was not involved in the making of the young ones, mom did all the work. After birth, as with most reptiles, mom provided no parental care. Currently one of her offspring, Pantanal, lives in the Zoo's Interpretive Center where she can be seen in shows and at school visits. Pantanal has iridescent scales that look like a rainbow in the sun and she will continue to grow her entire life. Mom can be seen in the Zoo's Reptile House.

## Mad Hatter Meets Mad Men Party on May 16 to Support Nonprofit Fairytale Town

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The highlight of the evening will be tastings by acclaimed regional wineries, chocolatiers and dessert makers. Featured wineries include: Bogle Vineyards, Carvalho Family Winery, Crew Wine Company, Frank Family Vineyards, Pedroncelli Winery and more. Ginger Elizabeth Chocolates, Sinful Treats, Icing on the Cupcake, 24K Chocolate Café and more will be among the featured chocolatiers and dessert presenters.

Guests will be able to get into the spirit of the evening at the "Mad Men" photo booth. Thematic cocktail attire and mad hats are encouraged but not required. A costume contest for the "Maddest Hat" will be held at the party. The nine-piece Rotary Rooters will play Big Band music of the era throughout the evening.

Ginger Elizabeth Hahn of Ginger Elizabeth Chocolates will serve as the evening's honorary chair.

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"We've had a great, enjoyable 11 years presenting the truly live 15-piece Big Band preserving the era and hits from America's Songbook," said Lou Coppola, executive director of the Nor Cal Big Bands Preservation Society speaking for current and past supporters.

Formed in spring 2001 by professional bandleaders, Bill Rase, Buddy Harpham, George Bruno and Coppola, the NCBPPS has welcomed dancers of all ages 19-95 from Sacramento and ten surrounding counties.

Socially, the Gold Card Members and hundreds of seniors have formed many lasting friendships.

Coppola added "Our monthly dances held in the Main Ballroom of the Elks No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd and Florin has also show-cased high school and private youth bands playing dance hits of the 30's, 40's and 50's."

The society greatly appreciated the decade-long sponsorship by Michael and Betty Voster-Kemp of Avalon Hearing Aid Centers, Senior Magazine, KCTC Am 1320 Radio, Ray Stone Properties, Sacramento Bee, Valley Community Newspapers and many area publications.

In closing Coppola shared this hope: "Watch for some possible announcement from the Elks No. 6 officers as they review the possible continuation of the popular Big Bands Sunday dances."



# Brewery once operated in today's Land Park area

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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For some locals, it might be difficult to imagine a full-fledged brewery operating in the Land Park area. But long before there were such destination places as William Land Park and the Sacramento Zoo, this then-rural area was home to the Sutterville Brewery.

This brewery, which was established just south of today's zoo in a two-story, brick building with a basement in 1861, was originally owned by the Prussia-born Martin P. Arenz (1826-1949).

The brewery structure, which was constructed 160 years ago in what was then the town of Sutterville, was initially occupied by a grocery store owned Robert H. Vance of San Francisco.

Arenz purchased both the building and its property from Vance for \$1,500 in August 1861.

According to *The Sacramento Union*, in its June 15, 1872 edition, the brewery building measured 62 feet by 62 feet and stood on a 160-foot by 180-foot lot.

Among the improvements made to the premises during Arenz's ownership of the brewery was an addition of a new roof.

On May 28, 1867, the Sutterville Brewery was among several local breweries that had their lager beer delivery wagons seized by revenue officers during their deliveries.

According to the following day's edition of *The Union*, it was charged that these breweries "did not properly cancel the stamps in the manner required by the revenue law, but so contrived matters as to make one (revenue) stamp answer the purpose of many, thereby depriving Uncle Sam of his just and lawful dues."

Arenz remained the brewery's proprietor until September 1868, when he sold the business to Patrick H. Lyman for about \$8,000.

A biography regarding Captain Frank Ruhstaller in the 1890 book, "An Illustrated History of Sacramento County, California," recognizes Ruhstaller and Joseph Bechler as having owned interests in the brewery.

And in following the sequence of events presented in the book, Ruhstaller purchased an interest in the brewery in mid-October 1869.

The book also notes that Ruhstaller "was in a partnership there (at the Sutterville Brewery) with Bechler for seven or eight months."

Another biography about Ruhstaller in the 1913 book,

"History of Sacramento County, California," mentions the following: "(Ruhstaller) bought an interest in the Sutterville Brewery, where he carried on a partnership with Joseph Bechler for seven months until the high water forced all work to cease."

Both biographies mention that Ruhstaller continued working with local breweries before returning to his Swiss homeland for a short period of time in 1873.

No other historic accounts regarding Ruhstaller and Bechler holding interests in the Sutterville Brewery were discovered during research for this article, and there is no firm indication, based on research for this article, that Lyman was not involved in the ownership of the business from 1868 until the sale of the business in 1873.

A fire occurred at the brewery on Jan. 27, 1871. Flames were spotted on the roof of the drying room in the malt house.

*The Union*, in its Jan. 30, 1871 edition, noted: "Part of the Sutterville Brewery was discovered on fire, but which, by dint of strenuous efforts of the proprietor, Patrick Lyman, and his neighbors, was extinguished before much damage had occurred."

In 1873, Fritz Futterer and Nicholas "Nick" Thielen be-



The Land Park Business Center at 1250 Sutterville Road sits on the former site of the Sutterville Brewery. Photo by Lance Armstrong

came the new proprietors of the brewery.

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# SACRAMENTO Gears Up BIKE MONTH

By CORRIE PELC  
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If you've been thinking about giving bike commuting to work a shot, or have just wanted to start bicycling around town more, here's your inspiration — May is Bike Month in Sacramento.

The Bike Month project has been around since 2006 and celebrates not only biking to work, but biking everywhere, says A.J. Tendick, public information coordinator and Bike Month project manager for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Tendick says Bike Month offers a number of bike rides throughout May to help people become more comfortable with bicycling around Sacramento.

"Really it gets down to getting more people on their bikes and not in their cars," he explains. "If you're on a bike, you're not polluting, you're not creating congestion, and those are really some of the things we can ultimately focus on. If we get enough folks on bikes, you really do make a meaningful impact on those things."

Ed Hakari, Land Park resident and owner of Fast Eddie Bike Tours, says Bike Month helps raise awareness for bicycling as part someone's lifestyle. He says he has been seeing an increase in people interested in road bicycling for fitness, and commuter bicycling thanks to improved bike lanes in midtown. "Many

more people are commuting to and from work — it's faster, it's more convenient, you don't have to park a car," he says.

And Hollywood Park resident Glenda Marsh — who has been a bike commuter for the past eight years — says Bike Month helps focus people's energy towards biking, and overall is just fun. "The main Bike Month activities are so much fun that as a bike commuter and bicyclist in general, we can just go to all these really fun activities and plug into this really wonderful community of bike riders in our city," she adds.

## Jump On

At the Bike Month project's website, [www.mayisbikemonth.com](http://www.mayisbikemonth.com), those interested in taking part can find a vast array of events throughout May, from a variety of different bike rides to bike maintenance clinics.

One group that will be offering a number of events during Bike Month is the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates (SABA). Executive Director Jim Brown says their events will range from a bike ride to look at public art in the central city to a ride up to the opening day of the farm stand at Soil Born Farms in Rancho Cordova.

Brown says events like these during Bike Month will help people learn that bicycling feels good and is fun by giving them a variety of ways to experience that. "Even if

they're not in a position to start commuting by bicycle, they'll have opportunities to take part in the social rides that we'll be holding, they'll be hearing a lot about bicyclists and bicycling, so they'll have a lot of opportunities to participate at whatever level they feel like they'd like to do," he says.

Additionally, SABA will be offering free bike valet services for a number of community events, both in May and year-round, that they are in need of volunteers for. For example, Brown says SABA will be providing bike valet services at the newly-opened Midtown Farmers Market every Saturday, as well as the Pops in the Park series in East Sacramento in June and the Friday Night Concert in the Park series at Chavez Park. "We do this as a way to make bicycling convenient for people who want to travel that way," Brown adds. "It's a great way to spend time with other folks who are bike-friendly and do something valuable for the community by making bike parking a little bit easier for people."

And on June 9, SABA will host a bike trail clean up from 9am to 12 noon starting at the C Street Entrance between 19th and 20th. Brown says SABA has been caring for this portion of the trail for the past 10 years. "This is a way for us to give back to the community and make sure that this important piece of trail is free from litter and looking good," he adds. "It's important for us to make sure that it's kept in good shape so that there's an easy connection between the river trail and the central city."

For those interested in learning more about commuting to work, Marsh is holding a neighborhood bike commute every Thursday morning in May starting at 8am from the Swanson's Cleaners at Virginia and Freeport. Marsh — who has not had a car for over a year and bike commutes 4 miles each way every day — says she came up with this idea after neighbors and friends told her they would like to bike commute to work, but were unsure of what streets to take. "I'll show people how to get downtown on some really quiet, safe streets and how to ride your bike safely,"



Photo by Monica Stark  
Sculptural welder Gina Rossi has created some awesome looking bike racks at New Helvetia Brewery, which resemble bottle openers. And, as the first 50 cyclists rode up to the bar and parked their bikes, Rossi made them personalized bottle openers.

Marsh says. "It's a great idea to do it with somebody the first few times and get comfortable."

And in addition to events, [www.mayisbikemonth.com](http://www.mayisbikemonth.com) also allows participants to log their bike miles and participate in a number of challenges, including individuals, teams, employers, schools, and even cities. Tendick says the Bike Month project has an overall goal of achieving 2 million miles biked. "People can get a little competitive in a fun way," he adds.

## Get Pedalin'

So just why should people be pedaling a bike in May?

As an avid cyclist for nine years, Hakari says the number one benefit is health. He says he started biking into midlife and did not like what he saw in the mirror. "I got into cycling because it was fairly easy on my body and I was able to adjust to it pretty quickly," he explains. "It changed my physical well-being in a pretty significant way."

Hakari has now been running Fast Eddie Bike Tours for four years, through which he offers a variety of tours for bicyclists of all levels, from historic tours of downtown Sacramento to wine tours in Clarksburg. "I got so much joy out of that I ended up leaving a corporate job and starting a bike touring company because I wanted to spend more time on a bike," he says. "It's been really positive for me that way."

Marsh has also seen health benefits from bicycling. She

says she's lost 15 pounds since she sold her car a little over a year ago. "I'm healthier, I'm trimmer, I get lots of compliments from people," she says. "Plus having a nice exercise break after work before you get home is very stress relieving."

There are also environmental benefits to bicycling, Brown says, especially in regards to air quality. He says for every mile driven in a car, an average of about 0.9 pounds of carbon emissions is generated. "That can have extremely important benefits in our region, which suffers from some really poor air quality directly attributable to our transportation system," he says.

And Tendick says overall, bicycling can have an impact on a person's quality and pace of life. "When you're riding by at 10 miles per hour you notice a lot as you ride by...you see things at a different pace," he explains. "When you change the speed of your traveling and you start changing your paths, you experience life in a little bit different way and I think a lot of people end up enjoying that pace."

For more information on the May Bike Month project, visit [www.mayisbikemonth.com](http://www.mayisbikemonth.com).

For more information on SABA, visit [sacbike.org](http://sacbike.org). For information on volunteering for SABA's bike valet services or bike trail clean up, email [volunteer@sacbike.org](mailto:volunteer@sacbike.org).

For information on the neighborhood bike commute from Hollywood Park, call Glenda Marsh at 916-476-9538.

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## Land Park Community Comes Together to Help Young Family

On Saturday, May 18, friends of the Land Park community invite the public to attend a free music event at the Riverside Clubhouse in support of the family of David Magnan. David, a bright 33 year old, recently graduated from McGeorge School of Law and was sworn in as an attorney in 2011. Sadly, in 2003 David was diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma, a type of skin cancer that can manifest in many part of the body. The cancer was removed and the medical team was very hopeful that with David's young age and low risk factors, the cancer would not return. This was not to be the case, as unfortunately the cancer has returned with a vengeance and David is now in the advanced stages of this disease.

David's difficult journey nonetheless has been brightened by the birth of his daughter, Sophia, who is now eight months old. David had wanted to move his family from their current rental home in Oak Park to a house in the Land Park area. Several months ago, he had the opportunity to make this a reality. As David and family were approaching moving day, a group of men and women in the Land Park community along with members of Holy Spirit Parish Church, organized in order to help David, his wife Mariela, and their baby Sophia make the move as smooth as possible.

"David was very weak and ill and couldn't move all the heavy furniture and boxes. A group of us all pitched in and moved the family", said Eric Hintz, a Holy Spirit parishioner.

This group, wanting to help beyond the move to the new home, decided to focus on helping make daughter Sophia's future a bit more secure.

"After the move, some of us came up with the idea that could help this family in this difficult time in their lives", said Jack Morris, one of the event organizers and band member. "With the help of friends in the Land Park community, the LP Drive band and the Riverside Clubhouse, we have organized a music benefit for this wonderful family."

All benefit donations will go directly toward an educational fund for Sophia.

Jenny Gravette, a close friend of the family, said it best: "David and Mariela are amazing, giving people. They are the kind of people that collect donations for the homeless and deliver them on the streets of Sacramento each Christmas Eve. As kind and giving as they are, let us show our support for their 8-month-old daughter Sophia. This is a simple, direct and personal way for you to make a difference in our community. We would greatly appreciate your support with a donation to this effort and by bringing your positive energy to the event at Riverside Clubhouse."

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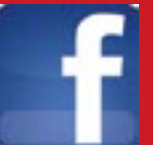
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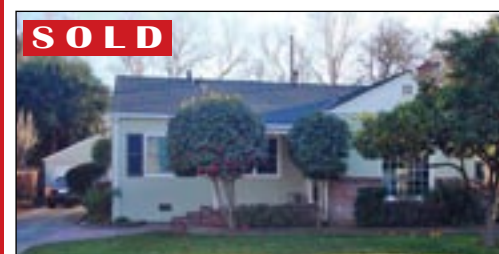
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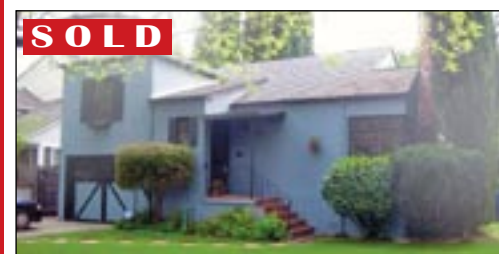
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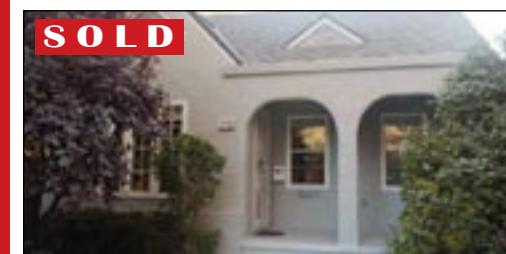
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The Brickhouse Gallery presents Life in Collage:  
**Picture stories pieced together**

By **MONICA STARK**  
editor@valcomnews.com

Carrisa Rolfe is a young woman with layered disabilities, unable to move from the waist down. This former Land Park resident can move her arms but is unable to use the small motor muscles of the hands and fingers in ways that most people take for granted. And yet with the help of creative arts therapist, Patricia Ehnisz, she layers images into whimsical collages, many of which are on display now at the Brickhouse Gallery.

Living now in a long-term care facility in Woodland, Ehnisz described Rolfe as having a genius IQ, though she suffers from schizophrenia. "Carrisa is strong and determined when instructing in the choice, design and arrangement of color, shape and pictures to create her collages," Ehnisz said.

Ehnisz becomes Rolfe's hands and her scribe, giving voice to the visual expression. These combined expressions become the therapeutic process, which acknowledges her frustrations, compassion and inner beauty.

The two of them go through magazines together, many of them old copies of National Geographic Magazine and Ehnisz provides different textured papers for layering. "As I flip through the magazines for her, she'll say that one, and that one and I'll tear

one right after another until she has a stack and she'll say, 'that's not too many' and I say, 'OK.' No matter what it is she wants a whole stack of those pictures. Whether she knows what she wants or not when I glue them on, I don't know."

"She will have me cut out around the edges and around some of the pictures. Cutting around a person's arm and etc -- it's not easy. But, I do whatever she wants. I will give her suggestions, but not always and not too often. She definitely has her own ideas and it turns out some of them are quite amazing."

Ehnisz said she started framing ones that held a lot of meaning to the artist. One of them, which will be on display at the Brickhouse, shows a picture of a woman wearing a top hat. "She (the cut out woman) was a model. And the piece has a lot of other images around it. (Rolfe) put a goat in the place of a crucifix ... and nursing babe at the breast."

The image of the baby is of particular interest to the therapist. "This is telling of who she is and what she will never have," said Ehnisz.

Ehnisz said she began working with Rolfe in 2008 after a referral from a psychologist. "He couldn't get her feelings out of her. But she does through this. He knows I am a creative arts therapist and he suggested I meet with her. So we started with just the collages. I



One of the pieces by Carrisa Rolfe. Photo courtesy

**If you go:**

**What:** Life in Collage art show  
**When:** Opening reception on Saturday, May 11 from 2 to 5 p.m., closing reception on Saturday, May 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. The Brickhouse is open weekly, Thursdays and Fridays noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday noon to 7 p.m.  
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# Mid-Century Modern enthusiast discusses Land Park home tour highlights



By GREG BROWN  
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Architectural design is a subject I don't know a whole lot about. I ain't gonna lie. But I know cool Mid-Century Modern when I see it. "Hey, look at that cool building!" I always just called it "retro" or "old school".

I decided to get schooled on everything Mid-Century Modern by local MCM enthusiast Gretchen Steinberg. She is the President of SacMod (Sacramento Modern) and researcher/blogger at Eichlerific. She is a resident of South Land Park Hills, and of course, resides in a beautiful Eichler home with her husband and two children.

She's gearing up for another Mid-Century Modern Home Tour on Saturday, May 18. The tour will highlight more than 30 spectacular mid-century modern residential and commercial structures in South Land Park and Land Park neighborhoods of Sacramento. There will also be a vintage transportation show, historic displays and exhibits, and lots of goodies!

## Here's my MCM Q & A.

**Greg Brown:** How did you become interested in Mid-century Modern architecture and all things Modern?

**Gretchen Steinberg:** I was raised by my grandparents in SoCal near Palm Springs. We went there every weekend to hang at their second home. I would say MCM was imprinted in me big time from my childhood. But I didn't realize it until I got older.

**GB:** How would you describe Mid-Century Modern?

**GS:** Mid-Century Modern in architecture has:  
- clean lines with an emphasis on the horizontal/vertical  
- a blend of natural and manmade materials  
- large windows to allow maximum light and promote "indoor/outdoor living" (hangin' on the patio, Daddy-O)  
- open floor plans  
- low-pitched, wide-angled or flat rooflines and usually depicts the era between 1945 (post WWII) and 1970, give or take. It has roots dating back to 19th century design movements and Japanese design — but that's a long history lesson.

**GB:** What's the difference between architecture and design?

**GS:** Architecture is a type of design that focuses on structures that shelter people where they live, work and play. Design is a wider category that includes a wide array of items that are made to enhance our daily living — such as consumer products, graphics, fashion, machines, etc.

**GB:** I notice the slew of Eichler homes along South Land Park Drive and the surrounding areas. How many Eichler homes were built and why were they mostly all built in South Land Park?

**GS:** Eichler Homes wound up building roughly 60 homes in Sacramento. All Eichler Homes in our town are in South Land Park.

**GB:** I also notice the same type of homes in Carmichael. Would you call these homes Eichler inspired?

"Preservation is important because our very cultural identity and sense of place is inherently rooted in our historic landmarks. Take those away and you have a generic McCity. No one wants that."

**GS:** Those are likely Streng Bros. Homes, designed by Carter Sparks. We have one on our tour. They built roughly 3800 homes in the Sacramento, Placer, and Yolo counties.

**GB:** Three of your most decadent points of interest on the Mid-Century Modern Tour are Marie's Donuts, Mahoroba Japanese Bakery, and the Pancake Circus. Will there be free samples?

**GS:** We are providing the feast for your eyes - but don't let that stop you from indulging your inner sugar monster!

**GB:** A lot of Mid-Century modern homes do not have a garage, they have a carport. Where the heck do you store all your stuff? A hoarder would panic in a Mid-Century Modern home!

**GS:** The carport was designed so that the post-WWII consumers could show off their gigantic finned cars! A well-designed MCM home has plenty of interior storage. Our home originally had a carport but the previous owner closed it in. Nowadays, garages are treated more like closets. Some people can't even fit their cars in them.

**GB:** Why is preservation important? New is always better, right?

**GS:** Preservation is important because our very cultural identity and sense of place is inherently rooted in our historic landmarks. Take those away and you have a generic McCity. No one wants that.

**GB:** How important is color in Mid-century modern design?

**GS:** Very important! Hard to extrapolate from the old black and white photos — but if you look at old Kodachrome slides you will see that that era was quite colorful.

**GB:** Mid-Century Modern design is finding its way back into pop culture. Do you think the show Mad Men has helped popularize Mid Century Modern? You watch that show? And if so, do you find yourself looking at the furniture more than Don Draper?

**GS:** Definitely — but I think MCM was already starting to regain popularity before Mad Men. They just tapped into it. MCM has always been the darling of Hollywood. You can't watch television or movies without seeing MCM in the background. Speaking of which, no time for me to watch TV — too busy with my family and volunteer work!



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These photographs were taken at the June 26, 2010 Mid Century Modern Tour in South Land Park. This year's tour will be held Saturday, May 18. See [sacmcmhometour.blogspot.com](http://sacmcmhometour.blogspot.com) for more information.

**GB:** I'm a "Generation Xer and mid-century modern is the look of my childhood. I think that is why I like some of its features. Which elements of Mid-Century Modern most appeal to you?

**GS:** I totally agree. I was born December '63 - the last month of the Boomer generation. I tend to gravitate toward the early 60s designs. I have a weakness for commercial buildings and neon signs of that era.

**GB:** Mid Century modern is being celebrated at the California Museum. It's MCM Mania! Don't you have some artifacts at the museum?

**GS:** I did some volunteer background research into Ray Eames' childhood years in Sacramento and contributed some books that are displayed in the exhibit.

**GB:** You have some surprises at this year's Mid-Century Modern Home show don't you? Can you spill the beans for us here?

**GS:** We will have extra goodies and swag. Plus a surprise remodeled room at SacMod HQ. Here's a hint: it abides, Dude.

**GB:** Preserving and protecting modern architecture is important, but I also think it would be cool to preserve the original concepts! I say bring back Woody's Smorgasburger and The Zombie Hut to Freeport Boulevard. Whaddya think?

**GS:** I have been hoping someone would bring these classics back! In our guidebook we have devoted a two-page retrospective to Zombie Hut.

**GB:** A few of your favorite things: Favorite Sacramento neon sign?

**GS:** Jugglin' Joe in front of Gunther's Ice Cream. I used to live in Curtis Park and would take the long way home just to see him throwing scoops at night.

**GB:** Favorite architect?  
**GS:** That's like asking who your favorite kid is.

**GB:** Favorite designer?  
**GS:** See above.

**GB:** Favorite Mid-Century Modern home on the tour?  
**GS:** See above.

**GB:** Favorite Point Of Interest on the MCM tour?  
**GS:** I'd have to say the neon signs are my favorite points-of-interest. Our historic signs are really taken for granted. But we sure notice when they are gone.

**GB:** Okay, last question. Brady Bunch House. Mid-Century Modern or not?

**GS:** Oh sure — split level modern ranch. There's a wacky one in SLP Hills. Absolutely enormous! Mr. Brady was an architect you know. Note that we will have four open buildings besides the homes and 22 additional drive-by points of interest. Ultimately what I'm hoping for is that people will know more

about the stuff they pass by daily — and have an increased appreciation for and fondness of all that is around us. I'm proud to be from Sacramento. Everyone who lives here should be.

## If you go:

**What:** MCM Home Tour

**Where:** Through out Land Park, starting at Sacramento Executive Airport, 6151 Freeport Blvd.

**When:** Saturday, May 18. The vintage transportation show is 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., registration and exhibits open from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Homes and other tour locations open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Mural project celebrates spirit of closing school Half will follow students to William Land

The spirit of an elementary school slated for closure next fall was expressed and preserved on Sunday, April 21 when students and staff came together to create a gigantic, multi-part mural under the direction of celebrated artist Milton Bowens. Washington Elementary School, established in 1869, is one of seven under-enrolled elementary schools that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education voted last month to close. Students from Washington will attend either William Land in or Theodore Judah in East Sacramento, depending on their address.

As a way of easing the transition process, sixth grade teacher Kim Williams worked with Bowens on an innovative mural project. Students were asked to draw images capturing the school's "spirit." Bowens, a nationally recognized artist whose multi-media pieces are collected by such celebrities as LeBron James, then worked to incorporate common themes from the drawings into a cohesive, colorful design.

On Sunday, April 28, the design was projected onto six panels measuring 8 feet-by-4 feet and an outline created. Students painted the panels following the outline - a sort of collaborative paint-by-numbers project.

Once completed, the mural was split into halves of three panels each. One half will go with Washington students to William Land and the other half will be displayed at Theodore Judah. Bowens will then work with students and staff at William Land and Theodore Judah to create new panels to make each mural "whole again," said Dixon.

"There will be a symbolic combining of Washington with the other campuses to create new schools," Dixon said. "It's bittersweet but for the children it's going to be very impactful."

Throughout the design are images that reflect Washington's commitment to "green" values, such as recycling. There is also a rainbow, a giant butterfly and jigsaw puzzle pieces.

"It is hoped that the mural will help ease the students' transition to their new schools, as well as fulfill the vision of Project Green," said Dixon.



## History: Sutterville Brewery was only about a 22-year venture

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1878 meeting of residents of Swamp Land District No. 1. The purpose of the meeting was to make nominations for levee commissioner.

In being that a portion of Sacramento, including part of that district, experienced a major flood in 1878, several other very timely, levee-related meetings were held at the brewery around that time.

The 1880 book, *History of Sacramento County, California*, refers to the brewery, as follows: "This brewery is eighty-two feet long by forty-two feet wide (which are different dimensions than those given in the aforementioned 1872 *Union* article); employs four men, and has a capacity of fifteen barrels per day. Nicholas Thielen is the proprietor."

The *Union*, in its Oct. 17, 1883 edition, reported the following: "Saturday evening (Oct. 13, 1883), a large party of ladies and gentlemen from Sacramento gave a surprise party to Nicholas Thielen, proprietor of the Sutterville Brewery. They were finely entertained. There was dancing and feasting until near morning."

The operation of the Sutterville Brewery was only about a 22-year venture.

From Nov. 12 through Dec. 31, 1883, *The Union* ran the

following advertisement: "FOR SALE - ON ACCOUNT OF THE removal of the brewery business of the Sutterville Brewery, the buildings and property of same are offered for sale on reasonable terms. Inquire of N. THIELEN, proprietor, or of CADWALADER & PARSONS."

Nearly four months later, *The Union*, reported details regarding an auction, as follows: "REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION - Bell & Co. will sell at auction Tuesday, March 18, (1884), on the premises, at 11 a.m., the property of N. Thielen, known as the Sutterville Brewery, and about five acres of good land connected therewith. It includes the brick and frame buildings, barns, sheds, windmill, pump, tank with capacity of 4,500 gallons; underground pipes connecting with frame and brick buildings; large lot of fruit trees and shrubbery, etc. Sale positive. Terms, 10 percent on day of sale; balance when deed is made. Buildings open for inspection until the day of sale."

The brewery auction, which *The Union* noted "should receive more than ordinary attention," was postponed until the following Saturday.

However, for some reason, the auction did not occur

until July 19, 1884, when Sheriff Alfred H. Estell sold at auction the brewery property and its buildings to the Germania Building and Loan Association of 1011 4th St. for \$2,200. The brewery's machinery was not included in the sale.

A grand opening for a new business, the Sutterville Garden, owned by William Emerson at the old brewery site, was held on Saturday evening, July

14, 1884. The event, which was free to the public, included music and dancing.

The property changed hands once again in 1890 and was reopened as the Mount View House. Owned by J. P. Melchior, who had previously owned a saloon at the southeast corner of 10th and S streets at the present day site of the Old Ironsides bar, the business advertised itself as featuring "the finest wines, liquors and cigars."

In the Jan. 27, 1899 edition of *The Union*, it was noted that George Gray, who resided on Riverside Road (today's Riverside Boulevard) "is now proprietor of the old Sutterville Brewery on the lane between Sutterville and Freepoint Road."

The two-story, brick Sutterville Brewery building was demolished in 1952, and occupying the site today is the Land Park Business Center at 1250 Sutterville Road.

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### Bi-Polar Anonymous

May 10: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and

those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

### Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown meeting

May 10: Visitors welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7 a.m. and dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6 p.m. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCD Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. [www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com](http://www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com), 761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

### Capella Antiqua's upcoming 'A View from the Footlights' concert

May 10: Capella Antiqua's presents 'A View from the Footlights' concert in the beautiful and resonant Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m., with a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 and a \$5 student/senior discount is available. This concert will feature choruses and arias stretching from Monteverdi's Orfeo at the dawn of opera composition to Scott Joplin's Treemonisha, an "entirely new form of operatic art." <http://www.capella-antiqua.org/about>. The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament is located at 1017 11th St.

### Trains & Tripods Photo Opportunity & Lighting Seminar

May 10 and 11: Lights, Camera, Action! Back by popular demand, the California State Railroad Museum is proud to host a unique "Trains & Tripods Photo Opportunity & Lighting Seminar." Friday - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Photography Seminar) Saturday - 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Shooting Workshop) \$35 per person Friday night seminar, \$35 per person shooting workshop or \$60 per person for both. 445-7373 or [www.californiaterrailroadmuseum.org](http://www.californiaterrailroadmuseum.org)

### Food of Love Concerts Honor RSVP's Artistic Director

May 10 and 11: The Food of Love — two concerts honoring Julie Adams, artistic director, in her final performance with the 16-member vocal ensemble she founded 13 years ago. These free concerts present songs that celebrate love in its many forms, including Shed a Little Light by James Taylor, Scarborough Fair and Where I Belong arranged by Kerry Marsh, an RSVP arrangement of Stephen Sondheim's Children Will Listen, the Welsh lullaby Suo Gan and Sydney Guillaume's Haitian Dominus Vobiscum. Performances take place in Lincoln and midtown Sacramento on May 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. Julie Adams founded the Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace based on her dream to form a choir that nourishes the community with song and raises funds for those in need. RSVP's performances have raised donations for organizations such as Courage Worldwide, Music Partners in Healthcare, Home Start, Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento, Mustard Seed School, WEAVE, InAlliance and Sacramento Food Bank. The May 10 show will be held at Granite Springs Church, 1170 E. Joiner Parkway, Lincoln and the May 11 show will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1701 L Street, Sacramento. [www.rsvpchoir.org](http://www.rsvpchoir.org) | (916) 624-4933

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### Spring tree tour at River Park Community

May 11: Celebrate spring and explore the City of Trees on a guided tree tour with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. Tour starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Rain or shine. Meet at River Park Community, Carlson Drive, 95819. Meet at the shopping center on Carlson near Lovella. Tour is free, but to ensure that you're included, RSVP to [www.sactree.com/events](http://www.sactree.com/events)

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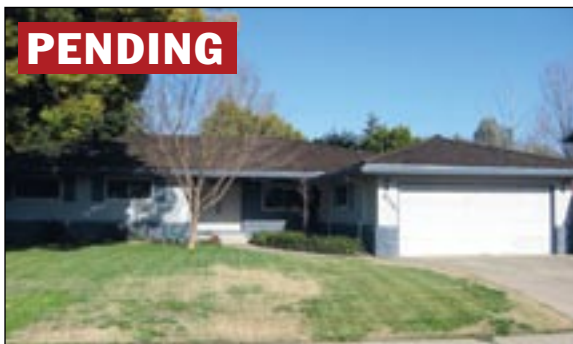
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