

Silent Auction of Art Fund Raising Gala Event for the Richmond Plunge
April 24th to May 22nd 2010
Point Richmond Art Collective at DeWitt Gallery and Framing
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Richmond Municipal Natatorium – affectionately called the Plunge – in Point Richmond is undergoing a complete rehabilitation. Artistic embellishment is an exciting part of this project with wonderful works by two local artists being used. John Wehrle, well known muralist, is creating a sweeping panorama of the Point Richmond bay front at the south end of the interior. Arlin Robins, known for her bronze sculpture and architectural mosaics, is providing mosaics of a playful oceanic theme.



Possibly the most striking Artistic addition is Arlin Robin's design for a dazzling mosaic rebirth of the famous mushroom fountain. Due to Health Department requirements, the fountain has been removed from the poolside. The community has such a fond connection to this distinctive piece of the Plunge experience that the re-born mushroom fountain, a mosaic work of art, will be in a prominent position at the front of the surrounding Natatorium Park. Reflecting the oceanic theme and colors of the other Plunge mosaics, it will be a working fountain, where you can cool your feet or sit and talk with friends on warm summer days. It will also have a splash area for children to play in. The durable ceramic and stone mosaic, along with the playful flow of the fountain's waters, will add color and sparkle to this beloved structure.

This rehabilitation work is being accomplished by a combination of private donations and public funding. Although much work has already been finished and paid for, the project funds for the fountain are not sufficient. Help is needed to realize this final artistic and playful portion of the "Plunge" project. All the members of the Point Richmond Art Collective at DeWitt Gallery and custom Framing have stepped forward to help raise funds for this incredible project of their fellow member. They are presenting a silent auction, at their Gallery, of original works that each member has donated. Viewing and opening bids will start at a gala reception on Saturday, April 24th 4 PM to 8 PM, Point Richmond Art Collective at DeWitt Gallery and Framing, 121 Park Place, Point Richmond, CA 94801, 510 778-1480 www.pointrichmondartcollective.org. "Save Richmond Plunge Trust", which is a 501(C) 3 organized under Friends of Richmond Recreation, will hold all funds raised by the silent auction until work commences on the fountain. Silent Auction bids will be accepted for a month culminating in a final gala evening on May 22 4 PM to 8 PM. Additional donations can be made directly to "the Fountain Fund" by mailing a check to Save Richmond Plunge Trust, PO Box 70443, Richmond CA 94807-0443 (TAX ID # 94-2600126. Both will be great evenings to come show support for the restoration of the Historical Natatorium (Plunge), get some art, meet and visit with your neighbors and enjoy the community.