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# 45th Los Altos Rotary Fine Art in the Park's *First Grand Marshal, Chef Chu*

By Abbie Burgess



Larry Chu Jr. and Chef Chu.

Treasures from the local art scene will be on display this May in Lincoln Park, right across from downtown Los Altos. 2020 is a notable year for Fine Art in the Park—It's the 45th anniversary of the event, scheduled annually the first weekend after Mother's Day. This year the event will have its first ever Grand Marshal, Chef Lawrence Chu whose Los Altos restaurant is celebrating its 50th year.

"It is probably the most fun kick-off-the-Summer community event in the Bay Area," says Sandy Mingia, Co-Director of Fine Art in the Park, working alongside this year's Director, Harry Price. The weekend event starts at 10am on the same Saturday as the Kiwanis Pet Parade. "These two events validate what a great place we live in. It's a day off; a day in the sun under the redwoods, seeing neighbors, eating fun foods, listening to great music, maybe dancing or sitting under a shaded tent." She says that people come from across the Bay area to meet the artists, and buy the art that touches their heart.

## A prestigious outdoor art event

This high-caliber art show is one of the most prestigious outdoor art events in the state. As a juried show, it is in a class apart from typical street fairs. "All artists are judged for a fit for the show by Carol Dabb, Rotarian and Professional Art Consultant. There are many more artists who apply than are accepted and shown at the show. This show is just a cut above." Artists display creations in a variety of media including painting, sculpture, metal, jewelry, textiles, wood and glass.



"A lot of residents of Los Altos Hills will go to find something nice for their house in this outdoor gallery setting," says Larry Chu Jr., son of Grand Marshal Chef Chu.

Still, the event retains the personal nature of street art fairs that allows collectors to interact with the artists. All art is displayed by the original artist themselves, Sandy says. "Attendees can talk with the artist to understand the why and what of the art that you can buy at the event as you peruse the various artworks."

Attendees can expect something new and different at each annual Fine Art in the Park. New this year is Fashion Grove, where you can

shop for stylish touches to add to your wardrobe. Models will rock these creations on the Main Stage daily at 12:45pm and 2:45pm.

Each fair brings in new artistic talent. "This year we'll have 160 of the best artists in the state and the West, 24 of whom are new to the show," Sandy says. "Fine Art in the Park is a favorite show for many of the artists. We have 136 returning artists who showed well at last year's show. Artists from California and beyond want to come back to this show because they appreciate the enjoyable, educated and discerning guests

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**Thirty years ago, there were more than 40 new polio cases an hour. Today, there are fewer than 33 cases a year of the terrible disease of polio. When asked of Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, why he joined Rotarians in their effort to eradicate polio throughout the world, he explained that "polio is a terrible disease": "You know, we're going to get to the end of this and Rotary will be the reason that will happen."**

**Now, Rotary's Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) which includes Rotary's PolioPlus program will be employing thousands of health workers to address the COVID-19 pandemic. It will provide its tools, workforce and extensive network on COVID-19 case detection, contact tracing, laboratory testing and data management to combat the pandemic.**

**"Even in the world's most dangerous places, we've shown that we can stop polio in its tracks. The beauty of it is that we recognize that when we do things together, we can do so much more." Bill Gates**

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**Bonnie Burdett Walker  
Los Altos Rotary Club President**

**Harry Price  
Fine Art in the Park Director**

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Chef Chu's restaurant celebrates its 50th year in 2020.

who attend. They also love that the Rotary honors them with a dinner on Saturday evening catered by Chef Chu."

## Fine Wine and Food

At the Fine Wine and Craft Beer Tent, there will be live unplugged music to enjoy along with tastings from local wineries Byington Vineyard and Winery, Griffin Vineyards, Integrity, and Portola Vineyards.

And of course, no fair is complete without culinary indulgences. "Food is a large part of the festival," Larry says. Food favorites at Fine Art in the Park include Baskin-Robbins ice cream, falafel, chilled fruit, crepes and teriyaki. Chef Chu's ever-delicious Chinese chicken salad is a fair tradition. One hundred percent of the profits from this very popular food tent support charitable causes.

## Grand Marshal Chef Chu

This year marks the 50th year of his restaurant Chef Chu's, one of the longest-open and most applauded Chinese restaurants in the country. As a 40-year member of the Rotary Club of Los Altos, he was a natural choice for the honor of Grand Marshal, explains Sandy. "He has distinguished himself as a contributor to our club and our community."

"It's the first year they've had a Grand Marshal," says his son Larry, Jr., General Manager at Chef Chu's. "It's a big honor." Larry Jr., himself a Los Altos Rotary member, credits his father's involvement in the club for helping him perfect his English as a new immigrant and get involved in the community.

You can expect to see Chef Chu on the Main stage during the two-day event and at the Friday evening kick-off and fashion show in The Fashion Grove. He will also be driven as an honoree in the Kiwanis Pet Parade.

## Community Impact

Fine Art in the Park was started by The Rotary Club of Los Altos in 1975. It has expanded each year as the city and surrounding area has grown, to its flourishing 45th year in 2020. As the biggest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Los Altos, the event has over 10,000 attendees over the two days and raises over \$100,000 per year with the art sales, Sandy explains.

Those proceeds go to support a long list of local and international charities supported in part by the Los Altos Rotary. The range of causes is diverse, including organizations that support veterans attending Foothill College, families of domestic violence, grief support, youth leadership development, and services for children and the elderly.



Over 10,000 annual volunteer hours go into putting on this community event, allowing 100% of the profits to go to the charity partners. When the fair ends, Rotary members begin working on the next year. Sandy is proud that the website Charity Navigator rates the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International as an A+ charity as judged on transparency and impact.

Find out more about the artists, beneficiaries and the sponsoring organization Los Altos Rotary Club at the event website: [rotaryartshow.com](http://rotaryartshow.com).



**Event Information:**  
**Fine Art in the Park**  
**Event postponed to Aug. 29-30, 2020.**  
**Check website for scheduling updates.**

**Where:** Lincoln Park across from downtown Los Altos.

**Parking:** Parking for the event is free.  
 Shuttle service runs all day from pick up spots Los Altos High School Parking lot, Gardner-Bullis School Parking lot and Los Altos Hills Town Hall parking lot.  
**Check website for scheduling updates.**

**The Los Altos Rotary Fine Art in the Park is made possible each year with the support of generous donations.**

To learn more, or to make a direct, tax-deductible donation to Los Altos Rotary Club and designate your gift towards Fine Art in the Park, or any of our local or internationally-focused committees, by going to: **[www.LosAltosRotary.org](http://www.LosAltosRotary.org)**



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LOS ALTOS ROTARY'S 45TH ANNUAL OPEN-AIR ART SHOW

AUG 29-30, 2020

10:00 AM TO 5:30 PM  
LINCOLN PARK, LOS ALTOS



FIND THE ART THAT TOUCHES YOUR HEART!

GREAT REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD  
MEET THE ARTISTS



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