



## Look Up!

Those who stroll through Edith Park will notice some new residents there: a flock of ceramic birds perched on the trunks of two redwood trees at the eastern end of the park, across from the wooden bench. The five ceramic birds, three woodpeckers and two nuthatches, are art pieces created by artist Sally Diggory (Aromas, CA) for the Los Altos Hills Public Art Committee (LAH PAC). The birds were installed in September. The committee proposed the cheerful, nature-themed art to welcome visitors at one of the entrances to town. Edith Park is located at the corner of W. Edith Avenue and Fremont Road.

Diggory has been working in clay for thirty-five years. Drawn to clay's sculptural and functional possibilities, she began by taking ceramics classes at various community colleges, followed by taking sculpture classes at the Mendocino Art Center. Diggory also enjoys gardening and creates outdoor art that includes animals, flowers, faces, and planters in various sizes, shapes and glazes. She has made many ceramic birds in the past, including ones that have been showcased at Pajaro Art Center exhibits.

For the town's art installation — titled "LOOK UP!" — Diggory created her first cluster of birds. "When they see the birds," she said, "I hope people will be surprised and have a laugh."

The ceramic birds installation was made possible by the Art Acquisitions Fund established by Karen Druker in 2016. Members of the Town Council, the Parks and Recreation Committee, several other open space and ecologically-oriented committees, and Public Works were engaged in the approval, commissioning, and installation of the art.

The Los Altos Hills Public Art Committee identifies, acquires and installs art on town lands to draw attention to the town's natural beauty. The PAC also produces the online Digital Gallery of fine art that features work by Los Altos Hills artists. For more information about the committee, or to explore membership, contact: [committeepublicart@gmail.com](mailto:committeepublicart@gmail.com), or go online to: [www.LosAltosHills.ca.gov/PublicArt](http://www.LosAltosHills.ca.gov/PublicArt).

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