

Old Oakland “Art-river” to feature “Garden’s of Babylon”

Children & adults invited to help build collaborative public artwork in Swan’s Market courtyard

For five weeks this fall, artists of all ages are invited to the delightful, little-known courtyard at Swan's Market in Old Oakland to help create a model “art river” complete with miniature towers, gardens, bridges and boats and real running water. There’s something about the combination of gurgling water, tactile art materials and casual conversation that many people find irresistible. San Francisco based artist Gregory Gavin brings variations of this formula to various public spaces calling his art company “*Riveropolis*”. From Sept. 7 to Oct. 7 he will be artist-in-residence at **mocha** (Museum of Children’s Art) immediately adjacent to Swan’s Court where Riveropolis has taken over a storefront classroom and will be gradually expanding into the adjacent courtyard. This latest river will include a newly imagined version of the *Hanging Gardens of Babylon* which according to myth was built along the banks of the Euphrates river. The riverside environment is intended to provide an informal meeting space where friends and neighbors can get acquainted, share skills and have fun. Completion of the 40 foot long river will be celebrated in a culminating event called the **Full Moon Flotilla** on the evening of October 7.

Riveropolis™ AT SWAN’S MARKET CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community Art Days September. 7th - October 7th, 2006

"Open Studio" days with arts & crafts projects suitable for all. On Saturdays share food, music & special art skills.
Thursdays 3-6 pm
Fridays 10am-1pm
Saturdays 12-3 pm

Artists Night at the River

September 15, 6pm-midnight • potluck dinner
Local artists and community build towers, temples and pagodas.

Uncommon Bridges Build-a-thon

October 1, noon – 5pm
Bridge the gap and build a friendship, too.

Full Moon Flotilla ← *the watershed event!*

Celebrate the completion of Riveropolis
October 7, 7-10pm
Moonlight viewing of this magical river installation lit by candles. Everyone invited to enjoy fun, food and live music.

SWAN’S MARKET IS AT 9TH & CLAY STREET IN “OLD OAKLAND” 3-4 BLOCKS FROM THE 12TH ST. BART STATION

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