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New art gallery will bring visual, performing and literary arts together at Streets of Brentwood

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BRENTWOOD --With the future opening of a new art gallery and local arts information headquarters, Brentwood residents Jack and Betty Gaughan hope to elevate The Streets of Brentwood's status as a regional lifestyle center and create a hub for local artists.

The Delta Gallery of the Arts will exhibit and sell fine art from local and regional artists and serve as a place of inspiration for the performing and literary arts. The 5,000-square-foot space that was formerly occupied by Banana Republic will open in March and offer classes, demonstrations, special events, guest speakers and a community arts bulletin board.

Last year, Jack Gaughan closed The Gallery on Second, a downtown gallery that was only 1,200 square feet in size and not successful enough to sustain itself.



Owner Jack Gaughan, left, and manager Rosie Grejsen, right, stand inside the soon to be The Delta Gallery of the Arts, retail art gallery at the Streets of Brentwood in Brentwood, Calif., on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014. Jack and his wife Betty the owners will feature exhibit and sales of fine art from local and regional artists. (Dan Rosenstrauch/Bay Area News Group)
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"I knew when I closed the other gallery that somebody would open a bigger and better gallery," he said. "I liked the space. We had heavy traffic, but it was not financially feasible."

The popularity of the annual summer Art Wine & Jazz Festival prompted the desire for a retail art gallery at The Streets, according to Gaughan. He added that the local arts scene is vibrant and more and more popular.

"It is growing faster than people know," Gaughan said. "They know we are artist-friendly here."

This spring, the gallery will host occasional open mic events, art classes for adults and children and three or four art shows at the same time.

Brentwood ceramic sculptor Rosalinda Grejsen said that this central location will bring together all of the area's art organizations such as the Art Guild of the Delta, Brentwood Arts Society, Brentwood Theater Company and Kinsella Theater Company. She added that there will be docents, who are living artists, working at the gallery and there is always a need for community volunteers.

According to Gaughan, the gallery will have a soft opening in mid-March and a grand opening celebration with entertainment in late March. In addition to being able to purchase original art, gallery visitors will also be able to buy high-quality prints and artist cards there.

The gallery hours will be Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is at 2458 Sand Creek Road, #128.

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Betty Gaughan, left, her husband Jack Gaughan, center, and Rosie Grejsen, right, all of Brentwood, stand inside the soon to be The Delta Gallery of the Arts, retail art gallery at the Streets of Brentwood in Brentwood, Calif., on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014. Jack and Betty the owners of the gallery and Rosie Greisen the manager will feature exhibit and sales of fine art from local and regional artists. (Dan Rosenstrauch/Bay Area News Group) (DAN ROSENSTRAUCH)