Sue Farmer, Orinda Citizen of the Year 2026

Key Accomplishments of Sue Farmer

- **Community Leadership:** Served multiple terms as President of the Lamorinda Arts Council (four times), Past President of the Orinda Rotary Club, and Past President of the Music Teachers Association of California.
- **Decades of Dedicated Service:** Maintained a 30-year membership with the Orinda Women's Club, long-time volunteer for local food banks and regional charities like the White Pony Express. Supported student programs like Lamorinda Idol, Cantare summer music camps for underserved youth and actively mentored students through SHECAN.
- **Local Nonprofit Support:** Regularly hosted charity events at her home for organizations like Cantare, Pacific Chamber Orchestra, NAMI, and the victims of the Palisades fire.
- **Senior and Cultural Enrichment:** Organized public educational lectures and regularly sang at local senior centers to bring companionship and joy to senior residents.
- **Global Philanthropy:** Opened her home to house a Ukrainian family of five for several years, and previously hosted twelve international exchange students attending Miramonte High School.

Quotes from Nominees and Community Members

- "What makes Sue exceptional is not simply the number of things she does, but the generosity with which she does them. She sees where help is needed and quietly steps forward. Her service has enriched the cultural life of Orinda, supported people in difficult circumstances, and inspired others to become involved."
- "Sue gives her time, energy, and heart to our community every day... she is continually bringing people together in ways that make Orinda kinder, stronger, and more connected."
- "Lots of us volunteer our time for community and charity services. Sue provides the leadership to make those things happen. And she does it for an incredible range of charities."
- "Sue truly embodies the spirit of Orinda Citizen of the Year."