



MATT HAMMOND  
EVERYBODY IS A SONG



PEARLINE BUTLER  
CHOIR OF ANGELS



TIM GORDON  
WHISTLES



SYLIVA ROCK  
MUSIC VASE



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# EXPRESSIONS gallery

## SOUTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER CERAMICS CLASS

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**Tim Gordon**  
Ranger Mud in his long career  
Met grit and grime in their many  
forms  
From slipping around in landslides  
To raising swarms of worms.

His present fascination  
Is with glazes, slips and clays  
Which passion he is confident  
Will last for many days.

He loves the grotesque creatures  
Which emerge from primal mud  
And wonders, were they everywhere  
Before old Noah's flood? **Tim Gordon**

**Elaine Belkind** has a B.A. in Art  
from Brooklyn College. She  
studied printmaking at the Pratt  
Graphics Center on scholarship.  
She has adapted art projects for  
people with disabilities as well as  
curating an exhibit for disabled  
artists at the Addison St. Window  
Gallery for several years. Her  
work has been at small exhibitions,  
fairs and private collections. Some  
of her subject matter of late has  
been influenced by the classical  
ballads of England, Ireland and  
Scotland. She is now successfully  
getting her grandchildren hooked  
on art.

**Pearline Butler** is 86 years old.  
She is one of 9 siblings whose  
parents passed on when she was 6  
years old. She and her sister  
Corinne were eventually taken in  
and raised by an older sister and  
have been together all these long  
years ever since.  
Pearline loves the South Berkeley  
Senior Center and the ceramic  
work she is doing there. She  
began to work with clay with  
such enthusiasm that she soon  
had an exhibit at the Center. She  
has made many ceramic guardian  
angels, which have a prominent  
place at home. Pearline is very  
religious, prays the Lord's prayer  
every day, and goes to prayer  
meeting regularly.

**Virgil Eugene Todd**  
I was born in the year 1939 in  
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. I  
was always interested in making  
things. I have worked in leather,  
wood, and clay, and I have found  
clay the most forgiving.

**Silvia Rock**  
Born 1932  
Happy doing ceramics at the South  
Berkeley Senior Center with Diana  
for a long time.



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**Leonor Hurtado** is from Guatemala, but has lived in other countries which she says have enriched her with their cultures. She says she sees beauty in every element of life. This is what she tries to produce to enjoy and for others to enjoy with her. The music of Guatemala is sad. It reflects the tragedy of the peoples' history.

In her own words:  
Soy Guatemalteca y he vivido en varios paises; enriqueciendome con sus culturas. Encuentro belleza en cada elemento de la vida. Trato de reproducirla para gozar y que gocen conmigo. Amo la musica, aunque la musica de Guatemala es triste: refleja la tragedia de nuestra historia.

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### Diana Bohn

I have been a studio potter (member, Berkeley Potters Guild and ACCI) and pottery teacher (ASUC Studio on UC Berkeley Campus) for nearly 40 years. I have been teaching people how to handbuild ceramics at the South Berkeley Senior Center through the Berkeley Adult School through much of that time. I'm enjoying the spark of new and energy this year that inspired this public showing of work by class members

### Helen Jones

Sunrise Over Oakland by Helen Jones, Alan Bretz and friends Mosaic 20" x 30" composed of handmade tile, dishes, and found objects on cement board. This mosaic will be installed behind the stove of my dear friend Chris. He came up with the general idea of a brilliant sunrise and the reference to Walt Whitman. Handmade tiles were made at the South Berkeley Senior Center with the kind assistance of Diana Bohn and my wonderful classmates. Alan Bretz & Helen Jones worked out the design together and set the tile and broken dishes on the panel. We worked together setting tile professionally for about 15 years. We installed wonderful stone and tile bathrooms, kitchens and fireplaces in so many houses and we would never see them again. Now that we are retired from the construction biz it gives us the most pleasure to do something fun and practical for our friends. We can see "Sunrise Over Oakland" when we visit with Chris and David and Randall in the kitchen of their fabulous Park St. mansion.



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### Song by Matt Hammond.

Everybody is a song.  
Everybody is a melody.  
Everybody is a songbird waiting to be heard.  
From every corner of the world,  
There are different voices that express  
How people feel about their lives,  
Their hopes, their dreams, their happiness.

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