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No doubt about it, Sonomans are lucky.
Valley residents get to live amongst rolling hills of picturesque vineyards, sip wine from grapes grown down the road and see world-class art right in the heart of town. Sonoma Valley Museum of Art is celebrating its 10th anniversary of providing Sonoma with a steady stream of culture, while supporting the community by providing arts education to Valley students. A free community celebration, complete with music, food and, of course, art, is scheduled for this Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The museum has grown over the years to include exhibits from internationally recognized artists such as Francisco Goya and Pablo Picasso, but its beginning years were much simpler. The museum came from few resources but one big dream, and was only able to reach fruition thanks to the unyielding support of the community. "There was a need out there for something like this to satisfy those different needs," said Vic Conforti, president of the museum's founding board. "Many talented, inspired people came together to make it happen."
Conforti was inspired to launch the museum after taking a trip to Santa Fe, N.M., where he was astonished by the local art museum. When he got home, he looked into the museum's beginnings, and discovered it was founded solely by a group of volunteers.
"I thought if a small group of people in New Mexico could do this, we should be able to do this here," said Conforti, who was the president of the founding board of the museum. He returned to Sonoma and called up his good friend, Charlotte Lamb, who was instantly attracted to the idea, as was her husband, Jim.
The trio got to work and soon had a small army of volunteers eager to help make the museum a reality in Sonoma. The group held a public meeting at the Sonoma Community Center to drum up support.
"They did a lot of community outreach," said Lia Transue, executive director of the museum. "Without even a museum building, they were able to secure a membership of over 300."
In 1998, the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art was officially incorporated as a nonprofit. While they had a good start, organizers still didn't have the headquarters.
LIA TRANSUE, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art's executive director, has watched the museum grow from a dream to a world-class facility. Robbi Pengelly/Index-Tribune
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