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Marty Molitor studies the detail in the artwork "Fortuna" created by a group of artists known as Art Farm Motel

What do bike parts, a hammock frame, three truck wheels and a door knob have in common? Frankly, not a lot unless you are an artist like David Farish who sculpted these recycled parts into a racing railcar for the 2009 Handcar Regatta. Farish and many other artists whose pieces competed or were on display at last September's Regatta are now on display at the Sonoma State University Art Gallery through April 4 in what's being called, "Side Show: Art of the Handcar Regatta."

"It's really cool. It's interactive art," said SSU junior Steve Tassano who dropped in between classes to see the display. "There's more to it. You can really stare at it for a while and find new things to look at."



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Tassano and Catrina Morbidelli ambled through the gallery taking in the detailed work of the pieces.

"I think it's tremendous," Marty Molitor described the artwork and handcar creations. He works on campus and stopped in during his afternoon walk. "I love it."

Molitor lives in Santa Rosa and said the handcars passed by his home last September in an impromptu parade on their way to Railroad Square where the event has been held the past two years.

While standing before the piece, "Fortuna," created by artists who collectively call themselves Art Farm Motel, Molitor said, "I don't know what to make of it, but I could look at it all day." He studies the details throughout the tall piece.

The philosophy behind the annual event is, "community participation and interaction." Tassano and Morbidelli commented they enjoy this type of hands-on art.

The show is open Tuesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and weekends, noon to 4 p.m. Call the gallery at 707-664-2295.

For more information about how you can create your own handcar or volunteer at the September 2010 Regatta, visit the [event website](#).



"Murray the Fish" by David Farish



“Arstart Regatta Mural” by multiple artists lead by Mary Vaughan



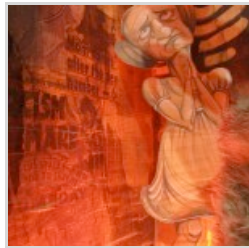
“Belle” created b David Farish and Theresa Hughes



Gene McClelland’s “Jimmy Jimereeno”



“Postcards from the Apocalypse” created by artist Jack Haye with Leigh Barbier, Noah Elias, Mike Garlington, Jiri Jacknowitz, Mike Hollibaugh, Phoebe Washer and Huck Wirtz



Closer look at “Postcards from the Apocalypse”



Closer look at “Postcards from the Apocalypse”



Closer look at “Postcards from the Apocalypse”



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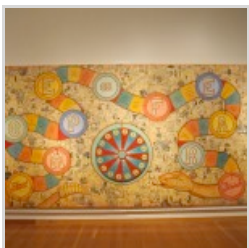
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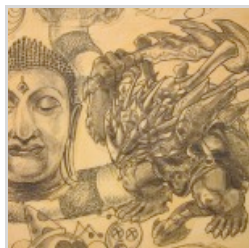
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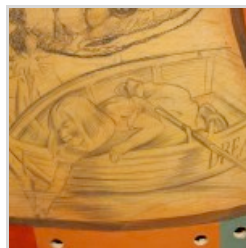
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“The Game of Hope or Fear”



Closer look at “The Game of Hope



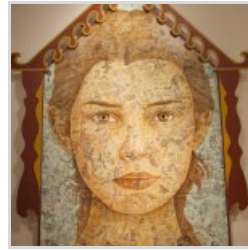
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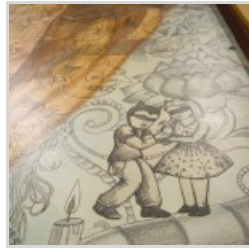
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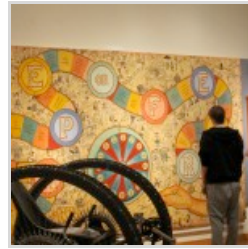
“Fortuna” by Art Farm Motel



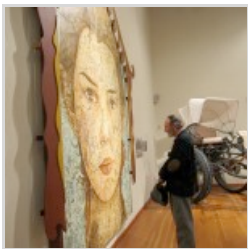
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1. [Karen](#) says:
[March 12, 2010 at 10:19 am](#)

It’s great that the Regatta is getting the coverage it deserves. Too bad the artist(s) of Shrine of Fortuna and “Game of Hope and Fear” didn’t get proper credit. It should have at least been consistent. Check out the Regatta’s website for more accurate information! Yup, I signed up to be a volunteer, too.
Thanks

2. [joelleburnette](#) says:
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