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Land Park area gallery now open

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Bridget Lewis, owner of Delta Workshop, stands in front of her new gallery, located at 2598 21st Street.

Photo by Monica Stark

Making artwork in several different media over the past 15 years and earning a Master's Degree in Fine Arts has taught Bridget Lewis a variety of technical skills in several areas be it ceramics, photography, wood or metal. But her main focus more recently has been on bringing other people together at Delta Workshop, a

new art space in Land Park, to create a place where others can learn these skills too, and surprise themselves with their own creativity.

“Sacramento has so many great artists, and I want more people to know about them,” Lewis said. So under the roof of Delta Workshop, 2598 21st Street, Lewis will offer three ways to experience art, a gallery, shop, and classroom. The gallery will show artwork by emerging and established artists, with a new show each month.

Delta Workshop offers handmade items and artwork, including the work of many local artists. The range of objects in the shop includes ceramics, greeting cards and works on paper, jewelry, textiles, books and supplies. In addition to her show in the gallery, Frances Marin will also have some handmade works in the shop, including a few zines, block printed journals, and hand-painted brooches.

“Because we have such a broad range of artists and makers represented in the shop, and most are operating at a very small scale making unique pieces, it’s a great place for discovery, even if you don’t know much about art. I hope that people will come in to browse, to be inspired, to find a unique greeting card or a special gift for someone, or even to find a gift for themselves,” Lewis said.

Finally, there is a classroom, which will offer a range of art classes on art techniques, fun creative projects, and professional development for artists.

The ‘Delta’ part in the name not only comes from the geography of Sacramento, Lewis said, but also to reference the meaning of ‘delta’ as a place where change happens. The ‘Workshop’ refers

to a place for creative projects, both those that are done and those still to come, she said.

The block that Delta Workshop is on is home to a small stretch of galleries and collectives. Nearby is Sol Collective, a center dedicated to art, culture and activism. A profile on their current exhibit can be found in this edition of the Land Park News. And further up, closer to Broadway is Capsity, a co-working space that features local artists all the time.

When Lewis was in art school, she loved making objects and learning new techniques. “It was all so inspiring,” she said. “When I left school, I ended up getting one day-job after another to make ends meet, and worked on my own artwork on the side,” Lewis said.

While she was working, she volunteered with arts organizations, and visited galleries and museums, and kept hoping to find an art-related job, but it just didn’t happen. Last year, when she was laid off from my job, she decided to create the job she wanted and start Delta Workshop.

Lewis then took a business class through the Women’s Initiative in the Bay Area that was helpful in developing a business plan, and she put the plan into motion early this year. That class was where she met Frances Marin, the first artist who will be featured in the gallery.

The gallery, located on 21st Street near 1st Avenue, is about 1,000 square feet and the business that was there beforehand was La Jardin, an antique store.

Delta Workshop just held a soft opening on Tuesday, June 4 and its first Second Saturday event on June 8. The first exhibit shows

landscape paintings by Frances Marin, a Bay Area artist who loves to camp in the Sacramento/American River area. Her paintings are inspired by these trips. This first show will be up for three months to give people a chance to discover Delta Workshop and see Frances' work, but the shows will change monthly after that, Lewis said.

Delta Workshop is actively looking for more artists, curators, and instructors for retail, exhibition, and classroom opportunities. Anyone interested is welcome to visit the shop in person, or email (b@deltaworkshopsac.com).

If you go:

What: Delta Workshop

Why: It's a new gallery in your neighborhood

Where: 2598 21st Street (near 1st Avenue in Land Park)

When: The hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Second Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, visit Delta Workshop's website at <http://www.deltaworkshopsac.com>, the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/deltaworkshopsac>, on Twitter:

@DeltaWorkshop or finally on Instagram: [deltaworkshopsac](https://www.instagram.com/deltaworkshopsac)