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### **Redwood City to Unveil the Sesquicentennial Redwood City Pages Public Art Installation**

*New Public Art Seeks to Celebrate Redwood City's Community and History*

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.--- The City of Redwood City announced today a public unveiling of the *Redwood City Pages* Book Project, a larger-than-life-sized public art book created by photographer Brian Taylor. A public unveiling of the Redwood City Pages is planned for February 8, 2018.

*Redwood City Pages* is a new public art piece to be displayed at the City's Downtown Library and created through the help of the Redwood City community. Over this last year, the community participated in paper making and cyanotype workshops and celebrated Redwood City's history and community through art. The free workshops were funded in part by a grant provided by the City of Redwood City's Civic Cultural Commission. Paper created by the community was donated to the *Redwood City Pages*. Over 20 workshops

were offered and close to 300 participants learned about three different types of paper art and the creation of cyanotypes.

After a year of celebrating Redwood City's sesquicentennial by bringing our community together to discover our history, honor our diversity, and explore our neighborhoods, *Redwood City Pages* features elements that have shaped and will continue to shape the Redwood City community. The new public artwork is a combination of 10 panels, creating 20 individual artworks for the full installation that celebrates the local community through photography. The giant panels are three feet wide by five feet tall and those experiencing the public art book will be immersed in the images within its pages.

The unveiling event is open to the public and all who are interested are encouraged to attend. The event will occur on Thursday, February 8 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room of the Redwood City Downtown Library. The Downtown Library is located at 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, 94063.

The *Redwood City Pages* public art installation was commissioned by the Parks and Arts Foundation, the Redwood City 150th Sesquicentennial Committee and the Redwood City Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. Other sponsors include the City of Redwood City and the Redwood City Public Library. Fung Collaboratives is the producer and curator of the art work.

*Redwood City Pages* was created by artist Brian Taylor. Taylor received his B.A. Degree in Visual Arts from the University of California at San Diego, an M.A. from Stanford University, and his M.F.A. from the University of New Mexico. He is currently the Executive Director of the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel, one of America's oldest photography galleries and is known for his innovative explorations of alternative photographic processes including mixed media, and handmade books. His work has been exhibited nationally and abroad in numerous solo and group shows.

For more details about *Redwood City Pages*, go here:

<http://www.redwoodcity.org/departments/parks-recreation-and-community-services/public-art/the-book-project>

For details about the City's 150th Sesquicentennial, go here: [www.redwoodcityhistory.org](http://www.redwoodcityhistory.org).

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### **About the City of Redwood City**

The City of Redwood City is a San Francisco Bay Area community located in the heart of Silicon Valley, the technology-rich region extending from the San Francisco Peninsula to the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Redwood City is the third largest city within the County of San Mateo, with 85,992 residents. The city enjoys an average of 255 sunny days a year, which it boasts via the city slogan: "Climate Best by Government Test". Incorporated in 1867, Redwood City is home to the San Mateo County History Museum (located in the county's old courthouse) and the only active deep water port within the south bay of San Francisco. The city's vibrant downtown, quickly becoming known as the entertainment hub of the San Francisco Peninsula, offers residents, visitors, and businesses a unique retail, entertainment, and restaurant experience. For

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