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California Wildflowers

AN ARTWORK FOR THE NEW PORTOLA BRANCH LIBRARY
ARTIST: DANA ZED

California Wildflowers is a set of four handmade glass and metal shutters installed in the front window of the new Portola Branch Library. Local artist Dana Zed has created a colorful set of 20 individual and unique glass panels depicting California indigenous wildflowers, such as chamomile, daisy, echinacea, lavender, morning glory, poppy, star flower and western dogwood. The artist was inspired by the many nurseries that once were located in the Portola neighborhood, and, with Portola neighbors' support, she developed designs that provide a translucent artwork that can be viewed from both the exterior and interior of the branch.

Dana Zed's unique handmade architectural glass panels and tiles are installed in both public and private buildings throughout the Bay Area. She also creates glass sculptures. Her technique for the Portola Branch Library artwork was to make molds from her drawings of indigenous plants for kiln casting the glass sheets and glass powders that comprise the panels.

California Wildflowers was commissioned by the San Francisco Arts Commission for the Portola Branch Library as part of the San Francisco Public Library's Branch Library Improvement Program.

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Portola Branch Library Opening Ceremony ***Saturday, February 28, 2009 1 PM***
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