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### **PLEASANTON UNVEILS NEW PUBLIC ART PIECE**

*Internationally Recognized Artist Guillermo Wagner Granizo*

PLEASANTON, *Calif.* — The city of Pleasanton is pleased to announce the installation and unveiling of a new public art piece Friday, December 9 at 10 a.m. in Civic Park, located at 100 Main St. The piece, by Guillermo Wagner Granizo, entitled *Self-Portrait*, is the only one completed and was donated to the city by his family to complement *Pleasanton Centennial*, another Granizo tile mosaic, also on display at Civic Park.

Bay area born artist Guillermo Wagner Granizo (1923 – 1995), was drafted in World War II and dispatched to Utah Beach in Normandy, France. Having survived a near death experience, it took four years in the hospital for Granizo to recover. It has been said that he never forgot that day on the beach, and from that moment on, his creativity flourished. Granizo was a world traveler who lived for an extended period of time in Mexico and southern America and whose work can be seen in the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, the S.F. International Airport, and from Portugal to Pleasanton, to name a few.

In 1995, the city of Pleasanton unveiled another public art piece by Granizo, *Pleasanton Centennial*, as part of the city's centennial anniversary. Mr. Granizo passed away 10 days after the completion of

the stelae—three rectangular columns, which align to form a single tile mosaic representation of Pleasanton’s heritage. Upon Granizo’s death, his family inherited his art collection and recently donated *Self Portrait*, the only self portrait of the artist ever done.

The unveiling will coincide with the filming of a nationally broadcast television show, “Strange Inheritance,” which airs on Fox Business News Channel. To learn more about the City of Pleasanton’s public art collection or Guillermo Wagner Granizo, visit [www.publicartarchive.org/pleasanton](http://www.publicartarchive.org/pleasanton) or [www.gwgproductions.com](http://www.gwgproductions.com)

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