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# Press Release

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## **The Town of Danville Presents Shrumen Lumen, A Luminescent Wonder**

The Town of Danville is pleased to present its newest temporary Public Art Installation: *Shrumen Lumen*. On display in downtown Danville from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2021.

Two, larger-than-life, kinetic mushroom sculptures will be installed in the downtown area at the Town Green by the Danville Community Center and Library, and in front of the Village Theatre & Art Gallery. By day, the 12 x 14 ft mushrooms are an ethereal white, at night they come alive, as the mushroom caps open and close and a rainbow of LED lights cycle through from top to bottom back to the top again in a stunning display of art and engineering, creating a surprising and delightful experience.

The sculptures were conceived and created by a Bay Area group of engineers and artists: The FoldHaus Artist Collective. This group is able to combine creative art with the engineering know-how to make their ideas come alive.

The mushrooms were first created for the world-famous *Burning Man* event in Blackrock, CA, and have since traveled to be enjoyed by audiences in cities all over the world including Dubai, Washington D.C., and Hong Kong. Now, residents and visitors to Danville will have an opportunity to experience these marvelous pieces as well.

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The *Shrumen Lumen* Public Art is an extension of the exhibition *Altered & Reimagined* taking place in the Art Gallery at the Village Theatre from June 19, 2021. An opening reception for both exhibits will take place on Saturday, June 19 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the patio of the Village Theatre & Art Gallery located at 233 Front Street. COVID safety guidelines will be in effect and masks must be worn. As always, the reception is free and open to the public.

Please check the Town's website [www.danville.ca.gov](http://www.danville.ca.gov) for future events associated with the Mushrooms including Art After Dark at the Art Gallery on select Thursday evenings during the summer, and a Fairy Hunt that will take place in the Danville Arts District, and will be geared toward children.

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