Discovering the lost photos of Vivian Maier
Longtime nanny, unknown to most, documented urban America through photographs in the 1950s

EL wire expert Todd Williams shows his Cabrillo Extension class how to work with electroluminescent wire. Explorations in EL Wire 101 is just one of 33 community art classes being offered this summer at Cabrillo College. For a tour of the amazing art facilities there, exhibits student work and demonstrations, come to the ‘Art Party!’ at the Visual Applied & Performing Arts Open House on Saturday, May 17, from 5–9 p.m. Visit www.cabrillo.edu/internal/divisions/vapa/events for details.

Cabrillo’s SummerArts
To make the impressive Cabrillo College visual-art facility more available to the people who paid to build it (see your property tax bill), and to offset the fact that Cabrillo Arts (community courses) will be taking a one-year hiatus starting next fall, Cabrillo Extension is offering an unprecedented 33 SummerArts classes beginning this June, including 21 new classes that have never been offered before. The selection is broad and tantalizing, and includes stop-motion animation, handmade teapots, stained glass and steel-based furniture. I took the Explorations in EL (Electroluminescent) Wire 101 class from Todd Williams last year, and I can attest to the high-quality of the facilities and equipment available at Cabrillo, and the value of learning from a professional, experienced artists.

Workshop coordinator Patrick Stafford says Cabrillo Extension is also offering something new for teens this summer.

“There will be two one-week sessions in which [middle and high schoolers] will be able to experience a sampling of most of the different media taught in the art department,” says Stafford.

In DiscoverArts Camps, teens will have the opportunity to experience ceramics, jewelry making, woodworking, collage, screen printing, painting, 3D assemblage, blacksmithing, camera-less photos and hacking toys — Think Sid from “Toy Story.” To register go to cabrillo.edu/services/extension/