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Herman Wald's sculpture of a mermaid is lowered into its new position outside the Ann Bryant Art Gallery in East London.

Mermaid finds home in garden

EAST LONDON — The sculpture of a mermaid by Herman Wald which was offered to the city and declined because transport costs were considered too high has been ensconced in its new home at the Ann Bryant Art Gallery.

A little cheer went up from the people

gathered to watch as The Introverted Mermaid was lifted over the hedge by a crane and settled on the grass by Mr R. Morgan on behalf of the East London West Lions Club.

Fears that the sculpture might crack and break proved groundless as she sailed over the hedge and came to rest

in one piece in the elegant environs of the gallery gardens.

Mr Barry Gibb, chairman of the East London Fine Arts Society, the new owners of the sculpture, said he was delighted with the acquisition.

"We are most grateful to Dr Reesei for donating the sculpture and to

Mr Morgan for so kindly moving it for us," Mr Gibb said.

The society are currently looking for a pump with which to circulate the water for a small lily pond which they plan to site front in of the sculpture.

"A piece like this demands the proper set-

ting. A lily pond will be just the thing and we are going to put a lot of large shrubs behind the whole tableau," Mr Gibb said.

Dr L. Reesei, the man who gave the sculpture to the society, said he was pleased and relieved to see the mermaid safely in her new resting place. — DDR