

## ◆ Not to be missed ◆

### FREE outdoor Concert June 14 at Moraga Commons

Enjoy an evening of Big Band Music under the stars Thursday, June 14 when the Big Band of Rossmoor will feature Al Hart, Countess Felder from the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame, Dave Martel and Kyle Athayde. The 33 piece Big Band will perform from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy an evening of fun and music. Add a picnic dinner or enjoy the BBQ available at the park MORAGA COMMONS PARK is located at 1799 St. Mary's Road (corner of Moraga Road & St. Mary's Road)

### PUPPET ART THEATER presenting SUPER TOMMY

Thursday, June 14, 3:30 pm. Ages 3 and older Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, 925 376-6852

### "Richard III" Through June 24

California Shakespeare Theater's 2007 Season at the Bruns Amphitheater in Orinda begins May 30th with Shakespeare's Richard III directed by Mark Rucker. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cal Shakes Box Office at 510.548.9666 or visit www.calshakes.org.

### "Let's Go to Casablanca" Through June 23

By Kevin T. Morales  
Town Hall Theatre Company brings Let's Go to Casablanca to the stage. This is the much anticipated sequel to Let's Go to the Movies - the smash hit musical written just for Town Hall that was sold out and critically acclaimed. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company box office for dates, times, and ticket prices: 925-283-1557, or visit www.townhalltheatre.com

### Agatha Christie's An Unexpected Guest

Sponsored by Orinda Starlight Village Players. Through June 23rd Fridays & Saturdays, at 8:30PM; Thursday, June 21st at 8PM, 26 Orinda Way, at the Orinda Community Center Outside Amphitheater Adult \$15, senior/student \$7.50, group rates available No Reservations needed. (925)253-1191

### Lafayette Gallery's New Show - ARTE:

Abstractions, Reflections, Transitions and Explorations will run through June 2. When visiting the Gallery, please be sure to wander through the Lafayette Sculpture Garden located behind the Gallery. The current show features East Bay sculptors in a variety of media. Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 5pm. (925) 284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net

### Performing Live at The Orinda House Holly Penfield

- June 17th, 23rd, & 30th, Jonathan Poretz June 21st Call 258-4445 for more information

### California Academy of Performing Arts June Showcase

at Campolindo High School Performing Arts Center  
The CAPA dancers are all from Lamorinda and are between the ages of 3 and seniors in high school. Show tickets are available by downloading a form from www.capadance.net. Ticket

prices are \$18 each. Show Dates/Times Tuesday June 19th 7P, Wednesday June 20th 7PM; Thursday June 21st 7PM, Friday June 22nd 7PM; Saturday June 23rd 2PM

### "Capturing the Light" Photography Show

Through August 11, 2007 Wenda Pyman, the featured artist in this group show, specializes in landscape, scenic and travel photography, with special emphasis on local East Bay and Diablo scenes. Her vast body of work reflects her all-consuming passion to capture nature's diverse patterns and imagery through the use of natural light. Moraga Art Gallery (Rheem Valley Shopping Center) 570 Center St., Moraga, CA 94556. Free

### The Population Fix: breaking America's addiction to population growth

Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm at the Moraga Library  
Moraga resident Edward C. Hartman spent 28 years in the telecommunications industry and runs his own financial services business. Since 1997, Mr. Hartman has been gathering data and using his skills of inquiry, analysis, and political savvy—honed over years in corporate and entrepreneurial positions—to write on the topics of resource constraints, carrying capacity, immigration policy, American media orientation, and ultimately population growth

### Summer Reading Program 2007!

Pick up your reading records at the library. Read for fun and win great prizes. Kid's reading program for kids age 2 - 5th grade. New! Baby Reading Program for children birth through 2 years. Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, 925 376-6852

### Lafayette Concerts presents spell-binding finger-style guitarist Walter Strauss

at 7:30 PM, Friday, June 22, in the Sequoia Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Walter Strauss, whose fiery technique conjures several instruments playing at once, has roots in American music and musicality that evokes far reaches of the globe, he weaves folk, jazz, world beat, Americana, and classical guitar into a brand uniquely his own. His songs are romantic yet edgy, filled with intelligent and vivid imagery. Ticket's are \$15 and are available at the door. Reservations are suggested. 925-283-1959 or charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com.

### The Glover Groups to Exhibit Paintings At Orinda Library

Some 30 painters, who have studied under Pam and Ann-Marie Glover, will exhibit and sell their works at the Orinda Community Library through July 12, 2007. A reception with the artists is planned at the exhibit on June 22 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

### Better golf without hitting a single ball!

Reduce the likelihood of golf related injuries and play better golf. Learn about physical conditioning, and create an individual training program with Bob Anderson, golf professional, that

will shave strokes off your game. Class will look into both pre-round stretching- to avoid on-course injuries, flexibility exercises - to improve range of motion, and long term conditioning goals toward improving your game. Monday, June 25th 10-11 AM

### Book Signings at the Orinda Book Store:

Orinda's own Carol Pogash will discuss and sign copies of her new book, Seduced by Madness: The True Story of the Susan Polk Murder Case. Thursday, June 14, 4:00 PM  
Amy Lyford will discuss and sign copies of her new novel, Surrealist Masculinities: Gender Anxiety and the Aesthetics of Post-World War I Reconstruction in France. Tuesday, June 19, 4:00 PM  
Kauai Hart Hemmings will discuss and sign copies of her new novel, The Descendants. Thursday, June 21, 4:00 PM  
Michael Mayer will discuss and sign copies of Mindbody Healing Psychotherapy: Ancient Pathways to Modern Health. It has been called "a thrilling blueprint for the integration of body, mind, and spirit." Saturday, June 23, 1:00 PM  
Amanda Eyre Ward, the author of How to Be Lost, will discuss and sign copies of her new novel, Forgive Me. Tuesday, June 26, 4:00 PM

### Bi-Monthly Caregiver Support Group

Caring for frail older adults in the home often creates great stress and emotional anguish for spouses and family members. Licensed geriatric care managers Barbara Schuh and Carol Shenson offer a bi-monthly support group for individuals who are considering or currently involved with the direct care of an older relative. To sign up, please call 284-5050. Drop-ins are also welcome. 6/18, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

### Protecting Our Community from Financial Predators

Join a panel of experts from the JFKU Elder Law Clinic, Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services, our local Police Department, and Barbara Schuh, senior advocate and Lafayette Senior Services Commissioner, to discuss identity theft crimes and learn how to protect yourself, your family, and your community. Thurs 6/28 10:30 - noon Lafayette Community Center No charge. Donations at the door most appreciated. Call in to let us know you are coming 284-5050

### Campus Happenings

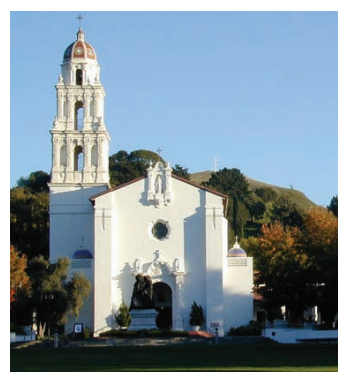


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### Art Exhibitions:

"Town and Country: Jessica Dunne and Louis LaBrie" The 2007 biennial contemporary landscape exhibition From June 2 to August 12

### Hearst Art Gallery

New Exhibition "William Keith: The 1880s Paintings" Works from the 1880s, which marked a decade of great changes in William Keith's life. Opened June 2 Hearst Art Gallery Free

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## HORSES WITH HEART: ORINDA'S GENTLE HEROES

By Virginia Fox, Guest Writer

For Cocoa, Pooh, Kiwanis and Bandit, life in Orinda couldn't be better. As specially trained horses for Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center, these gentle and sensitive animals help disabled youth, aged 5 to 17, conquer fears, build confidence, and develop physical and mental skills.

Set on three acres of picturesque countryside off Valley View, Xenophon provides a nurturing learning environment for forty students with challenging disabilities like Autism and Cerebral Palsy. Individual lesson plans, games and school based programs help students astride horses learn sequencing, numbers, and colors while experiencing independence and freedom of movement. Activities also develop muscle tone, coordination and sociability. Xenophon is the only accredited (NARHA) therapeutic riding center in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

"New students often have strong fears about getting on a horse," says Executive Director, Judy Lazarus, Orinda resident

and founder of Xenophon TRC. Trained and licensed staff members introduce students to their horses, then use games and activities like petting the horse or putting a stuffed animal on the saddle to build a relationship between the horse and child. Once they're ready to mount, they are accompanied by a team with a horse leader and two side walkers.

Our horses are very special," Lazarus says. "When we put a disabled person on Cocoa, she knows it and can tell the degree of disability. If the person is severely disabled, she moves like she's walking on eggs."

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## Some Like It Hot

### Summer Exhibit Opens at the Lafayette Gallery

By Andrea A. Firth



Three Girls in the Surf, Kauai by Judy Feins

The artists at the Lafayette Gallery are celebrating the imminent arrival of summer with their new exhibit entitled, Some Like It Hot. Using the heat of the season as inspiration, the artists have created art that reflects the contrasts of summer in Lamorinda from the white heat of the noon sun and yellow-brown grass on the hills to the cool, blue water of the pools and blue-green foliage of the pine trees. One of the best ways to experience the exhibit is to start with a stroll through the sculpture garden situated behind the gallery, stop to rest (and maybe share an ice cream cone) on the bench outside the entrance, then find refuge from the heat in the air-conditioned environs of the gallery and enjoy the original artworks in the exhibit.

Painter Judy Feins' work entitled Three Girls in the Surf, Kauai displays a fun day at the beach in vibrant yellow, orange, blue, and green and echoes the freedom of childhood during a long, hot summer. Inspired by a group of children

she saw playing, Judy explains, "They were so joyfully dancing in the waves, and the colors of their bathing suits and the water were so brilliant, I wanted to capture their exuberance." Judy is also exhibiting a large painting of the Lafayette Reservoir at dusk which highlights the warm, peach-colored light reflected in the water at that serene time of day. Artist JoAnn Lieberman is showing two new collages in the summer exhibit. JoAnn ventured into gourd making six years ago and recently transitioned to collage.

**Letters to the Editor**  
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Dear Editor,  
I have been living in Moraga since 1986. Thank you for publishing the article and photo of "The vandalized Slow Down banner." However, I am so upset, when I read and view it. Whoever did that should be seriously punished because it is disrespectful to our local authorities and a challenge to local policy. I sincerely hope that every Lamorindan would work together to make Lamorinda a better place to live for years to come. Sincerely yours, James Fung

"When you learn a new skill, you start to look at the world differently," notes JoAnn. "Now I always think about texture." Her collage entitled Summer Refuge did not start with a preconceived idea but came together as she started to work with various materials.

Printmaker Sherry Smith Bell found the exhibit's theme of summer and heat liberating and creatively challenging. Sherry uses a combination printmaking technique, to achieve a three dimensional effect in her work. "My visual ideas use objects such as doors, windows and houses as metaphors for change," explains Sherry, and this thought process is evident in her exhibit piece entitled Red Door. Keeping in sync with summertime fun, she takes a more playful approach in her print entitled Cowgirl which depicts a smiling, young woman from the untamed west.

Some Like It Hot includes new works by all 23 members of the Lafayette Gallery in a variety of media including acrylics, collage, photography, jewelry, oils, ceramics, and printmaking. The gallery is located in a quiet, shady spot at 50 Lafayette Circle in the heart of Lafayette. Some like It Hot opened June 5 and will run through Saturday, August 4th. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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