

Not to be missed

Birthday Bash for Le Marquis de Lafayette Friday, September 7th 6:00 p.m.
Lafayette Central Square Bring your favorite French picnic from Diablo Foods & Trader Joes Live Jazz band and more.

Town Hall Theatre Company Presents: "Bleacher Bums," through - October 14th
This hysterical comedy tells the story of eight devout Chicago fans at Wrigley Field, who spend afternoons in the sun watching the Chicago Cubs, cheering the action on the field while getting some gambling action in the seats. Beer and ballgame fare will be served in the seats at Town Hall Theatre. Not recommended for children under 13.
"The Weir" September 1- October 27th
Conor McPherson's The Weir, is a spooky tale set in a rural village in Ireland. "Conor McPherson has been called "the finest dramatist of his generation" by the London Telegraph, and I agree," says Kevin T. Morales, Director. "His plays are simultaneously very simple and terribly complex. His ability to capture everyday experience makes for exciting and disturbing theater. Not recommended for children under 13.

Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates, times and prices. Tickets: Adults - \$28-\$32, Seniors (62 and older) - \$24-\$29 Youths (13-18) - \$23-\$25. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org.

California Shakespeare Theater Presents "The Triumph of Love" - through Sept. 2
A sharply drawn and elegantly composed comedy, The Triumph of Love explores the entire nature of love, in all its romantic glory and painful cruelty.
Tue-Wed-Thurs 7:30pm (except for preview nights which are at 8:00pm the first Wednesday and Thursday of each show.) Fri-Sat 8:00 pm, Sunday 4:00 pm, Bruns Amphitheater, Orinda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Cal Shakes Box Office at 510.548.9666 or visit www.calshakes.org

Orinda Starlight Village Players Presents "See How They Run" by Philip King
Fridays and Saturdays, September 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, and 22 at 8:30 pm. Sunday, Sept. 16th at 4PM; and Thursday, Sept. 20th 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

"Talking With" by Jane Martin.
Presented By Role Players Ensemble Theatre in Association with the Town of Danville
A "black box" production by Role Players Ensemble Theatre directed by Chris Chapman & Sue Trigg. 10 compelling monologues by 10 amazing women asserting their significance in the universe, presented in an intimate setting.
8 pm Friday & Saturday September 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th at Town Meeting Hall, 201 Front St., Danville. Tickets \$10 at the door. www.danvilletheatre.com or call 925 820-1278 for further information

Martinez Opera Contra Costa Presents "Opera Rhapsody"
Featuring fine operatic works from your favorite composers. Enjoy a vintage afternoon of fine wine, food and opera. Vintage dress optional. Tickets: Bistro seating \$65. Lawn seating: \$25. September 8, 2:00 pm, Susana Park, Martinez. Call 925-372-6617 or email mtzopera@aol.com

Auditions-Voces of Musica Sacra, a chorus directed by John Kendall Bailey.
Announces openings for all voice parts. Call 925 680-7089. www.vocesofmusicasacra.org

Moraga Art Gallery Show "Life on Earth" Through October 27, 2007
Includes local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. The Gallery is also featuring the work of Dorrie Bosley Langley, a Martinez artist whose murals and wall art may be seen in locations around the East Bay. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376 5407

Life's Pleasures: A Visual Feast, Lafayette Gallery, through October 6, 2007
A Visual Feast offers the dazzle of jewelry, the rich color and detail of acrylic and oil paintings, the complex, interwoven images of collage, the earthy resonance of ceramics.
Join the 23 members of the Lafayette Gallery as step into a new season of art with works 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

Walking tour of Walnut Creek's Public Art Saturday, September 8, 11:00 am. The tour will cover the area surrounding the gallery and city hall. The 50-minute, docent-led tour departs from the front of the Leshner Center located at 1601 Civic Drive at the corner of Locust and Civic. Remember to wear comfortable shoes and sun protection. Admission is \$5 and includes a free pass to the Bedford Gallery. Tour schedules are subject to change. Reservations are suggested. Call (925) 2951417. Special group tours are also available for groups of 15 or more, by reservation only. A printable Walking Tour Map is available online at www.bedfordgallery.org

Contra Costa Master Gardeners Annual Garden Walk, September 8, 2007
Each of the 6 gardens owned or founded and tended by Contra Costa Master Gardeners will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gardens are located in Lafayette, Orinda, Walnut Creek and Martinez. Admission to all six gardens is \$15 in advance, \$20 after 8/31. To purchase tickets before 8/31, send your check made out to CCMG Association to: CCMG Garden Walk, 5700 Verma Way, Clayton, CA 94517. For more information or to purchase tickets after 8/31 email MGgardenwalk2007@yahoo.com or call Barbara Abbott (925) 672-2315, Darlyn Gerber (925) 689-2667 or Patty Click (925) 682-6719.

Saturday, September 8th, 10:00-2:00: 3rd Annual Orinda Classic Car Show
Benefitting the Seniors Around Town Transportation Program; in Orinda Village at Orinda Motors, 63 Orinda Way. The Orinda Classic Car Show will feature approximately 75 American and European cars ranging from the 1920's, to the classics of the 50's and 60's, as well as modern exotics. Along with the great cars, there will be food, music and a raffle. The event will close with a car parade.

Denise Roy to discuss the topic of her newest book, Momfulness: Mothering with Mindfulness, Compassion and Grace. Tuesday, September 11th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Denise is a licensed marriage and family therapist in the Bay Area and author of My Monastery is My Minivan. Books will be available for purchase. A \$5 nonmember donation is kindly requested. St. Monica's Parish Center in Moraga, 1001 Camino Pablo. For further information, please call Terry Garcia, 925-377-5657.

Moraga Movers and Lafayette Senior Recreation Center Joint event on Monday Sept. 10th, 11am -3pm Members and guests will mix and mingle in at the Hacienda de Las Flores in Moraga. The gathering will be catered by Texas Back Forty BBQ. Music, a raffle and "Two Hits & Miss, Plus One" will keep everyone entertained. For information and reservations please call Dottie Baker, 254-327, no later than Aug. 27.

9/11 Remembrance and Patriotic Rally Tuesday, Sept 11th, from 3:00 to 8:00 pm
El Curtola Bridge, Lafayette. Pleasant Hill Rd to Old Tunnel Rd at top of the hill. Sponsored by the Lafayette Flag Brigade to honor our fallen while supporting Our Troops

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley Fellowship Breakfast, September 13th, 7:30am.
St. Mary's College, at the Soda Center
The Kiwanis Cal-Nev-Ha Foundation fully endorses and finances the training of certain qualifying Physicians at Loma Linda Hospital, one of a few level 1 pediatric trauma centers the our District. Come meet Dr. Thorpe & Young, the first two "Kiwanis Doctors". They have agreed to commit their time and career to the field of pediatric emergency medicine. \$15 per person. Includes Full Buffet Breakfast
Please RSVP to: johnhaffner@comcast.net. Questions please call Cherie Grant: 925-376-1374. Please send checks in advance to: Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley P.O. Box 503, Moraga, CA 94556

Book Signing Thursday, September 13, 4 PM Ann Packer will discuss and sign copies of her new novel, Songs Without Words. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, CA orindabooks@thegrid.net 925/254-7606

Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament Monday, September 17th, 2007
Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley. Shotgun Start: 8:30 a.m.
\$150 per person includes dinner at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building. Tournament proceeds go to support hospitalized brain injured veterans recovering at the Palo Alto VA Polytrauma Center and to support their families. Non-golfers are also invited to attend the dinner at \$25 per person. Contact Wil Wilcox@925-672-6159 or wilcoxw@sbgglobal.net for entry form.

World Affairs Book Group will discuss "Black Dog of Fate: A Memoir" by Peter Balakian on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at Orinda Books. The purpose of the World Affairs Book Group is to enlarge our understanding of important issues through reading and discussion. New members are always welcome. There are no membership requirements or obligations. For information, call Daisy Daymond at 935-1565. Free Seminar on Senior Fraud Prevention Thursday, September 20th 6:30pm to 8:00 p.m. Aegis of Moraga Please RSVP 925-408-2566

Noontime Mass on Wednesdays Santa Maria Catholic Church. 40 Santa Maria Way in Orinda will offer a weekly noontime (12:05 P.M.) Mass on Wednesdays beginning September 19th, for local residents and business people.
Our community welcomes anyone who wishes to enjoy our fountain plaza area for a "brown bag" lunch during their lunch break. To facilitate this invitation, a few tables and chairs will be placed in the fountain area

Astronauts and Dinosaurs roam the giant screens: Two larger-than-life films, Astronaut and Dinosaurs Alive, will run throughout the summer on Chabot Space & Science Center's two domed giant-screen venues. Check the Planetarium & MegaDome schedules at www.chabot.space.org

Free Jazz Concerts in Lafayette
Every Friday night in September from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the Lafayette Plaza, located at Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd. Local artists from the Lafayette Gallery will display each week in the Plaza. The Lafayette Rotary Club will be cooking up dogs and selling beverages. Presented by Lafayette's Generations in Jazz Foundation.
September 7 - Fred Randolph Combo
September 14 - Flying Solo and jazz Outrage
September 21 - Brian Pardo and the Bentley Jazz Ensemble
September 29 - Bob Athayde and Friends with Special Guests

Live Music in Orinda's Theatre Square
5:30-8:30 every Thursday night
September 6TH- Bob Athayde- Jazz, Pop, Light Rock
September 13TH- Caesar's Empire- Pop & Jazz
September 20TH- Icarus Trio- jazz

Maple care and pruning workshop
September 22 at 10:00 am. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda Please RSVP: Call 254-3713 or email info@mcdonnellnursery.com

Annual Fall Book Fair
Sat, September 15th
Moraga Library parking lot

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Campus Happenings



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Art Exhibitions:
"Dreaming In Color: Aboriginal Art from Balgo, Australia"
The Balgo works illustrate episodes of The Dreaming, the time of creation when powerful ancestral beings created the world and everything in it. Although Balgo artists also create and sell secular paintings, the purpose of a large part of their artistic practice is to retain and pass on traditional religious knowledge and Aboriginal culture. Much of the meaning of the vibrant and elegant images, symbols and patterns in Aboriginal painting is sacred and secret to the non-initiated viewer.
Sept. 8 through Oct. 14, Hearst Art Gallery (See the Hearst Art Gallery ad on page 6 for special events surrounding the exhibit.)
"William Keith: The 1880s Paintings"
Works from the 1880s, which marked a decade of great changes in William Keith's life. On view in the William Keith Room Hearst Art Gallery
Gallery hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Admission: \$2 adults; youth 12 and under free; members free; SMC community free. The exhibition space is ADA accessible. Free parking is available adjacent to and across the road from the building.

Lectures:
Creative Writing Reading Series: Yiyun Li Yiyun Li grew up in Beijing, came to the United States in 1996, and began publishing in English in 2002. She has received awards and fellowships from Lannan Foundation and Whiting Foundation, and Granta magazine named her one of the Best Young American Novelists in 2007.
Wed., Sept. 5 at 7:30pm, Soda Activity Center free
Performances:
"Janice Garrett & Dancers"
Tickets for the event are \$25 general, \$20 seniors, \$12 for Saint Mary's College faculty, staff and non-SMC students, and \$2 for SMC students.
Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m.
LeFevre Theater

Three Communities - One Book: Lamorinda Reads! September 4 - October 25
Down to a Soundless Sea, by Thomas Steinbeck
September Events:
Lonely Planet Travel presents Coastal California
Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 7:00 p.m. - Orinda Library
John Vlahides, travel writer for Lonely Planet, guides us through today's coastal California, the land about which Steinbeck writes. Take a break from the ordinary and indulge in the tranquil beaches, secluded coves and breathtaking vistas, glittering nightlife and intimate cliff-side lodgings that Vlahides has found. Join John Vlahides at the

Orinda Library for travel tips and more.
The Whale Bus visits Lamorinda
Saturday, September 29
10:30 - Lafayette Library
2:00 - Orinda Library
Beautiful, mysterious, and magnificent, whales fascinate many of us. Learn about different types of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) by examining specimens, including bones from different species. Participants 2nd grade and up assemble the skeleton from a pilot whale; younger children perform "whale dress up" and whale length activities. For pre-K to 6th grade

It's Happening at Aegis of Moraga!

One of the leading challenges seniors face today is *financial exploitation*.

Don't let yourself be robbed of your financial security.


Join us at Aegis of Moraga

Free Seminar on

Senior Fraud Prevention

Thursday, September 20th
6:30pm to 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 925-408-2566



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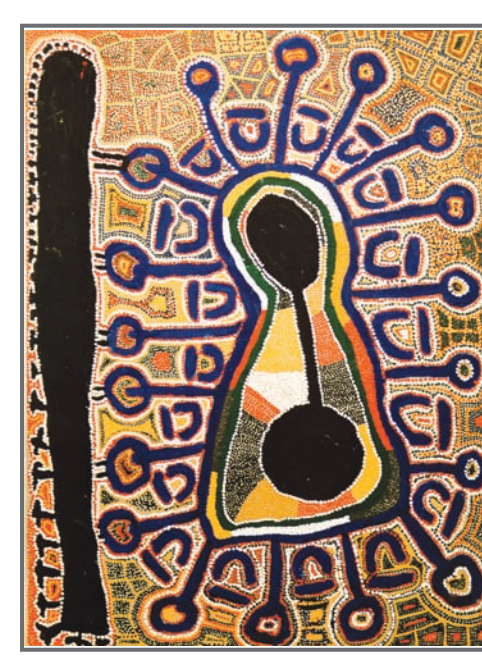
For Further Information Call: **925-377-7900**

Free Seminar

Sponsored by the Committee for Lectures, Arts and Music (CLAM): (925) 631-4381
The Collegiate Players present: "Agamemnon" by Aeschylus - Ted Hughes updates Greek tragedy.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 23-25 at 5pm Redwood Grove, Saint Mary's College, free
For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at www.stmarys-ca.edu/news_events/.

DREAMING IN COLOR



Sandy Tjupurrula Gordon
MUNDURRU 1992 Acrylic on canvas

ABORIGINAL ART FROM BALGO, AUSTRALIA
SEPT. 9 - OCT. 14, 2007
AT THE HEARST ART GALLERY, THE SAINT MARY'S ART MUSEUM, MORAGA

Breathtaking contemporary paintings from the western desert community, adapted from ancient traditional sand drawing and rock and body painting. The paintings, characterized by bold colors, complex dot patterns and geometric shapes illustrate episodes of The Dreaming, the time when powerful ancestral beings created the world.

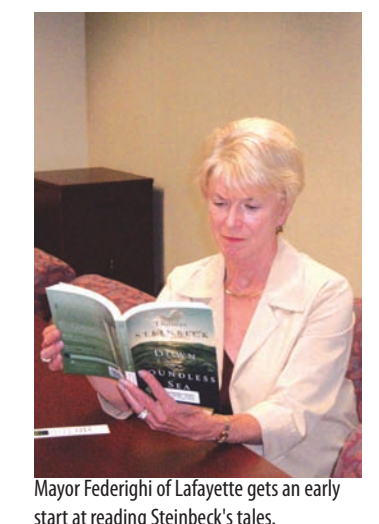
On loan from the Kluge-Ruhe Collection & Study Center of the University of Virginia, considered the finest outside Australia.

Opening Events: Sunday, Sept. 9, 2 - 3 pm
"Everything Old is New Again:
Aboriginal Art in an Historical Perspective"
by Margo Smith, PhD, curator and director, Kluge-Ruhe Collection & Study Center
Soda Activity Center. Reception following. Art Patio & Gallery

Family Workshop: Sunday, Oct. 7, 2 - 4 pm
Dot and Hand Painting, Bull Roarer construction

Museum open: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am - 4:30 pm
Admission: \$2 adult; children 12 and under free

925.631.4379
www.gallery.stmarys-ca.edu



Mayor Federighi of Lafayette gets an early start at reading Steinbeck's tales.

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Moraga Road Pipeline Construction

Improving Your Water Supply

Public Meeting

September 13, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Lafayette Community Center
500 St Mary's Road
Lafayette, CA



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