

Not to be missed

America Association of University Women (AAUW) MEETING Friday, Oct. 5, at 5:00PM Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette AAUW Founder's Auditorium, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda. Guest Speaker, Linda Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, AAUW, Washington, D.C., will speak about politics in action and demonstrate how YOU can advocate for legislation that is important to you. Public invited.

Art Exhibition and Reception for Artist Carl Brenders Saturday, Oct 6, 5-8pm Carl will sign his new book "Pride of Place" and you can meet Takai, a live North American Timber Wolf. Pacific Wildlife Galleries, 3420 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 283-2977

Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Lafayette E-Waste Event Oct 6th. In partnership with CNT Recycling to support Holy Planet Task Force

"Bleacher Bums." Through October 14th

"The Weir" Through October 27th Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates, times and prices. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org.

"King Lear" Through - October 14. 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. **Voices of Musica Sacra**, October 20, 8:00pm, First Congregational Church 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley (to benefit Hospice of Contra Costa); October 21, 3:00pm, St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1101 Keaveny Court, Walnut Creek. "O Be Joyful!" a concert of English sacred choral music, featuring works by Howells, Britten, Tavener, Finzi, Parry, Baintow, Sumsion and Vaughan Williams. John Kendall Bailey, director, John Walko, organist, Christa Pfeiffer, soprano. \$20 adults \$15 students/seniors children 5-2 free. Reception follows. (925)930-0516 or www.vmschorus.org

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

50th Anniversary of Happy Valley Elementary School Sunday, October 7th, 11am - 4pm All Past Alumni and Staff Welcome! Happy Valley Elementary School is celebrating 50 years of distinguished education, community and friendship. The celebration will include a family festival - 50's style, a recognition ceremony and photograph of all current and former staff members and Parents Club Presidents, and a reception following the festival for these honored guests. Bob Lilley, Carol Blackburn and Wendy Patterson, three of Happy Valley's five principals will be in attendance at all events.

Citizens' Land Use Academy The Planning Director is conducting 1 1/2 hour public question and answer sessions preceding the design review board and planning commission meetings in September and October. The sessions are held at the La Sala building from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. There are two remaining sessions October 9th the Moraga municipal code (with special emphasis on sign ordinance October 15 the general plan (with special emphasis on the housing element)

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, www.moragaartgallery.com

Live Music in Orinda's Theatre Square 5:30-8:30 every Thursday night Oct 4th-The Adrian Gormley Ensemble-Jazz Oct 11th-The Inner Suns-Pop/Rock Oct 18th- The Cool Tones-Big Band.

Book signing -Thursday, October 11 4:00 PM Deborah Trotter will discuss and sign copies of her new children's book A Summer's Trade. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda, orindabooks@thegrid.net 925/254-7606

John Muir Health Foundation Festival October 13, 2007 11 am- 4pm Broadway Plaza, downtown Walnut Creek, CA. This FREE public event will include food, music, kids' entertainment and will offer free Back Assessment, Free chair massage, Cholesterol Screening, Car Seat Safety check, Yoga, Glucose Screening, Blood Pressure Screening, CPR, ... and much, much more! For more information please visit www.John-MuirHealth.com.

Author event, featuring Regan McMahon Author of "Revolution in the Bleachers: How to Reclaim Family Life in a World Gone Crazy Over Youth Sports" Tuesday, Oct. 16, Oakland Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette at 7:00 PM. It is free and open to the public. There will be a book signing after the author's talk. R.S.V.P.s will be taken at DE-PASpeakers@aol.com. This talk is presented by the Morris-Eaton Parents Association.

Bake Sale Helps Deer Hill Ranch Girl Scout Troop 2050 (along with two other troops) will be holding a bake sale to benefit Deer Hill Ranch on Monday, Oct. 15 at 2:45 p.m. on the corner of Murray Ln.

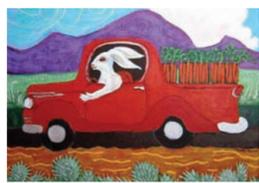
Mt. Diablo A Personal View - The Photography of Sue Reynolds Through - February 28, 2008 Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek Sue Reynolds, 4th generation in Contra Costa County and who spent some of her childhood in Lafayette brings an unmatched historical and personal vision to the photography of local subjects. As part of the activities surrounding this show, Sue will be giving workshops and tours, as well as signing her books at the museum. Sue is also continuing her landscape photography teaching, with a children's class on Mt. Diablo early next month.

Rossmoor folk-dancing. Demonstration dance, October 6th, 11:00 am, HQ building. Teaching and review, every Wed at 1:45 and 3:15. Rossmoor Del Valle fitness center. \$5 for the year Guests confirm with judyagordon@sbcglobal.net or (925)631-1227

Moraga Garden Club Meeting - October 18, 2007, 9:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Cultural Center - 1700 School St, Moraga. Bonnie Brusseau from Orchard Nursery will speak on Winter Vegetables, Annuals and Bulbs.

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Terry Blair, artist
"Terry Blair is an avid outdoor enthusiast who is inspired by nature and the wilderness in our own backyards."



"Colleen" by Robert Warhaftig

Grand Opening

3295 Mt. Diablo Blvd. • Lafayette, CA
Saturday October 13, 2007
8:30 am - 5 pm
Refreshments, Live Music, Raffle prizes, Grower Reps

Members only. For membership information call Mardi Potts (925) 376-2004.

Free Test Preparation workshops at the Moraga Library Saturday October 13 ACT Full Length Practice Test 8:30 am-1:00 pm Tuesday, October 16 7:00 pm ACT Test Secrets Seminar for students AND parents

Lamorinda Reads! Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda connecting to neighbors, families and friends by reading and discussing the same book, Down to a Soundless Sea by Thomas Steinbeck. October 11-Moraga Library 7:00 p.m. Scholar in Residence at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, and Professor of English at San Jose State University will discuss both authors' work. October 13- Moraga Library 7:00 p.m. Internationally known master story teller Ruth Halperin will discuss and bring to life one of Thomas Steinbeck's stories and talk about the creative process of turning it into an oral performance. October 15 at 7 p.m.-Lafayette Library-Book Discussion. October 18 at 3 p.m.-Moraga Library-Book Discussion. October 20, 3 p.m.-Moraga Library Otterly Awesome Creatures of Monterey Bay by do-cent and naturalist Gael Gallagher. A wildlife discovery program for children 7 and up-a Lamorinda Reads! activity funded by the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley.

High School students volunteer next summer in Latin America. East Bay Chapter of AMIGOS will hold an orientation, Stanley Middle School in Lafayette, Oct 10 7:30 pm. Volunteers must be 16 years old by Sept 1, 2008, and have completed 2 years high school Spanish. Visit www.eastbayamigos.org for additional East Bay orientation sites and dates.

Halloween events
"Diablo Valley Montessori School's Octoberfest." Saturday, October 13th, 11 am to 2 pm, 3390 Deer Hill Road, Lafayette. Come support the non-profit school's annual fundraiser. Games, crafts and food for toddlers to kindergarten age kids. Bake sale and pumpkins for sale. Free admission though individual booths require purchase of tickets. Due to limited on-site parking, guests can park at Lafayette Bart and a free shuttle will bring them to the event.

Pumpkin Patch Carnival- Saturday, October 13 from 12:00-3:00 Fundraiser for Del Rey School in Orinda. Games, Carnival booths, a giant inflatable slide, an obstacle course and a dunk tank as well as a bake sale, cake walk and scary cake decorating Children's Halloween event at Moraga Library Not too scary stories and make a witch's hat cookie. October 18 at 7 pm

Wizard Day Halloween Party at Chabog-wizard - Oct. 20 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.): Bats, spiders and slime - oh my! Come to Chabot Space & Science Center dressed as your favorite wizard, sorcerer, or magical creature. Make a wizard hat or wand and drink from the leaky cauldron. Participate in goblet-offire demos, hands-on activities, and much more! Guest appearances by the Astro Wizard and other costumed friends. Free with general admission to Center. Visit www.chabotspace.org for more details 10000 Skyline Blvd. • Oakland, CA 94610 • (510) 336-7373 • www.chabotspace.org
Fall Hours - Wed & Thurs: 10 am - 5 pm • Fri & Sat 10 am - 10 pm • Sun 11 am - 5 pm

Lafayette Youth Commission's 4th annual Haunted House. The adventure awaits you... visit Studio 66 at Your Own Risk! Friday, October 26th and Saturday, October 27th at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Not so scary (ages 7 and under): 5:00-7:00pm; Very scary (ages 8 and up): 7:30-9:30pm Admission Prices are \$3 for 7 & under; \$5 for 8 & older - tickets will be sold at the door and all profits benefit the youth of Lafayette

Robert Warhaftig, artist
"I've taken up painting since I retired, and enjoy the very vibrant colors of painters such as Matisse, Vlaminck, and Joan Brown, Manuel Neri, Nathan Oliviera. I now primarily paint figurative pictures, or portraits, in acrylic, but I've also included a few landscapes."

Annual Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 28th, 2007 from 10 AM to 2:00 PM Campolindo High School, 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. The 31st annual Carnival. Is hosted by the Moraga Junior Women's Club. Perfect for children ages 2-10, and attracts over 500 children each year. Children will be able to enjoy many games, navigate their way through the Monster Mash obstacle course, have their picture taken at the photo booth, decorate their own frame, and try their luck at the ever-popular cake and toy walks. Lunch, snacks and refreshments, as well as various homemade ghoulish goodies will be sold at the Carnival Bake Booth. Admission is \$3.00 per child, plus an extra charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume.

Please submit events to:
calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Campus Happenings

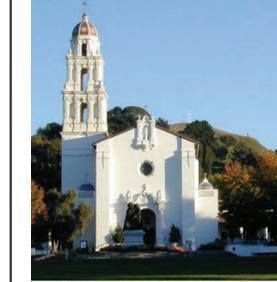


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Special Events:
Fall Preview Day
The event offers prospective students and their families the opportunity to tour the campus, learn about our challenging curriculum, attend workshops on academics, student life, admissions and financial aid. Sunday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saint Mary's College
For more information and to RSVP, go to: http://www.smcadmit.com

Performances/Lectures:
Reading of "Pygmalion" by Bernard Shaw The Collegiate Players perform a staged reading of "Pygmalion," the comedy by Bernard Shaw. Mon. and Tues., Oct. 8 and 9, 7:30 p.m. Soda Center. Saint Mary's College. Free and open to the public.
For more information, contact Barry Horwitz at bhorwitz@stmarys-ca.edu or call the Collegiate Seminar office at (925) 631-4633.

Author Tim Wise
Tim Wise, author of "White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son," is a prominent white privilege theorist and anti-racism activist. He joins us as part of the Social Justice Speaker Series event. Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Soda Center. Saint Mary's College. Contact: Renee Egan (925) 631-4305

Author Diana Abu-Jaber
Diana Abu-Jaber is the author of the culinary memoir, "The Language of Baklava," and three novels: "Crescent," which was awarded the American Book Award and the 2004 PEN Center USA Award; "Arabian Jazz," winner of the 1994 Oregon Book Award; and most recently, "Origin," which will be published this fall. Her work has also appeared in Ploughshares, Story, Ms., Salon, The New York Times, The Nation, and the Washington Post. Wednesday, Oct 17 at 7:30 p.m. Soda Center. Saint Mary's College. For more information, call (925) 631-4457 or go to: www.stmarys-ca.edu/arts/creative-writing-reading-series.html

Author Rajiv Chandrasekaran
Rajiv Chandrasekaran's book, Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside the Green Zone, gives an unprecedented account of life in Baghdad's Green Zone, a walled-off enclave of towering plants, posh villas, and sparkling swimming pools that served as headquarters for the American occupation of Iraq. Currently the assistant managing editor of The Washington Post, Chandrasekaran was the paper's bureau chief in Baghdad from April 2003 to October 2004, observing first-hand the tumultuous changes taking place. A graduate of Campolindo High School and Stanford University, the former Moraga resident has appeared on National Public Radio, CNN, Fox News, Nightline, NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, and the BBC. He was recently awarded the Samuel Johnson Prize for Nonfiction, the Overseas Press Club's Annual Cornelius Ryan Award for Best Nonfiction Book on International Affairs, and the Ron Ridenhour Book Prize. It was also a finalist for the National Book Award's Best Book of the Year. Monday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. Soda Center at SMC. Tickets: \$25 general; \$20 seniors; \$12 for SMC faculty/staff and non-SMC students; free for SMC students. For info, call (925) 631-4381 or go online to www.stmarys-ca.edu and click on "The Arts." (Sponsored by the Committee for Lectures, Art and Music (CLAM) at Saint Mary's College and the Disney Forum)

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. Sept. 8 through Oct. 14. Hearst Art Gallery

"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. For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html.

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ART PATIO & GALLERY

- Dot Painting on canvas
- Hand and Face Painting
- Bull Roarer Construction (first 40 children)

FREE, courtesy of the Walker Foundation
in conjunction with the current exhibition
Dreaming in Color:
Aboriginal Art from Balgo, Australia on view through Oct. 14

Museum open: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am - 4:30 pm
Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free

925.631.4379
www.gallery.stmarys-ca.edu

The Hearst Art Gallery, celebrating its 30th anniversary in October, is accredited by the American Association of Museums.

Ying Chang Compestine

AUTHOR APPEARANCE

Thursday, October 4 • 5 pm

Drawing from her childhood experience, Lafayette author Ying Chang Compestine brings hope and humor to this compelling story for all ages about a girl fighting to survive during the Cultural Revolution in China.

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