

## ◆ Not to be missed ◆

**Don't Throw Out That Old Bike!** Tom and Bobbie Preston are accepting donations of new and/or used repairable bikes on behalf of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Dept. The bikes are repaired by inmates at the Marsh Creek Detention Facility and distributed to organizations serving under-privileged children. Bikes may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home through the month of Nov. only: 1307 Larch Avenue, Moraga. Tricycles and junior bikes are the most needed. You don't have to call ahead to drop off a bike, but if you need more information, call 376-8474.

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30pm Campolindo High School Instrumental Music Fall Concert** Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic and Concert Band Dvorak, Symphony No. 8 Wilson, Piece of Mind Admission complimentary open to the public Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga.

**Miramonte Players present Charles Dickens' "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby"** Nov. 14, 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm Miramonte High School Theatre, 750 Moraga Way. Orinda Tickets: Available online at the Miramonte High School website, click on Webstore and then "tickets." Students: \$8.00 and Adults: \$10. "Who knew Dickens could be this bawdy, silly, and ridiculous? Luckily, Miramonte High School's advanced drama students are up to the task." Simon Kaplan, Director, Nicholas Nickleby.

**Do It Yourself' Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens & your family Saturday Nov. 17th 2-3pm. Fun-filled hands-on workshop that will give you the script and the know-how to stage this heartwarming play in your family room with family & friends. Recapture the time when fun didn't require batteries. FREE

Reservations & information : Gail Kamerer (925) 735-9270 gailkamerer@aol.com Location: Mt. Diablo Room, Danville Library, 400 Front St., Danville, CA 94526

**Last weekend to see Wonderful Colors Paintings** of Jo Ann Hanna & Robert Becker accompanied by Papier-Mache Sculpture by students of M. J. Schuppert Wilson on exhibition. Orinda Library Gallery through - Nov. 17th, 2007. Orinda Library Gallery 24 Orinda Way, (925) 254-2184

**Moraga Women's Society Nov. Meeting.** Monday, Nov 19th Coffee 9:30 am

- Meeting 10 am Speaker 11 am Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga: Our speaker is author and massage therapist, Maggie Walters, who will speak about her book, "Finding The Bloom Of The Cactus Generation: Improving The Quality Of Life For Seniors." For information call 376-3520

**The Commonwealth Club offers an Evening with Anthony Bourdain** Monday, Nov. 19th, 6 pm Check in | 6:30 pm Program. From Brazil, to China, to Las Vegas, Anthony Bourdain has sat down to eat at some of the world's most famous and infamous tables. Join us as the controversial, yet likable, rebel chef stops by and shares experiences of his many travels. No reservations needed. The Bentley School, Student Performing Arts Center, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette Cost: \$15 for Members, \$30 for Non-members. www.commonwealthclub.org or call (800) 847-7730

**November 20th, Warm Up America!** This winter we are joining Warm Up America!, a nationwide organization that brings communities together through knitting for charity. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn how, come to our Knitting Night, November 20 from 6:30-7:30pm, where we'll work on squares that will eventually be joined together as an afghan to donate in our community. All ages and abilities encouraged to come! If you can't make it but would still like to help, you can drop off 7" by 9" swatches at the library at 952 Moraga Rd through December 21. RSVP to Rebekah in person or by phone at (925) 283-3872.

**Nov 23rd, Lindsay Wildlife Museum,** fine art photographer Sue Reynolds will be signing copies of her new book "Proud People ~ Nations within a Nation". The signing is a celebration of the book's release -- as well as the re-release of 2006's popular "Revealing Nature's Mysteries" --and will expose the beauty and power of contemporary powwows. Over 50full-color images by documentary photographer Sue Reynolds with native contributing writers unveil Reynolds' unique vision and connection with these celebrations across the West. A portion of proceeds benefits the American Indian College Fund. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek, Mt. Diablo A Personal View - The Photography of Sue Reynolds Through Feb. 28, 2008

**Celebrate Thanksgiving at a Thanks-**

**giving concert by acclaimed tenor, David Flagg.** Flagg, a long time Orinda resident and Orinda's frequent fourth of July national anthem singer, has sung internationally, starred in light opera and has sung 36 times for inaugurations and major league ball clubs. Sunday, Nov. 25, 11 am to noon at Calvary Baptist Church, 3201 Stanley Blvd. Lafayette, across from Acalanes High School. There will be no preaching, just music of Thanksgiving in many styles. Wendy Flagg, soprano and pianist will join her father in song. For more information, phone (925) 935 7507.

**TOO MUCH TURKEY?** Tilden Nature Area, Tara Reinertson 10am-noon, Sun, Nov 25. Burn off those extra calories with a vigorous climb high into the hills. On this 4-mile loop, we will learn about the native and non-native species of the watershed. For information, call 1-888-EBPARKS (1-888-327-2757), option 3, x4564.

**Holiday Concerts** WomenSing, an auditioned Bay Area chorus of over 50 women, will perform a holiday concert. Artistic Director is Martin Benvenuto, accompanist is Paul Caccamo, Dancer's Circle. Wednesday, November 28, 8:00 p.m., Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga and Sunday, December 2, 4:00 p.m. Ticket are \$25 premium seating, \$20 general, \$18 senior, \$10 student/youth 18 and under. Tickets can be charged on the website at www.womensing.org, by phone at (925) 974-9169, or at the door.

**6th Annual Overhill Road Holiday Boutique** Nov 30, noon - 8 pm, Dec 1 & 2, 10 am - 5 pm 214 Overhill Road, Orinda. Percentage of proceeds to benefit the American Red Cross. Hand-crafted gifts and foods by local crafters. Includes items from the Miramonte Marketplace. Free admission. 925-253-9065 or 925-254-3944

**Special holiday treat - "Playhouse West: Our Musical Legacy."** This fun musical revue performs Nov. 30 - Dec. 8 only at the company's Locust Street theater. Ten musicals will be featured in both scenes and songs creatively stitched together by artistic director Lois Grandi, who directed and choreographed the show. Performers will bring to life characters from such shows as "Baby," "Starting Here, Starting Now," "The Boyfriend," "The World Goes Round," "Rodgers and Hammerstein's A Grand Night for Singing," and much more. Tickets are \$30. Call 925-942-0300 or www.playhousewest.org.

**New Moraga Art Gallery Show through January 6th. "Texture and Light"** by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists and featuring the work of Pat Smith, who likes to experiment with different art forms: watercolor, acrylic painting, printmaking, photography and fiber arts. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. 925.376 5407

**Envisioning the Season** The artists of Lafayette Gallery have created a special show that captures the spirit and the glow of the holiday season - open through Dec. 23, 2007. On Nov. 19, the

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Gallery will be decorated with ornaments made by the artists. A holiday reception will be held at the Gallery (50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette) on Nov. 30 from 7 - 9 pm.

**"Capturing the Light: a Retrospective"** solo exhibit by Bay Area photographer Wenda Pyman. Her body of work shown here are Landscapes, Scenics and Nature, mostly concentrating on the local Diablo area and beyond. Moraga Public Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga, 925.376.8294 Open Tuesday through Sunday, hours vary.

**Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company Presents Miracle on 34th Street** Nov. 17 - Dec. 29, 2007. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times Rating - Appropriate for all Ages. Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street at Moraga Road, Lafayette 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org

**Are you Alto, tenor, soprano, bass? The St. Stephen's Annual Messiah Sing** is Friday, Nov. 30th at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing in the Festival Choir for this event, join us for one rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 28th at 7pm in the Church at 66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda. Contact: Brenda Free, St. Stephen's office: 254-3770.

**HOLIDAY WREATHS, NATURALLY** Tilden Nature Area with Linda Yemoto Noon-3:30pm, Sun, Dec 2 #16629, Dec 9 #16661 Create wreaths, garlands and other seasonal delights using natural materials. Learn about fir, bay and other flora, and how to use them. Please bring a pair of small hand-clippers, a large, flat box and a bag lunch. Not appropriate for children under 8 years old. Reg. Required 888-327-2757 option 2, 3. Fee: \$30 adult; \$25 senior/teen (13-18 yrs); team fee \$50 (one adult, one child 8-12 yrs)

**"Light the Night" Martinez Gallery,** 630 Court St. Martinez, W.Th.F. 10-2 Nov. 30 - January 16. Friday, Nov. 30th, Children's Crafts: 3pm-5pm Artists Reception: 6-9 "Light the Night" First Night Martinez Auction: 8pm www.martinezarts.org

**Moraga Community Chorus to Perform Dec. 2 1:30pm at Aegis, Moraga**

**Wednesday, Dec. 5, the Orinda Historical Society** will hold its annual Holiday Dinner. Joe Cleary, Orinda artist and sculptor, will be our guest speaker. We will gather at 6:30pm, and the dinner and program will begin at 7pm. All are welcome. The dinner and program is \$35, with a choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian lasagna. Please call the Historical Society at 254-1353 for more information, or you can reserve your seat by sending a check with your meal choice to: P.O. Box 82, Orinda, CA 94563.

**Moraga Women's Society's 22 biennial Holiday Homes Tour** Fri, Dec 7, 10am-4pm Tour four unique Moraga homes and the newly renovated Historic Moraga Barn. \$28 donation includes a tea and boutique as well as the tour. Gourmet box lunch can be preordered. Tickets can be purchased at King Florist at the Rheem Shopping Center or St. Mary's Florist at the Moraga Center. Proceeds will benefit Moraga Schools, the Library, Parks, etc.

**CAPA performs The Nutcracker Dec 14th, 15th and 16th** The snow falls on-stage and the Christmas tree magically grows in the California Academy of Performing Arts presentation of a full-length Nutcracker in Moraga. This is an energy-filled spectacle with a certain joy that reflects the studio's dedication to young dancers with more than 100 performers and extra characters & surprises

For specific show times and tickets, please contact www.capadance.net or call 925-376-2454.: Student Matinees: If your child's school class would like to come to a Student Nutcracker performance, please contact Nancy Falk at nancy.falk@gmail.com. Student Performances are 9:30am and 12pm on Wed Dec 12 and 13th at the Rheem Theater in Moraga.

**The Friends of the Moraga Library will hold an "overstock Book Sale"** on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 am to 12 noon. Children's books and cook books will be featured along with unsorted fiction and non-fiction. The sale will be held on the Moraga Library porch at 1500 St. Mary's Road. All funds raised are used to benefit the library programs and it's patrons. Recently these funds paid for new tables, more books and programs for children and adults. Bring your friends and take advantage of greatly reduced prices. For further information call 376-6259 Holiday Book Sale Thursday, Dec. 6, 10 am - 1 pm

**Friends of the Orinda Library holiday book sale** includes just-like-new books and collector's books ideal for holiday gifts. The Sorting Room and Bookshop will both be open during the sale; the Bookshop will remain open until 6 pm Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda

**Thursday, Dec. 6 4 PM-Orinda Books Penny Warner** will discuss and sign copies of The Official Nancy Drew Handbook. A special added attraction at this event will be Hannah Gruen's Lemon Bars. 276 Village Square, Orinda, orindabooks@thegrid.net

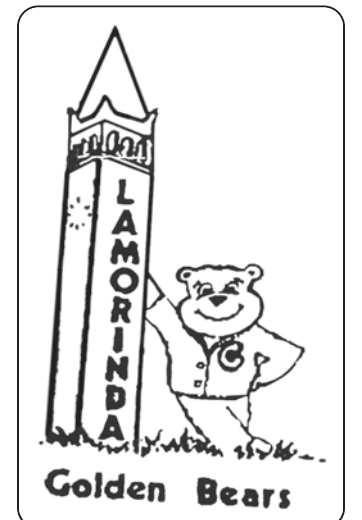
**Friday, Dec. 7:10 AM Gerry Wallace, Orinda's favorite ceramic artist,** will have a holiday exhibition and sale of her work. Paul Kratter, whose plein air paintings are a continuing feature at Orinda Books, will have a special exhibition and sale on that day also. 276 Village Square, Orinda

**Surprise your family with a hearty Indian meal for the holidays!** Get to know the techniques used to infuse vegetables & meats with wonderful spices. You'll truly have a holiday to remember. Moraga Parks and Rec. Non-Vegetarian Meal 1, Wed, Dec 12, 7-9:30pm, \$55 + supplies Register at www.moraga.ca.us. 925-376-2520

**Christmas Creche Around the World** Lafayette United Methodist Church at 955 Moraga Road, Lafayette, will host a display of nativity scenes from around the world on Saturday afternoon Dec. 8 from 1 pm - 3 pm and Sunday Dec. 9 from Noon - 2 pm The public is invited. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering taken. Supervised children are welcome.

## Calling All Golden Bears!

Submitted by Susan Sperry



**D**on't have tickets for the Big Game between Cal and Stanford? Come join the Lamorinda Golden Bears on Wednesday, November 28th, 6 pm to 8 pm to fill your soul with Cal spirit! This year the group has moved this annual celebration to the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. A promised visit by the Cal Marching Band will follow speakers Tuck Coop, Executive Director of the University of California Alumni Association and Steve Holton, Deputy Director of Athletics. Expect good food, drinks, fellowship and fun. Bring your checkbook because the annual silent auction will provide the revenue necessary to continue scholarships for local Lamorinda high school students accepted to UC Berkeley. Send your check for \$10 per person made out to Lamorinda Golden Bears to Susan Sperry, 172 Valley Hill Drive, Moraga or pay at the door.

Founded in 1993, the Lamorinda Golden Bear Club is a regional alumni group for the University of California, Berkley. Its website, <http://www.lamorindacalum.org>, features calendar events. The age range of the alumni is from 25-70+. Typical activities include getting together to watch a movie or dinner, running, book reviewing, going to concert and theater events, and cheering on Cal Bears wherever they may be! Join us.

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### Campus Happenings



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### Performances/Lectures:

**"Twelfth Night"** by William Shakespeare  
The SMC Performing Arts Department's fall mainstage production will be Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," which has been called Shakespeare's most perfect comedy - an intoxicating musical romance set on a mythical island paradise. Directed by award-winning faculty member Reid Davis ("Urinetown") at SMC, faculty at ACT and Cal Shakes, and company member of Shotgun Players), the play explores themes of gender, identity, romantic delusion and love.  
Nov. 15, 16, 17 at 8 pm; Nov. 18 at 2 pm. LeFevre Theater  
Sponsored by: Performing Arts: Dance, Music & Theater For tickets, contact: Performing Arts Office, (925) 631-4670

**Social Justice Speaker Series - Author Dorothy Allison**  
Author Dorothy Allison will speak about:

"Telling stories in mean times - Can writers actually make a difference?" Dorothy Allison's bestselling novel "Bastard Out of Carolina" was a finalist for the 1992 National Book Award and was made into an award-winning movie. In 1998 Allison published "Cavedweller," a novel about the relationship between mothers and daughters that became a national bestseller and was named New York Times Notable Book of the Year. The themes in her writing reflect her background growing up poor and female in the South. Allison was raised in extreme poverty by her mother's family in Greenville, South Carolina, where she was often beaten and raped by her abusive stepfather between the ages of 5 and 11 years old. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7:30 pm Clays Lounge, SMC Soda Activity Center Free

**Author C.S. Giscombe**  
C. S. Giscombe is the author of the collections of poetry Postcards, Giscombe Road and Here, as well as the collection of essays Into and Out of Dislocation. His work has also been published in New American Writing, Callaloo, O-Blek, Iowa Review and Hudson Review. A graduate of SUNY Albany and Cornell, he has taught at Syracuse University, Illinois State University, Penn State, the New York State Poets-in-the-Schools program, and currently UC Berkeley. He has been editor of Epoch magazine and worked for the Housing Service for the Aging in Syracuse, New York. He is the winner of the Carl Sandburg Award for Poetry. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Soda Center, Free

**A Musical Celebration for Christmas featuring the Pacific Mozart Ensemble**  
Performing works from Mozart to Stravinsky to Dave Brubeck, this stun-



Pacific Mozart Ensemble

ning vocal ensemble has captured the hearts of music lovers around the world. Directed by Lynne Morrow, Pacific Mozart Ensemble's holiday concert features a stirring rendition of Cary Boyce's Ave Maria, Poulenc's Christmas Motets, and a selection of elegant holiday songs sung in small ensemble groupings. Sponsored by the Committee for Lectures, Art and Music at Saint Mary's College. Saturday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. Saint Mary's College Chapel  
Suggested Donation: \$30 general; \$25 seniors; \$15 for SMC faculty/staff and non-SMC students; \$2 for SMC students. For information, call (925) 631-4381 or go online to [www.stmarys-ca.edu](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu) and click on "The Arts."

### Art Exhibitions:

**"Footloose in Arcadia: Artists and Authors of Piedmont from 1890 to 1930"** Nov. 3 to Dec. 16  
In celebration of the centennial of the City of Piedmont, the Hearst Art Gallery has organized this exhibition of the region's early artists and writers. Turn of the century Piedmont was home to Jack London, who wrote the Sea Wolf and Call of the Wild while living in Piedmont. He was part of the local artistic and

literary bohemians that included George Sterling, Herman Whitaker, and Xavier Timoteo Martinez. The Reverend Joseph Worcester, the first Swedenborgian minister in San Francisco, designed and built his own home and was one of the first to design a structure that was harmonious with nature - he influenced architects Bernard Maybeck and Willis Polk. In 1901 Jack London moved into Worcester's cottage. William Keith painted several versions of the Worcester cottage; three are included in the exhibition. 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

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.  
Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking  
Web site: <http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>.  
Telephone: 925-631-4379

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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