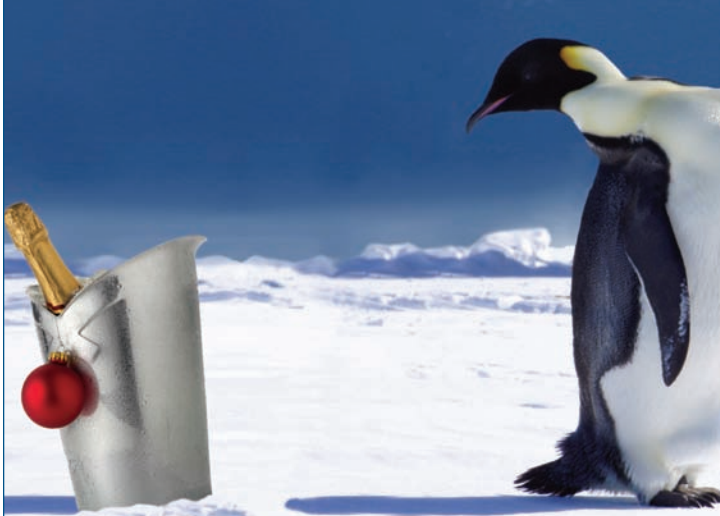


Aegis of Moraga invites you to our Holiday Anniversary Open House!



**It's Our 8th Anniversary
Come help us celebrate!
Thursday, December 13th
5:30pm to 7:30 pm**

At Aegis of Moraga, we love the holidays and can't wait to celebrate our anniversary with you!

We cordially invite you to sip Champagne and sample holiday refreshments, enjoy listening to seasonal music performances, and enjoy our beautiful festive décor.

Tours of our community will be available upon request

So mark your calendars and be sure not to miss all the excitement! It will be an event to remember!

Please RSVP 925-377-7900

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THEATER AND MUSIC

Thursday, Dec 6 at 7:30 pm, there will be a performance of the Miramonte-Las Lomas-San Ramon Valley Joint Jazz Band in the Miramonte Theater. Donations of any amount will be taken at the door.

Tuesday, Dec 11 at 7:30 the Miramonte Winter Ensemble/Chamber Music Concert will take place in the Miramonte Theater. This is a special Benefit Concert for Victims of the Southern California Wildfires: 75% of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to the fire victims' fund. There is a suggested ticket price of \$5 for adults, \$2 for students. All ticket holders will be eligible for a raffle held during the performance breaks, and all are invited to a Dessert Reception in the Art Studio after the performance.

The Miramonte Jazz Band's Annual Winter Wonderland Tour is set for Friday, Dec., 21 from 8 am until noon. The Band will perform holiday favorites at the AUHSD offices at about 9 am and then at Orinda Theater Square around

10:30 am Don't miss this exciting community event.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company Presents Miracle on 34th Street Through Dec. 29th 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.thtcc.org

CAPA performs The Nutcracker Dec 14th, 15th and 16th. The snow falls onstage 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

Not to be missed

nancy.falk@gmail.com, Student Performances are 9:30am and 12pm on Wed Dec 12 and 13th at the Rheem Theater in Moraga.

"Christmas at the Biltmore", an original play by Brentwood local Steve Kinsella, is a heartwarming and touching story of individuals all coming to spend their Christmas vacation at the New England bed and breakfast, Biltmore Hotel. As each hotel guest arrives, they carry a burden with them, an invisible weight that is exposed during the course of the show. Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave, Walnut Creek. Dec. 7-15. Tickets \$20. Discounts for groups, youth and seniors. Order at www.cchristiantheatre.org.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Women Sing, 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, Nov. 28, 8 p.m., Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga and Sunday, Dec. 2, 4 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.

Moraga Community Chorus to Perform locally:

Dec. 2, 1:30pm Aegis, Moraga - Christmas Program for the Residents

Dec. 2, 5:30pm Moraga Commons - Lighting for Hospice

Dec. 8, 7:30pm Miramonte Gardens Club House - Formal Concert

Voices of Musica Sacra, John Kendall Bailey, music director, presents "Caroling, Caroling" a holiday concert featuring the complete carols of Alfred Burt and works by others. Dec. 8, 8PM, Santa Maria Catholic Church Orinda. Dec. 9, 3PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek. Tickets, information call (925) 944-5239 or www.vmschorus.org

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.

ART

Orinda artists Peggy Moulton and Liz Piatt will be showing their art in the Orinda Library Art

Gallery through Dec 15. The large case will feature Peggy's fiber art with emphasis on her whimsical cats-all embroidered and stitched by hand. The smaller case will be filled with Liz's handmade 3-D Christmas scenes-everything from Seven Maids a-milking to The Old Woman in the Shoe. Bring your kids. Orinda Library Gallery 24 Orinda Way, (925) 254-2184

Moraga Art Gallery "Texture and Light" through Jan. 6th.

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

Lafayette Gallery "Envisioning the Season" through Dec 23rd A special show that captures the spirit and the glow of the holiday season. 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.

"Mt. Diablo A Personal View" - The Photography of Sue Reynolds Through February 28. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek

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. Friday, Dec. 7, 10am, 276 Village Square, Orinda

LITERATURE

Moraga Library "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 its 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

Orinda Library Holiday Book Sale Thu., 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

Activities at the Moraga Library Winter Holiday Crafts—Tuesday, Dec. 4, 4 pm. The Elves and the Shoemaker—Thursday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m. A puppet show presenting a comical adaptation of the classic tale. Joy of Movement—Sat., Dec. 8, 11 am An interactive musical experience for ages 3-7 with Nia instructor Liz Mac. SAT & ACT Essay workshop—Thursday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Workshop designed to give students experience of writing a 25

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

min essay under timed conditions. Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, 925-376-6852 www.cclib.org

An Evening with Khaled Housseini will be held Jan. 18, 2008 at the Leshar Theater in Walnut Creek, between 7:30 and 9 pm. This is a benefit for Trust In Education. Khaled, author of "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns", will be interviewed by Lynn Carey of the Contra Costa Times and Budd MacKenzie, in what the theater describes as "an Oprah setting." Tickets will go on sale the first week of Dec. Call for information 925-283-8057

OTHER EVENTS

6th Annual Overhill Road Holiday Boutique 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

PALESTINIAN CRAFT FAIR - Orinda Community Church Fireside Room. Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4pm each day

Wednesday, Dec. 5, the Orinda Historical Society will hold its annual Holiday Dinner. Joe Cleary, Orinda artist and sculptor, will be the 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.

Holiday Homes Tour- Moraga Women's Society's 22 biennial Holiday Homes Tour Fri, Dec 7, 10am-4pm. See article on page 8.

Photo with Santa at Rheem Valley Shopping Center in Moraga Sat, Dec 8th 11am-2pm

Campus Happenings



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Performances/Lectures:

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 stunning 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 Col-

Teddy Bear Tea

Bring your child and favorite Teddy Bear to a holiday Teddy Bear Tea. Enjoy delicious tea sandwiches, hot chocolate, Tom Thumb milkshakes and lots of yummy treats made to delight every child. Entertainment includes captivating storytelling and a special magic show! Saturday, Dec. 8 from 1-3pm at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette. Reservations required. Please phone 925-283-7108.

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 p.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 9 from Noon - 2 p.m. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering taken. Supervised children are welcome.

Moraga Garden Club Holiday Luncheon - Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, 9:30 am, Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Rd., Diablo. Thierry Chantrel of La Follia Floral Design will demonstrate his "Les Belle Fleur" design during this program. For membership information contact Mardi Potts (925) 376-2004.

Lafayette Parks and Recreation winter session registration begins Dec. 10th. Go online to www.LafayetteRec.org or call us at 925-284-2232.

8th Annual New Year's Eve Balloon Drop - Monday, Dec. 31 (12:45pm & 3:45pm): Reservations for the Annual New Year's Eve Balloon Drop at Chabot are now being taken for members and guests. At the strike of 1pm PDT and 4pm on Dec. 31, we celebrate the start of the real New Year with music and balloons dropping from our ceiling, many filled with prizes. Children ages 5 and under are invited to their own balloon drops in the Discovery Lab at 1pm and 4pm. The event is FREE with general admission but space is limited and advance reservations are REQUIRED. Call the Chabot Box Office at (510) 336-7373.

lege. 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 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 bohemia that included George Sterling, Herman Whitaker, and Xavier Timateo 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.

Season of Light

You are invited to join with family and friends to enjoy

Moraga's

Holiday Celebration

Dec. 8th, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

At the Rheem Valley Center

including

- Dancing Christmas Trees
- Ornament making from recycled items
- Puppets and stories
- Children's face painting
- Magic presentation
- Choirs, soloists, caroling groups
- and 9 other holiday presentations

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