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THEATER and MUSIC

Playing live at The Orinda House
Jan. 25 – Friday Bob Belanski's Spec-
trum, Featuring: Darryl Rowe. One
of the best Jazz vocalists to be heard
in quite some time. Jan. 26 – Satur-
day- Delta Wires. High-energy harmo-
nium and horns blues band from the
Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area Fri
and Sat there will be an \$8-\$10 sur-
charge at the door to be applied to the
City of Orinda's Commercial Live
Entertainment Use Permit.
www.orindahouse.com Call for reser-
vations @ 925-258-4445

Handbell soloist Ruben Mendoza
appears in recital 4 pm Sun. Jan. 27 at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035
Carol Lane in Lafayette. The per-
formance will include original music
for handbells as well as arrangements
of hymns, folk and patriotic music,
and tunes from "Lord of the Rings"
and Disney's "The Hunchback of
Notre Dame." Free admission;
freewill offering collected.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR FAMILY
CELEBRATION**
Sun., Feb. 10 at 3 p.m., the Eng Fam-
ily and the Orinda Library present a
special event to celebrate the Lunar
New Year. The Murasaki Ensemble, a
Bay Area group that provides a mus-
ical experience of sounds unlike any
other with elements of traditional Far
Eastern music, Latin American
rhythms and improvisational jazz will
perform at the Orinda Library Audi-
torium. Free. It is appropriate for
families, although children under six
might find it long.

A Big Band Dance in Lafayette on
Friday, Feb 15th, New Veterans Me-
morial Building in Lafayette. Brush
up on or learn Ball Room Dancing
from 7- 8pm, then dance from 8-
10pm with the Rossmoor Big Band.
Students from Acalanes High and

Stanley will also be featured and stu-
dents from both schools are invited to
attend the dance. Tickets are \$10.00,
sold at the Lafayette Chamber of
Commerce office, located at 100
Lafayette Circle #103, Lafayette. Pur-
chase your tickets in advance, as this
event has sold out in the past. Space
is limited.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre pre-
sents "Moonlight and Magnolias" Feb.
9 – March 15, 2008 This story brings
audiences into the inside of the office
of legendary producer David O.
Selznick during the final moments
when he is transforming the best sell-
ing book, "Gone with the Wind", into
one of the most beloved movies of all
time. Contact the Town Hall Theatre
Company Box Office for exact dates
and times. Town Hall Theatre Com-
pany, 3535 School Street at Moraga
Road, Lafayette
925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org

ART

**Yea We Said It, And No We're Not
Sorry!"** Art Exhibition featuring
Artist Malik Senferu. Feb 1- Feb 29.
Opening Reception Friday Feb 1
5:30pm to 8:30 pm Free Refresh-
ments. Artist Malik Senferu says the
theme of this exhibit is a "calling of the
ages". Seneferu takes a "no holds
barred" approach to his art and a pow-
erful message during Black History
Month.

Joyce Gordon Gallery
406 14th Street, Oakland,
510-465-8928
jvbgg@sbcglobal.net
www.joycegordongallery.com

**New Moraga Art Gallery Show to run
through March 16**
The Moraga Art Gallery featuring the
work of jewelry designer Karen
Blum-Boateng, John Diestler, digital
photographer. Karen's funky elegant
designs combine the hippest jewelry
fashions with sophisticated style.

John teaches digital photography, dig-
ital art, multimedia and graphic de-
sign at Contra Costa College in San
Pablo. 570 Center St, Rheem Valley
Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs
in Moraga. The Gallery is open Tues-
day through Sunday, 12-5 pm.

Lafayette Gallery's new show, Ob-
jects of Affection is open through
March 1st and will be featuring works
from 22 artists. Join us for a festive
champagne reception on Fri, Feb 8
from 6:30- 8:30pm. Lafayette
Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, is open
Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to
5pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayette-
gallery.net

Artists/Teachers ART EXHIBIT -
Jan. 13th to Feb. 21st. 11 artists: Mar-
ianne Brown, Dorothy Cutright
Davis, Andrew Denman, Bonnie
Fitch, Marilyn Hajjar, Anne Marie
Glover, Pam Glover, Terry McBriarty,
Shirley Rencher Miller, Norm Nichol-
son and Catherine Watters. Mon
through Sat. 8 am to 7 pm - Sun. 12
noon to 5 pm. Orinda Library Gallery
24 Orinda Way Orinda

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

LITERATURE

Richard Schwartz, historian, story-
teller and author, will be the speaker
at the Jan. 31st meeting of the Moraga
Historical Society at 7:30 p.m. at the
Moraga Library. He will be speaking
on his latest book, "Eccentrics, He-
roes, and Cutthroats of Old Berkeley"
"Combining the research skills of a
careful historian with the flair of a
yarn-spinner, Richard Schwartz
brings early Berkeley alive..." Open
to the public. Free. Cookies and cof-
fee will be served. Call Nilda Rego at
925 377 8702

**Book Signing- Tuesday, Feb. 5, 4
PM. Vikram Chandra** will discuss
and sign copies of Sacred Games, just
out in paperback. Orinda Books, 276
Village Square, Orinda.
orindabooks@thegrid.net

Orinda Library Booksale will be
Thursday, Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1
p.m. It will include shelves of fine fic-
tion and nonfiction for adults, good
books for children from toddlers to
teen-agers, just-like-new books and
books for collectors. Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way, Orinda.

**Sandi Cummings, Contemporary
Fiber Artist,** "Thinking Outside the
Block"—Wednesday, Jan. 30—2:00
p.m. Sandi Cummings, quilt artist, au-
thor, and teacher will speak on
"Thinking Outside the Block", the
title of her newest book. This talk fea-
tures a look at the work of her con-
temporary quilt group, and also
includes slides and commentary on
her own work as a quilt artist. She will
include some of her reflections on
working in a series, sources of inspi-
ration, and the courage to experiment.

POLITICAL

The Lamorinda Democratic Club
presidential primary candidates' night.
Representatives from each of the eight
Democratic presidential campaigns
will present their candidates' posi-
tions. All in attendance will have the
opportunity to participate in a straw
poll at the end of the evening, as club
membership is not a requirement for
voting. Merchandise and/or literature
will be available from each candi-
date's representative, and attendees
can learn how to get involved in the
campaign of their choice.
Fri. Jan 25, 7:30pm general club
meeting, 8:00 PM Presidential cam-
paign representatives present their
candidates. Orinda Community
Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, \$5 for
admission.. Students free.
Call 925-210-7337 or go to www.lam-
orindademoclub.com for more infor-
mation.

OTHER EVENTS

**"Spirit of the Marathon" Viewing
and Premovie Run.** Join us for an
evening run and then a special view-
ing of the movie "Spirit of the
Marathon" Jan. 24th at 7:30 PM Cen-
tury Theatre 1201 Locust Street Wal-
nut Creek 6:15pm run 7:30pm
viewing. \$10

**Free workshop on advanced direc-
tives and estate planning.** Sunday,
Jan. 27th, Lafayette Christian
Church, 584 Glenside Dr., Lafayette.
The session will be preceded by a
lunch at 12:30. To make a reserva-

tion, call (925) 283-8304. Participants
may make a donation for the lunch.

**Spring Modern Bridal Faire,
Claremont Resort** Sunday Jan. 27th,
2008. Doors are open from 11:00am -
4:00pm. Fashion shows at 12:30pm
and 2:30pm

**Registration for the Feb. 7 CERT
training is open!**
The class will be held at Saint Mary's
College. To enroll, register online at
www.lamorindaCERT.org or call Ken
Tom at 925-376-0533.

**Comedy, Juggling, Magic and
More!** On Wednesday, Jan. 30th,
come see one of San Francisco's
finest entertainers. 1:30-2:15pm at
the Lafayette Community Center in
the Live Oak Room. Tickets are \$5
per person (under 1yr free) and will
be available at the door.

**Annual Crab Feed & Dance – Satur-
day, Feb. 2, 6 - 11 p.m.** Holy Trinity
Cultural Center, 1700 School St.,
Moraga. Great food and dancing,
with music provided by popular DJ.
Dinner & dance \$35 --
Dance only \$10.
For information / reservations, please
call 925-672-6799.

**Free Seminar on "Stress and your
Teenager"**. Mon, Feb. 4th, starting at
7pm, in the Campolindo library, 300
Moraga Rd., Moraga. Psychologist
Lisa Lewis will be addressing the
issue of stress and our teenagers both
from the psychological point of view
as well as the relational point of view.
Parents will take away what stress
looks like in teenagers and how it is
different from other behaviors/issues
that they might be demonstrating, as
well as how to best parent through the
stressful times.

**Sustainable Moraga General meet-
ing, Feb. 5, 7pm.**
Moraga Barn at the corner of Country
Club Drive and Viader. Speaker: "Bill
Roth, local author of "Crossing the
Energy Chasm" will talk on the eco-
nomics of implementing a sustainable
energy technology revolution that
will deliver lower pump prices,
achieve energy independence and
solve global warming, NOW!"

The Kiwanis of Moraga Valley will
hold their 8th Annual Crab Feed Feb
9. Featuring Silent Auction, Dinner &
Dancing. Price: \$45. Call Paul Ratto
for tickets at 925-899-9536. Pro-
ceeds go to local charities with em-
phasis on youth programs and
services.

**Moraga Movers Monthly Lunch-
eon,** Monday, Feb. 11 at noon, St.
Mary's College. Judge John Minney
will be the featured speaker. Visitors
are most welcome! Reservations are
necessary and can be made by call-
ing the office at 376-6622 by 5 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Men's Basketball Open Gym 7-
9pm at Joaquin Moraga School in
Moraga. \$5 per player/night. For
more information contact Gerald De
Venuta at 817-8429 or the Moraga
Parks and Recreation Dept at 925-
888-7045.

**"Peace through Art and Writing
Challenge."** The contest is open to
Contra Costa County high and middle
school students. The students are in-
vited to enter any of three categories:
Essay, Creative Writing, or Art. All
entries are evaluated by independent
judges. In keeping with the awarding
of the Nobel Peace Prize to an envi-
ronmentalism, former Vice President
Al Gore in 2007, the contest theme
this year is "How are environmental
issues related to peace?" Deadline
for submitting entries is Friday,

March 7, 2008. Mail of drop off to
the Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Cen-
ter, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek,
CA 94596. Cash prizes, ranging from
\$50 to \$500 depending on grade level
and achievement, will be awarded to
winners. The awards will be pre-
sented at a dinner on Saturday May
17th at 6:00 PM at the Walnut Creek
Unitarian Universalist Church, 55
Eckley Lan

Lapsit /Toddler Time Wed., Jan. 30
and Feb 6th. 10:30am Stories, songs
& action rhymes for young children
and their caregivers. For ages 6
months to 3 years with adult partici-
pation. Moraga Library

Quilting Fun for Kids—Thu., Jan. 3
1-4pm. Sandi Cummings, well
known Moraga fiber artist to work
with kids 4 and older to make a li-
brary quilt for the library and a quilt
square to take home using paper and
fabrics. Moraga Library Friends of
Brighter Beginnings Lunch & Lec-
ture – 11:30 a.m. Jan. 31. Speaker –
Anita Siegel, MPH, Deputy Director
Alameda County Health Department.
Resiliency Factors in Early Child-
hood - When the focus is on support-
ing families and children with a
strength-based model at the earliest
stages of life, then children even in
the most challenging of life's condi-

tions not only survive - but truly
thrive. Postino Restaurant, 3565 Mt.
Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. \$45. Mari-
ani Salmon, 925-299-1405 or
friends@brighter-beginnings.org.

**"Family and Friends" CPR, Tues-
day 1/29 ,10:00 AM – 1 PM** American
Medical Response instructors will
teach you and your loved ones the life-
saving skills of cardio-pulmonary re-
suscitation (CPR) and relief of chok-
ing, in accordance with the American
Heart Association Guidelines. You
should wear loose, comfortable cloth-
ing as you practice skills that require
sitting, bending and lifting. Once you
have completed the AHA course, you
will receive an AMR certificate and
completion card. Reserve your spot in
the course by calling 284-5546.
Lafayette Community Center

**Let's Face It – Women Explore
Aging Using "Let's Face It,"** a
video documentary produced by a
group of mature Berkeley women, as
the stepping stone of our workshop,
we will explore our feelings about
changes as we age and how we came
to these feelings? We welcome both
men and women to our event which
promises to have a profound impact
on all. Thurs. 2/7, 10:30 – Noon,
Lafayette Community Center

Saint Mary's College

Campus Happenings

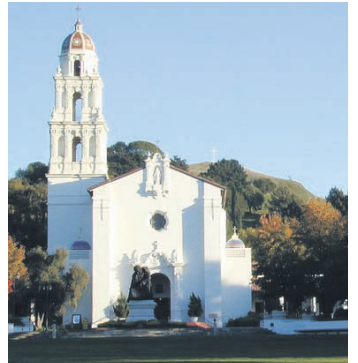


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www.kcyoungfineartimages.com

Lectures/Special

Events/Performances:

**40th Annual President's Open
House for Prospective Students**
Registration and campus tours
begin at noon in Filippi Hall with
opportunities throughout the after-
noon to meet faculty, students, ad-
ministrators and college alumni in
the Soda Activity Center.
Sunday, Jan. 27 at noon. For more
information, contact Paul Martin-
ucci in the Admission's Office at
(925) 631-4106. RSVP at
www.stmarys-ca.edu/openhouse.

"Fireworks"

Hailed as "the hottest classical
band in New York," Fireworks re-
defines the chamber music experi-
ence with its fusion of classical,
rock, jazz and world music tradi-
tions. These classically trained
musicians will take you on a
whirlwind tour of dance music
from Johann Strauss to Duke
Ellington, the Bee Gees, and
much more. Sponsored by The
Committee for Lectures, Art and
Music at Saint Mary's College.
Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.
Soda Activity Center. Tickets are
\$25 general; \$20 Seniors (over
65); \$12 Non-Saint Mary 's stu-
dents, SMC faculty and staff and;
\$2 Saint Mary 's students
For info, call (925) 631-4381

Author Kate Bornstein – "Gen- der Outlaw"

Kate Bornstein is an author, play-
wright and performance artist.
Her latest book, "Hello, Cruel

World: 101 Alternatives to Sui-
cide for Teens, Freaks and Other
Outlaws," was published in 2006.
Her other published works in-
clude, "Gender Outlaw: On Men,
Women and the Rest of Us," "My
Gender Workbook," and the
cyber-romance/action novel,
"Nearly Roadkill," with co-author
Caitlin Sullivan. Wed., Jan. 30
from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Soda Center
Contact: Jan. Term (925)631-
4771

Art Exhibitions:

**"Pinturas de Fe: The Retablo
Tradition in Mexico and New
Mexico"** Pilgrimage, procession,
and the creation of home altars
and shrines are ancient religious
practices that endure today in
many cultures around the world.
This exhibition tells the story of
one such tradition as it evolved in
the Americas from the time of the
Spanish Conquest to the present
day. Today, individual artists
faithfully carry on the tradition of
hand painted retablos, and con-
temporary artists from diverse
cultural backgrounds draw cre-
ative inspiration from this popular
art form. Exhibition runs through
April 6. 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

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 web-
site at http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-
events/events.html.

THE HEARST ART GALLERY

of Saint Mary's College presents
Exhibits & Events through April 6

Pinturas de Fe: The Retablo Tradition in Mexico and New Mexico



Images from the late 18th
century to the present,
on loan from museum
and private collections
including the Museum
of Spanish Colonial Art
and the Museum of
International Folk Art
in Santa Fe.

LECTURE, RECEPTION,
QUILT SHOW:
Fri, Feb. 29, 3 - 7 pm

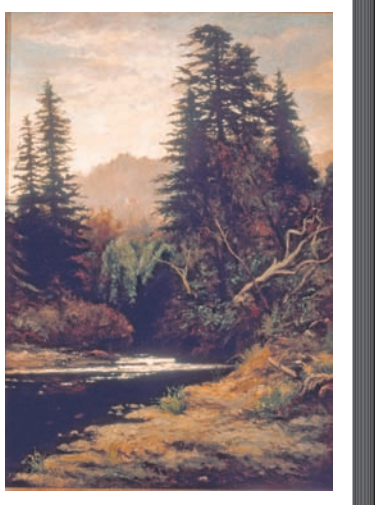
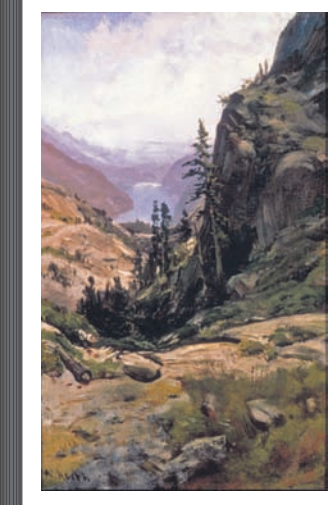
Quilt Show & Sale:
Los Hilos de la Vida
Latina quilts 3 – 5 pm.
Art Room 105

Lecture: 5 - 6 p.m.

Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College
Images of Mary – Sacred, Secular and Stylized
by Pamela Gasparovich Thomas, M.A.

Reception following 6 – 7 p.m.
Members & children under 12 free, \$5 general admission

New in the Keith Room: William Keith: the 1890s Paintings



Gallery Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 & under free; free parking
Exhibition Hours: Wednesdays - Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

<http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu>
925.631.4379

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