

Not to be missed

MUSIC-THEATER

Orinda Starlight Village Players presents "A Bedful of Foreigners," by David Freeman, Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th, & 27th. Orinda Community Center Outside Amphitheater, Orinda Community Center Park. Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 253-1191 or 253-3295 (after 7 pm).

Lafayette's Town Hall Theater's presents "The Graduate," Sept 13 – Oct 11. A hit on the West End and a popular show on Broadway, The Graduate brings the quintessential movie sensation of the sixties and one of the most popular films of all time to life on stage. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. Not for children under 12. 925-283-1557, www.thtc.org. Photos in Calendar images

Songbird Tonette Jeanine (aka T.J.), will be bringing her own unique style of R&B / Funk to Joe's of Lafayette on Friday, Sept 26th, 7pm-10pm Free, no cover charge 3707 Mt Diablo Blvd 925-299-8807 T.J. has a three octave range, and her voice is "as rich as it is powerful!" With her soulful and distinctive tones, she emotes passion in everything that she sings. www.tjeanine.com.

Onstage Theatre presents "Helen's Most Favorite Day" by Mark Dunn, Directed by Helen Means. Love at 'second sight' and a magic wish doom Helen to repeat the best day of her life ad infinitum, unless she can be rescued by those nearest and dearest to her. Sept 19-Oct 11, Ticket prices: \$15 general and \$12 students/ seniors. Reservations: (925) 944-9006. School House Culture Center, 2050 Oak Park Blvd corner of Pleasant Hill Rd in Pleasant Hill.

Youth Theatre Company is currently accepting registrations for its Mini Kids Theatre and Kids Theatre and will hold auditions for Junior Theatre and Teen Theatre Sept. 20 – 25. Junior Theatre runs from Oct. 7 – May 3 and includes productions of "Willy Wonka" and "The Wizard of Oz." Teen Theatre runs Oct. 7 – April 25 and features productions of "Once On This Island" and "Wicked." Call 925.943-5846 for audition appointment.

Piano Jazz Café at the Lafayette Community Center Friday 10/10-1:30pm – 2:30pm. The music varies from show tunes and jazz standards to original compositions. There is no charge but, a small donation would be appreciated. Light refreshments are offered. Located at 500 Saint Mary's Rd. RSVP (925)284-5050

ART

The Luck Of The Draw Artwork on display at Fastframe of Lafayette. Local elementary school children entered their artwork in a drawing coordinated by LASF, and the lucky winners received complimentary custom framing from Fastframe. The artwork will be displayed in Fastframe's window during the Art & Wine Sept 20-21and through mid-November. An opening reception for these young artists will be held on Sunday Oct. 5th from 1-4 p.m. Call Anthony at 283-7620 for more information.

New Moraga Art Gallery Show through October 26th—"Summer of Decision" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St., Rheem Valley Shopping Center/ next to Longs Drugs Moraga. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm, 925.376.5407.

Hand and I, the Daily Eye, the new exhibit at the Lafayette Gallery runs through October 4th. The exhibit educates and delights the viewer through a glimpse of the artistic process. Lafayette Gallery is a twenty- three member cooperative. Gallery artists work in a variety of mediums including printmaking, painting, collage, jewelry, ceramics, photography, watercolor and mixed

media techniques. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net

On Saturday, Sept. 27th Pacific Wildlife Galleries will host a reception



for Master Artist Carl Benders, an internationally known wildlife artist who paints with incredible detail and realism. He will be available for signing his new book "Pride of Place." 5pm-8pm. Also appearing at the reception will be a live red tail hawk and a live Eurasian Eagle Owl. The Gallery is located at 3420 Mr. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. 925-283-2977.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum -Vanishing Wildlife- Through November 16. Watercolor and mixed-media by Rita Sklar Vanishing Wildlife depicts American, European, Latin American and African wildlife. Critics describe her paintings as a mix of abstraction and realism, giving the paintings a feeling of movement and immediacy and praise them as capturing the subtle mood of the mystery of nature. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek. www.wildlifemuseum.org.

LECTURES & LITERATURE

Thursday, Sept 18 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., the Quake Cottage, a mobile earthquake simulator, will be available at Lafayette Library. The public is invited to feel the strength of Mother Nature! At 7:00pm, the Library will host a seminar on earthquakes. Following the presentation, winners will be chosen for a 270-piece START II emergency medical kit and an emergency survival backpack kit for 4 people for 3 days. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette 925-283-3872

Internationally renowned antiwar activist, Kathy Kelly, will tell a personal account of her many harrowing and moving experiences in Iraq before and during the war, while working and living among the Iraqi people. Kathy Kelly and Activist Poet David Smith-Ferri Saturday, Sept 27, 1:00 PM, Rossmoor, Sierra Room, Del Valle Bldg. For more information, contact Bob Hanson at 925-944-3366.

Wed., Sept. 24th, 7:30 p.m. Dennis Barker D.C. presents "Eat away the pain" discussion on how to eat to lose weight while relieving and preventing pain. Location: Curves Lafayette, 3534 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. Gifts/Discounts/Raffle. RSVP 925-962-0206. Seating limited.

Frances Moore Lappé: Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity, and Courage in a World Gone Mad. Tuesday, Sept 30, 7:00 PM. Frances Moore Lappé is a noted social change and democracy activist and the author of 16 books, including the three-million-copy bestseller, Diet for a Small Planet (originally published in 1971). Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek.

On Sept 23 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library invites audiences to a Fireside Chat about Berkeley Repertory Theatre's (BRT) new production, the world premiere of "Yellowjacket" by Berkeley native, Itamar Moses whose writing has been described as "cuttingly comic," and "brashly sophisticated." A trained BRT docent will offer insight into this new work, which takes place at Moses' alma mater, Berkeley High School. Free. Call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at cclib.org.

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Tuesday, Sept 30, at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library presents a Fireside Chat with Susan Handjian, Water Conservation Representative from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) about " Becoming a Mediterranean Gardner." She will also discuss the current drought situation and bring examples of plants to use in our warmer environment. Free. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at cclib.org.

Maximizing Your Memory-Tues 9/23 - 10:30am - Noon. A presenter from the Alzheimer's Association, will tell us how to tell the difference between normal memory loss and dementia. In an informative and interactive workshop setting, Maximizing Your Memory will cover tips and strategies for improving memory. Lafayette Senior Services, 500 Saint Mary's Rd. (925)284-5050

Kids and Teens

FREE Movie Night -Disney's RATA-TOUILLE -Saturday Sept 20th at 7:45pm. Willow Spring Church, 1689 School Street, Moraga 925.376.3550 for more info. Popcorn and sodas for a small donation.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND - Do you have a creative child? Does your child like the challenge of solving a problem where there is no wrong answer and "out of the box" thinking is rewarded? Come to the informational meeting held at the Moraga Library on Wednesday, Sept 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM to find out more about this international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

Come join "BLAST! Kids Club" held every Friday night from 6-8pm for Kindergarten through 5th grade. We provide a safe and caring environment where we play games, create awesome projects, and learn important lessons. Parents can take the night off and have a "date night" without hiring a babysitter. Free. Kids interact with students from all over: Camino Pablo, Burton Valley, Glorietta and Rheem Elementary. For more info call Zach Diestler Willow Spring Church, Moraga Children's Ministry. 925.631.1894

Kidz in the Kitchen is a fun & exciting way to introduce your kids to gourmet cooking & healthy meals. Classes for Ages 4-6 and Ages 7-12 See www.moraga.ca.us for fees, times, and registration.

Tuesdays, Sept 23 and 30, 4:00 p.m.—Crafty Storytime—Moraga Library. Stories and crafts for ages 3-7. A fun time for your youngsters.

Wednesdays, Sept 24 Moraga Library: Lapsit 10:00 am stories, songs and bounces for baby and caregiver. Toddler Time, 10:45 am stories, rhymes and fun for ages 2—3-1/2 with adult participation.

Thursday, Sept 25 at 4 p.m., the Orinda Library presents a Beading Workshop for Teens. Grades 6 to 12 are invited to come learn the basics of beading and will create their own necklace. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register online at www.cclib.org, at the Information Desk in the Orinda Library or by calling 925-254-2184.

To celebrate National Library Month, the Lafayette Library is asking you to come in and get your own library card during the month of Sept. When you do you may enter to win one free child's pass to Disneyland or one free adult pass to Disneyland. Children, to age 12, with existing library cards may enter to win a Disney Mickey Plush Doll for kids! (925) 283-3872 or go to cclib.org. The library—the other happiest place on earth!

Preschool Yard Sale-Sat, Oct. 4, 9am-2pm - Moraga Bright Beginnings 1689 School Street, Moraga, (near Moraga Way and Country Club Drive) Furniture, toys, clothes, books, DVDs, CDs, sports equipment, kitchen gadgets and much, much more.

OTHER

Free Fishing Day at San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area! Saturday September 27th. No Fishing License or Daily Permit Required! (Parking is \$6.50) San Pablo is open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and offers picnicking, kayak and boat rentals, bbq'ing a children's playground and a café. Pets are also welcome in the park on leash. 7301 San Pablo Dam Rd. in El Sobrante between Orinda and Richmond. (510)223-1661.

The 13th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival, featuring art, wine, beer, music, and shopping, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept 20 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept 21, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Lafayette. Free parking is available at the Lafayette BART station, Black Tie Transportation and our own Lamorinda Spirit will run a free event shuttle to and from the BART parking lots.

Sunday Tour of Homes-Orinda-view 6-8 homes in one afternoon. FREE! Next Tour Dates: Sept 21st at 1:00pm or October 7th at 1:00pm. www.SundayTourNow.com 800-414-4045 ID# 4073

Saint Mary's College 6th Annual Graduate Business Golf Tournament – Tuesday, 9/23/08... All Saint Mary's College alumni + guests are invited. 11:30am check-in, 1pm shotgun start - \$150/golfer which includes awards/networking dinner. Diablo Country Club. Please register at http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/mbagolf.

The Lafayette Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for Fall 2008. All local community organizations are encouraged to apply by Sept 30th. Award decisions will be announced in November. For details on how to apply for a grant, visit our website at www.lafayettecommunityfoundation.org or contact the Grants Committee at _lafayettecommunityfoundation@comcast.net attention Serita. LCF has given more than \$170,000 in grants since inception in late 1999; as well as raising over \$12.5 million toward the new Lafayette Library.

Widowed Persons Support will be offering a series of six GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. The next series of Grief Support Group Meetings will be on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. Sept 20, 27, Oct 4, 11. St. Stephen's Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. There is no charge and no reservation need. For information call: (925) 932-3448.

Bedford Gallery, a program of the City of Walnut Creek, offers many enriching volunteer opportunities. Through volunteering, you can take part in the behind-the-scenes activities of the gallery as you learn about contemporary art and artists of the Bay Area. Join us for Volunteer Recruitment Day on Monday, Sept 22, from 10:00 a.m. Visitors can stay for a free tour of the exhibition.

It's the world's hottest dance and Salsa dancing is fun, playful, healthy...and easy to learn. And on Monday nights, you can learn the art of Salsa Dancing at the Orinda Community Center! No partner required, no experience necessary! Sign up for a series, or just drop-in! Instructor: Tomaj Trenda, Mondays, Beg. Level: 7-8; Int. Level: 8-9. Drop-in: \$15/single or \$25/couple Orinda Community Center, 26 Orinda Way. No Need to Register, Just Come!

A GRIEF RECOVERY WORKSHOP for widows/widowers will be held Sept. 23-Dec. 2, 7-9 pm at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Brochures and more information are available y calling 925-283-9990, ext. 223.

10th Annual Moraga Pear Festival, Saturday, Sept 27th - 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Music, crafts, inflatables, pies, petting zoo. Moraga Commons Park.

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First Annual Orinda Restaurant Tour-Tuesday, Sept 30th - 5:00 to 8:30 pm. Food lovers will have the opportunity to join a fun, expeditionary culinary tour to savor and sample their way through Orinda restaurants. The cost of an individual ticket will be \$30 with EFO receiving \$10 from every ticket sold. www.orindachamber.org.

Sunday, Oct 5. "OktoberFest". From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us at our annual fund raiser at St. Perpetua in Lafayette for great food, traditional drinks, fun games for kids and adults alike and a silent auction of exceptional donated gift baskets. 3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette, CA 94549;925-283-0272 or www.stperpetua.org."

Mount Diablo Challenge-Sunday, October 5th. The Mount Diablo Challenge is a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$50.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No Day-Of registration.

"Communication Is The Key To Success" - Do you make contact, but not really connect? Are your relationships thriving or stagnant? How do you rate your personal and professional communication skills? This workshop can change your life. Learn how to become a skilled communicator and increase your business and enhance your relationships. Presented by Marian Woodard, business coach and partner in The Quantum Business. October 8, 5:30-7:30pm (light meal included), Orinda Library - Garden Room, \$10.00. Sponsored by: Women's Business Connection of Lamorinda. For more information call: 925.283.7546.

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Open House- Saturday, Oct 11, 2008, from 10am to 3pm located at Station 41 – 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga. There will be a "Jaws of Life" extrication demo, rope rescue demo, fire extinguisher training sessions, infant/child car seat inspections and installations, gas and electrical safety demos, and small animal CPR. Meet Smokey the Bear or play in the bouncy house. Each child will receive a free firefighter hat and other cool things to take home. Bring the oldest fire extinguisher you can find to the Open House, and you might win a brand new fire extinguisher and personal earthquake kit!

Pumpkin Patch will be held at Del Rey School, 25 El Camino Moraga in Orinda on Saturday October 11th from noon to 3pm. Top Dog will cater it and admission is \$8.50 per person, which includes all traditional activities such as Lucky Ducks, Dunk Tank, Big Card Spin, Pinewood Derby Ramp, Dangling

Donuts, and Fishing Hole. Enjoy two new Earth-conscious, hands-on activities this year: 50 foot long Solar Bags that float up to 50 feet in the air and a 6 foot canvas Earth Ball. There is face painting, temporary tattoos, used costume sales, pumpkin carving, a decorating contest and much more.

Las Trampas Celebrates 50 years- Thursday October 16 11am to 2pm The special event is open to the public and features an open house with tours of our campus, client art display, live music and refreshments and raffle prizes. Las Trampas is a non-profit organization dedicated since 1958 to enhancing the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. Las Trampas' campus (3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette). For more information, please call Bonnie Peacock at (925) 284-1462 ext. 239.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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Theater

Modern Dance Performance Sunday, Sept 21 at 2:00 pm. Robert Moses' Kin Dance Company whose repertoire is engaging and always executed with heart-pounding exuberance. Saint Mary's College, LeFevre Theatre, 1928 Saint Mary's Road in Moraga TICKETS: \$25 general; \$20 seniors (65+); \$12 non-Saint Mary's students, SMC faculty and staff; \$2 Saint Mary's College students. INFORMATION: 925.631.4381 or www.stmarys-ca.edu (click on "Arts").

Lectures

Wednesday, Sept 24, 7:30 pm- Dan White Dan White is a San Francisco-based journalist, author, freelance editor and writing lecturer. His work has appeared in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and Backpacker. White's first book, "The Cactus Eaters," is a chronicle of his harrowing attempt to through-hike the Pacific Crest Trail. Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga MFA Program (925) 631-4457.

Wednesday, Oct 1, 7:30 pm- Ashley Capps Ashley Capps was born and raised in North Carolina and received her

M.F.A. from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop. The author of "Mistaking the Sea for Green Fields," which won the 2005 Akron Poetry Prize, Capps has held fellowships from the Wisconsin Institute for Creative Writing and the Iowa Arts Council. Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga MFA Program (925) 631-4457.

Wednesday, Oct 8, at 8 p.m "The Making of the President 2008" An evening of lively commentary on politics and the historic 2008 presidential election with celebrated author, long-time political correspondent and syndicated columnist Richard Reeves.

Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga Committee for Lectures, Arts and Music (925) 631-4670.

Art Exhibits- LAST WEEKEND!

Forty-nine rarely seen oil paintings and thirty-eight pastels and drawings by Carl Sammons from a vast and extraordinary private collection will be featured in at the Hearst Art Galley of Saint Mary's College through Sept. 21. A talented and precise draftsman, Sammons painted a wide range of subjects, from the flowers and birds of Golden Gate Park to thundering ocean breakers to the rolling hills of the coastal ranges to the Southern California deserts.

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm 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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