tion of The Guard were protecting the

home front rather than serving abroad in

Iraq, the recent California wildfires

could have been more easily contained.

As head of the California National

Guard, General Wade offers a unique

perspective on the role of our reservist

force. 6 p.m. check-in, 6:30 p.m. pro-

gram. Cost: \$15 members and, \$30 non-

members Visit commonwealthclub.org

for more information or call 415-597-

Writin' On Empty: Parents Reveal the

Upside, Downside, and Everything In

Between When Children Leave the

Nest. Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 pm,

Lafayette Library. Hear authors Linda

Peterson, Taylor Cehn, Risa Nye, and

Julie Renalds reading from their tales

OTHER

Free Seminar-Pain Management by

Anne Randolph, Physical Therapist,

Thursday, Oct 16th, Aegis of Moraga,

6:30pm to 7:30pm. RSVP to: Candice

Las Trampas Celebrates 50 years-

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 develop-

mental disabilities. Las Trampas' cam-

pus (3460 Lana Lane, Lafayette). For

more information, please call Bonnie

Peacock at (925) 284-1462 ext. 239.

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rvice-to-the-Developmentally-

Widowed Persons Support group will

have a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 18, at

1 p.m. at Back Forty Texas B.B.Q., 100

Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost: \$16.

Reservation required by Thursday, Oct

14. Call Molly Runnion (925)283-1119

or Millie Weisberg (925)906-9483. Wid-

Town Hall Meeting with Congress-

man Keith Ellison (D - MN 5) Satur-

day, Oct. 18 at 11 am. Congressman

Ellison will address the current situa-

tions of war and peace around the world

and social and economic injustice in our

country, including the economy, credit

card interest rates and health care. Mt.

Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church,

55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Co-

Sponsors: Northern California Peace Al-

liance, Social Action Committee of Mt.

Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church,

Lamorinda Peace and Justice Group and

Open House-Hacienda de las Flores -

Sunday, Oct 19th from 2 to 5 p.m. 2100

Donald Drive in Moraga. This romantic

Spanish-style estate features a patio with

central fountain, large lawn and beauti-

fully landscaped gardens. Discover the

beautiful historical buildings and share

your views of what the Hacienda should

become to better serve the community.

Tours for all ages, Treasure Hunt for the

younger crowd, refreshments and infor-

mal discussion with the Foundation

The Peripheral Neuropathy Group

will meet on Friday, Oct. 24 10 to

11:30am in the Vista Room of the Hill-

side Clubhouse, Rossmoor. Dr. Steven

J. Holtz M.D. will be the guest speaker

and will give a presentation on his work

in peripheral neuropathy. It is estimated

that 20 million persons in the United

States are living with this condition.

members at 4:30 p.m.

Rossmoor Grandparents for Peace.

ows and widowers are invited.

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Thursday Oct. 16 11am to 2pm

Moses, 925-377-7900

6705 to make a reservation.

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Please submit events to:

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Oct 17 MAX PAYNE

with Mark Wahlberg

Oct 24

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Please give us your thoughts and ideas as we spruce up and refurbish our RHEEM THEATRE Email us at js@earthlink.net Jim Sheehan and Tom Peterson

MUSIC-THEATER

Lafayette Community Center will host portrayer of flamboyant Quentin Crisp. "The trouble with children is that they're not returnable." This is one of many pithy quotes of the late Quentin Crisp, an English writer, actor and raconteur, who will be portrayed by Richard James at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. The performance is sponsored by Emeritus College, a Diablo Valley College program. Tickets are \$15 (\$13 for Emeritus members). For reservations, visit www.dvc.edu/emeritus or call (925) 906-9105. The Community Center is at 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

On Friday, Oct. 24, Saul Williams and his live hand take over the Shattuck Downlow. Decked out in feathers, sporting faux fur, body paint and a Mohawk, Williams' high-intensity stage show is savage, eloquent and a force to be reckoned with. Tickets are \$20 in advance at www.inticketing.com or \$25 at the door. Doors are at 9pm and show at 10pm. 21+ w/ID. Shattuck Downlow 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Chevalier Restaurant Offers Live Music. Every Wednesday night, the recently opened French restaurant invites patrons to come an enjoy French/American jazz music by local group "Duo Gadjo" 7 to 10 p.m. 960 Moraga Road, Lafayette. www.chevalierrestaurant.com (925) 385-0793.

The Orinda House presentation "A Touch of Vegas" cabaret show brings a touch of glitz and glamour to Orinda on Oct. 24th & 31st. The 11-member cast of vocalists, dancers, and band members transcends the entire restaurant into a staged 1930's Cotton-Club era as performers entertain from one table to the next throughout the event. Reliving the tunes from the 1930's to today, the

- ~ When the mind is clear, stress is reduced
- ~ When the body is clear, confidence boosts
- ~ When the spirit is clear, joy is achieved
- ~ When all are clear **together**, miracles happen

Wholistic Arts Festival Sunday 10/19/08 10am - 6pm

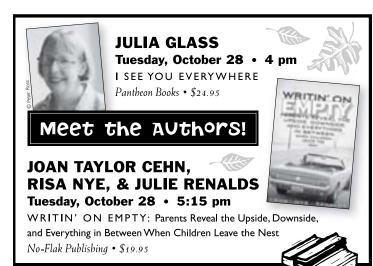
Pleasant Hill Community Center 320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

Alternative Practitioners - Bodyworkers Readers - Coaches - Labyrinth - Skin Products Spa Products - Jewelry - Books - Music

> General Admission \$7 \$2 discount through Website

www.WholisticArtsFestival.com

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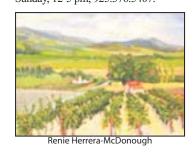


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ART

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"A Novel Idea," is the new show featured at the Lafayette Gallery through Oct. 25th. The four featured artists have incorporated references from both prose and poetry into their art. The Lafayette Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayettegallery.net.

Lindsay Wildlife Museum -Vanishing Wildlife- through Nov. 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.wildlife-museum.org.

Exhibit: Balancing Perspectives East Asian Influences in Contemporary Art. Nov. 1 - 22. Presented in association with the de Young Museum College Advisory Committee. The exhibit will be featuring works by renowned contemporary Bay Area artists like William T. Wiley, Ming Ren and Gigi Janchang. Complementing the de Young exhibit, the works will be in a variety of media and reflect East Asian artistic and philosophical influences and stylistic techniques. Free. JFK University Arts & Consciousness Gallery, 2956 San Pablo Avenue, 2nd Floor, Berkeley.(enter at Ashby Ave.) For more information call 510-649-0499, or visit www.jfku.edu/asian

gram, "Lamorinda Reads!" See story page 5

Finding Gifted Children: Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom-Book Signing After the Free Event -Open to the Public- presented by Saklan Valley School and its Parent Association. James T. Webb, Ph.D., ABPP-CL, has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on of five books and several DVDs about gifted children, four of which have won 23rd 7pm - 9pm. Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette. Please RSVP at www.saklan.org, or call at 925-376-7900

Oct. 23 at 7:30pm, Kathleen McCleary will discuss her bestselling book, House and Home, at the Lafayette Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. 20% of the proceeds go to the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For more information, call (925) 283-3872 or go to lafayettelib.com.

Book readings: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 4pm Julia Glass will sign copies of her new novel I See You Everywhere. 5:15 pm, Joan Taylor Cehn, Risa Nye, and Julie Renalds will read from Writin' on



Not to be missed Empty: Parents Reveal the Upside

"Touch of Vegas" musical creates an unforgettable dining experience. The Downside and Everything in Between Orinda House, 65 Moraga Way, Orinda. When Children Leave the Nest. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. 925/254-7606.

Moraga Art Gallery Show through Oct. 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

LECTURES & LITERATURE

On Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, the Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda Libraries launch the second-annual Three Communities, One Book pro-

gifted education and he is the lead author "Best Book" awards. Thursday, Oct.

Most common symptoms are pain, tingling, burning or numbness of feet, and/or hands extending up legs or arms. The meeting is open to all persons interested. There is no cost to attend. For questions of any kind please contact Nancy Ostrander at 930-9524 or Carolyn Cash at 254-8195 **Emergency Preparedness: Victims** Wanted! CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is calling on the Lamorinda community to come and be rescued on Saturday Oct. 25th, during the 3-city drill that will be conducted by the CERT team in conjunction with the fire and police departments. You will need to meet at 7 am at the Moraga

Saint Mary's College **Campus Happenings**

The Role of the California National **Guard:** Protecting the U.S. at Home or Abroad? Thursday, Oct 16th, Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd, Lafayette. Critics say that if a larger por-

Photo by Ken C. Young, Moraga: www.kcyoungfineartimages.com

Open House

BA in Leadership and Organizational Studies for working adults. Hybrid online format.

Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 - 8:30pm and Saturday, November 1, 10-noon. Soda Center on campus.

Seminars

Distinguished Speaker Series: Sat. October 25-Dr. Danny Brassell Teacher educator, author consultant. "Weapons of Mass Instruction: Lessons Learned from the Teaching Trenches!" Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. \$60/session. To register, contact: Lydia Wiley, (925) 631-8124

Creative Writing Reading Series

Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Brenda Miller's book, "Season of the Body: Essays," was a finalist for the PEN American Center Book Award. She has received four Pushcart Prizes for her work in creative nonfiction, and her essays have appeared in such periodicals as The Georgia Review, Prairie Schooner, Fourth Genre, The Sun and Yoga Journal.

Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga Contact: MFA Program (925) 631-4457

"Abundance" -- a Play by Beth Henley. Directed by Rebecca Engle, the play is a quirky comedy about mail-order brides, by the Pulitzer-winning author of "Crimes of the Heart." Thurs-Sun, Nov. 13-22, 8 pm and Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m. LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

Tickets: \$8 for SMC faculty, staff and students. \$12 for non-SMC students. \$15 general admission. Performing Arts (925) 631-4670

Art Exhibits

The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection. Oct. 12 - Dec. 14 Paintings by more than sixty artists represent a broad range of styles and subject matter, including cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits, and interiors. The exhibition is comprised of three main groupings: Dutch Romanticism, The Hague School and Dutch Impressionism. Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed -Sun, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 925.631.4379, www.hearstartgallery.org.



Van de Velden

Picture courtesy of Hearst Gallery

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.stmarysca.edu/news-and-events/events.html.

Commons Park. Some CERT volunteers have been trained in pet rescue, so bring your four-legged friend if you have one. Please register ahead of time so the team can prepare enough lunches for all the volunteers. Call Chuck Treat @ 631-0859.

Chaparral Spring Hike Saturday Oct 25, 9am. Meet at MP 14: Three Springs Entry, 10030 Marsh Creek Rd. 2.2 miles east of Regency Dr. in Clayton. Join Burt Bassler, Save Mount Diablo Board Member, for a hike on a new trail that the East Bay Trail Dogs built at SMD's sensually beautiful Chaparral Spring property. The property is not open to the public so this is a special opportunity. Moderate hike, approx. 2-3 hours, heavy rain cancels. RSVP to Save Mount Diablo at 925 947-3535 or smdinfo@savemountdiablo.org

Japanese Maple Pruning Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 1st from 10-12. The cost for this class is \$15 per person. Please call or email to reserve your seat. Mc-Donnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda, 925-254-3713 or info@mcdonnellnursery.com.

Trail Adventure Sunday Nov 2nd. The Mount Diablo Trail Adventure offers a Half-Marathon, 10K Run, and Family Hike beginning at Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek, climbing the fire roads up the slopes of Mount Diablo and finishing at Castle Rock. The event includes pre and post race entertainment by a live band and lunch for all participants. Registration for all events is \$35. After Oct. 22 the fee increases to \$40 for all events. Day of registrations open at 7 am all events start at 9 am.

Home Composting for Busy People workshop on the Saturday, Nov 8th from 1-2:30. If you are interested in attending, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you rsvp with the Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority at 925-906-1806. Mc-Donnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda, 925-254-3713

The 5th Annual St. Perpetua Wine **Festival** is Sat., Nov. 8, 6:30 - 10:30PM at the War Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. This is a wonderful event to attend with friends and taste some hard to find wines. The event will include an extensive selection of wines to taste, learn about and buy; thanks to Wine Thieves, local Lafayette Wine Merchants. There will be a professional three-piece jazz band along with a delicious catered buffet dinner. Tickets are \$55 each and include the wine tasting, entertainment and delicious food. You can purchase tickets on-line at www.stperpetua.org Call St. Perpetua School for more information 925-284-1640.

CARE Parent Network- a workshop for parents of children with special needs in Contra Costa SELPA, which includes the Acalanes, Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda school districts - Saturday, Nov 8 from 9 am - 3 pm. The 'Parent Academy' is a wonderful opportunity for parents to attend up to four workshop sessions presented by an outstanding group of educators on some of the most

requested topics in special education. Marchus School, 2900 Avon Avenue, Concord. Contra Costa SELPA parents: \$25, other parents: \$35, Other professionals: \$50. Deadline to register is Oct. 31. Pre-registration is required. Questions? Call Cathy Nicoll, SELPA Coordinator at 925-827-0949 x13 Visit our

www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/selpa/ccselpa.htm

Volunteers Needed: Tax-Aide Counselors, Computer Techies, and Greeters. Help low to moderate-income tax-payers of all ages - focusing on those over age 60. Provide free tax return preparation and electronic filing service. To learn about the non-profit all-volunteer program, attend a half-day orientation meeting in Nov. . (Orientation not required to volunteer) Classes to become IRS Certified Counselor in January 2009. You will learn much more about helping people through Tax-Aide when you call LaVerne Gordon, District Coordinator, at 925/335-8749 or 925/256-6807 or email laverneg1@juno.com,

HALLOWEEN

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Pumpkin Patch- 20 Washington Lane, Orinda, Saturday, Oct. 18th from 11am-3pm. Bring your child to Sleep Hollow School for games, food and fun at our annual fund raising carnival.

Orinda Glorietta School's Annual Halloween Funfest- 15 Martha Rd, Orinda Saturday, Oct. 18th from 10am-3pm. Spooktacular fun for the whole family: freaky fun carnival games; haunted obstacle Course, Black cat cakewalk, giant slike, pumpkin decorating and lots of prizes.

The Moraga Juniors annual Halloween Carnival will take place on Sunday Oct. 26, , from 10-2 at Camplindo High School at 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. It is a fun and fanciful event perfect for children ages 2 to 8 years, and attracts over 500 children each year. Participants will be able to choose a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, enjoy carnival games with prizes for all and a festive art center with trick or treat bags and face painting. Admission is \$3 per child, plus a small charge for game tickets and food. All children are encouraged to come in costume.

Halloween masquerade ball Friday, Oct. 24th with live music, dancing, cash bar and a special planetarium show experience. The kids can trick or treat at Chabot on Saturday, Oct. 25 in their costumes and have a family fun day. Call the Box Office at 510-336-7373 to register. Box Office (510) 336-7373, Online tickets www.chabotspace.org

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