

# Not to be missed

## MUSIC-THEATER

Lafayette's Town Hall Theater's presents Miracle on 34th Street. Nov. 22nd - Dec. 28th. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for exact dates and times. 925-283-1557 www.thtc.org

The resonant tones of the Sonos Handbell Quartet team up with the dynamic voices of the San Francisco Choral Artists for the perfect concert to welcome the holiday season at 8pm on Sat., Dec. 6 at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. Suggested Donation: \$25 general; \$20 seniors (65+); \$12 Saint Mary's College faculty, staff and non-SMC students; \$2 SMC students. Call 925.631.4381 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu for reservations.



Celebrating its 43rd year, WomenSing presents a holiday program, "O Holy Night," with a galaxy of choral selections. Led by Artistic Director Martin Benvenuto, and accompanied by Paul Caccamo, WomenSing is a 50-member auditioned chorus, based in Orinda. Wednesday, Dec. 10th at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, at 8pm. For ticket information go to www.womensing.org, or call 925-974-9169. Tickets: \$20 General, \$25 Premium, \$18 Senior, \$10 Student.

Capa Holiday Nutcracker- Fri., Dec 12th - 7pm, Sat., Dec 13th - 2pm & 7pm and Sun. Dec. 14th - 2pm. Tickets: www.capadance.net or 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.



Erika Henningsen as the Velveteen Rabbit and Kathryn G. McCarty as the Skin Horse in the Galatean Players Ensemble Theatre 14th Year Anniversary production of the popular children's musical Whiskers! (an adaptation of Margery Williams' classic "The Velveteen Rabbit") by Caroline Altman playing at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek, Dec. 13-20. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW(7469).

## ART

A Holiday Art Walk will take place Dec. 6th in downtown Lafayette, 10am-6pm. Residents and visitors will take a walking tour of the downtown area visiting businesses who are hosting individual artists. This entrée to the holiday season allows shoppers to find unique artwork by local artists as well as to become acquainted with Lafayette's diverse business community. Sponsored by the Lamorinda Art Alliance and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show, "Celebrate" - through January 4th. The Gallery is doubly featuring the work of 2 artists: Terri Durkovic, a jewelry designer following a life-long passion for creating wearable art. She is constantly collecting semi precious stones, pearls, shells, wood beads and precious metals to include in her designs. Natalia Udaltsova is a painter and artist who loves life and people, and this is reflected in her paintings. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St., Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs Moraga. Open Tuesday through Sun., 12-5 pm, 925.376.5407.

The Lafayette Gallery is celebrating the holidays with "Lightly Seasoned:"



Fine Art with a Dash of Holiday Spirit." Through Dec 24th. The gallery member artists are displaying original fine art, paintings, prints, watercolors, photography, jewelry and ceramics. Art is a perfect gift for the holiday season that can be cherished for many a season to come. Gallery Hours: 11-5 pm Tue. - Sat., 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. 925-284-2788.

DVC Holiday Art Sale: Pottery, Jewelry, Prints and Photography by DVC faculty and students DEC 8-11th 9 am - 7 pm 321 Golf Club Road Pleasant Hill in the Trophy Room next to the Cafeteria \$2 Parking Fee. For Info Call 925 685-1230 x 2226.

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## LECTURES & LITERATURE

On Thu., Nov. 13 at 7:30 pm, the Friends of the Lafayette Library invite you to an evening that celebrates the entering of new stages of life. Whether you're about to turn 40 or your child is going off to college, there are emotions and experiences involved in both that will make you laugh and maybe cry. "Knowing Pains: Women on Love, Sex and Work in Our 40s" and "Writin' on Empty: Parents Reveal the Upside, Downside, and Everything In Between When Children Leave the Nest." Both books will be available for sale. All net proceeds will be donated to breast cancer education, research and access to care. Coffee and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 925 283-3872 or go to lafayettelib.com or cclib.org.

Book Signings at Orinda Books Thu., Nov 13th at 2 pm, Willma Gore will discuss and sign copies of her book Long Distance Grand-Parenting: Connecting With Your Grandchildren from Afar. Sat., Nov 15th at 3 pm Local author, Sherry Matthews, will read her story from A Cup of Comfort for Families Touched by Alzheimer's: Inspirational Stories of Unconditional Love and Support. Sat., Nov 22nd at 3 pm, Elizabeth Stow Ellison will discuss and sign copies of Flight, a novel for young readers with an Orinda setting. Orinda Books. 276 Village Sq, Orinda, (925) 254-7606.

Discover Africa through the Stories of Peace Corps Volunteers -Mon., Nov 17th at 7pm at the Lafayette Library when returning Peace Corps volunteers will share stories of life as a teacher, health worker, business advisor, environmental educator or community development worker in Africa. Free. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library. For more information, please call (925) 283-3872 or go to cclib.org. Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, Lafayette.

Science and Religion group meets Mon., Nov. 17 at 7:15 pm in the Davies Room at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Using the book God of Hope and the End of the World by physicist and theologian, John Polkinghorne., Ed Schoenberger will discuss the second chapter, Insights from Natural Science and the third chapter Human Intuition and Experience. Guests are welcome. Questions? E-mail edschoenberger@1964.usna.com.

Ron Shoop, a local representative from Random House Publishing, returns to the Orinda Library to host "Book Club Forum 2008" on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 6:30 - 8 pm Mr. Shoop will recommend new titles for book lovers and book clubs, and make holiday gift suggestions for people who love to read. The event is free and will take place beside the fireplace in the Orinda Library located at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, please call (925) 254-2184 or visit the library website at cclib.org.

Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 pm Speakers: Bonnie Gisel and Stephen Joseph. Orinda Public Library, 24 Orinda Way in Orinda. East Bay California Native Plant Society membership meetings are free of charge and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Please contact Sue Rosenthal, 510-496-6016 or rosacalifornia@earthlink.net, if you have any questions.

Exploring Your Sensual Self After the Age of 50, Thu. Nov 20th, 1:30 - 3pm, Lafayette Senior Services, Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd. Eileen Zagelow, Geriatric Care Manager, Eldercare Services, will help us explore some of the facts and myths of the aging process and the influence it has on our physical and psychological selves, how our life experiences affect our sensual natures, and how we can overcome societal barriers to gain the confidence to be more expressive sensually. RSVP (925)284-5050 to reserve a spot a minimum \$1 donation at the door would be appreciated to help us sustain our programs.

Holiday Book Sale - Thu. Dec. 4 - 10 am to 1 pm Friends of Orinda Library Book Sale includes just-like-new books and collector's books ideal for holiday gifts as well as a wide range of good adult books and books for children from toddlers to teen-agers. Sorting room and Bookshop will both be open during the sale; Bookshop will be open until 6 pm Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda (925) 254-1358.

## CHARITY BOUTIQUES

Timeless Traditional Tea & Holiday Boutique at the Lafayette United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 955 Moraga Blvd., Lafayette. Sat., Nov 15. Boutique from 10 am - 6 pm with an in-

formal tea cafe. Boutique features many handcrafted items at reasonable prices, perfect for Holiday gifts. Outside vendors also participating. Three seatings for the Multi-course Traditional Tea at 12 noon, 2 pm & 4 pm \$20 each, two for \$35, or table for eight for \$130 - Traditional Tea Requires RESERVATIONS - call 925-284-7857.

Shop the Lafayette Juniors Rummage Sale on Sun., Nov. 16th from 7am - 3pm at the Lafayette Community Center. Proceeds benefit programs that serve local children and families in need.

St. Mary's College Women's Guild sponsoring a boutique fund raiser TRINKETS AND TREASURES at the SMC Soda Center. PRESALE will be on Nov. 19, Wednesday, from 4 to 7 pm The Boutique will continue from 10 am to 3 pm on Nov. 20th, Thu. Proceeds will go to SMC Scholarship Fund. For further information call 925-376-4339.

## OTHER

Rheem Green movie night on Thu., Nov 13th "Dead in the Water" Around the world, one in four people doesn't have access to clean drinking water. Some large international corporations view this crisis as a business opportunity, attempting to deliver clean water, while also privatizing what many consider a public resource. Award-winning documentary filmmaker Neil Docherty investigates this controversial trend by looking at recent developments in Argentina, South Africa, Bolivia and California. For \$14 (online) you can enjoy wine tasting and appetizers starting at 6pm, followed by the movie at 7pm.

Lamorinda Mom's Club 11th Annual Preschool Fair Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette Thu., Nov. 13, 2008 6:30 - 9 pm The Lamorinda Mom's Club (LMC)'s 11th Annual Preschool Fair will be held on Thu., Nov. 13 from 6:30-9 pm at the Oakwood Athletic Club in Lafayette. Representatives from over 30 local preschools will be present to share their programs and philosophies with the public. This is a wonderful time-saving event for parents to gather preschool information at one time and in one spot. This event is free and open to the public.

Wine Tasting 101 - Winning Wines for the Holiday Table-Fri., Nov 14th 6:30 to 9pm- Lafayette Community Center- Register at www.lafayetterec.org.

On Sat., Nov. 15th, the Moraga branch of the Union Bank of California invites families to come to the branch and get their children fingerprinted by the Moraga Police for free. Residents are invited to come in and talk to Moraga Police Officers and Fire Fighters about protecting their children, and keeping our community safe. The bank will donate \$1000 to schools with 70% of their students who come in for the free Fingerprinting between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm from the following schools: Los Perales, Rheem School and Camino Pablo.

## THE CYCLE RECYCLE.



Again this year, Bobbie and Tom Preston will be doing the "Cycle Recycle, collecting repairable bikes for refurbishing by the inmates at Marsh Canyon Detention Facility. The repaired bikes will be given at Christmas to underprivileged children throughout the county-Most needed are tricycles and junior bikes. Not only do the kids get the gift of a bike, the inmates learn the marketable skill of bicycle repair. New and/or used, repairable bikes may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home from now through the month of only: 1307 Larch Avenue, Moraga. (No need to contact the Prestons before leaving a bike, unless you need more information). For more information call 376-8474.

The Moraga Women's Society and Hospice are having a "Fancy Us" Fashion Show and Luncheon on Nov. 17, at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street in Moraga, 10am - 1pm. Fashions are from the Hospice Boutique, and will be modeled by the Hospice volunteers. Tickets are \$25. Call Louise Barr 284-7465.

Please join the town of Moraga and the Moraga Chamber of Commerce at the annual Moraga State of the Town Address on Wednesday, Nov 19th at 7pm at the Rheem Theatre. There will be complimentary wines donated by Tim Argenti of Allied Waste and finger foods provided by our local restaurant

# Saint Mary's College

## Campus Happenings



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## Seminars

Distinguished Speaker Series Sat, Nov. 22nd: Erin Gruwell, exemplary teacher, actress, author Freedom Writer's Diary! (based on the award-winning film and book) Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. \$60/session. To register, contact: Lydia Wiley, (925) 631-8124.

## Theater

"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 p.m. and Sunday, 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.

## Music

Annual Musical Celebration for Christmas featuring the San Francisco Choral Artists and Sonos Handbell Quartet. Saturday, Dec. 6th, at 8pm., Saint Mary's College Chapel.

The resonant tones of the Sonos Handbell Quartet team up with the dynamic voices of the San Francisco Choral Artists to welcome the holiday season.

## Art Exhibits



The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection - through 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. Curator-led Public Tours: Sunday, Nov. 16, 2 pm and Tuesday, Nov. 18, 12:15 pm. Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed-Sun, 11 am - 4:30 pm, 925.631.4379, www.hearstartgallery.org.

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.

owners from Terzetto Cuisine. Please come meet your local elected officials and network with community residents and neighbors! The Chamber will announce this year's business person of the year, and the Town Council will have a succinct power point presentation on key Town activities

On Nov. 18th the Orinda Woman's Club will host its annual Festival of Trees luncheon, raffle, and fashion show. Women's Fashion by Helen Lyall of Vallejo; Men's Fashions by Jos A Bank Clothiers of Lafayette Mercantile; Hair and Makeup by Suzanne & company of Pleasant Hill. The doors open at 10:30 AM for raffle preview and cocktails, 11:45 AM is the luncheon and the fashion show. Tickets are \$85.00 per person. Please call (925) 963-6356 for reservations. Proceeds benefit local charities. Blackhawk Museum at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville.

The 29th Annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held on Fri., Nov. 21, from 7:30am - 9am at Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Breakfast will be graciously provided by Susan Foord Catering. Music will be performed by Qued Up, an a capella quintet. This event is our way of bringing the community together before we all get too busy with the holidays. Guest speaker- Mayor, Mike Anderson. For reservations call the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at 925-284-7404 or see www.lafayettechamber.org. Cost is \$15 per person.

Season of Light 2008, a holiday celebration at Rheem and Moraga Shopping Centers, sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, will take place Sat., Dec 6th 11am-2pm. Start your holiday shopping and enjoy free entertainment, music, children's crafts and some special promotions.

Hospice of the East Bay's 22nd annual Tree of Lights. Each light on every tree is symbolic of a life and will shine in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Please join any of the commemorative ceremonies to enjoy music, poetry, talks by local dignitaries and the special moment when the tree lights up.

Orinda: Sat., Dec. 6, 4:30 pm Orinda Village by Bank of America.

Lafayette: Sun., Dec. 7, 5:30 pm Corner of Mt. Diablo and Lafayette Circle East

Moraga: Sun., Dec. 7, 5:30 pm Moraga Commons

Proceeds from Tree of Lights ceremonies benefit the patients and families in the care of Hospice of the East Bay. A suggested donation of \$20 per light can be made by sending a tax-deductible check to Hospice Foundation of the East Bay at 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Please note which tree you choose to buy a light for, and the name of the person being remembered or honored. To learn more, or to make a donation of time or money, please contact (925) 887-5678, or visit www.hospiceeastbay.org.

FREE Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Recycling Event Sat., Dec. 6th from 9am-1pm Diablo Valley College, Overflow Parking Lot 7, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill Electronic Waste Management, (866) 335-3373, http://www.NoEwaste.com/

## CLUBS / MEETINGS

Women's Business Connection of Lamorinda is a dynamic leads group that inspires their members to grow their businesses through networking, referrals and education. Meetings: Fri., 7:15am-8:45am at Il Fornaio in Walnut Creek. Visitors welcome. For more info call: 925- 210-9296 or www.wbclamorinda.com .

Goal Achievers Toastmasters Club #5339, meets at Round Table Pizza, 3637 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549, Mon.s, 7:30 - 9pm. We are a nonprofit educational organization offering opportunities to develop communications and leadership skills. Visitors are welcome free of charge.

The Moraga Lions Club, a member of Lions International. It is the largest community service club, located in over 178 countries. We are seeking volunteers to participate and assist the blind and do local community service. Call the Moraga Lions Club 376-2538.

Diablo Star Chapter #214, Order of the Eastern Star. Eastern Star is a social order comprised of both women and men. The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, and Fraternal. Meetings are held on the 2nd Mon. of each month at 7:30 pm, Orinda Masonic Center, 9 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. For membership information please contact Karen Seaborn at (925) 689-0995.

Job's Daughter's International - Bethel No. 218 Orinda This organization is for young ladies (min 10yrs old). The girls develop confidence, good character, life-long friendships, moral and spiritual values, and leadership abilities. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mon. of each month at 7 pm at the Orinda Masonic Center located at 9 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. Contact Nicki Wandersforde, Bethel Guardian at (925) 283-7176 or email nickichef@comcast.net.

Lamorinda Republican Women meet the third Thu. of each month at the Metro Restaurant in Lafayette at 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The meeting begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon and speaker at 12:30. Lunch cost is \$22 and for reservations please call 925-254-8617.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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