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Walnut Creek. The course is challenging and offers steep climbs, descents and creek crossings. Website: www.savemountdiablo.org for more information or to register.

Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center annual Open House Celebration, 60 Don Gabriel Way, Orinda, Sunday, June 28: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. See riding demonstrations, meet our horses, and join us for hot dogs and lemonade. Student demonstrations will be held at 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30. Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides horseback riding lessons to children with mental and physical disabilities in a safe and secure environment. For more information: www.xenophontrc.org.

Saturday, July 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. drop by the Peace Corps Information Table at the Orinda Farmers' Market. Meet a recruiter and pick up information about serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in one of 76 countries. For more information: 510.452.8444 or www.peacecorps.gov.

Save Mount Diablo Hike for experienced hikers only Saturday, July 18, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Mt. Olympia is one of the park's prime destinations, a rugged outcrop with fantastic views of dizzying canyons. There are many things to attract your attention on the way - wildflowers well into summer, grotesquely eroded rock formations reminiscent of the American Southwest, the sequence of gradually expanding views. Approximately 9 miles, with a 2500 foot elevation gain. Co-sponsored by MDIA. Rain cancels. Bring: Trekking poles, fluids, lunch/snack, layers, sunscreen. Fee: None. Leader: Helene Crowley, (415) 974-2209, or crowh_8558@yahoo.com. Meet: 9 am at the end of Regency Dr. off Marsh Creek Rd, Clayton.

Rose Care workshop, Saturday, July 11, 10:00am McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way in Orinda. Please call 925-254-3713 or email info@mcdonnellnursery.com to reserve a seat.

2009 Rides to Defeat ALS with Matt Chaney-Central Coast Century (July 18, 2009) and the Napa Ride to Defeat ALS (September 19, 2009). You are cordially invited to join us at either

ride for a fun filled day of cycling, scenery, food and drink and an overall "Feel Good" day! To become a Hot Dawg team member or to just donate please email mdchaney2@comcast.net. ALSA is the only national organization that devotes 100% of its effort and resources to ALS research AND patient and family services.

Host Families Needed For Foreign Exchange Students. The Center for Cultural Interchange (CCI) invites you and your family to become a volunteer host family for a foreign exchange student. CCI provides over 1000 exchange students annually, the rare opportunity to live with American families across the U.S., from few weeks in the summer, up to a 10 month Academic High School year. Students are currently being placed for summer and the fall academic year. Students come with spending money, health insurance and the desire to participate in our American culture! Contact Laurie Dunn, Area Representative, for more information: 925-788-8566.

Salsa Dance classes in Orinda. No partner required, and no experience necessary. Drop-in, or take a series. Orinda - Mondays. Beginning 7:00-8:30, Intermediate 8:00-9:30 7-week series: June 15 - July 27. \$80 single, \$145 couple (non-resident \$88/single, \$160/couple) Drop-in: \$15, Orinda Community Center, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. To register, or for more information, call 415-505-3536 or 925-254-2445. Get a FREE class coupon at: www.SalsawithTomaj.com.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Love Your Enemies: Transforming Us vs. Them Thinking on Monday, June 29, 7:00 PM at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Speaker: Father Louis Vitale, a recent Peace Award Winner of Pax Christi and a retired Air Force Officer who served in the Korean War. Cost: \$15 general, \$5 students with current ID. Also please bring donations of non-perishable food items or large size disposable diapers for Monument Crisis Center will be accepted. Co-sponsors: The Social Action Committee of the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church. Wheel chair accessible

INDEPENDENCE DAY



4th of July in Moraga:

7:00 a.m. - Late registration Fun Run- runners meet at the Montessori School in the Moraga Center.
8:00 - 10:00* AM Pancake Breakfast \$5 (*or when food runs out! Hosted by MYIC)
8:00 a.m. - Kiddies' Runs - Free pancake breakfast for all 5 mile and 2 mile runners.
8:30 a.m. - 5 mile run and 2 mile run/walk
9:00 a.m. - Dog parade
9:00 a.m.- 1 p.m. - Car show
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Jumpies
10:30 a.m. - Kids' bike parade
11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - Old-fashion games for youth
11:00 a.m. -9 p.m. - Food booth open
6:45 p.m. - Amanda McDowell sings the National Anthem
6:50 p.m. - Mayor's welcome
7:00-9:30 p.m. - Music by Larry Lynch and the Mob;
9:30 pm - fireworks

4th of July in Orinda:

7:00-10:00 am, Pancake Breakfast, Orinda Community Center.
8:00 am-9:00 am, 5k Fun Run & Haley's Run For a Reason, starts in front of Community Center.
10:00 am, National Anthem
10:00-11:30 am, Orinda Parade
11:30 am-1:30 pm, Park Activities, food, music, games, Mini Classic Car Show
12:30 pm preview the 2009 Orinda Idol Finalists at the bandstand.

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EFO Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Submitted by Catherine Soso

Please join the many citizens who are involved with and support the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO), as we honor its 30 years of dedication to education with our "Pearls of Wisdom" Benefit Celebration on Aug. 29 at the Orinda Country Club Pool. The kids will be back in school earlier in the week, so plan to gather for an ultimate Back-to-School-Night! No-host cocktails, buffet dinner, a couple of games and dancing to the 13-piece Bob Claire Orchestra will make for one hot August night! Enjoy an evening amongst friends, who make a difference for our children, and perhaps come away from the event with some new ones.

Event Details:
"PEARLS of WISDOM"
Saturday, Aug. 29
5:30 p.m. Poolside at the Orinda Country Club
\$55 per person, Online Ticket Purchase: www.orindaefo.org OR
Send check payable to EFO 30th: 21c Orinda Way #123, Orinda, CA 94563
Purchase tickets at the EFO Booth, after the July 4th Parade

To request more information, please contact Catherine Soso via e-mail: EFO_PEARLSofWISDOM@Yahoo.com

SmART Summer at the Hearst

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA

Hike & Draw on Mt. Diablo
Sun, June 28, 10 am – 2 pm
with Sharon Walters, expert hiker, and Warren Dreher, landscape artist
contact hdonner@stmarys-ca.edu for details

California in Relief: A 100 Year History in Woodcut Prints
Sun., July 26, 2 pm panel discussion, Reception following
Panel discussion with art historian, gallery owner, artist and collector, moderated by curator Art Hazelwood

Bonhams and Butterfields Appraisal Clinic
What's in Your Attic?
Wed., Aug 12, 10 am – 3 pm
\$10 donation per item
Experts will evaluate your paintings, prints, furniture, jewelry, decorative objects, Asian art, and antiques

Teen Portrait & Figure Drawing Workshop
Aug 10 to 13, 1 to 4 pm
with Teresa Onoda, artist instructor
Contact hdonner@stmarys-ca.edu for details

Closing Friday, July 3 –11 am – 4:30 pm
Sacred Mountain: Images of Mt. Diablo and Mt. Fuji
and William Keith: Mountains of Shadow and Light

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