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Debby Koonce (right) displays at Saturday Artist Market

The last Saturday Artists' Market of the summer will be on Sat., August 8th from 11am-4pm at The Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, California.

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show "Transparent Emotion" featuring the work of Monet Foster and introducing new members through Au-

gust 15th. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center- next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. (925) 376-5407. www.moragaartgallery.com.

"Feathers, Fur and Fins," at the Lafayette Gallery, honors the creatures large and small that enrich our lives. The show is open through August 15th. As a special feature during the show, the community is invited to bring in pet photos and related quips to be posted on the gallery's bulletin board.

Bedford Gallery's exhibition Full Deck presents an anthology of skate art from the 1960's to the present and will run through September 13. Over 300 decks borrowed from artists, skaters, and makers from across the country, will be on display. EVENT: Bg Skate Day, Satur-

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day, August 15, 1-4pm. Art activities in the gallery 1:00-3:00pm; Pro skate demo 3:00-4:00pm. Free admission. Telephone: (925) 295-1417. Website: www.bedfordgallery.org Admission: General \$5; Youth (17 and under) \$3; Children 12 and under, free; Tuesdays free.

Local Photographer Keith Modenbach will be exhibiting his original photography during the month of July at Fastframe of Lafayette. Keith shoots using film -- not digital -- and develops his own silver gelatin fiber prints. He considers photography his joy, searching for beauty and harmony in everyday life. Fastframe is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., next to Postino's. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information. Also check out Keith's website at kmfineartphotography.com.

Award-winning watercolor artist George Ehrenhaft will display 30 paintings at the Orinda Library Gallery during the month of August. Based on a theme he calls "The Near and the Far," the selection of landscape paintings includes several close-to-home sites such as Lafayette Reservoir, Moraga Ranch, Tilden Regional Park, and Mount Diablo, among others. Subjects far afield include the River Li (China), Kathmandu (Nepal) and cities in Italy (Florence, Venice, and Lucca). Ehrenhaft, a resident of Moraga, prefers to paint plein-air rather than from photos in order to convey the shapes, colors, and mood he finds at a particular time and place. The exhibition runs from August 1st to 31st and is sponsored by the Orinda Arts Council.

concert featuring accomplished musicians baritone Bob Steiner and pianist Martha Wasley. To sign up, call Lafayette Senior Services at 284-5050. LCC, 500 Saint Mary's Rd, Lafayette. \$3 Members/\$5 Non-Members.

Friday, August 7th The Lafayette Summer Music Workshop will be hosting non-stop music being performed from 3:30pm - 9:00pm at Stanley Middle School. The annual jazz camp sponsored by Generations in Jazz features bands made up of this year's attendees. For more information visit www.lafayettechamber.org or call (925)284-7404.

Golden Gate Boy's Choir Parents Day Concert, 2:00 p.m. on August 8. All are welcome. Prospective new choir boys and families also welcome. Youth Retreat Center, 1977 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette. For information, please call GGBC at (510) 887-4311 or view web page www.ggbc.org.

Orinda Theatre Square 2009 Summer Music Series, Every other Thursday night 4-7pm. 7/9 SUREFIRE featuring, Bob Athayde and Friends, 7/23 MICHAEL ROBINSON BAND, 8/6 747 EXPRESS, featuring Ed McClary and Michael Hatfield. www.orindatheatre.org.

Muir Heritage Land Trust's Birthday Benefit Concert Bash with Janet Popesco Archibald and Musicians of the San Francisco Opera. "Music Inspired by Nature", Sunday, July 26, 4:00-5:30pm at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Join us for a beautiful afternoon of music and refreshments on Muir Heritage Land Trust's 20-year anniversary of incorporation (July 26, 1989). Everyone is welcome! Birthday cake will be served. Suggested contribution \$25 at the door. Visit www.muirheritagelandtrust.org or call (925)-228-5460 for more information.

Jazz in July, Sunday, July 26, 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall Featuring the Joyful Noise Jazz Band. Enjoy the music of Dixieland jazz, sing some old favorites and join in a hot dog picnic lunch following the service. Hot dogs, chips, dessert and beverages will be provided. Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Road.

"Maids & Matrons", a new comedy by Kathryn G. McCarty will open at Leshar Arts Center August 19th. "Kathy's plays use comedy to explore sensitive political and social issues," said Director Clay David. "It's a screwball

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comedy, slapstick at times, about a dysfunctional family's preparation for the biggest wedding of the season. From start to finish, it's a catastrophe, but the family pull together to get past all obstacles. August 19-21, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8:15, Sunday at 2:15. Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. For Tickets call: (925) 943-SHOW. website: Galateanplayers.com.

"Wizard of Oz" at the Hacienda de las Flores. The After School Drama Club's Summer Drama Camp's young performers get ready to skip down the yellow brick road for their annual outside production. This year, the group proudly presents The Wizard of Oz on July 24 at 7 PM at the Hacienda de las Flores (2100 Donald Dr. Moraga). Gates open at 5:30 PM for picnics. A group of 24 Moraga youths will be performing in this year's Summer Drama Camp. The cast members, ages 7 - 14, are spending 3 weeks learning the ins and outs to producing a musical by theatre professionals. Advanced tickets are \$7 and can be purchased by calling (925) 300-8337 or www.afterschooldramaclub.com. (see also page 13)

Woodminster Summer Musicals presents "Singin' In the Rain" as the second show of their 43rd season in Joaquin Miller Park. A cast of over 40 tapdancers up a storm. Performed under the stars in historic Woodminster Amphitheater in beautiful Joaquin Miller Park (3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland) on August 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m. Single tickets are \$25-\$40, with discounts for seniors and children. Woodminster also offers several special ticket opportunities including season tickets, half price for groups, and Kids Come Free. Tickets are available through www.woodminster.com, or by calling (510) 531-9597, or through Ticketweb.com.

Orinda Starlight Village Players' second production this summer is "Cyrano de Bergerac" the classic story of a man who believes his oversized nose makes him unworthy of love, especially Roxanne's. The show runs through August 15th. Call (925)253-1101 or email info@orsvp.org. The theater is located in the Orinda Community Center Park, 26 Orinda Way. See article page 5.

Come experience storytelling with the Contra Costa Tale Spinners keeping the oral storytelling tradition alive! The swap meets Thursday July 23 at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way in the Gallery

Room from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The Antic Witties Improv Troop will present spontaneous participatory storytelling, a wonderfully witty, world of words. As always, we welcome listeners and provide 70 minutes of open mike for all who wish to share a story, be it funny or sad, true or not. Contact Sally at (925) 372-7036 or Bobbie at (510) 655-5608.



Tale Spinners provided

Health Medicine Forum (HMF) hosts "An Evening with the Author, Len Saputo, MD" at the Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek on Monday, July 27, from 7:15 to 10:00 pm. Book signing and network opportunity from 6:45-7:15 pm. Len Saputo, MD will discuss his new book A Return To Healing - Radical Healthcare Reform and the Future of Medicine. His vision for progressive change is inspired not only by experience but by a deep awareness that we must build community in a meaningful way if we are to heal what is broken around us. Join us for an evening of hard truths, positive solutions and fresh perspectives. Tickets may be purchased through www.lesherartscenter.org. Box Office Phone Number: (925) 943-7469. Free book with ticket purchase. Advance tickets: \$25. This event offers Continuing Education Units for RNs.

Orinda Books Poetry Reading, Saturday, August 8 at 3:00pm, Cheryl Dumesnil will read from her new poetry collection, "In Praise of Falling." 276 Village Square, Orinda (925) 254-7606. orindabooks@thegrid.net. www.orindabooks.com.

Moraga Library-Kids activities: Tuesdays, July 28-4 p.m. For children 4 to 7. Stories and crafts; Wednesdays, July 22, 29-10 a.m. Ages 8 mos. to 24 mos. Stories, songs; Wednesdays, July, 22, 29-10:45 a.m. Ages 2 to 3-1/2 with

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Advertisement for Orinda Theatre, 2 Theatre Square, Orinda. Coming Soon: THE UGLY TRUTH. Still playing: HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE, PRINCE PUBLIC ENEMIES. The Orinda Theatre is under new management. Please visit the new owners' website at: www.rheemtheatre.com

Music section featuring Orinda Concerts-in-the-Park, Summer concert series, and Concert, Friday July 24.

Theatre section featuring "Maids & Matrons", a new comedy by Kathryn G. McCarty.

Literature & Lectures section featuring an evening with author Len Saputo, MD.

Kids section featuring Moraga Library-Kids activities.

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