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business briefs



Debra Abdelfattah (left) and Diane Goetting in their new store, Time After Time Photo Sophie Braccini

Time After Time: New consignment store opens in Lafayette

3608 B Happy Valley Road, Lafayette, 283-6354

On August 1st Debra Abdelfattah and Diane Goetting were busy as bees getting food on the table for their opening, greeting friends, re-adjusting price tags on furniture and tying on balloons on the post of the building at 3608 Happy Valley Road to signal their new store. "Time After Time" is located in the back of the building, behind the Wells Fargo bank located at the corner of Mount Diablo and Happy Valley. There, the two friends display the unique pieces that people want to recycle. "In a time like this many people want to sell the objects and furniture they no longer use," says Abdelfattah, "we select what is unique and charming and are happy to have people come by, check it out and decide if they have a use for it."

She and her friend Goetting had wanted to go into

business together for a while, they were just looking for the right opportunity. The result is a store full of interesting pieces, from sofas and armchairs to paintings, necklace holders and dishes. The two will partner with Tran Jewelry to carry older fine jewelry as well. Business hours are from 10 a. m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Novelx Wins Prestigious R&D 100 Award

The Lafayette firm that was featured in our April 15 issue was the winner in July of the R&D 100 Awards for its innovative Scanning Electron Microscope. Recipients are selected by an independent judging panel and the editors of R&D Magazine. Novelx's product, the mySEM, is a comparatively very small scanning electron microscope (SEM) for imaging and characterizing nanoscale objects and materials. According to Rita Peters, editorial director of R&D Magazine, "Winning an R&D 100 Award provides a mark of excellence known to industry, government, and academia as proof that the product is one of the most innovative ideas of the year." The Novelx mySEM is commercially available and in use by several leading university research centers for the imaging of nanoscale objects and materials in a wide variety of fields that include Materials Science and the Life Sciences.

For more information visit www.novelx.com.

News from the Three Chambers of Commerce Lafayette

- Lamorinda Music & Gifts will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday August 20 at 5 p.m. at 81 Lafayette Circle.
- The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lafayette and Red House Studios announced this year's summer music series: "Rock the Plaza". The 'Rock the Plaza' series will take place in Lafayette's Plaza Park at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. The headliners start at 6:00 p.m. and are presented free of charge. Arrive a little early for a good spot on the lawn and a chance to hear

the opening "teen" bands.

- Entrepreneur's Club, Thursday, August 20, 8:30a.m., Chamber Conference Room

Moraga

- The August Chamber meeting will be Tuesday, August 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Moraga Commons Park. Spouses and or significant others are invited to join in the yearly Chamber Barbecue.

Orinda

- Second Orinda Restaurant Tour on September 29. The Tour is a component of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce's "Shop Orinda Campaign." The event is scheduled this year for Tuesday, September 29. The fun will start at Theater Square with appetizers from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The restaurant Tour itself is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will include the favorite local restaurants, and dessert from 8:00 pm. to 8:30 p.m. The event benefits the Orinda Schools. Tickets should be purchased in advance for \$30.00 per person; tickets at the door will be \$35.00. Purchase your ticket online at www.orindachamber.org/OrindaRestaurantTour2009.htm

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