

# LAMORINDA'S SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## Traditional Pear Festival In Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

The eleven year old Moraga custom will return on September 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Moraga Commons. The Pear Festival is a natural offspring of Moraga's past agrarian identity as a large pear producer. Not many of the century-old orchards are left standing, but there are enough to produce the 15,780 pounds of pears that were collected last month by volunteers from the orchards at Joaquin Moraga School and Saint Monica's Catholic Church and donated to the food bank.

At 9:30 a.m., a ceremonial tree will be planted by the Mayor to commemorate Arbor Day. Then starting at 10 a.m., the Festival will offer many fun activities for children, including a "jumpy" field (sponsored by the Moraga Women's Society), 4-H petting zoo, a coloring contest, snow cones and cotton candy. Food will be served around the day by Moraga Valley Kiwanis, Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Terzetto Cuisine, Ristorante Amoroma and Loard's Ice Cream. The Lamorinda WineGrowers Association and Parkmon Vineyards will offer wine sampling.

Visitors are encouraged to cook with pears and submit their creations to the Festival's culinary contest. Those not in the mood for cooking will be able to buy pear pies on the spot.

Musical entertainment will be offered during the day, including the "Supersonics" from Campolindo High School, finalists from the Orinda Idol competition, the Willow Springs Church Rock Band and Spookie Flowers. The Desert Moon Band will perform from 1-4, thanks to a donation from the Moraga Park Foundation. Many artists and community groups will have a booth to display their creativity and/or activities.

For more information contact Festival Chair John Haffner, (925) 330-9930, johnhaffner@comcast.net.

### Upcoming Events in Moraga

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| Books and Bands Bash Benefit<br>Sunday, Sept. 13th, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.<br>Live music, dancing, and more.<br>Holy Trinity Cultural Center<br>www.bethestaryouare.org | Grandparent's Day<br>Saturday, Sept. 19th 11a.m. to 1 p.m.<br>Jazz Band, Pony Rides, Games, etc<br>Free admission- Moraga Royal<br>www.bergassistedliving.com/moraga |
| Battle of the Bands<br>Friday, Sept. 18th, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.<br>Moraga Commons Park  | Moraga Pear Festival<br>Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.<br>Moraga Commons Park<br>www.moragaparks.org/pears  |
| Country Western BBQ & Dance<br>Saturday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.<br>Holy Trinity Cultural Center<br>(925) 376-6850   | Big Band Dance at the Rheem Theatre<br>Friday, Oct. 2nd, 7:30 p.m.<br>www.thebigbandofrossmoor.org   |


Photo Andy Scheck

**The BOOKS and BANDS BASH BENEFIT!**  
★ *Dancing Under the Stars* ★  
Sunday, September 13th  
4:00-9:00pm

Celebrating Moraga's own **Be The Star You Are!**® literacy charity's 10th anniversary and the launch of the new book, *Be The Star You Are!*® for TEENS featuring many teen writers from our community.

Place: Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga, Ca. 94556  
Price: \$13.00 in advance. Tickets are limited!  
Date/Time: Sunday, September 13th, 4:00pm- 9:00pm

Come party with dancing to live bands, raffles, silent auction, hula hoop contest, celebrities, writers, and fun for all.

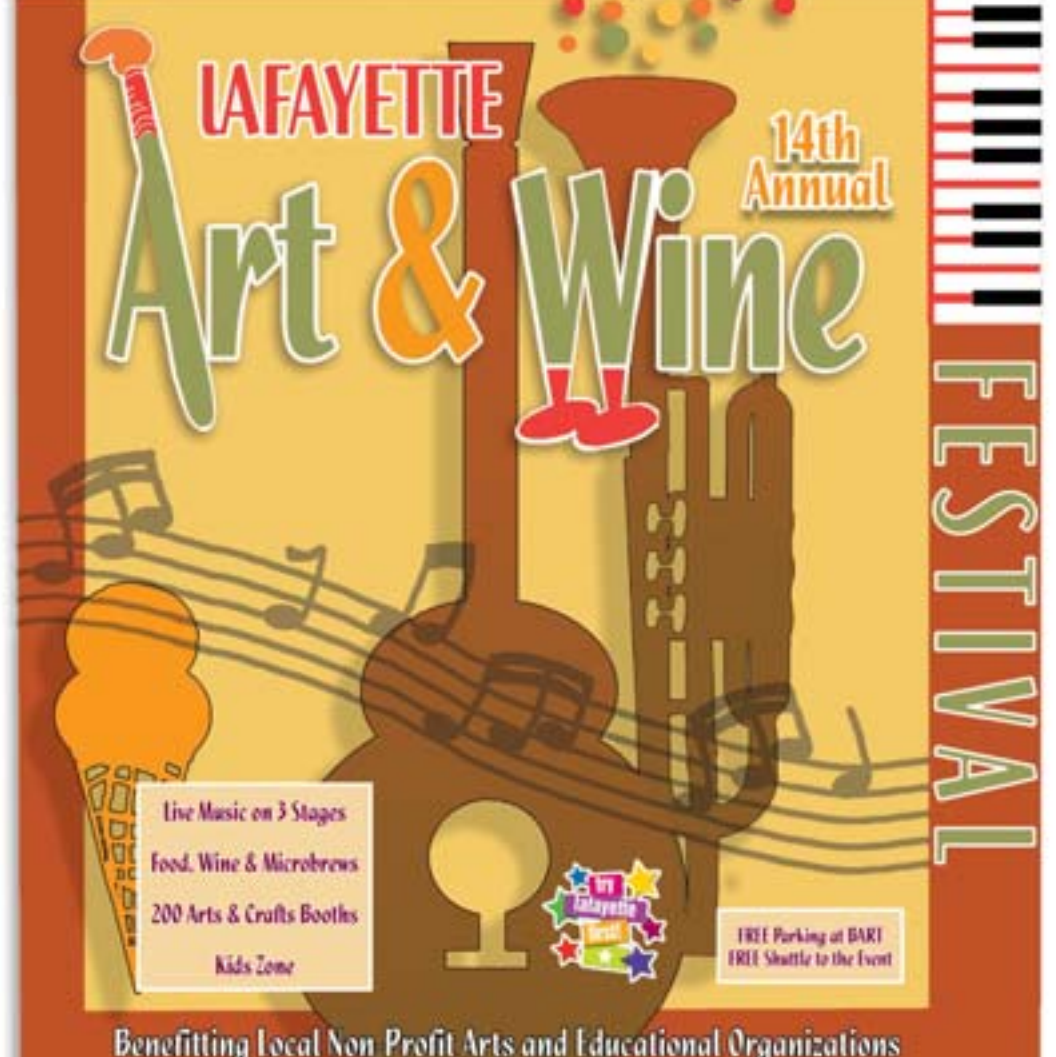


For more information and to buy tickets call 925-376-7126, or visit [www.bethestaryouare.org](http://www.bethestaryouare.org)



**Saturday, September 19th 10-7 PM**  
**Sunday, September 20th 10-6 PM**

**Downtown Lafayette**  
**Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Presents**



**LAFAYETTE Art & Wine FESTIVAL**  
14th Annual

Live Music on 3 Stages  
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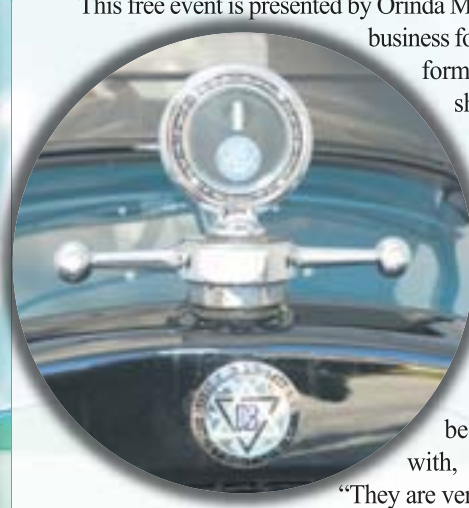
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For further information, please visit our Website: <http://www.lafayettechamber.org>

## Orinda Classic Car Show—Five Years and Going Strong

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These amazing cars come with their own unique and remarkable stories as well. Sean Kimble brings his Ford Fairlane, an exact replica of the car featured in the old television crime drama *Dragnet*. Kimble plays the part of Sergeant Joe Friday for the day, sporting the skinny-tie style of the fifties and spouting, "Just the facts ma'am." Kirk Haley brings his 1969 Mustang Fastback—the first car he owned back in high school. Haley sold the car years ago, rediscovered it sitting in an apartment complex parking lot, decided he had to have it back, and re-bought the now classic car. And Tom Cargill, a former Orinda resident who lives in Reno, drives his 1963 Corvette back to his old hometown each year to participate in the show and visit with his daughters.



**Upcoming events in Orinda:**

Orinda Idol 2009 finals  
Sunday, September 13th 11a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Orinda Theatre- free admission  
[www.orindaartsCouncil.org/orindaidol.html](http://www.orindaartsCouncil.org/orindaidol.html)

*The Birds*  
Friday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m.  
Orinda Theater  
Screening with guest Tippi Hedren  
[www.caiff.org](http://www.caiff.org) (see also page 5)

5th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show  
Saturday, September 19th  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Orinda Village at Orinda Motors  
63 Orinda Way  
[www.orindamotors.com](http://www.orindamotors.com)

Orinda Restaurant Tour  
Tuesday, September 29th  
5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Starting at Theater Square  
[www.orindachamber.org/OrindaRestaurantTour2009.htm](http://www.orindachamber.org/OrindaRestaurantTour2009.htm)

This free event is presented by Orinda Motors, which closes business for the day and transforms the auto body shop into a classic car showroom. Orinda Motors owner Allen Pennebaker, a Miramonte High School graduate, and service manager John Vanek have been great to partner with, notes Herman.

"They are very committed to the car show. It's a great example of a local business giving back to the community," he says. "And, they actually have mechanics who can work on these old, classic cars that are not completely computerized."

The Orinda Classic Car Show kicks off with a Friday night pre-party aptly named *Dancing with Cars*. Attendees enjoy drinks, including a martini bar which features the "carsmopolitan," dinner, and live music along with an expansive view of Mount Diablo from an airplane hangar at Buchanan Field where the party is held. "It's like a big post-summer reunion," says Herman. "My goal is to make it the most fun charity event to go to."

As in previous years, viewing the cars on Saturday will be complemented with food and music. Once again vintage race cars will be on display including special guest, Orinda resident Jochen Rohr, a world GTI driving champion and Daytona 24-hour event winner (1997), who will bring his winning racecar which has been faithfully restored. Herman has also incorporated some new elements into the show including a display of custom motorcycles from Dublin-based bike producer Arlen Ness along with vintage motorcycles owned by local residents. And, the Orinda Historical Society will present "Orinda Through the Years," a photographic history of the city and its cars. The show wraps up at 2:00 p.m. with a parade of cars and the opportunity for show goers to take a cruise in their favorite classic car for a \$25 donation.

**For tickets to *Dancing with the Cars* on Friday, September 18th, contact Chip Herman at [Chipherman@hotmail.com](mailto:Chipherman@hotmail.com). For more information about the Orinda Classic Car Show or to register your car or motorcycle, go to [www.orindamotors.com](http://www.orindamotors.com).**

