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planet surfaces & their moons by famous space artists. The Hearst Gallery is located at Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. The building is directly behind the Chapel. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Suggested admission donation: \$3. See story page 5

Lamorinda Art Alliance Open Studios. Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda; October 17 & 18, 11am - 4pm. An artists' reception will be held on Friday, October 16, 5pm - 7pm at the Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center Street, Moraga.

Orinda Library Gallery Artist Reception! October 17th 3pm-5pm. The Orinda Arts Council invites you to meet gallery artists Mei-Rung Huang, Mei-Yu Lo, and Wayne Wright in the Orinda Library Gallery. And, don't miss four artists from Orinda Arts in Public Places speaking in the Garden Room at 3:30pm, including Kent Roberts, Patricia Vader, Keith Bush, and Nina Lyons.

Reception Honoring Elementary School Artists at Fastframe of Lafayette, October 25th, 1-4 p.m. Local school children entered their artwork in a drawing coordinated by LASF, and the lucky winners received complimentary custom framing from Fastframe. The artwork will be displayed at Fastframe, located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd, through mid-November. Call 283-7620 for more information.

Docent lecture: "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs," Wednesday, October 28 at 2pm, Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga, (925) 376-6852. The Friends of the Moraga Library present this SF Museums of Fine Arts lecture based on the exhibit currently at the De Young through March 2010.

"October Quartet, An Exhibit of Four Artists," features Carla Williams Gelbaum, paintings and prints, Mindy Goldman, watercolors and mixed media, Margaret Lucas-Hill, jewelry, and Judy Miller, paintings. The exhibit opens at the Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, California on October 13th and continues through October 31, 2009. The public is invited to a reception for the artists on Thursday, Oct 22, from 6:30-8:30pm.

MUSIC

NightinGael's Concerts. Join us for the annual fall concert performances by the Saint Mary's College student chorus, the NightinGael's. The series includes selections from the great composers, contemporary artists and a

few surprises. Thursday, October 15 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, October 18, at 2 p.m. Chapel, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Free and open to all.

The University of California Alumni Chorus presents "Music of the Night: An Evening In Song" on Sunday, November 15, 2009, 7:00 P.M., at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way near the U.C. Berkeley Campus. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Mark Summer, director of the U.C. Choral Ensembles and will feature pianist and associate director, William Garcia Ganz, organist Mark Bruce and a guest appearance by Perfect Fifth, UC Berkeley's premier madrigal ensemble. The University of Californian Alumni Chorus has a number of members who live in Lamorinda. Tickets: \$15/\$12/\$6 (students) Call (510) 643-9645 or purchase at the door

THEATRE

DVC Drama Presents URINE-TOWN (the musical), "an irreverently humorous satire" from October 16 - November 8. To purchase tickets call (925) 687-4445 or, pay in person at the DVC Box Office Monday-Friday: 12-4pm and 1 hour prior to show curtain.

Onstage Theater presents "Broadway Bound", the third part of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy which includes "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxi Blues." Performances are at the Knight Stage 3, Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. October 9 thru November 1st. For showtimes and tickets call 943-SHOW.



Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Theatre Program presents a production of "At Mrs. Dalloway's Party", an evening of short stories written by Virginia Woolf and adapted for the stage. Woolf's innovative "stream of consciousness" narrative sets the evening's entertainment simultaneously at a party thrown by the famous Mrs. Dalloway, and inside the

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minds of several guests. Wry observations and elegant prose come to life onstage through some of Woolf's most amusing Characters. The play opens November 12th for a two-weekend run in LeFevre Theatre on the Saint Mary's College campus. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$12 for non-Saint Mary's students with ID as well as Saint Mary's faculty and staff, and \$8 dollars for Saint Mary's students. Group discounts are available. To purchase tickets phone the Performing Arts Department at (925) 631-4670.

Moving Arts Dance's original Halloween production "Night Visions", Oct. 24-25 is a delightfully dark-themed Halloween adventure where wax museum characters magically come alive. The non-verbal story unfolds between the characters that is told through the language of the body in movements. This is a no guts, no gore, no blood production that visits the classical nature of the mystery and enchantment of fantasy characters that represent Halloween. Saturday, Oct. 24 at 4, 6 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 and 7 p.m. Advance tickets: \$10/\$15, kids, seniors/adults, day of performances: \$20/\$25. Moving Arts Dance Center and Theater, 1281-C Franquette Ave., Concord. www.movingartsdance.org. (925) 825-8399.

LITERATURE

"Yeshua, Understanding the Jesus We Never Knew." Tuesday, October 20, 9:30 am - 11:30 am, Peace Room, St. Monica Parish Center, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Jeff Sloane, Director of Temporal Affairs & Catechetical Ministries, Santa Maria Parish, will use his background in psychology and religious studies to share new perspectives on Jesus. Anyone wishing to attend who needs transportation to and from the event should contact: tobrien001@earthlink.net and for babysitting information, please call (925) 283-3398.

One day class lectures will be held at Rossmoor through Emeritus College this fall. Oct. 24 (12:30 - 2pm) "Iran: Democracy vs Conservatism" will be taught by Ismael Agayev PhD, Philosophy and Religion, who will observe, in many unknown details and on the new materials, all major characteristics of a continuous struggle between democracy and religious conservatism in the Islamic republic today. Oct. 24 (2:30 - 4pm). "The Middle East & Obama Policy" will be taught by a lecturer who spent 18 years working as a diplomat in the Middle East, and who will discuss what impact the ongoing changes of the American policy in the region have had and may have in the future

on a geopolitical situation in the world. For more information on these and other one day lectures, please contact Jo Mele, Emeritus College Executive Director, (925) 906-9105.

Nov. 4, Vincenza Scarpaci Book Reading/signing on Thursday, Nov. 4, 12 - 1:00 pm, Saint Mary's College in the Hagarty Lounge. Vincenza Scarpaci is a professor/author whose new book "The Journey of the Italians in America," describes the experience of immigrants and their descendants; covering the life cycle of family work, socialization and achievements as well as exploring the deeper impact of the process from immigrant to ethnic. For more information: contact Professor Maria Grazia De Angelis at (925) 631-4044 or mdeangel@stmmarys-ca.edu.

St. Mary's College's Kalmanovitz School of Education will have keynote speaker, Harry Wong, author of "The First Days of School", at it's Distinguished Speaker Event on Saturday, October 24, from 8:30am-1:00pm. Register online at www.stmmarys-ca.edu/saturdayseminars or contact Lydia Wiley at lwiley@stmmarys-ca.edu for more information.

Saint Mary's College of California's Creative Writing Reading Series features Susan Steinberg on Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm at the Soda Activity Center. For more information contact: MFA Program at (925)631-4457. Susan Steinberg is the author of the short story collections "The End of Free Love" and "Hydroplane."

Book Discussion: "Wicked: The life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West" on Thursday, October 22 at 2 pm, Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga, (925) 376-6852. Join the discussion of Greory Maguire's acclaimed 1995 novel which is the basis for the hit Broadway musical.

KIDS, TEENS AND PARENTS

Nor Cal Kids Triathlon on Saturday, November 14, 9 am to about 1 pm Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. Participation is open to all kindergarten through twelfth grade students (cap of 300 total participants). Each individual participant will compete by time (time chips) sequentially in swim, bike and run courses. Course distances are adjusted for age appropriateness. Participation fee is \$40. Additional child in same family discount rate is \$35. Relay Team fee is \$100 (all three members of team must be in same age category). Benefits Orinda Community Fund. For more info go to www.norcalkidstri.org. See story page 9

ART



The Moraga Art Gallery presents a group show, "Bold Statements" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design through October 31. The Gallery is doubly featuring the work of Angelica Samame, painter, and jewelry

designs by Laura Paige. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. (925) 376-5407.

Hearst Gallery: Out of This World: Real & Imagined Images of Our Solar System Oct. 10 - Dec. 13. This visually dazzling exhibition chronicles the relationship between space science and art, bringing together the explorers and the artists who have illustrated their discoveries. Highlights include: art of space science, Interactive computer programs, model of the JPL Mars Rover, computer simulation of Mars Mariner Valley fly-through, Rover & Voyager 1 & 2 images,

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