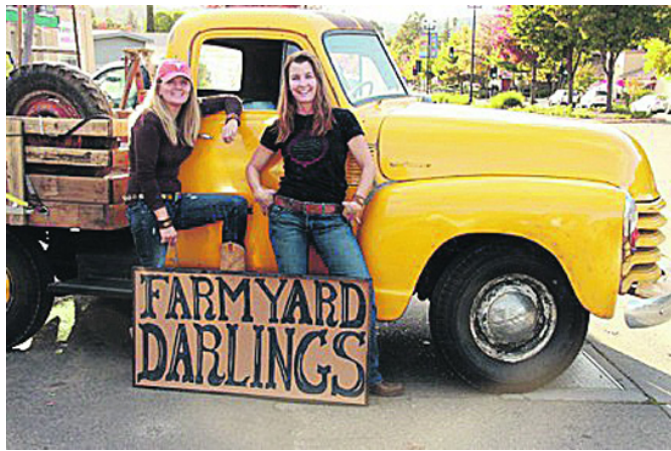


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## business briefs



Kim Berry and Carole Sinclair by an antique car.  
Photo courtesy Farmyard Darlings

3295 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, 283-3830

Lafayette residents Kim Berry and Carole Sinclair are cowgirls at heart with a passion for discovering vintage collectibles from all over Northern California. They recently held a reception and sale at Mt Diablo Nursery, in Harry's House Gift Shop (named after the nursery's founder, Harry Ide). The event was so successful that nursery owners Marcia and Garth Jacober and Farmyard Darlings agreed to a continuing exhibit, the theme of which will change every month. Berry and Sinclair were both raised with horses, one in La Jolla and one in Alamo. They both moved to Lafayette for the schools and met at a common friend's Christmas party. "It was love at first sight," said Sinclair, "we are kindred spirits." Both women had been collecting one-of-a-kind treasures that they reclaimed and had in their homes. Friends started asking them to find similar items for their own homes and they expanded both their hunting grounds and client base. They found another kindred spirit in Marcia Jacober, who runs Harry's House Gift Shop where she sells unique accessories. The association of the Darlings and the Nursery made a lot of sense. Garth Jacober said, "There is a lot of interest in the community for what they sell and we love to have interesting, changing things in the store." Every second Friday of each month there will be a reception to present the theme for the month, said Berry. The next event will be on Friday, January 14th.

News from the three

Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

- No Mixer in January for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Save the date of February 9 for the first mixer of 2011 at Wells Fargo Bank from 5:30 to 7 pm.
- Shop Lafayette Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 12:30pm in the Chamber Conference Room
- Green Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 19 at 12:00pm in Chamber Conference Room. BYOL! (Bring your own lunch)
- Entrepreneur's Club on Thursday, January 20 at 8:30am in the Chamber Conference Room

Moraga

- California Independent Film Festival Comes to Moraga from January 28th through February 3rd. Between one and three thousand people will attend this film festival, which should benefit the business community in many ways. There are many ways to be involved. Email Beau Behan, Manager of The New Rheem Theatre at beau@caiff.org for more information or if you want to be part of the fun of helping with this event. Check the website, www.CAIFF.com for updates.

Better Homes and Gardens

999 Oak Hill Road, Lafayette

Come and meet owner Mart Johnson at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony on January 13, 5pm.

Risk Concepts Insurance Brokers

3732 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

Balloons will mark the place for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony on January 18, 4pm. Come and meet owners Kelly and Mike Robertson.

Farmyard Darlings Takes Root at

Mt. Diablo Nursery

Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden

## Orinda

- Orinda Chamber Luncheon on Friday, January 28, 2011 from noon-1:30 pm at the Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda. RSVP: Highly recommended. To purchase tickets online go to the Chamber's web site at [orindachamber.org](http://orindachamber.org). The cost: is \$30.00 per person. The guest Speaker is Tom Franier, co-owner of Semifreddi's Bakery. He will be talking about "Slow Capitalism."

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