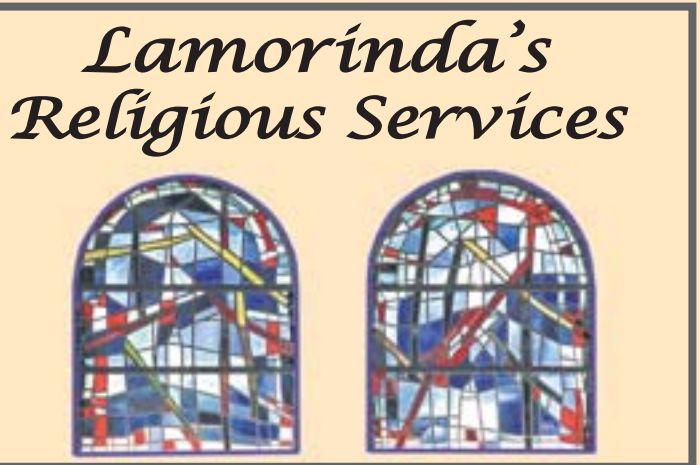


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 A Loving Community
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 www.christianscienceorinda.org

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way Orinda
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 8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
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 9:40 a.m. Education for all ages
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ART

The Art Room's Teen & Adult Student Art Show; Friday, May 20, 6-8:30pm. Please join The Art Room for our Teen and Adult Student Art Show. We're very proud of the work our students have been doing and would love for you to help us celebrate their accomplishments. You'll enjoy the art of our students as well as the professional art work of our teachers and artists of Lafayette Gallery. Snacks, great art, and the ambience of our beautiful yard and the gallery's Sculpture Garden all provide for a beautiful spring evening. The Art Room is at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette.

Gift of the Gods: Exploring Maize, Culture and Indigenous Art in the Americas, is on view through June 19 at the Hearst Art Gallery, the museum of Saint Mary's College. Artifacts include maize belts from Northern Peru that trace back to an ancient Inca tradition, harvest festival masks from Ecuador, Navajo rugs, Hopi katsina figures and a pollen pouch, Hopi, Acoma and Mata Ortiz pottery, Tarahumara grinding stones, corn storage baskets, elaborately embroidered tortilla cloths and clothing from Mexico and Guatemala. A tamale-making lesson and dinner is planned for Monday, May 23, from 4 - 5:30 pm; \$15 per person. Call (925) 631-4379 for details or to make a reservation. The Gallery is open to the public Wednesdays through Sundays, 11am-4:30pm. Adult admission is \$4, students and Gallery members are free. For more information, call (925) 631-4379. Website: www.hearstartgallery.org.

Forty paintings have been selected for Valley Art Gallery's juried "Slopes of Diablo 2011" show, opening on Saturday, May 21. A free opening reception will be cosponsored by Save Mount Diablo on Sunday, May 22, from 3-6pm. While the subject is Mt. Diablo, different styles and painting mediums express a wide variety of very personal views of the iconic mountain that dominates this region. Valley Art Gallery is located at 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek. www.valleyartgallery.org ; (925) 935-4311.

Moraga Art Gallery's show, Chiaroscuro: Light and Shadow runs through June 4. The gallery is located at 570 Center St in Moraga. For more information, go to www.moragaart-gallery.com or (925) 376-5407.

"DREAMS," the latest paintings by Sheri Lenz, runs through May at Shelby's restaurant in Orinda Theater Square. For more information call (925) 376-7724.

MUSIC

Voices of Musica Sacra concludes its season-long survey of American choral music by featuring some of the most beautiful and peaceful works by 20th and 21st century composers. Saturday, May 14, 3pm, Piedmont Community Church, 400 Highland Ave., Piedmont and Sunday, May 15, 2011, 3:00 pm, St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek. Tickets at door or in advance at Brown Paper Tickets, 1-800-838-3006. http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457. \$20 adults, \$15 students/seniors, children 5-12 free.

Aspiring vocalists can strut their stuff at the next piano bar open mic on May 18 at Petar's Restaurant & Pub. It may not exactly be American Idol, but the music is upbeat and the crowd appreciative. Pianist Gary Neuman plays an eclectic mix and guests take turns at the mic so all styles are represented. Young and old are invited to participate and celebrate the spirit of restaurant founder, Petar Jakovina.

Campolindo High School Year End Spring Concert, Friday, May 20, 7:30PM at the CPAC. Presenting the year end performances of Campolindo's Jazz Band, Orchestra, Concert Band and Symphonic Band. Featuring CHS Concerto Winner Lindsay Willmore performing Ralph Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto. Also on the program are Simple Symphony by Benjamin Britten, Gaelic Rhapsody by Elliot Del Borgo with Emily Spitz as student conductor, and Fervent Is My Longing by J.S. Bach, among other musical highlights. The concert is free and open to the public with an after concert reception in the Campolindo Cafeteria.

Flute and Fiddle Concert Featuring Flutist Carol Alban and Fiddler Mark Shaw. An afternoon performance that ranges from classical to folk to standards. Light refreshment will be served. Friday May 20, 1:30 - 3pm Live Oak

Room, Lafayette Community Center \$1Members/\$3Non-Members. Call ahead to 284-5050 to let us know you'll be joining us.

Contra Costa Performing Arts Society Concert, Sunday, May 22, 2pm, honoring founder Rosamund Davis. Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. COST: Free to the community. Info: www.ccpas.org.

The Cantare Con Vivo Chorale culminate their 24th season by joining with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir for a stunning concert of African American music. The concert will be performed on Sunday, May 22, at 4pm at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Avenue, Walnut Creek. Ticket prices are \$25 in Advance, \$30 At Door and \$10 Youth. Tickets can be purchased by going on line to www.cantareconvivo.org or by phone at (510) 836-0789.

Free Contra Costa Performing Arts Society Friday morning solo and chamber music concert, May 27 10:30am, Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. www.ccpas.org.

Resident harpist Shannon Polley performs a farewell concert, celebrating music of the dance, with Maestro Duane Carroll and Contra Costa Wind Symphony. Composer Randol Bass conducts his composition "Champagne and Roses." May 28 at 8 pm, Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., Walnut Creek. Tickets: (\$10) at www.CCWindSymphony.org and at the door.

THEATER

The THK Players presents "The Wizard of Oz" May 12-15. The THK Players is Town Hall Kids' flagship program, featuring young actors from ages 7 to 18 performing full-length, family-friendly productions. At the end of the month, political satirist Will Durst makes his triumphant return as part of the Town Hall Comedy Series, hosted by improv giant Crisis Hopkins. For more details and tickets go to TownHallTheatre.com or call the Town Hall Theatre Box Office at (925) 283-1557.

Berkeley Playhouse Youth and Teens Present PIPPIN on May 14 @ 2pm and 7pm/May 15 at 12pm and 5pm, at Berkeley Playhouse at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Avenue, Berkeley. A young prince goes on a fantastical journey to find the meaning of life only to discover fulfillment is found in simple pleasures of home and family. Cost: \$15 Youth/\$20 Adult/\$10 for group of 20 or more (Use Code YOUTH20). For more info see http://www.berkeleyplayhouse.org or call (510) 845-8542 x397.

Green Rheem Movie Night will view "Tapped," an unflinching examination of the big business of bottled water, May 17, 6pm, The New Rheem Theatre, Moraga. For more information and to purchase discounted tickets in advance of the show please visit www.generationgreen.com.

Oakland Ballet Company presents FORWARDS! on Thurs-Sat, May 19-21, 8pm, and Sat, May 21, 3pm, at Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland. Tickets: www.BrownPaperTickets.com Cost: \$21-\$60. For more info see http://www.OaklandBallet.org or call 866-711-6037 or email info@oaklandballet.org.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

Join acclaimed area photographer Stephen Joseph and local author Linda Rimac Colberg for a free digital presentation of the recently published book, Mount Diablo: The Extraordinary Life and Landscapes of a California Treasure at the Moraga Library, Tuesday, May 17, at 7pm. Stephen's presentation takes the audience on an up close and personal journey around Mount Diablo, with a surprise at every turn, as he shares exquisite photographs and personal tales of the popular places and hidden faces of this natural wonder. The free presentation includes Q&A, and finishes up with book sales and signing.

The Orinda Library will host a special free program featuring Patricia Bulitt on Wed, May 25 at 6:30pm. The Gift Exchange of Dance: A California Dancer's Exchange with the Yupik Eskimos in Alaska will illustrate Bulitt's work with the native people of the far north in particular Hooper Bay on the coast of the Bering Sea. With a slide show of Eskimo life, Bulitt will also perform a dance which she is very careful to describe as a "non-traditional story-

telling dance." The program will take place in the Gallery Room of the Orinda Library which is at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information, visit cc-lib.org or call (925) 254-2184.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Stanley Middle School Book Fair Wed May 11 & Thursday, May 12 8am-4pm in Rooms 406 & 407. Special Event Evening of Books: Thursday, May 12th 6pm - 9pm. Remember 20% of all proceeds benefit the Stanley School Library.

Homeopathy Every Day Study Group of Walnut Creek Thursday, May 19, from 6-7pm., 43 Quail Court, Suite 215, Walnut Creek, CA. Masha Rosen, CCH, RSHom(NA) will be talking to us about how to "Strengthen Your Child's Immune System — Holistic Help for Colds, Coughs, and Ear Infections.

Campolindo Grad Night 2011. Join us for a special preview of the theme "Wizard of Oz" on Thursday, June 9th 7-9:00pm "Somewhere over the rainbow, dreams really do come true!" Campolindo High School, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga.

OTHER

Electronic Ewaste Collection/Fundraiser for Citizens For The Lost on Saturday May 14th, from 9am-4pm at Lafayette Christian Church, Glenside Drive, Lafayette. Free to recycle televisions, monitors, laptops, cell phones, flatscreens and wires. \$5.00 per item fee to recycle: stereos, telephones, printers, DVD players, radios, fax machines, small appliances etc. Secured Document Destruction also provided at \$10.00 per Banker Box. Contact: (925)-890-1324. Citizens For The Lost is dedicated to helping victims come together to lead search efforts for missing children.

The Moraga Women's Society and the Hospice Boutique will present "Fancy Us" a fun fashion show, raffle and delicious luncheon on Monday, May 16th, 10am-1pm at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Guests are welcome. Tickets are \$25.00. Proceeds benefit the schools, library, parks and other MWS service donations. For Ticket information, please call Jean Glaser, (925) 376-7961.

On May 20, The Suburban Woman's Club of Lafayette is sponsoring a Day at The Races at Golden Gate Fields. Tickets are \$40 and include admission, parking and a delicious buffet lunch. All proceeds from this event go to charity. For tickets and more information call Jan Emmerich at (925) 283-5775.

Lamorinda Cert 3rd Annual Spring Drill will take place at Stanley Middle School on Saturday, May 14. The drill will start at 10am and is part of our preparations for disasters. All Lamorinda CERT graduates are invited to participate. Be at Stanley School by 9:30am to sign in; bring your CERT backpack.

Walnut Creek Aquanut's Annual, "Night of Champions" event is May 28, 5pm, at Heather Farms, Clarke Memorial Swim Center and will feature the best of our Team and Individual technical routines that are performed in both National and World competitions. Please come out and support our athletes so they can achieve their local, national, international and Olympic dreams! For Tickets Visit: aquanats.org or email: aquanutpress@yahoo.com.

Make-A-Wish 5K walk on Saturday, June 4, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Music, refreshments, lots of activities for kids and a focus on life-affirming wishes make this an event the whole family will enjoy; moderately easy, wheelchair and stroller-friendly walk. Participants are encouraged to walk in honor or memory of wish children. Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. \$25 per person. Contact information: fmonet@SFWish.org or visit www.walkforwishesbayarea.org.

SENIORS

Senior Helpers of Contra Costa presents a Senior Health Faire, to be held at the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga on May 17th from 2pm-4:30 pm. Judge Joyce Cram, a leading authority on legal issues concerning local seniors will headline a group of presenters. Volunteers will be conducting free and confidential Community Memory Screenings, an initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so please call (925) 376-9900 to reserve your spot.