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ART

Moraga Art Gallery will celebrate its Grand Re-opening at #522 Center St in the Rheem Center by featuring the work of Gallery Member & local artist Angelica Samame, painter, as well as guest artist, Karin Lechner, jewelry designer, in its new show, Jan. 10, 2012. The public is invited to view Angelica's art and Karin's jewelry along with gallery members' work at the show's opening reception & Grand Re-opening celebration, Jan. 14, 3-5 p.m. See article page B1.

Orinda Community Church invites the public to view Karl Schonborn's "Peace on Earth" art show. Schonborn is an Orinda resident, sociologist and professor whose art deals with issues of conflict, inequality and charisma. His paintings have included renderings of Ghandi, Jesus, St. Fran-

cis, Martin Luther King, Jr. and A.J. Muste, five men who he says "shared a commitment to nonviolence." "Peace on Earth" runs through January 22 in the church's Doug Adams Sanctuary Gallery, and is open by appointment weekdays, 8:30am to 4pm. Call (925) 254-4906 for details.



Gandhi walking

Lafayette Gallery's winter show "Heartfelt" will run January 10 - March 3. The exhibition features unique sculpture, ceramics, paintings, prints, glasswork, jewelry and photography, created by local artists. The public is invited to meet the artists at a free reception on Friday, February 3, 6:30 - 8:30pm. The Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette (across from Chow). Hours: Tues - Sat, 11am-5pm; www.lafayette-gallery.net; (925) 284-2788.

Plein Air works will be on display at the Orinda Library Gallery through the month of January. A reception is planned from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on January 8. See article page B5.

MUSIC

WomenSing is holding auditions on January 10, 2012, and by appointment for experienced singers. All voice parts are welcome. Contact us by email at audition@womensing.org, call our voice mail (925) 974-9169, or go to www.womensing.org for more info. Scholarships are available for qualified singers.

Bach to Gershwin with poetry set to music in between: 8pm on Jan. 10th in Walnut Creek. Preludes and Fugues from The Well-Tempered Clavier; Dickinson, Cummings, Whitman and Frost as you've never heard them before, and a piano and bass tribute to the "Piano Man," all in beautiful Grace Presbyterian Church. 2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek. More information and full program at www.CCPAS.org.

Kick off the New Year right with a free concert at the Moraga Library January 12 at 7pm featuring local sensation Houston Jones. This high-energy quintet of acoustic musicians from the San Francisco Bay area play an original blend of folk, blues, bluegrass and gospel; they often have their audiences up and dancing. This concert is FREE and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. Visit the calendar of events at www.ccclib.org to preregister or call the Moraga Library at (925)376-6852. For more information about the artists go to <http://houstonjones.com/>.

Come to an exciting afternoon of African music and dance with master percussionist Ben Ofori and the Bodac Cultural Group, an international African performing arts group that originated in West Africa, on Saturday, January 14 at 2pm. This all-ages program is free and pre-registration is not required. The Library is located at 1500 Saint Mary's Rd in Moraga. For more information call (925) 376-6852, ext 200.

Class Act Big Band at Saint Mary's College Thursday, January 19th. Dance 7-9pm. Dance Lesson 6-7pm. Soda Center; free Admission.

Petty Theft, "the ultimate tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers" comes to Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette on January 21 as part of the Town Hall Music Series. For details and ticket information go to www.thtc.org or call the box office at (925) 283-1557.

Rossmoor Big Band Ball Room Dance & Show on Friday, February 3, Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Come swing with your friends and neighbors or just watch the show. Doors will open at 7pm for dance lessons with Gail Enright. The dance begins at 8pm. Tickets \$10 each -available at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Call (925) 284-7404 for reservations.

THEATER

Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Department presents a stage adaptation of the classic fairytale Hansel & Gretel. The story has the audience travel to the Black Forest to see two abandoned children cope with all the changes that come with being on their own. This tale by the

Grimm Brothers is a traditional fairytale of good and evil. The barely two page story is elaborated into a magical hour of child-focused entertainment. When: Wednesday, January 25 at 7pm; Thursday, January 26 at 4pm. Where: LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College, Moraga. Cost: \$8. INFO: (925) 631-4670 or go online to: brownpapertickets.com.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

"The Global Impact of Social and Mobile Technology" is the topic Marty Beard, President and CEO of Live Ops, has chosen for First Friday Forum taking place January 6 at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Beard's talk will center on the huge impact social and mobile technologies, like Twitter and SMS, are having on the business environment. Beard is a resident of Orinda, a graduate of UC Berkeley, and holds an MBA from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Refreshments will be served at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. For further information call (925) 283-8722 or click on lopc.org - in the Search Site box enter First Friday Forum.

So You Want to Write a Book: Author Panel - four local authors discuss their writing journeys and offer tips for aspiring writers on Saturday, January 7, 2pm, Moraga Library 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga; (925) 376-6852. The panel of authors includes: Barbara Bentley (A Dance with the Devil: A True Story of Marriage to a Psychopath), Jon Cory (A Plague of Scoundrels), Alfred J. Garotto (The Saint of Florenville: A Love Story), Judith Marshall (Husbands May Come and Go but Friends are Forever). Q & A session to follow. Free and open to the public.

Explore the amazing career of Orinda's icon of science fiction Poul Anderson (1923-2001). Consider and discuss Anderson's probable influences on the highest-grossing Hollywood blockbuster of all time - Avatar. Presenter Sean Nye is a Ph.D. student and research fellow in the Department of Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature at the University of Minnesota. He has published articles on Science Fiction, technology, and popular music history. Nye grew up in Orinda. January 10, 3-5pm, Orinda Books, Village Square, Orinda; (925) 254-7606.

Saint Mary's College Speaker Series brings provocative speakers from the worlds of art, politics, science and technology to the campus and the entire community at free public lectures during the month of January. The featured guest speakers for 2012, which explores the theme of "Crossing Borders," includes: Jeanne Woodford, who after carrying out four executions as the Director of California's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), now heads up a national organization opposing the death penalty (speaking Tues, Jan 10, 7pm); San Francisco cultural historian Rebecca Solnit, who will explore how borders between public and private life are policed, ways they break open in crisis, and what happens when people cross over to live together in public, as in the Occupy Movement (speaking Tues, Jan 17, 7pm); and Oakland-based hip hop artist, community activist and playwright Ariel Luckey, who will offer insights on the consequences of seeing history only through the prism of white privilege (speaking Tues, Jan 17, 7pm.) All lectures are free and open to the public and will be in the Soda Activity Center at Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. For more information contact the Jan Term office at (925) 631-4771 or janterm@stmaries-ca.edu.

On Friday, January 20, 2012 Gary Bogue, who is a writer and whose daily column on pets, wildlife and environmental issues has appeared in Contra Costa newspapers since 1970, will speak on "Creatures of the Urban Wilderness - Your Backyard". Mr.

Bogue has also been Museum Curator at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum and Executive Director of Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation. The program is at 10:30am with a plant sale and refreshments starting at 9am. The event is free and the public is cordially invited. The event is held at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

OTHER

Lafayette Community Center Will be offering a FREE Introduction to Yoga class on Saturday, January 7, 11am-12:15pm with yoga instructor Howard VanEs. This is the perfect way for people to try out yoga with a highly experienced instructor without having to make a commitment first. The class is free but space is limited. Call (925) 284-2232 to reserve your spot today.

Lafayette resident John Kiefer will again offer workshops on "How to Raise Your Own Chickens." Topics will include raising young chicks, laying hen maintenance, and sustainable coop construction. Workshops are free and will be held from 1-3:30 pm, Sunday, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 & 19. Reservations are required. Contact: jhkiefer@comcast.net.

Creating a Peaceful School Conference on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 8:30 to 3:30 at Acalanes High School, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette. The Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center in Walnut Creek is sponsoring an innovative and inspiring all-day conference for anyone who works with young people in middle and high school: Teachers, Administrators, Classroom aides, School personnel, After-school program providers. Participants will learn to create peace in their world, in the lives of your students, in the classroom, the school and the community. Registration is \$25 if you register by January 15, 2012, \$35 after January 16. Lunch is included. Five instructional hours of Continuing Education Credit (.5 CEU) are available through St. Mary's College for \$25. Details are available at www.mtdpc.org.

CLUBS

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11am, lunch 12pm. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

My Adventures as a Commercial Pilot—Jess Williams recalls his days of flying to Vietnam, Europe, Africa, and North American cities at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Dr., Lafayette, for the Men's Breakfast Club Saturday, January 7. Doors open at 7:30am, breakfast at 8, and the program at 8:40. \$5 donation suggested. For reservations, call Richard (925) 283-8376.

The importance of women receiving a quality education will be the focus of the January meeting of the American Association of University Women, Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette Branch (AAUW/OML). Betty Marvin, an architectural historian, will bring the famous 19th century female architect, Julia Morgan, to life, by dramatizing the challenges Ms. Morgan faced getting her engineering degree at the University of California in the 1890's. The second speaker, Yalda Asmaty, will speak about her current research, "How Green is My Valley: An Ethnographic Inquiry of Man-Made Toxic Disasters in the San Joaquin Valley." The meeting begins at 9am on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The public is invited to attend. For further information, visit www.aauwoml.org.

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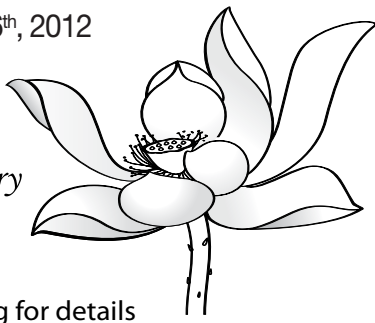
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Upcoming Special Events at:



Orinda Theatre

January 14th, 7 PM

California Independent Film Festival and Diablo Magazine's Classic Film Series – **The Godfather II**, hosted by Peter Crooks



Rheem Theatre

January 16th, 7 PM

CAIFF Members 2012 Film Festival Preview Night Get a sneak peek of the 14th Annual California Independent Film Festival February 10th - 16th **CAIFF Members, please bring a guest and show them the great benefits of being a CAIFF member!**

January 17th, 4 PM

Moraga Movers' Classic Film Series: **Laura**

January 20th, 9 PM

The Queen's Slumber Party See the "Best" of the "Worst" movies ever made each month at the Rheem! January's movie is "Bikini Planet". Cast and Crew will be attending!

January 21st, 8 PM (doors open 7 PM), Tickets \$12

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February 10th, 2012

Opening Night Movie at California Independent Film Festival **Monsieur Lazhar**

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