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LECTURE & LITERATURE



The Saint Mary's College of California Creative Writing Reading Series welcomes poet and filmmaker Shane Book at 7:30pm, Wednesday, March 14 in the Soda Center. Book's first collection, Ceiling of Sticks, won the Prairie Schooner Book Prize, and his short film Dust was nominated for Best Narrative at the 2011 Diamond Screen Film Festival. A Craft Conversation with Shane Book will be held earlier in the day at 2:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. All Readings and Craft Conversations are free and open to the public.

Friends of Orinda Library Book Sale, 10am-1pm, Thursday, April 5, Sorting Room and Book Shop (Book Shop is open until 6 p.m.). Books for all interests and ages. Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda; (925) 254-1358.

John Gray: Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, 20 Years Later, 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 9, Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. In his most recent book, Venus on Fire, Mars on Ice, Gray again tackles intimate subject matter with an inside look at the connections between hormone levels and happiness. The program is presented by the Commonwealth Club of California. Time: 5:45 p.m. check-in, 6:30pm program. Cost: \$22 standard, \$12 members. www.commonwealthclub.org/events.

Emeritus College 2012 Distinguished Lecture Series presents Dr. Joel Parrott, "Past, Present and Future of The Oakland Zoo," 3-5pm, Friday, April 13, Diablo Valley College Forum. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 children). Dr. Parrott will highlight the Zoo's new animals, the often difficult and humorous events involved in the transportation, relocation and care of exotic animals, and the extensive conservation efforts at the Oakland Zoo. The Zoo is home to 660 native and exotic animals.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

The Hunger Games: On Thursday, March 22, from 6:30-8pm the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will host an exciting series of Hunger Games to celebrate the movie release the following day. Suzanne Collins' trilogy of books, "The Hunger Games," "Catching

Fire," and "Mockingjay," has been wildly popular with young and adult readers alike. Students, fifth-grade and up, are invited to participate and "Tributes" are encouraged to come in costume. For more information, call (925) 385-2280 or visit the website at www.ccclib.org. Free.

Need Money for College? Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships to residents of Central Contra Costa County that have completed one year of full-time college, completed courses with emphasis on real estate, finance and/or business and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If you qualify, scholarship awards can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Further information and applications may be found online at www.ccsarscholarship.com. Deadline is April 15.

Orinda Idol audition registration runs from April 1-30. Orinda Idol is a singing competition open to young people who either attend school or reside in Orinda, Moraga or Lafayette. The objective of Orinda Idol is to provide an avenue for young people to pursue their love for singing, to bring joy to the community and to have fun. For more information, visit www.orindaartsCouncil.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL AUDITIONS
Ages 7 - 15
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OTHER

Rebecca Martin, founder and CEO of California-based dear jane Inc., a career services company, will present two more workshops at the Moraga Library to help participants navigate through career transitions and development: Salary and Negotiations (March 16) and Insider Tips on finding a job in 2012 (March 23). The workshop series is free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required. Contact the library for more information, (925) 376-6852, ext 200 or e-mail bgirshma@ccclib.org.

In honor of Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary, there are displays at both the Moraga and Orinda Libraries chronicling the history of Girl Scouts nationally as well as locally. The displays will be in place throughout the month of March.

Acalanes High School will have a free e-waste drop off, 9am-5pm, March 17-18. All proceeds go to the school. For questions or help with large items you can call the sponsor: Fire House Hauling at 855-HAUL-911 or (925) 348-6648.

Freecycle for Children's good quality apparel, 9am - 12:15pm, Thursday, March 22, Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga (up the first staircase off of the parking lot).

Walk to benefit George Mark Children's House, 10:30am-3pm, Sunday, March 25 at the Lafayette Reservoir. The walk is in honor of Noah, who was 4 1/2 months old when he passed away from complications of a rare liver disease. The George Mark Children's House is an amazing facility devoted to providing compassionate, comprehensive, and life-affirming care to children with life-limiting illnesses. Registration available online at www.fiercelittlewarrior.com.

GARDEN

On Friday, March 16 the Montelindo Garden Club will feature speaker Jill Appenzeller, an avid gardener and landscape designer. Ms. Appenzeller is a member of numerous garden-related organizations which include the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Royal Horticultural Society. Ms. Appenzeller published "Postcards from the Hedge" in 2010 and has been featured on HGTV's "Curb Appeal." The 10:30am lecture is preceded by a plant sale and social hour at 9am at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Free. The public is cordially welcome.

Organic Vegetable Gardening Workshop, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 24, at McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. To reserve a seat please call (925) 254-3713 or e-mail info@mcdonnellnursery.com.

Over 3000 heirloom tomato plants will be on sale at the Contra Costa Master Gardeners First Annual Great Tomato Plant Sale, "Heirlooms of the World," 10am-3pm, April 4-6 at Our Garden (adjacent to the Contra Costa Times parking lot) 2640 Shadelands Dr. (off of Ygnacio Valley Rd.), Walnut Creek. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer customers advice on how to grow the tomatoes! Each 4-inch tomato plant will cost \$2. The proceeds from this sale will help the Contra Costa Master Gardeners continue their educational outreach to the home gardeners in Contra Costa County.

Registration for the Eighth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which will take place from 10am-5pm, Sunday, May 6, is now open. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at www.bringingbackthenatives.net/.

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Upcoming Special Events at:

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QUEEN'S SLUMBER PARTY
Friday, March 16, 9:00 PM
Rheem Theatre
Kingdom of Spiders
Starring William Shatner

CLASSIC FILM SERIES
Saturday, March 17, 7:00PM
Orinda Theatre
Raiders of the Lost Ark

CLASSIC FILM SERIES
Wednesday, March 21, 4PM
Rheem Theatre
Show Boat
Original 1939 classic with Irene Dunn

"Stand Up For Digital Conversion"
An Evening of Live Comedy to Raise Money for The New Rheem Theatre.
Saturday March 24, 2012 - Two shows @ 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm
Headliner - Larry "Bubbles" Brown
Late Night w/ David Lellerman
Evening at The Improv
The Kite Runner
Comedy Central
Special Guest
Ben Feldman
Max Gury
Sandra Ross
Sara Ziff
Full Bar!!!
Food Available From Ristorante Amoroma
Tickets-\$15 advance or \$20 at the door
www.thenewrheemtheatre.com
or 925-388-0751
The New Rheem Theatre - 350 Park St. - Moraga
Check www.lamorindatheatres.com for all movie listings

LOCAL GOES GLOBAL: PARTY FOR GOOD
Asian Secrets to Ageless Living: A Writer's Journey From 2 Worlds

Friday, March 30th • 6:30pm Dinner & 7pm program
Lafayette Library and Learning Center
Join us for an incredible - and delicious! - evening with local author YING CHANG COMPESTINE

Savor an exclusive **THREE-COURSE TASTING** from Compestine's cookbook Ying's Best One-Dish Meals, receive a limited edition **SIGNED COPY OF THE BOOK**, and a **CHANCE TO WIN** a one-of-a-kind raffle basket!

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