

SIZZLE IN SEPTEMBER

Orinda Revs Up Again for Classic Car Show

Fun-filled Weekend September 21-23

By Cathy Dausman



Cars will once again be displayed on the grass of the Orinda Country Club

Photo Ohlen Alexander

The Orinda Classic Car Show may truly be a win-win-win situation, as the Cartini bars and Bond cars event picks up a third venue for its eighth year of operation. From its humble beginnings showing 26 cars and earning just \$1,500 for charity, committee chairman Chip Herman expects to show more than 200 automobiles and raise up to \$50,000 dollars in donations for local charities this year. Cars on display include a 1911 Cadillac and a 2012 Spyker. Herman says the event has “the flavor of Pebble Beach in Orinda,” likening it to the famous Concours d’Elegance. “If the car has a [back] story,” he says, “then it’s in!”

The Friday night tented dinner party along Avenida de Orinda – suggested attire: black tie and shorts – is a James Bond-themed presentation featuring two “shaken not stirred” Cartini bars and a special display of 007 classic cars. Admis-

sion is free to Saturday’s car show, featuring a performance by Orinda Idol winners, cars on the 16th fairway at Orinda Country Club, and a special exhibit memorializing Carroll Shelby-designed Mustangs and Cobras. Sunday evening Orinda Theatre will show the 1968 classic film “Bullitt” starring Steve McQueen. McQueen plays a rogue cop in San Francisco, and the car chases up and down the city’s hills can make a Mustang fan wince when pavement repeatedly meets the suspension.

Herman says this “crazy car show” comes together after eight months of work, the last four full-time. “This is my day job,” he says. But he also has plenty of help, noting his six committee members, 75 “pit crew” volunteers, and presenting sponsors Orinda Motors and Mechanics Bank.

Orinda Car Show 2012 Events

Friday, September 21: “Dancing with the Cars”

Pre-Party presented by Mechanics Bank
Cocktails, dinner, music and live auction 7 p.m. Orinda Motors, 63 Orinda Way
Tickets in advance only, \$100 per person

Saturday, September 22: Orinda Annual Classic Car Show

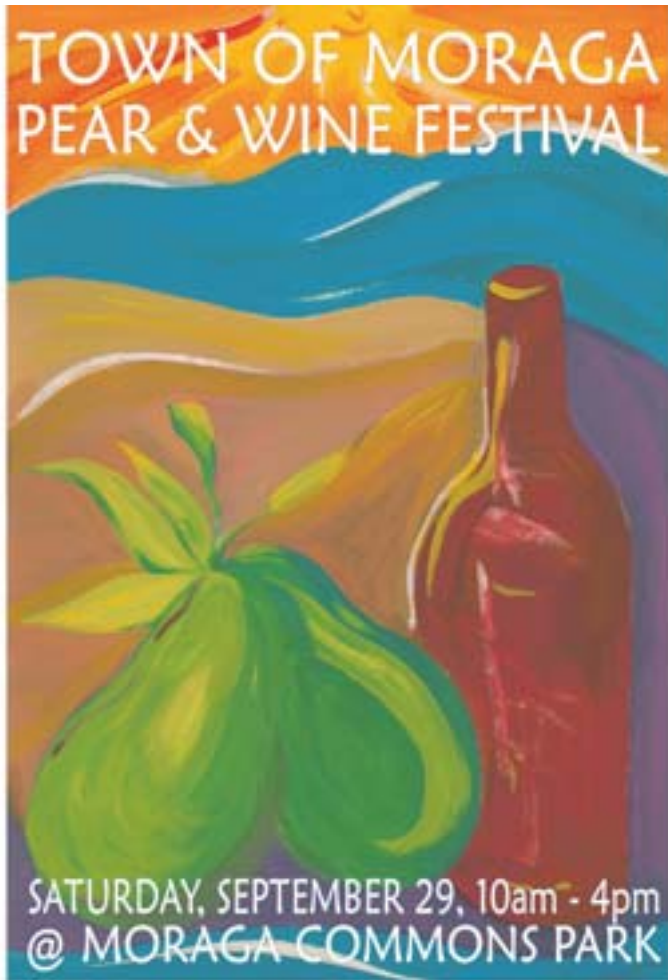
Free to the public
Presented by Orinda Motors
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parade of Classic Cars at 2 p.m. Orinda Way, Avenida de Orinda and Orinda Country Club, 16th Fairway

Sunday, September 23: Speed on the Screen

Steve McQueen in “Bullitt”
Presented by Flying A Gasoline
5:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. showings Orinda Theatre, 4 Orinda Way, \$10 admission
Proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation of Orinda, Seniors Around Town, Orinda Association, Orinda Rotary, Orinda Arts Council, Orinda Historical Society, and Lamorinda Theatre Foundation.
Orinda Car Show events are part of Celebrate Orinda in September.
For additional details about the weekend, visit www.OrindaCarShow.com.

Hot September in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini



Local artist Lauma Johnson's winning poster

Image provided

According to weather statistics, September is often the hottest month in Moraga. This year will be no exception with two consecutive Saturdays offering great community events.

Preserve Lamorinda Open Space presents its annual art show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 23 at Saint Mary’s College on the lawn by the Soda Center. About 20 Bay Area artists will present and sell their most recent productions. “This is the seventh time we are organizing this show in the beautiful atmosphere of the campus,” says Lamorinda Open Space Steering Committee member and well-known local artist Teresa Onoda.

The artists participating are chosen for the quality of their work and the way their productions foster awareness of our beautiful surroundings. “This show is such a good thing for our community,” says Onoda, who feels blessed to live in Moraga where so much natural beauty has

been preserved. Forty percent of the sales that day will go to Preserve Lamorinda Open Space. “The money is used to hire scientists and lawyers who help in the fight for good planning and development decisions,” says Onoda.

A week later, on September 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 14th Annual Moraga Pear & Wine Festival will ignite the Moraga Commons Park. “This year we’ll put a professional spin on our pear recipe contest,” says Parks and Recreation Coordinator Kimberley Nelson who worked side-by-side with Pear Prince John Haffner to organize this year’s festival. Nelson invited the Lafayette cooking school Back to the Kitchen to participate and be among the judges of this year’s recipes.

“We’ll have adult and youth categories and want all professionals on our judging panel,” says Nelson. Nelson also started the poster contest for

the festival that local artist Lauma Johnson won this year. The festival will include wineries, with three local wine makers, and the grape crushing event that got so many kids and adults worked up last year. And with this being an election year, the festival will feature the ‘Political Pavilion’ where candidates set up their tents and come out to meet the community.

“This is a venue for all the residents, from the youngest to the most senior,” says Haffner. “There will be plenty of children’s activities, including jumpies and a pie-eating contest (next to Weight Watchers and iTrim!), artists will come, many community organizations, food vendors,” says Haffner. “This is really the spirit of small community fun.”

Art Show
September 23
Soda Center St. Mary's College

Pear & Wine Festival
September 29
Moraga Commons Park

BIG BAND BALL ROOM DANCE / SHOW

The New Rheem Theatre
350 Park Street, Moraga

Come swing with your friends and neighbors or just watch the show!



Friday, September 14th

Dance Lessons - optional from 7PM to 8PM
Dancing or Show viewing at 8PM
Please join our 31 member band ages 14 to 92 and enjoy the show.
Doors Open 6:30PM

Tickets \$10 at the door
or at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

Call 284-7404 for reservations