

Not to be missed

FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS ... continued

150th Anniversary at SMC Gael-celebration! A Free Open House and Festival. Saint Mary's College of California will mark the "Year of the Gael" Saturday, October 6 with a massive Gael-celebration – a free public festival and open house from 11am to 6pm featuring musical and dance performances, rides, live bands, art, athletic demonstrations, gourmet food trucks, lectures, giveaways and more at Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. For more info, call (925) 631-4200.

2012 East Bay Walk to Defeat ALS. The Walk to Defeat ALS is ALS Association's signature event in which all funds directly support cutting-edge research, patient care, & public policy Sunday, October 7 at 9:30am for registration and 11am for the walk, Heather Farm Park, 301 N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek. Free. For more info, call (415) 904-2572 or visit alsgoldenwest.org.

Olive Festival. Honoring the historic Olive Grove. Enjoy appetizers and live music, taste olives and olive oil, find great bargains at the Silent Auction and raffle, join local chefs in preparing yummy olive dishes and more on October 7 from 1 to 4pm at the olive grove at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area, 350 Camino Pablo. For more info, visit www.fwma.org.

20th Annual Reservoir Run. The Lafayette Reservoir Run is the city's most popular "family affair," involving kids, parents, grandparents, and hundreds of serious runners from throughout the Bay Area. The event will be on Sunday, October 28 beginning at 6:30am in Downtown Lafayette starting at Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First St. and Moraga Road. The adult registration: \$30; race day fee \$35; elementary school fee \$22. For more info, visit [www.http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/](http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/).

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Nature Walk and Bird-Watching led by Ben Petterson. Experience nature at its finest along our local trails. Delight in the beauty that unfolds around each bend, all the while learning to identify a variety of birds. Bring a water bottle; binoculars will be helpful if you have them. The walks are every Wednesday from 9 to 11am. Please call (925) 284-5050 to find out the weekly meeting place.

Hearing Screening by Audiologists from Hearing Science/Diablo Valley Ear, Nose, and Throat October 3, November 7, and December 5 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. An appointment is required and a minimum of two sign ups are required in order for screenings to take place. Please call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050 to sign up for one of the following appointment times: 1, 1:20, 1:40, or 2pm. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members.

Come celebrate America's only Nobel Prize-winning playwright by visiting Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site or attending the Eugene O'Neill Festival, hosted by the park and the Eugene O'Neill Foundation during the month of September. The Eugene O'Neill Festival features art displays, guest speakers, and performances of two O'Neill plays, "Ah, Wilderness!" and "A Moon for the Misbegotten." You must take a shuttle from The Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Avenue, Danville. For festival information and to purchase tickets please call (925) 820-1818 or visit www.eugeneoneill.org.

Free memory screening by Caring Solutions September 28 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. An appointment is required. Appointments are at 12:30, 12:50, or 1:10pm. For more info or to sign up, call (925) 284-5050.

Powells' Sweet Shoppe is proud to announce they will be hosting a community blood drive. Donate a pint of blood and receive a free pint of bulk

candy of your choice at the "Pint for a Pint" blood drive Saturday, September 29 from 11am to 5pm, 3591 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. Donors must be 17 or older to participate. Please bring your ID. For more info, call (925) 299-9866 or visit www.red-crossblood.org.

The Plight & Potential of Africa's Heart-a luncheon with the President of the Presbyterian Church of Congo. Join Congolese dancers and drummers as they welcome Rev. Dr. Joseph Mulumba Musumbu Mukundi, the General Secretary / President of the Presbyterian Church of Congo (CPC), during his visit to the U.S. as he shares about the church's work for peace and human dignity at noon October 7, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Free lecture; \$10 for the luncheon. For more info, visit www.LOPC.org.

Project Happiness presented by Saklan School. Producer and director Randy Taran will present her documentary that follows a Senior Class in Mount Madonna School in Watsonville on a journey to discover the true nature of human happiness October 11, from 6 to 8:30pm at the Holy Trinity Servian Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. For more info, visit www.projecthappiness.org/community/events/.

Blood Drive. Drop by and share a pint! Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, working with the American Red Cross, is sponsoring a blood drive to help save lives in our local communities October 13 from 9am to 3pm at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. For more info, call Les Deane at (925) 283-5648 or visit www.red-crossblood.org.

Ageing Successfully in our Community. All of us will one day be faced with issues related to growing older, whether it is taking care of our aging parents or an older relative, or growing older ourselves. In spite of the many mental and physical challenges associated with aging, we can educate ourselves about the process, and hopefully make the experience less stressful, and even enjoyable. Find some of those tools at 8:30am Saturday, October 13 at the 4th Annual Senior Symposium Lafayette Presbyterian Church. For more info, call (925) 357-0056.

Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals at 11am Sunday, October 14 at Saint Giles' Episcopal Church, St. Mary's College Chapel, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Local residents are invited to bring their animal friends - cats, dogs, rabbits, horses, pigs to the blessing. For more info, contact the Rev. Justin R. Cannon at justin@stgiles-moraga.org, (925) 376-5770, or visit www.stgiles-moraga.org.

Women Helping Women of Orinda Community Church will recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month through Worship and a Forum. The Service of Worship, organized by Women Helping Women, will focus on domestic violence through choral reading, prayer, dance, music and Scripture Sunday October 14 at 10am, the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call Lee Cruise at (925) 254-4906.

Annual Spiral Dance. A Multi-Cultural Celebration of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones by Daughters of the Goddess. On this cool fall evening we come together to honor our loved ones who have crossed over to the other side October 26, at 6:30pm at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda. Bring pictures of your loved ones that have passed to be placed on the Ancestor Altar. Tickets: \$23 if paid by October 22; \$29 at the door. For more info, call (925) 787-9247 or visit www.daughtersofthegoddess.com

Visit the Be the Star You Are!® Express Yourself! Teen Radio booth at the Moraga Pear and Wine Festival sponsored by Lamorinda Weekly September 29 at Moraga Commons Park, 1425 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Meet teen writers of Teen Scene, be inter-

viewed LIVE on the radio, get FREE potpourri from Digging Deep's Cynthia Brian, buy books and shirts, and sign up for Club Be the Star You Are! For more info, visit "events" at www.BTSYA.org.

Nathaniel Armen of Boy Scout Troop 212 in conjunction with his Eagle Scout Project is conducting a donation drive of items to be sent to impoverished children in the Dominican Republic: gently used clothes, shoes, soccer cleats and jerseys, large duffel bags and board games. Your donations will improve the quality of life of these children. Contributions may be dropped off at 85 Brookfield Dr., Moraga from September 28 through November 9, or call (925) 876-1399 for pick up.

Max Mirner of Boy Scout Troop 204 in conjunction with his Eagle Scout Project is collecting new and gently used socks (sizes Toddler-18 years) for patients and non-perishable food or paper goods for the Family House at The Children's Hospital in Oakland until Friday, October 12. Collection boxes are located in the Lafayette school offices of Acalanes, Stanley, Springhill, Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette Elementary, Bentley Middle School in Oakland, and at Our Savior's Lutheran, and Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. The Family House is a 16 room house across from the hospital where families can stay for free and be close to their ill child. For info, email maxmimer3@gmail.com.

Second Annual Contra Costa Philanthropy Awards breakfast. The awards program recognizes individuals, businesses and service organizations that have made significant contributions of time, leadership and financial support to benefit Contra Costa residents. Honorees will be recognized at the second annual breakfast celebration November 8 from 7:30 to 10am, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. For more info, call (925) 246-1880 or visit www.contracostacouncil.com.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

10 YEARS OLD AND UP \$9.00
6TH ANNUAL DARK DREAMS HAUNTED HOUSE
 OCT. 19 & 20, OCT. 26-28 2011, AND HALLOWEEN OCT. 31 - 7-11PM
 RHEEM THEATRE 350 PARK ST. MORAGA

What does....

Oscar Winner
Judi Dench

Two-Time Oscar Winner
Jane Fond

Four Time Oscar Nominee
Alexandre Desplat

Emmy Winner
Lily Tomlin

Three Time Emmy Nominee
Tyler Ferguson

Have in common?

They all have films in the 15th Annual California Independent Film Festival!
 November 8th thru 11th 2012
 at the Rheem and Orinda Theatres!
www.caiff.org



Saint Mary's College Museum of Art New Fall Exhibitions: October 6 – December 16, 2012

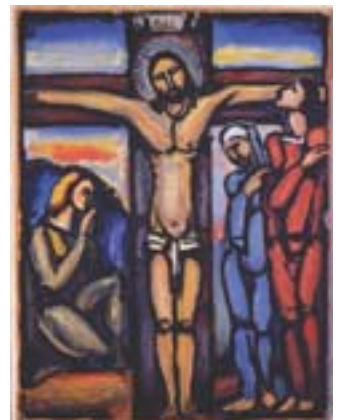


Missions of Will Sparks

The mission paintings of Will Sparks (1862-1937) are admired for their rich color and air of mystery. This rare complete series of the 37 Alta and Baja California missions once belonged to Alma de Bretteville Spreckels. On loan from Trotter Galleries, Carmel and Pacific Grove.

The Art of the Cross

An overview of the many forms and functions the cross has taken over the centuries by such masters as Jacques Callot, Tiepolo, Émile Bernard, Marc Chagall, Georges Rouault, Bernard Buffet, Otto Dix, Salvador Dali, as well as a 5th c. Constantinople coin, a 15th c. allegorical Memento Mori woodcut, Orthodox icons, and an elaborate silver and gilded Ethiopian Christian processional cross. The objects have been selected from the collections of Christians in the Visual Arts (civa.org), based on the East Coast, and Saint Mary's College.



Nyame Brown: John Henry's Adventures in a Post-Black World

Inspired by bedtime stories told by the artist's father, Brown weaves the tales of folk hero John Henry into a series of fantastic paintings and drawings. Brown is a member of the art faculty at Saint Mary's College. He holds an M.F.A. from Yale University and a B.F.A. from The School of The Art Institute of Chicago.



Museum Hours: Wednesdays - Sundays, 11 AM - 4:30 PM
 Free admission for Museum members, youth through 12th grade.
 Adult admission: \$5. Free Guide By Cell tours.
stmarys-ca.edu/museum, 925.631.4379

If you plan to attend the Museum's opening day programs, please check yearofthegael.com to learn more about October 6 SMC Sesquicentennial events schedule and satellite parking and shuttle information.