

## Not to be missed

### ART

**The Orinda Library Art Gallery Exhibit.** The exhibit for November will feature the Kumstanke group. The Gallery is located adjacent to the library at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more info, visit [www.orindaartscouncil.org/community\\_library](http://www.orindaartscouncil.org/community_library).

**Saint Mary's College Museum of Art Celebrating SMC's 150th Anniversary.** New exhibitions on view at Saint Mary's College Museum of Art include The Art of the Cross; Nyame Brown: John Henry's Adventures in a Post-Black World; Missions of Will Sparks, and the William Keith collection. The exhibits will be on view through mid-December, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Regular admission: \$5; youth, military free. Regular hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 4:30pm. For more info, call (925) 631-4069.

**Flora and Fauna.** This art show will highlight artwork of the painter Leslie Swarts' expressionist paintings of trees from around the world and jeweler Laura Paige's fine beadwork cre-

ated with stone beads through Saturday, Jan. 11 at Moraga Art Gallery, 522 Center Street, Moraga. For more info, call (925) 376-5407 or visit [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com).

**Irresistible – The Gift of Art is the new exhibit at the Lafayette Gallery.** You'll find a winter wonderland of sparkling jewelry, handcrafted ornaments, elegant ceramics and a wide array of prints, paintings and sculpture Nov. 13 through Dec. 29. There will be a free reception from 6:30 to 8:30pm Friday, Nov. 30 with wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music! The event is at the Lafayette Gallery located at 50 Lafayette Circle in Lafayette. For more information please call (925) 284-2788 or visit [www.lafayettegallery.net](http://www.lafayettegallery.net).

### MUSIC

**WCSA Lafayette Songwriters' Competition.** Come join the Lauras for the inaugural Lafayette WCSA Songwriters' Competition! You do not have to be a songwriter to attend this event. The meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, with the in-

augural event at 7pm Nov. 14 at Lamorinda Music, 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Laura Zucker at [zuckers@aol.com](mailto:zuckers@aol.com) or visit [www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member](http://www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member).

**Our Voices to End Slavery. This is an annual benefit concert** at 7pm Friday, Nov. 9 at Willow Spring Church, 1675 School Street, Moraga, is designed to raise awareness of human trafficking and to raise funds for a program called New Day for Children that rescues young girls 11 to 18 years old from this horrific evil. Tickets: \$30. For more info, call (925) 631-1894 or visit [www.willowsspringchurch.org](http://www.willowsspringchurch.org).

**Solo and chamber music concert.** The Performing Arts Society's concert will open with Nancy Amini, soprano, and she will be accompanied by pianist Joellen Pikitel, pianist, Ted Rust, Oboe, and Viva Knight Piano at 7:30pm Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. Free. For more info, visit [www.ccpas.org](http://www.ccpas.org).

**The Campolindo High School Music Department will present** their fall concert at 7:30pm Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga. The concert will feature performances by the Campolindo Symphony Orchestra, Concert and Symphonic Bands under the direction of Johnny Johnson. Free. Viva Verdi! Amici Lyric Opera presents Elena Yakoubovsky, lyric spinto soprano in a concert of Giuseppe Verdi's arias from La forza del destino, Aida, Ernani, Il Trovatore, and Don Carlo. There will also be lyric songs by Bellini, Donaudy and Vivaldi at 3pm Sunday, Nov. 18 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Tickets: \$20 for seniors and students; \$25 general. For more info, call (925) 964-9994 or visit [www.amicylyricopera.com](http://www.amicylyricopera.com).

**An Evening of Fellowship & Spiritual Music.** Alex Cook and Ben Vaughan, Christian musicians from Boston and Canada, with original songs celebrating and defending spiritual identity at 7:30pm Friday, Nov. 23 at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more info, call (925) 258-9442 or visit [www.csorinda.org](http://www.csorinda.org).

**Annual Holiday Concert presented by the Walnut Creek Concert Band** at 7:30pm Nov. 27 at Leshler Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Tickets: \$12-\$17. For more info, call (925) 943-7469 or visit [www.lesherartscenter.org](http://www.lesherartscenter.org) or [www.walnutcreekband.org](http://www.walnutcreekband.org).

### THEATER

**Spring Awakening presented by Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Department** from Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-18, LeFevre Theatre at Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Spring Awakening is a rock musical featuring live music, stunning design, and world-class choreography, and celebrates the unforgettable journey from youth to adulthood with power, poignancy, and passion that you will never forget. Tickets: \$15 for general admission; \$12 for seniors; \$8 for staff and students. For more info, call (925) 631-4670 or visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

**DVC Drama 2012 - 2013 Season. The Exonerated by Jessica Blank** and Erik Jensen will be showing Nov. 30 through Dec. 9, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2:30pm at DVC, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. Tickets: \$20 general admission; \$15 for faculty, staff, and seniors; \$10 for students. For more info, call (925) 687-4445.

**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.** This upcoming fall play will be showing from Nov. 7-10 at Orinda Intermediate School, 80 Ivy Drive, Orinda at 4:30pm Nov. 7 and 8, and 4:30pm and 7:30pm Nov. 9 and 10. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students (17 and under) on Wednesday; \$10 for premier seating, \$8 for standard seating on Friday and Saturday. For more info, call (925) 258-3090 or visit [www.ShowTix4u.com](http://www.ShowTix4u.com).

**15th Annual California Independent Film Festival.** Films in this year's fes-

tival opening includes Body Complete, One Small Hitch, and Lore. The festival will run Nov. 8-11 at The New Rheem Theatre, 350 Park Street, Moraga and at the Orinda Theatre, 4 Theatre Square, Orinda. For more info, visit [www.caiff.org](http://www.caiff.org).

**Three Quarter Moon. This is the November selection** for the International Film Showcase showing Friday and Saturday Nov. 16 - 20 at Orinda Theatre (see related article on page B5).

**To see or not to see? Should not be a question.** The talented Miramonte Players are performing one of Shakespeare's most brilliant works, Hamlet. Come enjoy their rendition of the play at 7pm Nov. 7-9 at Miramonte High School, 750 Moraga Way, Orinda. Tickets: \$5 students; \$8 adults, online or at the door. For more info, visit [www.accalenes.k12.ca.us/miramonte](http://www.accalenes.k12.ca.us/miramonte).

**Town Hall Theatre Sneak Peak: It's a Wonderful Life** from 10:30am to noon Wednesday, Nov. 14 at the Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School St., Lafayette. George Bailey, his life and finances in ruin, decides the world would be better off without him -- until he is paid an unexpected visit. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

### LECTURES & LITERATURE

**Sugar Addiction. Julia Ross, a celebrated pioneer and educator** in the fields of addiction and eating disorders treatment, will discuss our addiction to sugar and explore how we can correct the faulty appetite chemistry that drives addiction at 6pm Wednesday, Nov. 7, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Cost: \$22 standard; \$12 members; \$7 students. For more info, call 415-597-6705 or visit <http://bit.ly/SugarAddiction>.

**Positive Living Forum, Happiness Club.** Brighten your day and take part in this interactive gathering which features speakers on a wide range of topics that encourage and guide participants towards a more ideal and positive life experience Thursday, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 from 10:30am to noon in the Sequoia Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$1 members; \$3 non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

**Author event, David Swanson: The Military Industrial Complex** at 50 from 2 to 5pm Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church Owl Room, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Swanson is the coordinator for RootsAction.org, an online initiative dedicated to galvanizing Americans who are committed to economic fairness, equal rights, civil liberties, environmental protection -- and defunding endless wars. For more info, call (925) 933-7850 or visit [www.mtdpc.org](http://www.mtdpc.org).

**The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County November meeting** in the Concord Room at John Muir Medical Center. Speaker Lindsay Visocchi will discuss the California Relay Telephone Services, including "Speech to Speech" services Monday, Nov. 12 from 7 to 9pm, 2540 East Avenue, Concord. For more info, call Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218.

**Coping With Holiday Grief. Hospice of the East Bay offers** a workshop Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for people who have experienced the death of a loved one, and find the holiday season to be a sad and stressful time of the year. Workshop at Hospice's administrative offices, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill. For more info, call (925) 887-5681 or visit [www.hospiceeastbay.org](http://www.hospiceeastbay.org).

**Home Town Security. Majora Carter illuminates the value of smart** environmental management on local economic development, and all aspects of our civic and personal lives from 7 to 8:30pm Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. For more info, call (925) 631-4000 or visit [www.stmarys-ca.edu/hometown-security-with-majora-carter](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/hometown-security-with-majora-carter).

**Holden High School presents the second in its writer's series** from 7 to 9pm Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Orinda Community Church Fellowship Hall. This Meet the Writer event will feature

Marine Ecologist Dr. Rod Fujita, author of Heal the Oceans and will include refreshments, a conversation with Rod, sales of his books and an autographing opportunity.

### WORKSHOPS & ORGANIZATIONS

**Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meet the first** Wednesday each month. Social hour is at 11am and lunch is at noon. The Nov. 7 after-lunch speaker will be Dan Ashley, anchor of ABC News at 6 and 11. Ashley's presentations have been very interesting and informative. The branch meets at Holy Trinity Culture Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. For more info, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

**Widowed persons support group.** The sessions are informal discussions for those in need of emotional support after the loss of a loved one. There will be counseling sessions that continue each Saturday from 10am to noon through Nov. 17. The meetings are at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in the Oak Room, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda.

**Lafayette Garden Club features guest speaker Laurel Ann Winzler**, one of San Francisco and the Bay Area's outstanding floral and event designers, who will share her magical ideas for "Fabulous Holiday Décor" at 9:30am Nov. 8, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Contact: [sa613and@aol.com](mailto:sa613and@aol.com).

**Create a New Health Care Directive For Free** presented by Stefanie West, Attorney at Law. An Advanced Health Care Directive is critical to communicating your preferences for end-of-life care. Stefanie West will take you through the Directive and will notarize for free any directives completed at the workshop from 10:30am to noon Thursday, Nov. 15, Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. Cost: \$1 members; \$3 non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

**Montelindo Garden Club Meeting. Janet Sluis traveled** the world for 20 years to search for unusual plants. Hear how and why these plants made the cut to become 'Sunset Western Garden Collection' plants at 9am Nov. 16, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

**What's All The Hype About Skype? Presented by Valerie Riveiro**, Mass-Mutual Financial Group. Come to this class for a live Skype demonstration and learn how to install it and use it on your own computer to chat with family and friends from 10:30am to noon Tuesday, Nov. 27 in the Elderberry Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$1 members; \$3 non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

### FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

**A Harvest Fair and Luncheon. Take time to browse and purchase** that distinctive gift for the special people on your shopping list from 10am to 3pm Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Soda Center, Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road. Enjoy a glass of wine, soda or juice while shopping for holiday decor, stocking stuffers, and hostess gifts. A Traditional Thanksgiving Menu will be served at noon. Cost: \$27. For more info, call (925) 820-8002.

**Appraisal Event in Moraga. The Moraga Women's Society** is sponsoring a second appraisal event presented by Michaan's Auctions from 4 to 7pm Nov. 9 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Cost: \$20 for up to three items in the same category. For more info, call Jean Glaser at (925) 376-7961.

**Town of Moraga's Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by the town** of Moraga and Moraga Boy Scout troops 212, 234, and 246. Speakers for the event include John Haffner, CAPT, SC, USN (ret), RADM Vince Anzilotti, and the Mayor, Mike Metcalf from 11am to noon Nov. 11 (see related article on page A5).

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## Lamorinda's Religious Services



### The Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | [www.orindachurch.org](http://www.orindachurch.org)

"No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CENTER

24 Orinda Way (next to the Library) - 254-4212

Sunday Service and Sunday School 10 - 11 am  
Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
Reading Room/Bookstore M - F 11 - 4; Sat 10 - 1

[www.christianscienceorinda.org](http://www.christianscienceorinda.org)

### Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422

[www.holyshpherd.org](http://www.holyshpherd.org)



8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service  
9:40 a.m. Education for all ages  
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service  
Coffee Fellowship at 9:15 and 11:45 a.m.  
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

### St. Giles Episcopal Church

An Inclusive & Affirming Community

Sunday School & Eucharist at 9am  
St. Mary's College Chapel  
1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga  
925-376-5770 - [www.stgiles-moraga.org](http://www.stgiles-moraga.org)



Traditional Church Service & Music Yet Forward Looking & Open Minded

### St. Anselm's Episcopal Church

A Loving Community

Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM

In-church Youth Zone, 10 AM Nursery Childcare  
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, [www.stanselms.ws](http://www.stanselms.ws)

### St Stephen's Episcopal Church

66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda  
254-3770. [www.ststephensorinda.org](http://www.ststephensorinda.org)

Sunday 8am & 10am.



Get connected.

Grow in your faith.  
Serve others.

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Worship 9 & 11:00 a.m.

Programs for children & youth



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