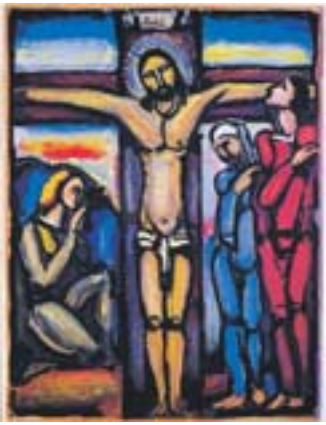


◆ Not to be missed

ART



Georges Rouault, Le Christ en Croix, 1936.

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, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info, call (925) 631-4069.

The Orinda Library Art Gallery Exhibit. The exhibit for November will feature the Kumstanke group.

The exhibit for December will include George Wahbeh's oil paintings, Roland Nunn's hooked rugs, Alexander Walcheck's drawings, and Alex Meckes' Origami. The Gallery is located adjacent to the library at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more info, visit www.orindaartscouncil.org/community_library.

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. The event begins Nov. 13 and runs through Dec. 29 at the Lafayette Gallery, 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. There will be a free reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 with wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music! For more info, call (925) 284-2788 or visit www.lafayettegallery.net.

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 created 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.

MUSIC

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 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more info, call (925) 258-9442 or visit www.csorinda.org.

SMC Chamber Musicians in Concert. Student instrumentalists and vocalists are featured in a performance of small-ensemble works from the Renaissance to the present Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 1 p.m., Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Recently represented composers include Monteverdi, Handel, Beethoven, Dvorak and Brahms. Free.

The New Life Band from Tanzania, East Africa will give their "Kwaheri" (farewell) concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, before returning to Arusha, Tanzania after a seven-week tour in California. Their memorable African rhythm blended with the Christian message moves body and soul. They present traditional and contemporary Gospel music of Tanzania with energy and humor, African drums and close harmony. For more info, visit www.holyshepherd.org or call (925) 254-3422.

THEATER

Saint Mary's College Dance Company in Emblem at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 and Saturday, Dec. 1, LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. The fall dance concert, Emblem, features choreography by senior dance majors Cecilia Clasen, Leah Hendrix-Smith, Edgar Mendez, Harmony Negrin, Tashanay Spani

and Sami Ruy. Free.

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 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. 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.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

A Free Throw Competition sponsored by the 41st annual Walnut Creek Elks will take place Sunday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at De La Salle High School in Concord. All boys and girls ages 8-13 are invited to participate. (Contestant's age group will be determined by their age as of April 1, 2013). Certificates and prizes will be awarded to all participants and beautiful trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each boy and girl category. Free. For info, contact Mike Rittenhouse, tournament director at coach_ritt@yahoo.com or (925) 360-2900.

Boy Scout Troop 57, Orinda Ca. All boys ages 10 (5th grade +) to 17 years old are welcome to attend our open house at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Orinda Intermediate School Multi-Purpose room. This will be a gathering in which boys who might have an interest in joining Boy Scouts can participate in one of our meetings, and learn more about us. Contact David Finger at (925) 247-0077, davidfinger@speakeasy.net.

OTHER

Self-Discovery and Aging, Creative Writing Workshop. Workshop sessions include writing prompts, feedback and encouragement, and information about the world of writers, writing, and publishing. This workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon the second and fourth Thursday each month in the Cedar Room at the

Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

Come Play Mah Jongg! Mah Jongg is a game of skill, strategy, and certain degree of chance. Bring your card, a mah jongg set and a snack to share (optional) every Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center Sequoia Room, 500 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members. For more info, call (925)284-5050.

Hospice of the East Bay Support Groups for Adults. Drop-In Bereavement Support Group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Campus, 3470 Buskirk Ave. The Pet Loss Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Dr., Walnut Creek. Pre-registration is required. For more info, or to pre-register please call (925) 887-5681 or visit www.hospiceeastbay.org.

Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church Taize Service. Come for a respite from the holiday rush to refresh your spirit on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. For more info, email Nancy@lopc.org.

Afghanistan: Gender Equality - A Report from the Frontline with Budd MacKenzie, Thursday, Nov. 29, 7 to 9 p.m., Acalanes Performing Arts Center, 1200 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette. Tickets: \$10 adult; \$5 student, available online through the Acalanes Webstore (<http://acalaneshs.revtrak.net>) or at the door. This is the inaugural event for the Acalanes High School Speaker Series and is cosponsored by the Acalanes High School SAGE Club and Trust in Education.

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Lamorinda's Religious Services



Get connected.

Grow in your faith.
Serve others.



Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship 9 & 11:00 a.m.
Programs for children & youth

49 Knox Drive | Lafayette | www.LOPC.org | 925-283-8722

The Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | 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

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422
www.holyshepherd.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

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

'Tis the Season of Giving

Cycle Recyclery. Each November, Tom and Bobbie Preston of Moraga collect gently used bicycles and tricycles, which are repaired and refurbished and then donated to groups which gift them to underprivileged kids in our area. This year the beneficiaries are Trips for Kids/The Recyclery (in Marin) and the Marsh Creek Detention Facility. At Christmas time TFK gives neighborhood kids bikes for Christmas, often their main or only Christmas gift. Last year 60 bikes were given out at the annual Christmas Party, with many more given during the year. The inmates at the detention facility for minor offenders repair and refurbish bikes, not only learning a skill but providing like-new bikes for the sheriff's department to distribute as Christmas presents to underprivileged kids. This is the 14th year of the Cycle Recyclery, which has provided 2,500 bikes to area kids. Gently used repairable bikes and tricycles or usable bike parts will be accepted until Dec. 1; drop them off in the side driveway of the Preston's home, 1307 Larch, Moraga. No scooters, skateboards, or plastic bikes, please. No need to call the Prestons, but if you need more information, call (925) 376-8474.

Stuffed Animal Collection. The Moraga Police Officers Association along with S.A.F.E. (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies) is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to help children through traumatic experiences. The stuffed animals are given to local police and fire departments to distribute to children they encounter who have been affected by traumatic events. S.A.F.E also facilitates the distribution of donated stuffed animals for a variety of charitable purposes to help children. This year's annual holiday collection drive begins Nov. 26 and ends Dec. 28. New or gently used stuffed animals can be dropped off at the collection area located in the lobby of the Moraga Police Department, 329 Rheem Blvd. Thank you for your support!

Stockings for Youth Homes. This year Sewnow is joining Youth Homes to provide beautiful monogrammed stockings for the young adults in the Youth Homes TAY aftercare program. Participants at this free sewing workshop, for ages 8 to 100 who have basic sewing machine skills, will sew, embellish and monogram the stockings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28. Stockings will be displayed in the studio and on Sewnow's Facebook page for the community to vote on the one they like best; the winner will receive a \$75 gift certificate to use for a workshop or towards a class. Sewnow will provide all the supplies and set-up, an appliqué and crystal bling lesson, as well as refreshments and a take home gift for all participants.

Blanket & Bedding Drive for Shelter Inc. The following bedding items are needed for Shelter Inc.'s winter program: new or gently used blankets (twin, full, queen); new twin-size bedding (mattress pads, bedspreads, pillows, pillow cases). Donations can be dropped off at the bin in the lobby of Coldwell Banker, 5 Moraga Way until Dec. 5. For info, contact Rick Booth (925) 212-8869 or email Rick@BoothHomes.com.

Need Donations?

Season of Giving announcements will continue through Dec.19. Submissions can be sent to calendar@lamorindaweekly.com.