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

Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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ART

The Moraga Art Gallery announces a new show entitled "The Unbearable Lightness of Seeing," highlighting the photography of Dave E Dondero and Erik Wilson, featuring the unique combination of Dondero's hyper-realistic California landscapes and Wilson's thought-provoking and often ironic urban scenes. Moraga Art Gallery is a collective of 14 established, local artists and artisans and is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, 522 Center St, Moraga. For info, call (925) 376-5407.

The Orinda Arts Council is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Visual Arts Competition, Exhibit and Reception open to all high school students residing in or attending schools in Orinda, Lafayette, or Moraga. Cash awards and "Best in Show" viewer's choice award. Online Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes Feb. 19 at midnight. Artists and Awards Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. March 6; Exhibit March 1-27, Orinda Library Art Gallery. For more info and to register visit www.OrindaArtsCouncil.org.

The Allison McCrady Fine Arts Gallery will have an exhibit by renowned artist Micah Crandall-Bear, starting Feb. 4. The work of Micah Crandall-Bear is the culmination of years of practice, sacrifice and patience. Knowing from a young age he wanted to pursue a career as an artist, he dedicated himself to his craft, and took the path of the starving artist. His bio, exhibit history and photos are available upon request. A reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art exhibitions - Carnival; In Search of the Source: the Nile and Beyond by Lockwood de Forest; Ryan Reynolds: Landscape Assembled; Keith and the California Alps: paintings from the 1870s, '80s, and '90s—Feb. 2 through April 14, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Rd., Moraga. Cost: \$5 for adults; free for kids K-12. For more info, call (925) 631-4379 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum. (see story page B1)

The Lafayette Gallery's new show "Tokens of Affection" will run through March 9. There will be a free champagne and chocolates reception from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at 50 Lafayette Circle (across from Chow). For more info, visit www.lafayettegallery.net or call the gallery at (925) 284-2788.

The Orinda Library Gallery's February exhibit will feature Jade Fon Painters and will include a retrospective tribute acknowledging his influence, teaching and guidance. It will include some of his paintings, sketches, art materials, quotes and personal mementos. A reception will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10 at the Orinda Library Gallery, 124 Orinda Way, Orinda. Free.

THEATER

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is a musical comedy about six young people in the throes of puberty vying for the spelling championship of a lifetime. This musical is running through Feb. 10 at the DVC Theater, 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. For more info, call (925) 685-1230 ext. 2337.

Josh Groban Live: All That Echoes. This intimate one-night event will feature Groban as he performs hits from his 12-year career at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 at Walnut Creek 14 with XD, 1201 Locust St., and Pleasant Hill Downtown 16 with XD, 125 Crescent Dr. in Pleasant Hill. For more info, visit www.FathomEvents.com.

Company C Contemporary Ballet will open its 2013 season Friday, Jan. 18 at Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. For more info, visit www.companycballet.org or call (925) 708-0752.

CLUBS

Girls Night Out Networking -come for the people, the food, the networking opportunity! Join Robin Cartier of Salon Cartier for fun, prizes, and a chance to make new friends from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Salon Cartier (2400 Olympic Blvd. Ste. 5, Walnut Creek). Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non-members. For reservations, email gnoners@gmail.com by Feb. 8 or visit www.gnontrivalley.com.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Lafayette Garden Club. Garth Jacober, owner of Mt. Diablo Nursery in Lafayette, will share his knowledge and expertise about some of our favorite flowers—camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons - at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Garth is a master gardener and a renowned camellia expert. For info, contact sal613and@aol.com.

Montelindo Garden Club Meeting will discuss Gardens of Israel at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call (925) 254-3906.

KIDS, TEENS & PARENTS

Eclipse is holding tryouts for its U9-U11 teams Feb. 2-3 for its U12-U14 teams, Feb. 9-10, and U8 and U15+ tryouts will be March 2-3. The tryouts will be at Campolindo High School located on 300 Moraga Road in Moraga. For more information please visit <http://eastbayeclipsesoccer.com/home/tryouts>.

A girls basketball club out of the East Bay will have 2013 Spring Tryout dates for East Bay teams Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 at Seven Hills School, 975 North San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek. Different age groups try out at different times - please contact Coach Diaz at coachsdiaz@gmail.com for the details.

Anxiety in School, what parents and teachers should know. Dr. Michael Tompkins will describe the nature of anxiety in youth at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30 at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For info, visit www.orindapoise.org.

Second Annual Creating a Peaceful School Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 will focus on how to immediately and effectively defuse violence and cultivate peace in schools sessions they will address cyber bullying, school safety, teaching of non-violence, mindfulness/meditation, teaching on issues of peace and ethics, brain function and behavior, yoga for the classroom, conflict resolution, and peer mediation. For info, email margli@mtidpc.org or call (925) 933-7850.

826 Valencia - Meet the CEO of 826 National. 826 National is a network of nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping students, ages 6-18, with their literacy and writing skills. This event will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more info, call (925) 385-2280 or visit guides.ccclib.org.

Unlocking Secrets to Winning Pinewood Derby Workshop. Boy Scout Troop 233 of Lamorinda has invited Coach Allen to conduct a workshop to share his secrets to winning Pinewood Derby competitions. The workshop is at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Holy Shepherd Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda. Cub Scouts who build their cars prior to the workshop will be able to test them on a racetrack. For more information please call (925) 876-2477.

The Orinda Junior Women's Club (Orinda Juniors) is pleased to announce Youth Ink 2013, the annual creative writing contest open to all sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who live or attend school in Orinda. Submissions must be post-marked by Friday, Feb. 15 and mailed to Orinda Junior Women's Club, Post Office Box 40, Orinda, CA 94563 in order to be considered for an award.

Submission forms can be found at OIS or at www.orindajuniors.org.

LITERATURE/LECTURES

Lisa Kristine, an acclaimed humanitarian photographer who specializes in images of remote indigenous cultures in more than 100 countries on six continents, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Saint Mary's College Soda Activity Center, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Free. For more info, call (925) 631-4771 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu.

Book signing events at Orinda Books: Tom Scovel will discuss and sign copies of "The Year China Changed: Memories of Remarkable Events and Extraordinary People" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13; Ed Kaune will discuss and sign copies of his novel "The Spiral Code", a fantasy adventure growing out of the author's experiences in the Korean War at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. For info, call (925) 254-7606 or email orindabooks@thegrid.net.

Lamorinda Reads: free copies of "A Hologram for the King" are currently available to the public at any Lamorinda library. Programs celebrating the book will be held through the month of February. There will be a free book reading with the author at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Veterans Memorial building, 3780 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. There will also be discussions held at each local library, check website for details. For more info, call (925) 385-2280 or visit guides.ccclib.org.

Book Sale at the Moraga Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Mass paperbacks 25 cents each, or five for \$1; large paperbacks \$1.50 each or two for \$2; hardbacks \$2 each or two for \$3; coffee table/oversized books \$3 or as marked.

Telling the Story of Your Life: Memoir Writing Workshop. Author and writing instructor, Margaret Lucke leads a three-hour free workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Pre-registration is required. For more information please call (925) 254-2184 or visit guides.ccclib.org/lamorindareads.

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 at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Laura Zucker by email at zuckers@aol.com or visit www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member.

The Campolindo High School Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Johnny Johnson, with special guest Mariya Borozina, will be performing the Mozart Sinonia Concertante at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga. Also featured are student chamber groups and Haydn's Symphony No. 82 in C Major. Their Winter Concert is free.

The Campolindo Winter Band Concert with special guest artist Diane Maltester playing the concertino for Clarinet and Band by Frank Beniciscutto as well as a full program by the Concert and Symphonic Bands will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga. Free.

Big Band Ball Room Dance and show at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 at The New Rheem Theatre, 350 Park Street, Moraga. Optional dance lessons, free with your ticket to the dance, start at 7 p.m. and the Rossmoor Big band begins playing at 8 p.m. The cocktail bar opens at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10 at the door or at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. For reservations: (925) 284-7404.

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