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**Eco-Chic: A Sustainable Fashion & Beauty Event.** Cloud 9 Organic Salon and Fawkeshunter Styling will be showing Orinda how easy (and chic!) it is to be green with a fashion presentation beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13 featuring designs from eco-fashion leaders Amour Vert and offering tips on how your wardrobe can be more eco-conscious and remain stylish. Free. For info, call (925) 258-9811 or email info@cloud9organictherapy.com.

**Wildlife Expert Gary Bogue will discuss "Creatures of the Urban Wilderness (your backyard)"** at 9:30 a.m. Monday, April 15 at Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek. Bogue will discuss the wild animals that live in and around your backyard, day and night— creatures that interact with you and have become a part of your life, often without you even knowing they are there. Brunch event tickets: \$25. To purchase tickets, contact Penny Adams at (925) 837-4046, P.O. Box 562, Diablo, CA 94528, or call the museum at (925) 935-1978.

**Join Spring Leadership Summit in an interactive presentation** "A Whole New Way: Leadership and Engagement in the 21st Century" from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16 at the Claeys Lounge, Saint Mary's College Soda Center, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. The summit will examine how society thinks about leadership and what is needed to bring about the changes you care about most, focusing on particular challenges within the educational system.

**Orinda Action Day begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20** with registration (drop-ins welcome, too) at the Library Plaza. It's time to lend a hand to help beautify our city! Projects are taking place on the Theatre Square and Village sides of town, at the schools, and at the creeks. Many projects are kid friendly. It's a good way for students to fulfill volunteer hours required by their schools. Enjoy fresh fruit, bagels and coffee, get a free T-shirt (while supplies last) and come back (around noon) for pizza when your project is finished. Sign up through Sign Up Genius at www.SignUp-Genius.com/go/30E0D4BABA629A02-orinda/3067927 or visit Orinda Action Day at www.orindafoundation.org or send an email to orindafoundation@gmail.com indicating preferred project category and volunteer names.

**Step into nature and history and enjoy the 12th Annual Wildlife/Earth Day Festival** in support of the unique outdoor environmental education programs for Orinda children from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21. Delightful adventures include: pond explorations, live raptors shown by Jenny Papka, electric Volt and Leaf car test drives, delicious food, music, crafts, games, nature walks, and much more. There will be an Earth Day tribute by Chester Miner, Elder of the Cherokee Nation and the Guest of the Day will be Gary Bogue. The Friends of the Wagner Ranch will conduct this free festive program to celebrate and support environmental education and biodiversity programs in the Nature Area. For more info, visit www.fwrna.org. (See article page A7)

**Run, Walk, Jog...Eat, Dance, Play...Help support children and families affected by AIDS in Zimbabwe!** Get your family and friends together for the 10th Annual JF Kapnek Trust Family Fun 5k/1k Run at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 21 at Miramonte High School. There will be an African band, face painting, crafts for kids, goodie bags for kids, prizes, brunch, and a super cool T-shirt! Visit Active.Com to register. Keyword is: KAPNEK.

**The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present Curious Tales of the Talmud: Finding Yourself in the Legends of Our Sages,** the institute's new six-session spring 2013 course that begins the week of April 21. The six-session course will be conducted on six consecutive Tuesday's beginning April 23 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at Chabad of Contra Costa 1671 Newell Ave., Walnut Creek. The course will also be offered in the evening from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Contra Costa Jewish Day School, 3836 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

**Gather your friends together from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Monday, April 29 for a fun day of games, conversation, munching and door prizes at the Moraga Women's Society annual "Brunch, Bridge and Bunko" event at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. Tickets: \$30 per person, and can be obtained from any Women's Society member or call (925) 376-3187. Ticket deadline is April 22.

**An Evening with local teen author Cynthia Brian from 7 to 8 p.m.** Tuesday, April 30 at the Orinda Library. Whether you're curious about writing, getting published, or becoming a radio or TV personality, or just getting involved, bring your questions. For more information, call the Orinda Library at (925) 254-2184, ext 15.

**Chinese Art and Chinese Calligraphy from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** Tuesday, April 30 in the Arts & Science Discovery Room at the Lafayette Library. The Contra Costa Chinese School will be at the library to teach the basics of brush handling, brush strokes and ink preparation for Chinese art and for Chinese calligraphy; learn brush strokes and construct Chinese words.

**7th Annual Moraga Community Faire will be held** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. This annual event is planned and organized by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce. The core of this community gathering is its businesses, coming out to meet and greet the public. Other attractions will include a classic car show, wine tasting from our local vineyards, cool music from our schools' bands on our stage, and oodles of activities for the kids. Forms for booth

registration and classic car entries can be downloaded at www.moragachamber.org until the May 1 deadline.

**The Moraga Barn is excited to announce that its beautiful and historical building is now available for event rentals!** The Barn is the home of a new community event called PopIn at the Barn! The PopIn events will be themed, unique and fun events occurring throughout the year. The first one, an open house and market, will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4th.

**Join the National Park Service for a free campfire program** on Saturday, May 4, at John Muir National Historic Site (NHS) in Martinez. The program begins at 7 p.m. and lasts roughly 1.5 hours. Rangers will lead the group in songs, skits and stories to celebrate the legacy of John Muir, one of the greatest naturalists and conservationists the United States has ever known.

**Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation's Animals** on Broadway will be Sunday, May 19 at the Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek. Kick off the event by joining the one-mile fundraising Pet Walk. Pet Walk begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp (registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m.) After, stay and enjoy an array of booths, mobile adoptions, face painting, a Pet Wellness Fair, Walnut Creek Police K9 Unit demonstrations, live music, and crafts for kids from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, visit www.arf.net.

CLUBS

**The Lamorinda Democratic Club's Thursday, April 11 meeting** will feature a discussion about health care policy in California and the nation, with Terry Leach, Executive Director of the UC Center for Health Quality and Innovation (7:15 p.m. club meeting; 8 p.m. speaker) at the Lafayette Library and Community Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette. Admission: \$5; students free. For more info, call (925) 567-3367 or visit www.lamorindademoclub.org.

**Lamorinda Republican Women Federated luncheon** meeting will be held at noon on April 18 at the Orinda Country Club. Former two term Congressman Bill Baker will be the speaker. For luncheon information and reservations contact Elsie Euing at 925-254-8617 by no later than April 12. The cost of lunch is \$25. Men are always welcome to participate.

**Lafayette Garden Club features Randall Barnes of Orchard Nursery,** who will discuss how to "Tantalize Your Taste Buds---learn to grow and cook delectable heirloom vegetables and herbs" at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. For more info, email sa613and@aol.com.

SENIORS

**Join Lafayette Senior Services for an afternoon of dancing** every first Wednesday of the month and learn some great new dance moves at the Lamorinda Dance Social. Professional dancers Karen and Michael will provide a dance lesson and live DJ services, playing your favorites and taking requests from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Room, Lafayette Community Center. Cost: \$2 members; \$4 non-members. For info, call (925) 284-5050 to reserve a spot.

**"Spring has Sprung" Piano Jazz from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** Friday, April 19 as part of the Con-

tra Costa Performing Arts Society at the Lafayette Library, Community Hall. Cost: \$3 members; \$5 non-members.

**Widow Persons Support informal presentation, "The Roller Coaster of Aging: How to Add Joy to the Ride,"** with Dr. Ann Steiner, who will discuss the emotional aspects of uninvented changes, such as loss of a spouse or partner at 7 p.m. Monday, April 22 at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. All are invited with refreshments being served. For info, call (925) 788-3877.

GARDEN

**Once again, The City of Walnut Creek and The Gardens at Heather Farm** are teaming up to present a free workshop, "Discovering a Sense of Place (Part II)" with Patrice Hanlon, GHF garden manager and Susan Handjian from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27 at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Explore Walnut Creek's "Creek Walk." Each session includes activities or walks to explore watersheds, plants, animals and insects that live in our area. Workshops can be taken individually or as a series. Pre-registration required. For info, visit gardenshf.org.

**Irrigation and New Norms for California Landscape.** Scott Sommerfeld, Landscape Architect and EBMUD representative for water conservation, will emphasize resource efficiency as the new norms for local landscapes, and discuss best practices for landscape and irrigation design, installation and maintenance and update us on the newest high efficiency irrigation equipment from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Lafayette Community Garden. These classes are interactive, informative and fun so come join us and prepare to get your hands dirty! It can be muddy and cold in the winter so dress appropriately.

**The Moraga Garden Club's much anticipated annual Spring Salad Luncheon** will begin at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 18 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center in Moraga. Karen Baymiller, a local floral designer will present a demonstration with Petals and Pods. Guests and members will be treated to a delightful array of numerous salads, delightful deserts and fascinating

floral demonstrations. For more info, call Ellie Vaughn at (925) 376-0889.

**The Ninth Annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour** will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5. This free, award-winning tour features 40 Alameda and Contra Costa county gardens that are pesticide-free, conserve water, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60 percent or more native plants. This self-drive tour showcases a variety of gardens, from large parcels in the hills to small lots in the flats. Native plant sales and talks are offered at select gardens. Space is limited and registration is required. This tour will fill; register early to ensure a place. Volunteers are needed. Please register or volunteer at www.bringingbackthenatives.net. For more info, contact Kathy@KathyKramerConsulting.net or call (510) 236-9558 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

**The Gardens at Heather Farm is excited to host a free Mother's Day event** in celebration of all moms! This fun-filled event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 12 at The Gardens, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Enjoy light refreshments and a garden gift just for mom – compliments of The Gardens! For more info, visit www.gardenshf.org.

SCHOOLS

**Spend a day with friends celebrating the Heart of the Home** at the Miramonte Kitchen & Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 18. Six unique and gorgeous kitchens and gardens will be open for a self-guided tour. Tickets: \$35. Space is limited so sign up early! Proceeds from the events will have an immediate impact on the quality of programs available to all Miramonte students. Tickets are available at Orinda Books, Orinda Florist, McDonnell's Nursery and Lazy K at Orchard Nursery. (see article page E1)

**Moraga Education Foundation invites Campo families to the 2013 MEF Spring Festival** celebrating a Day in the Life from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 at the New Rheem Theatre. Enjoy spectacular exhibits and performances from our K-12 students highlighting arts, science, music, library, PE, drama and more. Free.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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