

# EVENTS ORINDA

**Classic Film Festival This Weekend** in Orinda and Moraga May 10-12 (See Moraga listing)



**Reagan and Zoe's Mother's Day Walk for Breast Cancer**  
Help Orinda Intermediate School students raise money to fund mammograms for moms taking care of families while battling breast cancer Sunday, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Sunday, May 12 at the St. Stephen's Trail in Orinda (trail starts in downtown Orinda, and proceeds up to St. Stephen's Drive.). Take a Mother's Day stroll in honor of the women and girls you love – or come out to cheer on one of the walkers who will raise critically needed funds to pay for testing at the Carol Ann Read Breast Health Center. (See story page B5)

**Swan Lake at Orinda Library Theater**  
The Orinda Ballet Academy and Company Presents "Swan Lake" Friday through Sunday, May 17-19 at the Orinda Library Theater, 26 Orinda Way. Children and Adults (general seating): \$18. For more times, tickets and show information call (925) 254-2445 or visit www.BrownPaperTickets.com.

**Mercy Ships**  
Learn about life aboard the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the world at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29 from long-time Orinda resident and licensed merchant marine, John Creech, who has been volunteering since 2001 with this inspiring organization which brings life-changing healthcare and hope to children and adults in West Africa. Members of the general public are encouraged to attend this free program, which is sponsored by the Orinda Historical Society. Social time with refreshments starts at 6:30 p.m. General membership meeting and presentation begin at 7 p.m. at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way. For details, call (925) 254-1353 or visit www.orindahistoricalsocietymuseum.org.

**A Revolution in Aesthetics through Dance**  
The Friends of the Orinda Library present "A Revolution in Aesthetics through Dance: The Life and Art of Isadora Duncan" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29 in the Orinda Library Garden, 26 Orinda Way. Dancer, Lois Flood, and narrator-poet, Marjorie Lynn Wagner, bring the revolutionary dancer, Isadora Duncan, to life. Known as the mother of "modern dance," Duncan founded the "New System" of interpretive dance, blending together poetry, music and the rhythms of nature. Free and open to the public.

**Orinda Library Summer Music Series**  
The Orinda Library and Friends of the Orinda Library present the Fourth Annual Summer Music Series. All performances are free, open to all, and begin at 6:30 p.m. inside the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way. The first performance includes Orinda's Hometown Favorite, The Real Placebos Wednesday, June 19.

**Orinda Starlight Village Players**  
Get your tickets now for what are sure to be sellout performances of the Orinda Starlight Village Players beginning May 31 through June 22 with "Love from a Stranger," the Frank Vosper adaptation of Agatha Christie's "Philomel Cottage." One homicidal maniac plus one damsel in distress with fiancé waiting in the wings will keep mystery lovers on tenterhooks. For ticket and additional show information, visit the OSVP website: www.orsvp.org.

**Summer Concerts in the Park**



Thrill to opera outdoors or groove to cool jazz on warm evenings at Orinda's fabulous, free, and fun Concerts in the Park each Tuesday at the Orinda Library Theater. All concerts from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Food and beverages available from Loard's Ice Cream and Rebel Dog. Sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary, and supported by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Department, Orinda Community Foundation, City of Orinda, and Rotary Club of Orinda. Note: Schedule subject to change. Visit the City of Orinda's web site for up-to-date information: www.cityoforinda.org.

- June 11 Brian Moran Jazz Trio (with vocalist Rebecca Faiola), Classic Jazz
- June 18 Cal Alumni Big Band, Big Band Jazz
- June 25 David Correa and CASCADA, Latin Guitar/World Music
- July 2 Bay Bridge Beat, Funk, Rhythm and Blues
- July 9 Stone Soup, Classic Rock
- July 16 Lamorinda Idol Singers, Variety
- July 23 Pladdohg, Celtic Rock
- July 28 Opera in the Park with Open Opera\* (Sunday) (Note: Day and time change to Sunday, 4-6 pm.)
- August 6 The Crisis, Blues and Rock
- August 13 littledog2, Pop and Rock

## Moraga Man Promotes Alzheimer's Awareness

By Cathy Dausman



From left, Zack Smith and musician Glen Campbell at the Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Forum in Washington, D.C. last month. Photo provided

Zachary Smith of Moraga wasn't yet born when the first Alzheimer's advocacy forum was held, but he knows the intense toll this disease can take. Five years ago Smith's own grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's; she is now in the late stages of this disease.

"We discovered she was incorrectly writing checks and [neglecting] basic personal hygiene," Smith said.

He watched as she forgot her family's names and spoke with imaginary "friends" in her bedroom mirrors. "My grandfather was in such denial and knew nothing about the disease," he said.

Smith, now a government and public policy student at University of Redlands, is educating himself about the disease. "Alzheimer's disease is the very reason I chose to study [government and public policy]," he said. "I do my best to promote awareness of the Alzheimer's crisis both at home and in college." In April Smith was one of 40 young advocates meeting in Washington, D.C. as part of the Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Forum.

Special guests included musician Glen Campbell, who announced he had Alzheimer's in 2011. Smith's group met with staff from the offices of Congress members George Miller, Jerry McNerney, and Ami Bera. Smith plans to help the Alzheimer's Association develop a youth advocacy group for local chapters this summer. He also plans to attend future forums "every year I am able."

"If there is one good thing that comes from my journey with Alzheimer's disease it would be that it caused me to realize what my passion was and what I wanted to do with my life," he said.

**Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's:**

1. Memory loss disruptive to daily life
  2. Challenges in planning or solving problems.
  3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
  4. Confusion with time or place
  5. Trouble understanding visual/spatial images
  6. New problems with words
  7. Misplacing items and an inability to retrace
  8. Decreased or poor judgment
  9. Withdrawal from work and social activities
  10. Changes in mood or personality
- Source: Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org)

## Attention Lamorinda residents:

Do you have a wedding story you'd like to share with Lamorinda Weekly readers? Email cathy.d@lamorindaweekly.com by May 22 — we'd love to hear your story!

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## College Works Painting Intern



Hi, my name is John Vanni, Jr. (JJ) and I am a former St. Perpetua (Lafayette), Miramonte High School (Orinda) student who is currently studying at San Francisco State University. This past fall I was accepted into a College Works Painting (CWP) internship program that gives me the tools to run my own exterior house painting business in order to get managerial experience while still in school. College Works Painting at

www.collegeworks.com is a nation-wide program that partners with Kelly-Moore Paints, so we get a good discount on their high quality paint. Each intern sets certain goals to accomplish during his or her time with the program, and my goal is to get a 100% customer satisfaction rating for the summer of 2013.

I view this internship as something more than just a managerial position. I am adding another level of experience in working with people, determining their needs and ensuring their satisfaction with the outcome. My experience in coaching kids and communicating with parents as a certified hitting instructor at Mike Murphy Baseball has been invaluable, and this CWP internship is the next step in accomplishing my dream for securing my family's future through hard work.

If your house is in need of fresh exterior paint, please call College Works Painting at (888) 450-9675 and tell them you would like John Vanni Jr. to manage the job; they will send me your information. Or, you can email me directly at jvanni2@gmail.com. If you mention this article, I will give you an extra 2.5% discount in addition to the other discounts that come with the College Works Painting program. More importantly, I will give you my personal attention and ensure quality work from our painters at an excellent value.

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