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ART

The Glover Group: "A Legacy of Light and Color" which features the current works of 21 local plein air painters who studied under the late acclaimed landscape painter, Pam Glover, and who continue to paint together today and participate in both individual and group showings throughout the Bay Area runs through Jan. 1 at the Orinda Library Gallery. The public is invited to a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. For info, visit www.thepamglovergroup.com.

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art's Schedule of Exhibitions through Dec. 15: "Judy Dater: Edo Redux," one of the country's most influential living photographers (in the new Studio Gallery). "The Artist Revealed: Artist Portraits and Self-Portraits" (in the Hearst Gallery). Fifty portraits and self-portraits are on loan from the Syracuse University Art Collection. "Malcolm Lubliner: The Automotive Landscape" (in the new Armistead Gallery). "Nature's Placid Splendor" (in the Keith Gallery). Landscape paintings with three private collection paintings never before on public view. Open 11 a.m. to

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4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For info, call (925)-631-4379 or visit stmarys-ca.edu/museum. Admission: free to K-12 graders; \$5 adults. Free parking.

The Moraga Art Gallery show entitled "Capturing Light: Lens and Glass" highlighting photography by resident artist Wenda Pyman, and cast sand glasswork and flamework by guest artist Janice Peacock will run through Jan. 4. The show also includes works by the gallery's 14 resident artists and several guest artists at 522 Center Street, Rheem Shopping Center, Moraga. Free. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, email moragaartgallery@gmail.com or call (925) 376-5407.

Student Art from Afghanistan will be on display at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Library Gallery (Community Hall) through Jan. 13, 2014. Afghanistan is a country with deep roots in art and culture. Though many beautiful treasures have been destroyed by war and political strife, Afghan children continue to create art and imagine a world of peace. This exhibit, brought to you by Trust in Education (TIE) and the Lafayette Public Art Committee, highlights drawings created by students taking classes funded by TIE.

MUSIC

Experience the vibrant rhythms of salsa, sultry blues, and beloved Big Band standards performed by the SMC Jazz Band from 8 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Soda Activity Center, Saint Mary's College. Cost: \$5 general; \$2 SMC community and seniors. Buy your tickets by phone at (925) 631-4670, at the door, or online at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/467632>.

As part of a celebration of the Symphony's 25th season, the Pacific Chamber Symphony, with conductor Lawrence Kohl, presents "Crazy About Bach: All Six Brandenburg Concertos" at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 in the Community Hall, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. To hear the complete set of the beloved Brandenburgs in one evening is a tour de force display of the virtuosity of the members of the Pacific Chamber Symphony and of Bach's incredibly mastery of substance and form. Tickets: \$30 seniors; \$35 adults; \$10 students with ID – children under 13 free with adult by calling Brown Paper Tickets at (800) 838-3006 or online at www.pacificchambersymphony.org/lafayette

As a holiday treat, Diablo Theatre Company offers up the delightful "A Grand Night for Singing," a romantic, entertaining revue of music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, the duo who created songs that are standards of musical theater and American popular culture. The show will run Nov. 29 through Dec. 7 at Walnut Creek's Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.lesherartscenter.org or www.diablotheatre.org.

The Walnut Creek Concert Band under the musical direction of Harvey Benstein will present the Annual Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Leshar Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr., Walnut Creek. This Walnut Creek tradition features many of your Holiday favorites, plus a guest appearance by the United States Air Force, Travis Brass. Tickets are available through the Leshar Center for the Arts Ticket Office by calling (925) 943-7469, or by ordering online at www.Lesherartscenter.org. Ticket Prices: adult \$17; seniors and students \$14. Group rates available.

Welcome Winter with warm Brazilian Jazz - a free musical event to celebrate winter with Brazilian songs, and a few seasonal tunes featuring Mary D'Orazi with Tim Campbell on piano and Greg German on drums/percussion at the Orinda Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4. For more info, visit ccclib.org, call (925) 254-2184, ext 15, or email bgirshma@ccclib.org.

"Horizons," the fall dance concert slated for 8 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 5, 6 and 7 in LeFevre Theatre is presented by Saint Mary's College Dance Company. Featuring the

work of eight Saint Mary's seniors, and exploring many facets of the human experience, including love, magic, faith, innocence, sacrifice, and competition, this concert will appeal to and entertain a wide variety of audience members. Tickets are \$5 general admission and free to Saint Mary's students with ID. For info and reservations call (925) 631-4670. Online tickets are also available at brownpapertickets.com.

Voices of Musica Sacra sings a variety of Christmas favorites, featuring Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with harp accompaniment, plus other holiday music by Ives, Byrd, Burt, Thomas, and more, plus a carol sing-a-long at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek, and at 3 p.m. on Dec 8, at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 1101 Keaveny Ct., Walnut Creek. For info, visit www.vmschorus.org, email info@vmschorus.org, or call (925) 228-1181.

The Merola Opera Program Holiday Concert is coming to the Lafayette Library at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 for a performance by two of its renowned opera artists in the library's Community Hall. The hour-long recital will star Kristen Clayton and Bojan Knezevic, who have performed with the San Francisco Opera and around the world. Tickets: \$10, with all proceeds going to the Lafayette Library Learning Center Foundation. It will feature a repertoire of selections from popular operas as well as holiday favorites. To purchase tickets, call the Library at (925) 283-6513 x103 or email reserve@LLLCF.org. Tickets may be available at the door.

Diablo Women's Chorale presents their December concert "Home—for the Holidays" – an intimate concert of home, hearth...and chimney at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. The house band and special guests will delight and amuse your whole family. DWC is directed by Mary Sorenson and accompanied by pianist Steven Evans. Tickets: \$15, students \$10 at the door or online at www.diablowomen-schorale.org.

THEATER

Saint Mary's College, Performing Arts Department Theatre Program proudly presents the West Coast premiere of "And When We Awoke There was Light and Light," Laura Jacqmin's contemporary fable about teenage idealism and activism in the age of global connections. Guest director Susannah Martin stages the production, which opens Thursday, Nov. 14 and performs for two weekends on the Saint Mary's College campus. "And When We Awoke" performs at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 21-23, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Tickets: \$10 general; \$8 seniors (65+) and non-SMC students; \$5 SMC students, faculty and staff. Tickets are available online (www.brownpapertickets.com), by phone at (925) 631-4670 or at the door. (See story page B4)

Snow falls onstage and the Christmas tree magically grows to great heights in the beloved annual California Academy of Performing Arts presentation of "The Nutcracker." Performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6; at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Boulevard, Walnut

Creek. Tickets: \$22, can be purchased at <http://www.lesherartscenter.org/ticket-office-information/> and more information can be found at www.capadance.net. Contact: lynnkdavis@comcast.net.

Town Hall Theatre has been the go-to place for theatrical holiday family fun in Contra Costa County for generations. This season Town Hall mixes it up with a three-person comic tomado, "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" runs from Dec. 7 to 21, with previews on Dec. 5 and 6. Just as the title suggests, three actors take on the entire Christmas canon from "A Christmas Carol" to "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" – Gustav the Green-Nosed Reingot and beyond. For exact times and prices, contact the Town Hall Theatre Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or visit www.TownHallTheatre.com.

LECTURE & LITERATURE

The LLLCF Authors and Athletes series presents Tim Green, best-selling author of young adult novels, former NFL star, lawyer and TV broadcaster, who will discuss his latest book, and share his wisdom about finding success at home, on the field and in the classroom at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Lafayette Library. Green will sell and sign books after the presentation. Tickets: free for youth, \$5 adults. For info, visit www.lllcf.org.

Have holiday book shopping to do? If so, why not do it at Barnes & Noble Nov. 24 and 25? Part of every purchase at the Walnut Creek Barnes and Noble store (or on their website, www.barnesandnoble.com) will benefit the Lafayette Youth Writing and Photography Contest. Pick up a voucher at the Walnut Creek store to use at check-out. If you shop online, use the check-out code: 11219672.

Come enjoy a special reading of "Trap the Elf" by author Susan Opelt at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the J. Colleen Holiday Event, 261 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Twenty percent of the book sales on the day of the event will go to the lilyarahgracefund.org (supporting the arts in underfunded elementary schools across America).

Stanley Middle School Holiday Gift and Book Fair Sunday through Tuesday, Dec. 8-10 at Barnes & Noble in Walnut Creek. Shop for the holidays while supporting Stanley Middle School. Free concerts will be performed by the Stanley Chorus from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 and by the Stanley Jazz Band from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday Dec. 9. Up to 20 percent of purchases will go directly to Stanley.

"A Night of Many Colors" presented by the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will feature award-winning artists Lou Fancher and Steve Johnson, who have collaborated on over 45 picture books as well as pre-production set and character designs on movies including "Toy Story" and "A Bug's Life." This husband and wife team uses an unusual approach wherein both artists conceive, design and paint together. They will speak at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center. For info, visit lllc.org.

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Rotary



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Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club

We meet Friday mornings at 7:15 a.m. at Celia's Mexican Restaurant, 3666 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. (Diagonally across from Trader Joes)

November 22:

Real Estate Fraud - Ken W. McCormick, Deputy District Attorney, Contra Costa County.

December 6:*

Mary Jane Margraff, Local Lafayette resident will talk about **women in aviation and sub-orbital space flight.**

Please join us!



*November 29: no meeting Thanksgiving week

Lamorinda's Religious Services



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Worship	Sunday	10 am
Children/Youth Sunday School	Sunday	10 am
Youth Fellowship	Sunday	6 pm



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- ▶ lamorinda familycenter
- ▶ Sunday Worship

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