

Not to be missed

ART

The Moraga Art Gallery show entitled "Capturing Light: Lens and Glass," highlighting photography by resident artist Wenda Pyman, and cast sand glasswork and framework 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.

An exhibit titled "The Heart of Art" will be on view at the Lafayette Art Gallery through Dec. 28, and features warm and emotional works by both the current and new members. The paintings, prints, photography, ceramics and jewelry in "The Heart of Art" offer a wonderful selection of hand-made, one-of-a-kind holiday gifts and ornaments, and will run through the holiday season. For info, call (925) 284-2788 or visit www.lafayetteart-gallery.com.

Klein Gallery is pleased to invite the Lafayette community to

its new show "Prickly Point." This month's show includes work from nine Bay Area Artists who use a diverse array of mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. As the title suggests, the exhibition celebrates the unique character of each artist's work while encouraging viewers to take in the show as a whole. "Prickly Point" will be up through Jan. 12 at Klein Gallery, open Tuesday through Sunday.

SMC Art and Art History Department Alumni will showcase art in all media and sizes including video and small sculpture. Come see fantastic alumni art, catch up and network with fellow Art and Art History alums and faculty at the opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, refreshments included. If you would like to volunteer and help with press, installation, opening reception or de-installation, please feel free to contact Lily Manderville, (510) 849-8935, galler@care-gtu.org or Professor Anna Novakov, anovakov@stmarys-ca.edu.

The Glover Group: "A Legacy of Light and Color" which features the current works of 21 local plein air painters who studied

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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. For info, visit www.thepamglovergroup.com.

Student Art from Afghanistan will be on display at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Community Hall through Jan. 13. 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

In Lumine. From flares and fireflies to more introspective illuminations, WomenSing's wonderfully fresh holiday concert, "In Lumine" (In Light), will be the choral event to anticipate this holiday season. Full, robust and romantic elements abound in Imant Raminsh's "Missa Brevis in C

Minor." The light of the Mother will shine in Ivo Antognini's "Ave Maris Stella" in its string-like lines, and cluster chords that create a glow of sound. In the song cycle "Lux Lucis," Seattle composer Karen Thomas provides two lustrous settings of 12th century texts by composer and mystic Hildegard von Bingen with numerous references to light, sun, flame and radiance. The light of fire in Dale Trumbore's "Flare" will rush to catch you! Join WomenSing, and Guest Conductor Jeremiah Selvey this holiday season. Program begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Tickets available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/506271>.

Holiday Music Concert from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 outside the Orinda Library by teen volunteers of Be the Star You Are! literacy charity organized by Andrew Wang to raise money for Operation Disaster Relief. For info, visit http://starstyleradio.com/Events/Entries/2013/12/21_Holiday_Concert_to_Support_Disaster_Relief.html.

Contra Costa Children's Chorus celebrates 30 years of musical excellence in an Alumni Reunion Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Laccassie Ave. Artistic Director Martin Benvenuto and Founding Artistic Director Iris Lamanna will lead alumni and current choristers in song, featuring alumni soloists Camaron Ochs, soprano; Sylvia Baba, soprano; Matt Smart, piano; Keenan Boswell, piano; Aaron Grafton, cello. Tickets: \$20 by mail to CCCC, PO Box 2518, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, or at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Experience the joy of singing in a community of talented and dedicated women! WomenSing is holding auditions Tuesday, Jan. 7 – and by appointment for experienced singers. All voice parts are welcome, and scholarships are available for qualified singers. You may also visit www.womensing.org to review our recent repertoire and listen online. For info, email audition@womensing.org, call (925) 974-9169, or visit womensing.org.

THEATER

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 tornado, "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" which runs through Dec. 21. 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 Reingoat and beyond. For exact times and prices, contact the Town Hall Theatre Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or visit www.TownHallTheatre.com.

"To All a Good Night." Improvisation play based on audience members' worst "home for the holidays" stories at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Rd. Tickets: \$10 at the door or via www.synergytheater.com, which also has more information about the production.

Kenn Adams' Adventure Theater – an interactive comedy show for heroes of any age – will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Audience members make all of the sound effects, become the scenery, suggest the twists and turns of the plot and jump up on the stage to play the main characters. Tickets: \$5, available at the door or via www.synergytheater.com.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Fratello Marionettes: North Pole Review. Join the fun with a puppet extravaganza, The North Pole Review, which showcases the high kicking antics of the Russian Trepak Dancers, the graceful ice skater Crystal Chandelier, and features dazzling acrobatic penguins at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library, this is a perfect way to celebrate the holiday season!

Please submit events to:
calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Lamorinda's Religious Services



St. Giles Episcopal Church
An Inclusive & Affirming Community
Sunday School & Eucharist at 9am
St. Mary's College Chapel
1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga
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DECEMBER 22

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Coffee Fellowship at 9:15 and 11:45 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 p.m. a family-friendly service
6:00 p.m. a contemporary candlelight communion service
10:00 p.m. a traditional candlelight communion service
(Childcare available at 4 and 6 p.m.)

Worship December 29 and January 5, 2014
single services at 9:30 a.m.

433 Moraga Way www.holyshepherd.org 254-3422

The Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.org

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Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

Lafayette United Methodist Church



955 Moraga Rd., Lafayette,
284-4765, office@thelumc.org

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

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www.christianscienceorinda.org



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St Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORINDA

Sunday, December 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Lessons & Carols with Eucharist at 8:00am & 10:00am

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00pm

Christmas Pageant and First Eucharist of Christmas
Start the festivities with Family Carol Singing at 3:30pm

Tuesday, December 24th at 8:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
The service is preceded by music for organ and trumpet at 7:40pm

Tuesday, December 24th at 11:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
Beginning with a concert of Christmas music for choir and instruments at 10:40pm

Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00am

Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, December 29 at 8:00am and 10:00am

The First Sunday After Christmas Day

66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda
254-3770. www.ststephensorinda.org