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## The Moraga Pear, (Art) and Wine Festival This Saturday

This year the Lamorinda Arts Council will partner with the Town of Moraga and the Parks Foundation to enliven the traditional Moraga Pear and Wine Festival, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Commons. "We will have live entertainment at the fair all day long," says Moraga councilmember Teresa Onoda who is also on the board of the Arts Council. The lineup is nothing like what Moraga has seen at the festival before: There will be performances by the Orinda Starlight Village Players, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, the Orinda Community Ukulele Musicians, the Orinda Ballet Academy, the Campolindo Jazz band and River Roses belly dancers. Artists and galleries from Lamorinda will create an "art walk" at the festival including displays from the Saint Mary's College Museum of Art and Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery in Lafayette, as well as a preview of "Painting with Threads: The Exquisite Art of Japanese Embroidery" exhibit, which will run Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 at BDK America, 1675 School Street in Moraga. The art walk will also feature local artists and different art booths for children. In one booth, children will learn how to make origami, and a second booth will be dedicated to teaching still-life painting and drawing. The Lamorinda Arts Council will have tables at the festival and will raffle themed gift baskets. Four local wineries will offer samples of their wines and answer questions, judges will pick the winner of the pear recipe contest, food will be available at the park to purchase, and the youngest ones can enjoy playing on inflatable jumpies. S. Braccini

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