

**MOVIE REVIEW**

# Wine, Appetizers, Lecture and Movie

Just another day at Lamorinda Theatres

By Derek Zemrak

## Vincent Price Wine “House on Haunted Hill”



“House on Haunted Hill”

Photo provided

The Vincent Price evening of celebration is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26 at Cine Cuvée, Orinda Theatre Square’s new wine lounge adjacent to the theater. The event starts at 7 p.m. with wine tasting from the Vincent Price Signature Collection and appetizers from his world famous cookbook, “A Treasury of Great Recipes” (1965) that Price wrote with his wife, Mary. His daughter, Victoria Price, will be attending and will reminisce about her father – a man who loved life, art, wine, food, his family and entertaining people.

Vincent Leonard Price, Jr. was an actor, writer, art connoisseur and gourmet who was born in St Louis, Missouri on May 27, 1911 to Marguerite Cobb (Wilcox) and Vincent Leonard Price, Sr. He traveled through Europe, studied at Yale, became an actor and made his screen debut in 1938. After many minor roles, he began performing in low-budget horror movies such as “House of Wax” (1953). He achieved his first major success in “House of Usher” (1960). Known for his distinctive, low-pitched, creaky, atmospheric voice and his quizzical, mock-serious facial expressions, he went on to star in a series of acclaimed Gothic horror

movies, such as “Pit and the Pendulum” (1961) and “The Abominable Dr. Phibes” (1971). In the mid-1970s he started doing cooking programs for television. Price’s final acting role was in “Edward Scissorhands” (1990). Vincent Price died on Oct. 25, 1993 at age 82 of lung cancer and emphysema.

A special screening of the original (1959) “House on Haunted Hill” will be shown at 9 p.m. at the Orinda Theatre.

An eccentric millionaire, Frederick Loren (Vincent Price) has a proposal for five guests at a possibly haunted mansion: Show up, survive the night and receive \$10,000 each.

Sounds easy?

Prior to the screening of “House on Haunted Hill,” Victoria Price will be giving a lecture on her famous dad. Seating is limited for the wine tasting event. Get your tickets early online at lamorindatheatres.com.

Tickets for the wine tasting are \$10 for which you will receive a 3-ounce pour of each of Price’s wines. Movie and lecture tickets are \$10 or free with a purchase of a bottle of wine. Do not miss this special evening.

# Service Clubs Announcements



Explore Lamorinda Rotary clubs The heart of Rotary is our clubs- dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Learn about Lamorinda’s Rotary clubs.

A global volunteer organization working to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.



We meet Friday mornings at 7:00 am at The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3666 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For more info, please email us at lamorindasunrise@gmail.com

February 26:

Outstanding high school speakers compete in annual Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest

March 3:

Our own Eve Phillips, Orinda Vice Mayor, updates the goings-on

Wine Barrel Raffle: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner drawings on May 1, 2016 Buy \$10 raffle tickets on-line at www.lamorindasunrise.com, or from our Rotary Club members

## Lafayette Rotary Club

Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting. Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.

February 25:

Peter Brooks will talk about the White Pony Express

March 3:

Dave Luebke man - sustainable family farms, Plant with Purpose

www.rotarylafayette.org

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“Improving the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment”

Please join us for our next meeting:

WHEN: Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Social 5:30-6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Buttercup Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek.

For more information, contact: Regina Englehart @925-876-9076 or go to: sorooptimist24-680.org

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**KIDS, ... continued**

**Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage will sponsor** a new relocation college scholarship program to help a deserving student with college expenses. The winning student will receive \$2,000 towards the college of his or her choice. All high school students set to graduate in the spring semester of 2016 who meet the eligibility requirements are invited to submit an original and thoughtful essay of 1,000 words or less exploring the topic of relocation. Essays will be accepted starting March 1 of this year and must be submitted no later than June 15 in order to be considered. For more information regarding the Scholarship Program, please contact Kathy Denning at (925) 771.5273 or kathy.denning@westrsc.com.

**The student musical group "Symphonics" will offer** the classical music and narrated performance of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at the Moraga Library. This free event is open for all ages, no reservations necessary. For more information, please visit cclib.org or call (925) 376-6852.

**Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the Moraga Library** on Wednesday, March 2. Dr. Seuss books will be available to read all day in the picture book nook. There will be special Seussian storytimes and crafts at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Seussian activities and crafts for older kids will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. Free. No registration required.

**Moraga Summer Camp Expo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Saturday, March 5 at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga.

**OTHER**

**Contra Costa Living presents "Solar Energy Seminar - Top 10 things to know before you install solar"** from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Center, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. You will learn about the top 10 things you must know before you invest in a solar energy system for your home. Free. For more info, visit https://10thingstoknowbeforeyoubuysolar.eventbrite.com or call (925) 297-5335 or email Pete@ContraCostaLiving.com.

**Diablo Valley Literacy Council Opportunity - English Tutors Needed.** Volunteer to help adults in your neighborhood to read, write and speak English well enough to function in our society. Working one-one-one, you can help people to get a better job, apply for citizenship, read to their children...the possibilities are endless. No teaching experience is required. The next workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 5 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4000 Clayton Road in Concord. You must attend both sessions. There is a nominal fee to cover the training and material costs. For more info or to register call the hotline and leave a message at (925) 685-3881, email DVLC4ESL@gmail.com, or visit dvlc.tripod.com.

**Lovebugs for Leap Year! Find your very own at Community Concern for Cats Adoption Event** from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 27 and 28 at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco in Walnut Creek. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 in Lafayette. For more information, see www.communityconcernforcats.org.

**Lafayette resident, Papa John Kiefer, will offer workshops** on “How to Raise Your Own Chickens.” Topics will include raising young chicks, laying hen maintenance, and sustainable coop construction. Workshops are free and will be held in Lafayette from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28. Reservations are required. For info, contact jhkiefer@comcast.net.

**Join Jewish women and girls ages 12 and up from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda** for an evening of Jewish pride, unity and inspiration at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 in the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Pre-paid registration required. Cost: \$20, or \$36 for a mother and daughter pair. Register at ChabadofLamorinda.com/ChallahInLine.

**Do you dream of being your own boss and taking control of your future?** Starting with an overview on franchise ownership, followed by presentations from top franchise companies that are looking to expand in Northern California - this three-hour seminar is filled with viable information to help determine if franchising is an option for you. The seminar runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 in the Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mount Diablo Boulevard,

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Lafayette. For more information and to RSVP, contact Liz Carmona at (408) 772-9868.

**Saint Mary's College Guild's Game Day And Luncheon** - Join friends for a day of Bridge and Bunco from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 4 in the Soda Center. Luncheon will be served at noon. Wine will be available. Table prizes for winners. Cost: \$36 per person. Make check payable to St. Mary's College Guild and mail to Dolores Mc Gonigle, 828 Crossbrook Ct., Moraga, CA 94556; (925) 376-4339.

**The big semi-annual book sale will be held at the Moraga Library** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12. There will be hundreds of books in various categories priced from 25 cents to \$4. From 1 to 2 p.m. a large paper bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with as many books as it can hold.

**The Moraga Movers will hold their monthly dinner meeting** at 6 p.m. Monday, March 14 at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. La De Da, a ladies cappella vocal quartet will provide the entertainment. Reservations can be made online at www.moragamovers.org. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

**SENIORS**

**Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets** the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11 a.m., lunch at noon. The after-lunch speaker on March 2 will be Mr. Tim Kawakami, sports columnist for the Mercury News and Contra Costa Times, analyzing all sports for the two newspapers including interviews with well known sports figures. In addition, Mr. Kawakami has written a fascinating book about the boxing champion, Oscar de la Hoya. For membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528

**GARDEN**

**Basic Composting for the Home Gardener from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Moraga Library. Basic composting will teach you how easy it is to make a positive impact on the soil in your garden. Learn how to turn your garden waste and kitchen scraps into sweet-smelling organic soil conditioner. The

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program will cover the benefits of composting, most common compost methods, uses for compost, and composting problems. Q&A. Free. For info, call (925) 376-6852 or visit ccmg.ucan.edu/.

**Lafayette Garden Club meeting from 9:45 to noon** Thursday, March 10. Lafayette Garden Club is excited to present “An Andalusian Legacy.” Speaker Katherine Greenberg will discuss creating beautiful and sustainable gardens suited to California’s Mediterranean climate. Meetings are held at the Lafayette Veteran’s Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For info, email Carolyn Poetzsch at cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

**The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its March meeting** at 9:30 a.m. at the Gardens at Heather Farm, Monday, March 14. Business 9:30 a.m., social 10:30 a.m., speaker 11 a.m. Program: “Photo Essay of the Animals and Plants Found on Mount Diablo” by Dirk Muehler, Shell Ridge open space nature photographer.

**Montelindo Garden Club meeting will be at 9 a.m.** Friday, March 18 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. Visitors welcome. Topic: From Farm to Vase Floral Designs. The speaker will be Anna Campbell, owner of The Floral Cultural Society flower shop in Oakland, who will demonstrate her farm-to-table floral design style. For info, visit www.montelindogarden.com.

**Registration for the Sunday, May 1 Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour** is now open. This year’s tour will fill; register now to reserve your place. A variety of bird- and butterfly-friendly, pesticide-free, water conserving, low maintenance gardens that contain 60 percent or more native plants will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 at various locations throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties. More than 40 garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day. For info, visit http://www.bringingbackthenatives.net/registration-pl.

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