

**MOVIE REVIEW**

*Film Clips*

**Mary Wilson is a Diamond of a Star**

By Derek Zemrak

It all starts Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Rheem Theatre, in Moraga – the opening night of the 19th annual California Independent Film Festival. The evening will begin with a mixer that includes wine, beer, meat platters and gourmet cheeses from Cine Cuvée of Orinda and also select sushi from Sushi Fighter of Moraga.

Following the mixer, the 2016 Slate Awards will be presented to filmmakers from around the world. Also, CAIFF will be presenting the 2016 Diamond Award to music legend Mary Wilson. The Diamond Award honors a female for her contribution to the entertainment industry. Who better to receive the Diamond Award than Wilson, cofounder of the Supremes who, as a Motown legend, paved the road for women in the music industry? In the 1960s there were three major rock and roll icons, Elvis, The Beatles and The Supremes. The Supremes had 12 number-one hits and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988.

Wilson became a bestselling author in 1986, when she released her memoirs in “Dreamgirl: My Life as a Supreme.” “Dreamgirl” remains the best-selling rock and roll autobiography ever published. The book was the inspiration for the Broadway hit, “Dreamgirls.” In 2006, “Dreamgirls” made it to the big screen – receiving eight Oscar nominations and winning two: Jennifer Hudson for Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role, and Best Achievement in Sound Mixing.

Wilson’s humanitarian efforts are also supreme. Her lecture series, “Dare to Dream,” has inspired thousands of young people to pursue their dreams and goals in life. She is an advocate for women’s health in developing countries and has raised substantial funds for AIDS and HIV awareness. In 2003, she was named by then-United States Secretary of State Colin Powell to serve as one of nine Goodwill Ambassadors to the world.

Come join CAIFF at Opening Night as we honor Wilson with the 2016 Diamond Award.

**Film & Filmmaker Spotlight - The ‘Red Maple Leaf’ and Frank D’Angelo**

By Lindsay Pirkle, CAIFF Director



The “Red Maple Leaf” is an official selection at the California Independent Film Festival, screening at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Rheem Theatre, 350 Park St., Moraga.

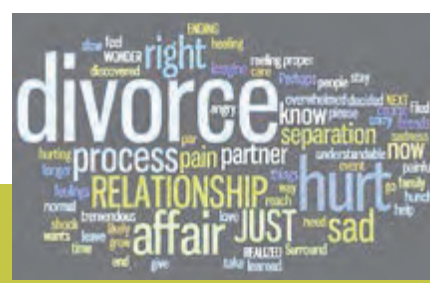
The film is about the daughter of a U.S. Ambassador who is snatched from under the nose of her Secret Service detail in Ottawa. While the American authorities search for answers with pressure coming at them from every side, Canada and the U.S. fight over jurisdiction, while seasoned RCMP veteran Alfonso Palermo puts everything aside to find the missing girl.

Frank D’Angelo —a seasoned filmmaker and actor — wrote, produced, directed and acted in the film with a cast of outstanding Oscar-winning and nominated actors including Martin Landau, James Caan, Mira Sorvino, Kris Kristofferson, Paul Sorvino, Michael Parè, Armand Assante, Eric Roberts, Daniel Baldwin, Marc Blucas, Laurie Fortier and many others. The film is also dedicated to Robert Loggia and Doris Roberts, as it was the last film that both these two great actors starred in.

Actors from the film will be available for a meet-and-greet before and after the screening. Tickets to the 19th Annual California Independent Film Festival and can be purchased online at [www.caiff.org](http://www.caiff.org) or at the Rheem and Orinda Theatre box offices.

See you at the festival!

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**September 9**  
A big welcome to Rotary District 5160 Governor, Fred Colligen.

**September 16**  
Uber talented Charles (Cal) Lee, tells all.

At the Lafayette Arts and Wine Festival, come to see How a fantastic, Teardrop Trailer, comes to be

**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.

**September 8:**  
District Governor  
Fred Collignon:  
District Update

**September 15:**  
Midge Shusta,  
“So You Want to be an Author!”

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**Not to be missed**

**GARDEN**

**Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center** Gardeners’ Guide to Saving Seeds is from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 10. Trish Clifford, UC Master Gardener of Contra Costa County, will offer a presentation about how to save seeds from your vegetable garden and how to organize a seed swap to share seeds. Classes are free, however, a \$5 donation is appreciated. To register please visit [www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org](http://www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org).

**Lafayette Garden Club is excited to present** speaker Ann Ralph, author of “Grow a Little Fruit Tree: Simple Pruning Techniques for Small-Space, Easy Harvest Fruit Trees.” Ralph is a horticulturist, nursery woman, and teacher. Her program and discussion will be Fruit Trees Simplified: Easy Harvest Pruning. Timed pruning offers a revolutionary approach to fruit tree care. She will cover fruit tree basics: the logic of pruning, how to prune for short stature and easy har-

vest, easy training, seasonal routines, and pest and disease control. The meeting is from 9:45 a.m. to noon on Sept. 8. 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Visitors are welcome. Please email Carolyn Poetzsch at [cpoetzsch@gmail.com](mailto:cpoetzsch@gmail.com)

**The Walnut Creek Garden Club’s monthly meeting** will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 in the Camellia Room at Heather Farm located at 1540 Marchbanks Road, Walnut Creek. Nate Bradley, owner of Amphora in Lafayette with discuss Olive Oil: Myths, Misconceptions & Fraud. There will be tastings and opportunity to purchase. Business meeting is at 10 a.m., social is from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and the program is at 11 a.m.

**The Moraga Garden Club Meeting will be held** 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sep. 15 at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Dustin Strobel, Manager of Sloat Nursery in Dan-

ville. The topic of his discussion will be “Fall Planting/Spring Color.” All interested parties are welcome.

**Explore the Natural Beauty of the Pease Family Trail**, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Lafayette Community Garden, 3932 Mt Diablo Blvd. (Across from and just west of Lafayette Reservoir.) Join science teacher Janet Thomas for a talk and a short walk along the Pease Family Nature trail, located at the back of the Lafayette Community Garden along Lafayette Creek. This event is open to all ages and the walk is not strenuous. To register for classes please visit [www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org](http://www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org).

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