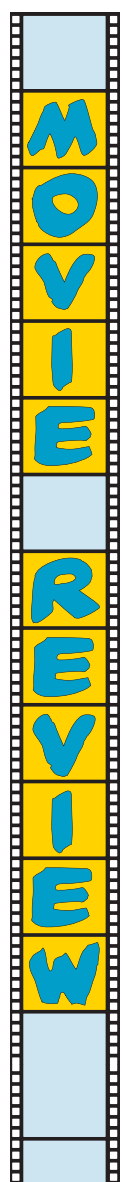


Film Clips

April showers bring May events to Lamorinda

By Derek Zemrak



Jimmie "JJ" Walker Photo provided

Lamorinda Theatres have several events planned for the month of May and there is something for people of all ages.

Forget this year's Oscar mishap. See Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty at their best in Orinda's FREE Movie Night at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1 in the 1967 classic "Bonnie and Clyde." The film won two Oscars in 1968, Best Actress in a Supporting Role for Estelle Parsons and Best Cinematography. This is the tale of a small time crook Clyde Barrow (Warren Beatty) who tries to steal a car and winds up with the car owner's daughter, Bonnie Parker (Faye Dunaway). The duo team up for a string of robberies resulting in mayhem and misfortunes. Does it remind you of the Academy Awards in February?

As with all FREE Movie Nights, arrive early for the best seating.

At 2 p.m. May 17, Moraga resident, author and film historian Larry Swindell will take center stage at the Rheem Theatre to introduce the Moraga Mover's Classic Film, "The Maltese Falcon." Director by the great John Huston, "The Maltese Falcon" is a noir classic. Detec-

tive Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) gets more than he bargained for when he takes a case brought to him by a beautiful but secretive woman (Mary Astor).

Enjoy the amazing San Francisco locations in the film. A great field trip is to watch the movie and plan a day in San Francisco finding the locations. Admission is \$7.

Live stand-up comedy returns to the Orinda Theatre with comic legend, Jimmie "JJ" Walker.

Rising from the streets of New York's ghettos to television superstardom, JJ personifies the great American success story. His catch phrase "Dyn-O-Mite!" is part of modern vernacular. Time Magazine named Walker "Comedian of the Decade" in the 1970s.

JJ is best known for his role of JJ Evans, Jr. in the classic television series, "Good Times" (1974-1979). His other notable roles include "Airplane!," "Airport '79," "The Love Boat," "Everybody Hates Chris" and "Scrubs."

It will be a "Dyn-O-Mite!" evening of clean comedy. Tickets are \$20.

Get ready for a little magic at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at the Rheem Theatre. Illusionist Timothy James will amaze you and the kids. It's a night of unbelievable sleight of hand, hilarious audience interaction and for the grand finale You just have to see it! It's fun for the entire family and KIDS of all ages. James will be accompanied by pianist Patti Leidecker. The event is sponsored by the Moraga Community Foundation. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for kids under 18.

See you all at the Orinda and Rheem Theatres this month for several outstanding special events!

◆ Not to be missed ◆ Not to be missed ◆

OTHER

Lamorinda Arts Council will host their second annual ShortDocs Film Fest at 3 p.m. on May 7 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. This documentary film festival provides local filmmakers an opportunity to create new work as well as showcase it at a community screening. Entries for the Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest will be accepted until April 19. To learn more about the Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest competition and to enter go to www.lamorindaarts.org/shortdocs.

Come hear missionary Don Richardson speak at a complementary banquet by The Wycliffe Associates, bible translators, at 7 p.m. on May 12 at the Lafayette Veteran's Memorial Center at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., salad service at 6:45, program from 7 to 9:15 p.m. including dinner, speakers, worship music and an offering at the end for those who wish to participate. RSVP by May 8 to email brad_reiches@wycliffeassociates.org or call (925) 819-2127; please include number of attendees and a contact phone number or email.

The 11th annual Moraga Community Faire & Car Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the town's Rheem Valley Shopping Center featuring pony rides, bounce house and climbing wall, bike safety check, live entertainment, food trucks, local wine, classic cars and all sorts of fun booths — an old fashioned neighborhood faire for the whole family. Free to attend. For more information, visit www.moragachamber.org/faire.

Come celebrate diversity and promote our unity at Soul Food Lamorinda from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Intercultural Center at St Mary's College. Soul Food Lamorinda is a free Baha'i-inspired program that combines an audio-visual presentation with readings from various faiths, philosophers and leaders, allowing us to reflect on inspiring themes and reminding us of the oneness of humanity. This month's program, "Syllables and Sounds" will explore the power of words, speech and sound, and how their inspired usage can touch and transform the human soul. Free and open to everyone. For more info: www.meetup.com/Soul-Food-Lamorinda.

Don't Miss Lafayette's Favorite Dinner Party "Taste of Lafayette" Restaurant Stroll, 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday May 16. Friends, food and

entertainment with 26 participating restaurants. Ticket holders head out at their own pace with friends to stop at any or all of the participating restaurants for sampling. Tickets are available online at www.lafayettechamber.org or at the Lafayette Chamber offices, located at 100 Lafayette Circle. (925) 284-7404.

Lafayette Juniors 18th Annual Kitchen Tour is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. Tour six Lafayette kitchens for a great cause benefiting Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, Alternative Family Services, The Taylor Family Foundation, and Trinity Center. Tickets are \$40 and available at www.lafayette-juniors.org or Premier Kitchens in Lafayette. (See page D1)

The Moraga Community Garage Sale provides an opportunity to clean out garages, attics, storage sheds and closets, while meeting neighbors and recycling unwanted items. Town of Moraga residents are invited to hold garage sales at their homes, join with neighbors to hold block sales, or organize a community group to hold a combined sale from 9 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. A \$15 registration fee will provide a listing in the Community Garage Sale Guide. The Town will provide marketing for the event and the sellers keep the cash - it's that easy! Moragarec.com

The Many Faces of Skin Cancer 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 24 in the Lafayette Library Community Room. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they offer insights in the latest information on prevention, risk factors, new treatment options including immunotherapy, and explore the unique issues of skin cancer survivors. To reserve, call (925) 677-5041 x272.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Please join the Lamorinda Democratic Club for a panel discussion on the Future of Housing in the Bay Area from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For information, please visit www.ldclub.org

SENIORS

Lunch n' Learn: "Are Your Legal Documents in Order?" from 10:30 to noon on May 10 in the Cedar Room, Lafayette Community Center. Are you aware of the basic documents you should have in place? It will cover the essential forms: Living Trust, Will, Health Care Directive, Financial Power of Attorney,

beneficiary forms, personal items distribution list and POLST. RSVP required by Wednesday, May 3: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or (925) 284-5050.

Come to the Early Stage Alzheimer's Forum from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on May 5 in Lafayette (exact address location will be provided upon registration.) Participants will have an opportunity to learn more about the disease, treatment and research updates as well as discuss common challenges and coping strategies during breakout sessions. This is a free event, open only to early-stage individuals and their care partners. Space is limited; early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, please contact Lan Trinh at (408)372-9982 or ltrinh@alz.org.

Lafayette Senior Services presents Lamorinda Nature Walk and Bird-Watching from 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday, meeting in the Alder Room at the Lafayette Community Center. Experience nature at its finest along local trails. Delight in the beauty that unfolds around each bend, all the while learning to identify a variety of birds. For more information or to place your name on the route email/phone list contact Lafayette Seniors Services, 284-5050 or seniors@lovelafayette.org.

GARDEN

The spirit of the tropics comes to Walnut Creek for Fiesta de Jardín, a Latin-inspired afternoon garden party on the beautiful, flower-filled grounds of The Gardens at Heather Farm from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Guests will enjoy a variety of small plates, refreshing beverages and live music while celebrating spring in the garden and raising funds for the host organization's nonprofit programs. Experience an afternoon like never before at The Gardens' biggest fundraiser of the year! Tickets: \$45 Members of The Gardens, \$50 Public. Tickets available online at gardenshf.org or by phone at (925) 947-1678.

Lafayette Garden Club's Fabulous Celebration at 10 a.m. on May 11 at The Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Dr., Walnut Creek. Mimosa and Brunch, plus a fashion show featuring "Garden Inspired" apparel, boutique with garden-themed items for sale, floral designs and arrangements. Cost: \$35 per person. For reservations please email: AnnWard.annward@annward.com or Laurelle Thom laurrelleth@comcast.net.

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Service Clubs Announcements

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

| May 5 | May 12 |
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| Nancy McIntyre - Inspiring students, one robot at a time. | Leander Hauri makes every effort to explain himself for all to understand. |

The "Teardrop Inn" trailer will be at the Moraga Community Faire on May 13; in Lafayette on May 20/21 on Mt. Diablo Blvd., in front of Ware Designs store.

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.

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| May 4: Cameron Burks State Dept. experiences & stories | May 11: Sunny Singh from Yours Humanly |
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