

Not to be missed

ART

In the spirit of the season, the Moraga Art Gallery presents "Holiday Magic in Porcelain and Paint," a colorful new show featuring the works by two of Lamorinda's most celebrated artists: Lafayette's Donna Arganbright and Orinda's Maria SantaStefano. The show, which includes paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photographs, and many other gifts of art by the gallery's 14 members and guest artists, runs through Jan. 5. For more information, visit

www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

Valley Art Gallery's annual Artful Giving show runs through Dec. 29 and includes a wide variety of beautifully crafted ceramics, wood and glass pieces, original designer jewelry, fiber arts, holiday decorations, small paintings, and many other unique, one-of-a-kind gift items all handcrafted by our talented East Bay artisans.

Third Annual Small Things

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Exhibition at the Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery through Dec. 22. Over 35 artists have been chosen to display 3D and 2D artworks in a variety of media and styles. www.jenniferperlmuttergallery.com

Bedford Gallery, located in the Leshner Center for the Arts, offers enriching, educational volunteer opportunities. Train to become a docent from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13. Docent volunteering is fun and provides opportunities

to make friends, learn about art, and help foster the arts in our community. No prior art knowledge is required. To sign up, contact Carmen Kelly at (925) 295-1416 or kelly@bedfordgallery.org. Learn more at: <http://www.bedfordgallery.org/support/volunteer>

MUSIC

Benefit Concert to support aid to victims of the Paradise Camp Fire, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga

Way in Orinda. The concert features accomplished guitarist Mark Holzinger. While trained in classical and jazz, Mark Holzinger, who grew up in Orinda, enjoys playing many kinds of crowd-pleaser music to fit the age and interest of the audience on hand. The concert will include plenty of holiday music for everyone's enjoyment! For more info, email Rev. Michele Robbins, shalom-pastor3@gmail.com.

Join the Oakland Gay Men's Chorus for 'Tis the Season for Singing, beloved seasonal carols and songs to celebrate winter solstice, yuletide, and holiday festivities at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive Lafayette. Whether you're a lover of wintertime or a Scrooge, this concert will warm your heart and fill you with the spirit of the season. <https://tistheseasonforsinging.eventbrite.com>

Sing-Along Messiah concert 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16 in the San Ramon Community Center located at 12501 Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon. More information is available at the San Ramon Arts Foundation web site events page at <https://www.sanramonarts.org/events>.

Drum, Relax and Learn at the monthly Lamorinda Drum Circle from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7 at Lamorinda Music, 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Enjoy learning to drum in a fun small-group environment. Drums are provided. Meetings on the first Monday of each month. Suggested donation \$10-\$20. www.MusicForTherapy.com

THEATER

An art chat and dance performance: "Moving, Feeling & Generating: a site for Chicano Resistance" with professor Catherine Marie Davalos and members of the Davalos Dance Company from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec 13 at the Saint Mary's College Museum of Art, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Beverages available at 6 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. Free.


A Charlie Brown Christmas, based on the animated special, Friday, Dec. 14 through Sunday, Dec 23. at the Poison Apple Playhouse, 847 Arnold Drive in Martinez. Tickets and showtimes at <http://poisonappleproductions.org>. Tickets are \$16 for general admission.

The Peter Pan Foundation presents its winter musical, "Into The Woods" Dec. 14 through 16. This award winning show is a modern twist on the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales in a musical format that follows the classic tales of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel – all tied together by an original story involving a baker and his wife, their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch who has put a curse on them. There will be six performances held throughout the weekend at the Northgate High School Little Theatre and ticket information is available at peterpanfoundation.org.

Mountain Shadow Film Society presents a delightful comedy "Swimming with Men", 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. at the Walnut Creek Library, 1644 N. Broadway Street. Based on the 2007 Swedish Men's Synchronized Swimming World Champions, a group of middle-aged men attempt to stave off their midlife crises by forming a synchronized swim team, the first rule of which is: "Don't talk about swim club." Accompanying the feature film is an animated short, "Coin Operated." Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis for \$12. More information at <http://mountainshadow.org>.

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Lamorinda's Religious Services



Join us for holiday celebrations and services:
 Winter Solstice Celebration, Friday, 12/21, 7:00p
Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Services
 Children and Family Service, 5:30p
 Contemplative Service, 7:00p
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Christmas Day, 2 p.m. Holy Communion Service
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WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 NOVEMBER 25, 2017 – JANUARY 6, 2019
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 a.m.
 Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

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 Saturday – Confessions 3:30 – 4:30 pm and Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
 Sunday – Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am
 Coffee and donuts following the 9:00 am Mass.

Christmas Eve / Christmas Day Mass Times:
 December 24 – 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 pm (8:00 pm with choir)
 December 25 – 9:00 & 11:00 am

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