

Academy Awards gala and exhibit, 'An Affair to Remember,' at Orinda Theatre



Submitted by Derek Zemrak

Put on your most elegant attire and join in the dazzling fun at an "Affair to Remember," the Oscar Night Gala at the Orinda Theatre in Orinda. Black-tie and glamorous gowns are encouraged.

Hollywood historian and collector, Barry Barsamian, is joining producers Derek Zemrak, Leonard Pirkle and their crew at the vintage 1940's the-

ater to display an amazing collection of stunning Hollywood Star wardrobes. For the first time in 10 years, Barsamian's Hollywood Legends Collection will be displayed at the theater for one night only in honor of Oscar's Big Night, at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. The party is expected to run until 11 p.m.

The premiere exhibition from the collection of Barsamian includes costumes and personal wardrobe items belonging to Elizabeth Taylor, Audrey Hepburn, Shirley Temple Black (her gown from her 1984 Academy Awards Show appearance), Marilyn Monroe, Joan Crawford and Grace Kelly, just to name a few.

Barsamian first began collecting Hollywood memorabilia at age 12 when he visited Beverly Hills with his family. One Saturday, he rang Lucille

Ball's doorbell, then Milton Berle's and then Doris Day's. Day was at home and Barsamian heard her tell the assistant to give him an autographed photo from the desk drawer. That's what started it all. His passion grew and so did his collection, along with his friendships with some of Hollywood's greatest legends, stars and Academy Award winners - Shirley Temple Black, Jane Russell, Joan Fontaine, Margaret O'Brien and Mickey Rooney. (Barsamian's cousin is actor Mike Connors of "Mannix" fame.)

On Oscar night, Barsamian will speak briefly about his collection and personal relationships with amazing stars as he shares insightful anecdotes.

Info and tickets: <http://lamorindatheatres.com>

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LECTURE & LITERATURE

Start Your Year Off Right: Be The Best You Can Be, a free lecture with Lauren Masi, PT, DPT, OCS, ATC., 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at Lafayette Physical Therapy, 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite B110 in Lafayette. This is a free event, but space is limited, so please sign up at lafayettept.com/events.

Saint Mary's College MFA Creative Writing presents its Graduate Student Reading from 7:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 in De La Salle Hall: Hagerty Lounge, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. Curated and hosted by a committee of graduate students, the Graduate Student Reading Series showcases the dynamic and welcoming arts community here at Saint Mary's College. All readings are free and open to the public.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Hack the Future is coming to Contra Costa County from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center for a one-day hackathon for youth ages 10-19. Attendees will be able to explore and experiment with different STEM activities while learning from tech industry professionals. Activities / Demos to include: Programming, Electronics, 3D Printing, Robotics, Virtual Reality, and more. Stay tuned for more information about this very special opportunity and head over to <http://hackthefuture.org/> for more information and sign up to be notified when registration opens.

Contra Costa Camp and School Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 at Acalanes High School, with free activities and over 100 exhibitors allowing attendees to view a smorgasbord of camps, enrichment programs, schools, S.T.E.M. and S.T.E.A.M. programs, performing arts, preschools, cooking, educational, sports and other programs available this spring and summer. Admission is free and there is ample free parking. Call (925) 408-4014 or visit www.ContraCostaCampFair.com for more information or to register for a free family ticket.

The 2019 Bookmark Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will be open to all Lafayette students grades K-8th to enter their original artwork. The entry forms will be available beginning Feb. 15 at the Lafayette Library main desk, the Friends Corner Book Shop and at school libraries in the Lafayette School District and St. Perpetua School. The entry deadline is Friday, March 8. For more information please contact Kay Pekrul: kae865@hotmail.com.

Mindful Littles Kindness Book Club from 10:30 a.m. to noon on March 9 at the Orinda Library Garden Room. Read a book on a special kindness theme, practice heart-centered movements and mindfulness, and do a fun creative art project. Water and snacks for your kids. Please wear comfortable clothes. Ages 4-11. Parents/guardians are required with children. Register at: <https://mindfullittles.org/>

Lamorinda Teens Read - the school libraries of Acalanes, Campolindo, Los Lomas, and Miramonte present "One Community, One Book" from Feb. 25 through March 29 when all four schools will read Nic Stone's latest novel, "Dear Martin" and multiple events will happen at the Contra Costa Library branches. Pick up a free copy of the book to keep in the school or local library on Feb. 25.

OTHER

Community Concern for Cats presents some of the finest friends you could find. See them at our adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24 at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill and Petco in Walnut Creek. For more information, see www.communityconcernforcats.org.

"Let's Talk About the Most Common Female Urologic Conditions" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, at the Lafayette Library's Community Room, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they discuss the most common urologic conditions experienced by women. This special event will explore the latest treatment options and provide insights into female incontinence, overactive bladder, pelvic organ prolapse, menopause and post-menopausal symptoms. Speakers include a urogynecologist, continence specialist, gynecologist and menopause specialist. Register by emailing: sjung@dvothmg.com.

Free Tax preparation for the 2019 tax season is available starting in February from AARP's Tax-Aide and United Way's Earn It, Keep It, Save It (EKS) programs. Service is provided by volunteer tax preparers who are IRS trained and certified. EKS service is limited to those with incomes below \$54,000, while Tax-Aide does not have an income limit. For Tax-Aide site information or appointments in Walnut Creek call: (925) 943-5851 for the Walnut Creek Senior Center site; (925) 405-6278 for the Walnut Creek Grace Presbyterian Church site; or (925) 979-5013 for the Walnut Creek St. Paul's Episcopal Church site. For information on other Tax-Aide sites, call: (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites, call 2-

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First Friday Forum presents a cutting edge topic for its guests at 1:30 p.m. on March 1 in the Sanctuary of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Jim Marggraff will speak on "Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality." If you've wondered what these terms are all about Marggraff is the person to explain. He worked as a Director in Google's Virtual and Augmented Reality division, following the sale of Eyefluence, a company founded by him, to Google in 2016. Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m. For further information call LOPC at (925) 283-8722.

Orinda Books presents Chef Charlie Cooks Parisian Springtime in Paris - luncheon and cooking demonstration (featuring Frisee Salad, White Bean Stew & Tarte aux Noix) at 11:30 a.m. on March 6. \$35. To register, call (925) 254-7606.

In partnership with the California Public Utilities Commission, MCE will hold an upcoming workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. on March 7 at 2300 Clayton Rd Suite 1150, Concord to learn about General Order 156. Commonly referred to as "Utility Supplier Diversity," this CPUC program encourages California investor-owned utilities to provide a fair proportion of total utility contracts and subcontracts to businesses that meet diversity qualifications. This program is open to women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT-owned firms representing at least 51% of the business ownership. MCE is hosting an informative workshop with guest speakers from the CPUC and the Supplier Diversity Clearinghouse. Together, we will speak to the purpose of this program, certification qualifications, and the contracting opportunities available through the Clearinghouse. Refreshments will be served and parking will be validated. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by Feb. 28 at certifyamplify.eventbrite.com

Lafayette resident, Papa John Kiefer, will, again, 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 pm on Sundays, March 3 and 17. Reservations are required. Contact: chickenspapa-john@gmail.com. Location provided upon registration. Say Something Workshop: How to Help a Friend or Family Member Living with Domestic Violence at 10:30 a.m. on March 23 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda. Every year more

than 10 million women and men are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. Come learn how to listen, talk and take action when someone you care about is being abused. Facilitated by Rev. Michele Robbins, an ordained pastor with a background in Family Relations. Her workshops focus on understanding the cycle of violence, types of power, abuser tactics, and how to talk with victims, including avoiding pitfalls and words that help. More info: shalompastor3@gmail.com.

SENIORS

Cooking: Eggs, Eggs and More Eggs by Byron Park Dining Services Team from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 14 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. In this demonstration-style class, you will be guided in the many ways the humble yet versatile egg can be prepared - from basic to complex, scrambled to soufflé! You will enjoy samples of the dishes and be given the recipes so you may recreate them at home. Space is limited; these classes fill up quickly. Please arrive early to allow time for parking. Cost: \$10. RSVP to Lafayette Senior Services by Monday, March 11: Seniors@LoveLafayette.org or 284-5050.

GARDEN

The Moraga Garden Club will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m., Feb. 21, at the Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The guest speaker will be Keith Silva, UC Master Gardener, who will be discussing "Pruning Tools and Techniques." The event is free and open to all interested parties. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit moragagardenclub.com.

Walnut Creek Garden Club's March meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on March 11, at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Road in Walnut Creek. The featured speaker, Liz Emmonds, will demonstrate how easy it is to manipulate plant materials to create interesting forms to take flower arrangements to a new and exciting level. Please email mslitle44@gmail.com with any questions.

The Montelindo Garden Club March meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on March 15 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Community Hall. Presentation: Chelsea Flower Show, Speaker: Barbara Norkus, who is an anglophile who has attended the world famous Chelsea Flower Show many times. She will share her music video from the 2016 show.

Please submit: Events: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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Service Clubs Announcements

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 21: Karen Ginn, Ph.D Verdix Jury Consulting, Inc.	February 28: Michael and Gina Dawson PG&E Pipeline safety/ Proposed removal of Trees in Lafayette
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www.rotarylafayette.org
www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-CA

Breakfast, Friday 7:00 a.m.
 The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA
www.lamorindasunrise.com

MARCH MEETINGS

1: Lisa Monroe, PG&E marketing & Energy Specialist with PG&E sponsored Energy Savings Assistance Program, "No Cash weatherizing" program
8: Paul Ginberg, Author and California Executive, in pursuit of the world's 100 best restaurants
15: John Der Dulk, Jeopardy Champion
22: Candace Anderson, County Supervisor
29: Member Expose', Rory Stansbury, Rotary HOME Team Lead