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A Sunset Stroll restaurant tour May 7 in Orinda

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Locals and visitors can nibble and sip their way through a selection of offerings by restaurants and local vintners from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 7 at the annual Orinda Restaurant Tour. This year the theme is "A Sunset Stroll," with more restaurants represented than last year. The Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the event, has been granted use of a portion of Vashell Way for tables and music. Vashell Way, which runs behind Casa Orinda, will be closed to traffic for about 60 feet.

There will be some new restaurants, and some old, and some with a twist. Saffron, the Indian restaurant in Theatre Square, was in the tour last year and will participate again. Shelby's is a long-time restaurant in Orinda, but they have a new menu. La Piazza has a new owner and Zamboni's Pizza was recently reopened by its new owner after necessary updates. Rumor has it that Cine Cuvee may return with lobster sliders this year. Other restaurants returning this year include Casa Orinda, The Fourth Bore, Loards, Rheem Steaks, and Piccolo Napoli, which will be serving meatballs.

The Lamorinda Winegrowers Association will be pouring a free glass with every \$40 ticket. The wine will be available at check-in at 51 Moraga Way, the Compass Real Estate Parking Lot. Overseeing this portion of the tour will be Holly Hinkle of Compass and Ally Fattore, of Mechanics Bank. Juliette Don of Chevron helped secure the restaurant participants with T.J. D'Amato, Chamber of Commerce president.

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