

Local Youth Arts contest concludes successful 6th year



Photo Tim Keohane (tkeohane@yahoo.com)

The winners, from left: Emily McDonald, Ezra Wornick, Cassidy Keely, Ella Thompson, Emma Uffelman, Sophie Weston, Anya Peterson, Lily Thomas, Maya Borenshtain, and Laurel Tringe.

Submitted by Charlie Keohane

After receiving over 160 writing and photography entries from Lafayette middle schoolers, the winners received their prizes at the sixth annual Lafayette Youth Arts Society Awards Ceremony at the Lafayette Library on April 14.

The contest, open to all middle schoolers living or attending school in Lafayette, ran from November to January. Founded in 2013, the annual contest is completely put on by a group of dedicated middle and high school students passionate about promoting the arts.

For the sixth annual contest, students got their creative juices flowing with a wide variety of prompts including "Vibrancy" and "Early Morning" for photography and "You found a time machine. Where do you go first?" and "Your car breaks down on the side of the road, and it's getting dark" for writing.

Local writers and photographers generously donated their time to judge every story

and photo before selecting a top three, a creativity prize, and honorable mentions in each category. At the ceremony, winners received cash prizes and books and had the opportunity to share their work with an eager audience.

"It was a really good opportunity," second place writing winner Lily Thomas said.

The LYAS team hopes that students will continue to act on their passion.

"I was surprised, but very happy. I'll definitely try again next year," third place photography winner Sophie Weston said.

LYAS is very grateful for the support of its community partners, including Diablo Rapid Print, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and the Lafayette Rotary Club, for making the contest possible.

The LYAS Contest is the only Lafayette writing and photography contest open exclusively to middle schoolers. For more information about the contest and to see winning stories and photographs, visit www.lyas.org.

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KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Sterling Johnson the Bubblesmith at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3 at the Moraga Library. Sterling Johnson will create a special, space-themed show for us with his remarkable hand-blown bubbles. He is the only person to ever put a bubble inside a bubble inside a bubble on stage without any tubes or straws, and the first person to walk completely through a bubble film. On this occasion, he will turn his talents out into the universe, creating a unique space-themed show you won't want to miss!

OTHER

Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan hosts a free Lamorinda Fire Prevention and Preparedness Workshop from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on June 27 in the Campo High School multi-purpose room. Receive updates on the new North Orinda Fuel Break, learn how to use the Community Warning System in case of wildfire or other emergencies, and get tips on preparing for the upcoming fire season. RSVP: asmdc.org/cf-events

Friends Corner Book Shop in Lafayette is having a Summer Vacation Half-Price and Super Children's Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 29. Let's jump into summer ready to read – and help our children revisit old favorites and discover new treasures! Friends Corner Book Shop operates under the auspices of Friends of the

Lafayette Library and Learning Center, and proceeds benefit the Lafayette Library. Located at the corner of First Street and Golden Gate Way. <https://www.lllcf.org/shop-for-a-used-book/>

Moraga's Fourth of July Fun Run benefiting Campolindo Track and Field will start with a kids' run at 8 a.m., 5-mile at 8:30 a.m. and 2-mile at 8:40 a.m. Register at MoragaFunRun.com. The starting line will be located in the parking lot adjacent to Canyon Club Brewery at 1558 Canyon Road. Same day packet pickup and the assembly area for the race will be in the parking lot next to Canyon Club Brewery. Suggested parking is near Safeway & The Bank of America.

Native living was all-age inclusive. Do you long to experience Native connective belonging to the land and would you love to experience this in the presence of the innocence of youth? Come, open your heart and receive this regenerative connection that had been ours from the beginning as we do many and all things Native. Saclan/Miwok Camp, 8 to 11:30 a.m. July 9-12. Cost: \$65; address: 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd (across from and just west of the Lafayette Reservoir). To register for classes, please visit www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org. For more information contact us at: marthaharrislcg@gmail.com.

Document Shredding Fundraiser from 10 a.m. to noon on July 20 at 400 Taylor

Blvd., Pleasant Hill (Back Parking Lot). Bring old tax returns, bills, business records, bank statements and other documents containing personal information to our shredding event. Make a charitable donation to the Cancer Support Community and all of your documents will be shredded on site by Diablo Paper Shredding Company. (925) 677-5041 x272

Prostate Health Seminar from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on July 23 at the Walnut Creek Library - Oak View Room, 1644 N. Broadway. This seminar will highlight newer approaches to treating enlarged prostate without medication or major surgery. The presentation will also include a discussion about in-office therapies for treating incontinence. Q & A session to follow the presentations. Hosted by Pacific Urology. Please RSVP by calling (925) 677-5041 x272.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

State Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (CA District 16) will address the Rotary Club of Orinda at its luncheon meeting at noon on July 10 at the Orinda Community Center. She will provide an update on important issues facing our District, as well as statewide initiatives and their potential impacts on our community. The public is welcome. Cost of the luncheon is \$20 and reservations can be made online at www.orindarotary.org.

Service Clubs Announcements

JULY WEEKLY MEETINGS

5: No meeting
 12: Toy Story 4 - Director Josh Cooley (Ticket required for non-members)
 19: Forbes & Fox News Analyst Tom Del Beccaro: 2020 Election Preview
 26: Mark Cohen: Member Story

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