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LECTURE & LITERATURE

**Moraga Library Book Club at 1 p.m.** on Thursday, Aug. 15. This month the club discusses Christine Mangan's book: "Tangerine." Arriving in Tangier, with her new husband, Alice encounters the estranged best friend she has not seen in more than a year. Alice allows her friend to introduce her to the rhythms and culture of Morocco, only to be quickly stifled by the woman's controlling nature.

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**This year's California Independent Film Festival** will run Aug. 23 through 31 at the Orinda Theatre. There will be a fabulous line-up this year celebrating independent filmmakers from around the globe, and a new generation of amazing talent. Dramas, comedies, documentaries, musicals, screenplays, thrillers, shorts and animated films will all be showcased within the glamorous aesthetics of old world Hollywood that is the Orinda Theatre. For all of the featured films, times and tickets, please go to <https://www.caiff.org>. And, for your special Membership Early Bird 20% discount ticket purchase, please enter code: EARLY20 through Aug. 15.

**Diablo Ballet's Annual Gourmet Gallop** food and wine walk returns to downtown Walnut Creek for the ninth consecutive year from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. Diablo Ballet invites guests to sip, sample and stroll their way through 18 downtown Walnut Creek locations as they experience a one-of-a-kind culinary adventure. Tickets are on sale now to the public at only \$39 if purchased on or before July 25. After that date, the price goes up to \$45 per person. Special group pricing is available. Tickets are available online at: [diabloballet.org](http://diabloballet.org) or by calling (925) 943-1775.

**Cancer Support Community is offering** free public tours of its open space in Lafayette. Drop in between 10 and 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10 or Oct. 12 to meet CSC staff, walk the site, and hear plans for building a cancer community center. Location: south side of Mt. Diablo Blvd, across from Lafayette Community Garden. Contact Libby Eppinga at [lep-pinga@cancersupport.net](mailto:lep-pinga@cancersupport.net) or (925) 953-1216 for more information.

**National S'mores Day with the Moraga Library** from 2 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 10. S'mores are not only one of the most popular North American desserts, they are the quintessential campfire treat. To celebrate, Moraga Library will be supplying s'mores material and ready-to-go S'mores for National S'mores Day, (While supplies last). All ages are welcome. Ecology Center presents its Salsa Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at Martin Luther King Jr Civic Center Park, 2151 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley. Eco friendly family fun and activities! Live music salsa lessons and dancing, beer, wine, mojitos, food demos, kid's eco fun zone, arts and crafts. Cost: Free. For more info see <https://tinyurl.com/SalsaFestival2019> or call (925) 421-9574 or email [cynthia@ecology-center.org](mailto:cynthia@ecology-center.org).

Summer Wine Festival 2- 5 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 10, Saint Mary's College Soda Center in Moraga. \$50 per person with pre-registration at [stmays-ca.edu/wine](mailto:stmays-ca.edu/wine) or (925) 631-8744.

**August is a purrfect time to adopt** a kitten or two. See the pick of the litters at Community Concern for Cats adoption events from 1 to 4 p.m. this weekend, Aug. 10 and 11 at Pet Food Express in Lafayette and Petco in Walnut Creek. On Saturday we will also be at Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill and on Sunday at Pet Food Express in Concord. See [www.community-concernforcats.org](http://www.community-concernforcats.org) online for more information.

**Desi Comedy Fest presents Mahatma Moses Comedy Caravan** from 7 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11 at Freight & Salvage, 2020 Addison Ave, Berkeley. Enjoy clean, witty humor of the world's only Indian Jewish Stand Up comedian, Samson Koletkar. Featured on NBC, CBS, NPR, his show is a must watch! Cost: \$20 online. For more info see <http://www.desicomedyfest.com/> or call 415-676-1371 or email [info@DesiComedyFest.com](mailto:info@DesiComedyFest.com).

**Diablo Ballet School Open House** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 18 at 1948 Oak Park Boulevard Pleasant Hill. Come tour the building, meet Diablo Ballet School faculty and enjoy food and drinks before the brand new school opens on Aug. 26. For more information, please visit [diabloballet.org](http://diabloballet.org).

**Lafayette Hiking Group will be meeting** at 9 a.m. on Aug. 18 for Buckeye Ranch Trail, Briones Regional Park. Meet at the EBRPD parking lot on Pleasant Hill Road, near Springhill School. Bring snacks, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes and sun protection. Escape the heat while enjoying a shady walk amidst towering oaks and bays with views overlooking Reliez Creek. Hear about the stables and horseback riding that used to inhabit the area which is now part of Briones Regional Park. There's a chance we'll be able to pick blackberries if they're ripe. Easy 1.5-mile loop. Leader: Jennifer Russell; Questions: [LafayetteHiking@comcast.net](mailto:LafayetteHiking@comcast.net)

**State Boards and Commissions Appointment Workshop** - Are you looking for a new and meaningful way to get involved and serve our community and our state? There are over 200 opportunities to serve our state in a wide range of subject areas, as well as numerous city and county commissions that you could apply to join. The State Boards and Commissions Appointment Workshop, co-hosted by Speaker Anthony Rendon and the League of California Cities Women's Caucus, will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22 in San Ramon Community Center, Fountain Room. Experts will be on hand to explain how you can apply for an appointment to a State Board or Commission, and will share some best practices for a successful application. Space is limited so please RSVP no later than Aug. 19.

**North Shattuck Association presents** Chocolate and Chalk Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Gourmet Ghetto, North Shattuck Ave., 1400-1800 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. Eat chocolate and make art! Chalk Art Contest cash prizes; chocolate menu with 25+ items; live music; arts and crafts; beer and wine and food trucks. Free entry but chocolate tickets are 20/\$20, Box of Chalk is \$10. For more info see [www.anotherbullwinkelshow.com/chocolate-chalk-art/](http://www.anotherbullwinkelshow.com/chocolate-chalk-art/) or call (510) 548-5335 or email [Lisa@AnotherBullwinkelshow.com](mailto:Lisa@AnotherBullwinkelshow.com)

Moraga's Leisure sport triathlon, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday Aug. 31. Gather your friends and family and create a team for this fun alternative to the traditional triathlon where teams play Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, and Disc Golf. Teams of four rotate between the three activities throughout the day. Participants will receive an event T-shirt, event pint glass, and catered hot BBQ lunch. Info and registration at [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us).

**Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa** and St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa, (SVDP), are excited to announce their 2019 Bocce Ball Tournament: The Big La Bocce beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Martinez Bocce Federation. The Bocce Ball Tournament will raise funds to support safety-net programs that improve the quality of life for residents of Contra Costa County who struggle to make ends meet. For more information and registration, please visit <https://loavesfishessc.ejoinme.org/BOCCE>

**The 2019 Orinda Classic Car Show** Weekend with its Saturday Car Show and Friday Party before it will celebrate the history and excitement of classic cars. The car show will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 and the Friday Party will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the beautiful new Orinda Arts and Garden Center. Online car exhibitor entries and Friday party ticket sales are now available. Enter your car or buy tickets for the party at [www.orindacarshow.com](http://www.orindacarshow.com).

**Lafayette Community Foundation's 10th Annual Senior Symposium, "Aging By Design"** will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 10 at Acalanes High School. Attendees will hear from a variety of experts about the latest findings on aging while maintaining independence. In addition, many vendors and nonprofit agencies will have booths at the Symposium's Resource Fair providing information about their products and services. Attendance is free. Please register in advance by visiting <http://www.lafayettecf.org>, to fill out the attendee registration and to have you name included in the raffle drawing.

**Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center** presents Home Composting for Busy People from 3 to 4 p.m. on Aug. 10. Presented by Master Gardener Marian Woodard. Registration is required. Call (925) 906-1801 x306 to register. The event is free.

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.  
**August 8:** Restoration of 1930s Fords  
 Marty Larson & Bob Grady  
**August 15:** Handcrafted Metal & Wood bodied resonator stringed instruments  
 Ron Phillips  
[www.rotarylafayette.org](http://www.rotarylafayette.org)  
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