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**ART**

**Lamorinda Arts Alliance** presents an exhibit, "Strictly Abstract," though Feb. 28 at the Lafayette Bank of America at 3530 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. The new exhibit features abstract paintings by Susan Erickson, Carla W. Gelbaum, Irenka Kudlicki, Pam McCauley, Geoff Meredith and Judy Bolef Miller. <https://laa4art.org>

**Moraga Art Gallery** presents a new art exhibit and reception at the reopened gallery: "Kaleidoscope" from Feb. 5 through April 4. See story on next page.

**Valley Art Gallery's** new show "Joel Summerhill's Wild Jazz 5" runs through March 13. See Joel Summerhill's watercolor jazz animals. Reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 15. [www.valleyartgallery.org](http://www.valleyartgallery.org); (925) 935-4311

**Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery** presents "Translations: Painting and Poetry" - Abstract work by Rebecca Crowell and Jerry McLaughlin Feb. 15 through March 14. Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 15. [www.jenniferperlmuttergallery.com](http://www.jenniferperlmuttergallery.com)

**JPG@ The Bank Pop up Art Gallery** presents "Unknown Key: The Adventure" at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22.

**Saint Mary's College Museum Art** (SMCMoA) is opening two new exhibitions on Feb. 12: "Feminizing Permanence" features 40 historical

and contemporary artworks by 40 women artists from the permanent collection. "Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster 1844-2012," a traveling exhibition, explores a variety of styles, design trends, and printing technology associated with political posters. Reception is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 20. SMCMoA admission and programs are free for everyone. [www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum).

**The Lamorinda Arts Council** presents a solo exhibition of photographs entitled "The Allure of Equine Beauty" by Barbara Brady-Smith of Lafayette, running through Feb. 29 at the Art & Garden Center at Wilder. Reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. <https://lamorindaarts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/>

**MUSIC**

**Campolindo High School Music** Department invites you to their Winter Concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center, 300 Moraga Rd., Moraga. The concert will feature the Orchestra, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band performing works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, James Curnow, Béla Bartók, Howard Hanson, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Randall Standridge, Guy Woolfenden, and Gustav Holst. The concert is free to attend.

**Contra Costa Performing Arts** Society presents their first concert of the 2020 season featuring original

and seductive music with occasional reference to Broadway, Brahms, and New Orleans at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Grace Presbyterian Church 2100 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek. Free, donations accepted. [www.ccpas.org](http://www.ccpas.org)

**Bowerbird Collective** presents "Music For Australia: A Concert Raising Funds for the Bushfire Crisis" from 6 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 9, at the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Cost: \$30. [www.wheresongbegan.com](http://www.wheresongbegan.com) or call (646) 384-8080 or email [hello@bowerbirdproductions.com](mailto:hello@bowerbirdproductions.com).

**Do you love to sing** and want to bring more harmony, fun, and musical company in your life? Then audition for the Diablo Women's Chorale at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek. Auditions are by appointment only. Contact Nancy Hickman, Membership Chair, at (925) 899-5050 or [hickmandg@gmail.com](mailto:hickmandg@gmail.com), to book an audition time spot. [www.diablowomenschorale.org/join-us](http://www.diablowomenschorale.org/join-us).

**The Gold Coast Chamber Players** present Grammy-nominated Aizuri Quartet, in Songs and Echoes of Home, at 7:30 p.m. on March 7 in the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library, 3492 Mt. Diablo Blvd. A special student showcase from the SF Conservatory of Music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets and information- [GCCPmusic.com](http://GCCPmusic.com).

**THEATER**

**Town Hall Theatre Company** presents "The Cherry Orchard" Feb. 27 through March 21 at 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Tickets: \$18 Previews \$27-30 evenings, \$25-27 Sat. & Sun. matinees. Discounts available for Seniors and youth. For tickets and showtimes: (925) 283-1557; [www.townhalltheatre.com](http://www.townhalltheatre.com)

**LECTURE & LITERATURE**

**Orinda Books - The Poetry Circle** will read and discuss "Father's Day" by Matthew Zapruder at 11 a.m. on Feb. 10. They meet monthly at Orinda Books and welcome anyone interested in poetry.

**SMC presents Steve Almond Q&A** with Matthew Zapruder from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 at De La Salle Hall: Hagerty Lounge, 1928 St. Marys Road. Q&A and discussion with Steve Almond, author of William Stoner and the Battle for the Inner Life.

**The San Antonio Breast Cancer** Symposium forum from 6 to 8 p.m. (5:30 to 6 p.m. registration and refreshments) on Feb. 25 at Oakland Library Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Avenue, Oakland. RSVP: Call (510) 204-5656

**SMC Creative Writing Reading** Series with Chris Feliciano Arnold from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Soda Activity Center: Claeys Lounge, 1928 St. Marys Road. Chris Feliciano Arnold has written essays

for The Atlantic, Harper's, Outside, Vice News, The New York Times, and more.

**KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS**

**Registration is open for the fifth annual AAUW-OML Techbridge STEM** (science, technology, engineering, math) conference for middle school girls being held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21 at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. <https://oml-CA.aauw.net>. Fee is \$25 per student.

**Cupid Comes to Canyon Club** from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 9 at the Canyon Club Brewery. Bring the kids to decorate cookies, pose for pics in the Valentine's themed photo station, and enjoy festive food. \$25 Adult, \$15 child. Tickets: [www.canyonclub.works/store/events/](http://www.canyonclub.works/store/events/)

**The Friends of the Lafayette** Library and Learning Center has an invitation to all Lafayette students from Kindergarten to 8th grade. Here is an opportunity to express your artistic talent in the form of a bookmark. The Contest begins Feb. 14. All entries must be submitted by March 6. The entry forms will be available at the Lafayette Library and the Friends Corner Book Shop. The winner's bookmarks will be framed and exhibited in the library and the Friends Corner Book Shop.

**Join Park Rangers** as we explore the life of one of our favorite feathered friends, the owl from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the John Muir NHS, 4202 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez. Young scientists will investigate first-hand what an owl eats and learn fun facts about owls. Color and take home your own owl mask. This is a drop-in program. Visitors should meet at the visitor center. All ages welcome. No reservations are required. [www.nps.gov/jomu](http://www.nps.gov/jomu).

**OTHER**

**Free Tax Preparation** for the 2019 tax season is available starting February 2020 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. For information on Tax-Aide sites, call: (925) 726-3199. For information on EKS sites, call 2-1-1 or visit [www.earnitkeepsaveit.org](http://www.earnitkeepsaveit.org).

**All Lafayette residents** are invited to attend the Lafayette Homeowners Council (LHC) Board's Community Meeting "Issues Night" to be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Community Center's Sequoia Room at 500 St. Mary's Road. Scheduled speakers include Mayor Mike Anderson with "State of the City" remarks followed by School Superintendent Richard Whitmore on our Schools and former Mayor Don Tatzin regarding transportation and traffic issues. [www.LafayetteHomeownersCouncil.org](http://www.LafayetteHomeownersCouncil.org).

**Diablo Ballet** presents the second program of their 26th season, "Balanchine & Beyond" at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Del Valle Theatre in Walnut Creek. The program features selections from five ballets. Tickets: \$15-\$48 (925) 943-7469; [lesherartscenter.org](http://lesherartscenter.org), [diabloballet.org](http://diabloballet.org)

**Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox** Church 15th Annual Crab Feed and Dance from 6 to 11 p.m. on Feb. 8 at 1700 School Street, Moraga. Chicken available by special advance order request. Dinner & Dance - \$60. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Thea at (925) 672-6799 or (925) 890-0918, or email [thecubsfan23@yahoo.com](mailto:thecubsfan23@yahoo.com).

**Friends Corner Book Shop** in Lafayette is having a half price sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 8. This is a wonderful opportunity to find some last-minute treasures for your favorite valentine (or teacher)! Proceeds benefit the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. [www.llcf.org/shop-for-a-used-book/](http://www.llcf.org/shop-for-a-used-book/)

**Welcome to Medicare** is a free class presented by Contra Costa Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP). You will learn when and how to enroll, about Medicare costs and benefits, prescription coverage, Medicare Advantage plans (HMOs), Medicare Supplements and how Medicare coordinates with other coverage. Classes are monthly on the second Wednesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek. Upcoming date: Feb. 12. See [www.cchicap.org](http://www.cchicap.org) or call (925) 602-4168 to enroll.

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*Lamorinda's Religious Services*

**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
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[www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org)

9:30 a.m. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in the Center for Ministry  
visit <http://www.holyshepherd.org> for more details

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Saturday - Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 pm / Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
Sunday - Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am

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682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, [www.stanselms.ws](http://www.stanselms.ws)

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[www.christianscienceorinda.org](http://www.christianscienceorinda.org)

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925.376.4800

**St Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda  
254-3770. [www.ststephensorinda.org](http://www.ststephensorinda.org)  
Sunday 8am, 10am

**Lafayette United Methodist Church**  
955 Moraga Road 925.284.4765 [thelumc.org](http://thelumc.org)  
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