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ART

An ebbing pandemic has led the Moraga Art Gallery to double its hours. Starting on March 6, the gallery will again be open on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m., and also by appointment. "An Elegant Balance," the current exhibit, which runs through April, features work by two member artists: watercolorist George Ehrenhaft and jewelry-maker K. de Groot. The gallery is located at 432 Center Street in Moraga's Rheem Shopping Center. For more information, please visit http://moragaartgallery.com or email moragaartgallery@gmail.com.

Valley Art Gallery current exhibition, "Wintermission," will continue through March 8. On March 23, "A Spring of Many Hues" opens featuring our new spring collection that highlights a selection of newly-juried works from member artists, reflecting the bright colors and delicate hues of our Northern California springtime. Also available will be a new selection of juried, high quality, handmade crafts and jewelry. Valley Art Gallery: 1661 Botelho Drive, Suite 110, Walnut Creek, www.valleyartgallery.org; (925) 935-4311.

THEATER

Orinda Starlight Village Players presents "Mobsters, Molls and Mayhem" March 4, 9 and 11 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at 7 p.m. Tickets are free. Call (925) 528-9225 or email info@orsvp.org for more information and reservations.

Town Hall Theatre Presents "Fantasticland" - a serialized

fundraising event starting March 11. Directed by Alysia Homminga, written by M. E. Ianiro based on "FantasticLand: A Novel" by Mike Bockoven Dates: Premiere: Episodes 1 & 2 - March 11; Episode 3 - Tuesday, March 16; Episode 4 - Wednesday, March 17; Episode 5 - Tuesday, March 23; Episode 6 - Wednesday, March 24; Episode 7 - Tuesday, March 30; Episode 8 - Wednesday, March 31; Episode 9 - Tuesday, April 6; Finale: Episode 10 - Wednesday, April 7. Only at TownHallTheatre.com. Tickets: \$25 for access to all 10 episodes.

LITERATURE

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council (DVLC) has a personalized approach to help adult English learners in our community to become proficient in the English language. If you are 18 years or older, enjoy working with people, like to learn (and share) knowledge of other cultures and have interest in supporting literacy then DVLC has a place for you! As a tutor you can help ESL (English As a Second Language) students. Join our Zoom Introduction- how to start, social distance learning, materials to get you going and so much more on March 6. After participating both days, let the one-to-one tutoring sessions begin! Advance \$20 registration at www.dvlc4esl.org.

Saint Mary's College School of Liberal Arts presents "Afternoon Craft Conversation with Margaret Wilkerson Sexton" Wednesday, March 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. Online https://stmarys-ca.zoom.us/j/96071311175?pwd=ZkVCL202eHRWamNrWwdZVEYvSm5UQT09 Passcode for the event: MFACW. The Big Easy: Writing Place as a Character in Fiction.

Wilkerson typically writes about New Orleans, a city that is superficially well known. In this talk, she'll address how she chooses a setting for her stories, the techniques she uses, once she's chosen her setting, to tell the story of the place so the reader is learning about it in textured and nuanced ways. She'll point to other examples of fiction where place was presented in all its dimensions, where it changed over time, where the reader learned about aspects of the environment that they wouldn't have known about unless they lived there. In that way, these places were rendered as vibrantly as characters. Finally, she'll talk about how to avoid cliches and stereotypes when writing about places that people think they already know.

OTHER

Hereditary cancer - it's a family event: virtual seminar. Wednesday March 10, 7 p.m. Please join this important conversation about hereditary cancer and its impact on the men and women in your family. You will hear from medical and subject matter experts offering the latest updates in genetic testing, cancer prevention, and how it impacts you and yours. This will be a free, live event open to all, with the opportunity to ask questions of the panelists. Register at https://link.sharsheret.org/contracosta

American Association of University Women, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch (AAUW-OML). General meeting Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. program via Zoom, guest speaker Leslie Pfeifer, "Flying Tigers and Vietnam." The program is free,

and all are welcome. To obtain a Zoom link, visit the AAUW-OML website at oml-ca.aauw.net.

KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents Michael Eric Dyson: Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America on Tuesday, March 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Online webinar, 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley. Michael Eric Dyson will discuss his new book, "Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America," and answer questions. Hosted by Sabrina Jacobs Cost: Suggested Donation \$5-\$20. For more info see www.eventbrite.com/e/michael-eric-dyson-sabrina-jacobs-reckoning-with-race-in-america-tickets-137147695449.

GARDEN

The Montelindo Garden Club meets on the third Friday of every month, September through May. The March meeting begins Friday, March 19 at 10 a.m. on Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Presentation: "Creating a CA Native Garden with Homes for Birds, Bees, Butterflies and More." Speaker: Sallie Bryan, who designs and installs native habitat gardens to attract local bees, birds, bugs, and butterflies. "Even a small garden can become an oasis for the wildlife and homeowner. Finding just the right plants for the space considering soil types, sun, and water needs along with understanding the habits of the desired species is what it is all about." Sally is an enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and engaging speaker. To request a Zoom link to attend this meeting, email: montelindogarden@aol.com.

Lafayette Garden Club Monthly General Meeting program begins Thursday, March 11 at 10 a.m.

online via Zoom Webinar. Welcome spring with Floral Arranging by Najat Nicola. Najat is a member of Diablo Women's Garden Club. She is a talented Floral Designer who always creates fabulous arrangements. Please join us as a guest at no charge. For details on how to join this presentation and membership information, email MaryanneKain@comcast.net.

The Orinda Garden Club will be hosting a Plant Sale on Saturday, April 17 at the Orinda Library Plaza from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will include a variety of types of plants, including Succulents, Pollinators, Perennials, and Drought Resistant. There will also be over 30 varieties of tomato seeds. The club also plans to provide Firewise educational materials. And lastly, there will be a marketplace gift boutique. All will be socially distanced and spread throughout the outdoor plaza at the Orinda Library, located at 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Open to the public. For more information, see https://www.orindagc.org/plantsale-public.html or email communications@orindagc.org.

Please submit events: calendar@lamorinda weekly.com

Lamorinda's Religious Services

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church An Open, Affirming & Loving Community Virtual service at Sun. 9:00 AM If someone would like to be added to our Zoom invitation please call 925-284-7420 or email cathy.w@stanselms.ws 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, www.stanselms.ws

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church mvpc JOIN US SUNDAYS 9:30 AM ON THE PATIO OR ONLINE AT MVPCTODAY.ORG

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TRANSFORMED BY THE PATH WE WALK TOGETHER Join us at OSLC.NET for our Sunday Livestream at 9:00 AM, or view anytime on our YouTube Channel. DRIVE IN WORSHIP IS SUNDAY AT 11:00 AM 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 | (925) 283-3722 | Spirit@oslc.net

Lafayette United Methodist Church Go to to our YouTube Channel: Love LUMC for small-batch, home-grown, curated worship playlists and more inspiration

WILLOWSRING community church Practical biblical teaching, contemporary worship, come as you are. www.willowspringchurch.com 1689 School St. Moraga | 925-376-3550 10:45 AM Sunday Service

We're all in this TOGETHER! Join us for worship online LOPC.ORG Sundays at 9 a.m. or any time you wish! Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church 49 Knox Drive - Lafayette, CA - (925) 283-8722

ST MARK'S CHURCH OF ORINDA & MORAGA Sunday Service at 10 a.m. 451 Moraga Way, Orinda www.stmarksorinda.org | (925) 254-5965 All Are Welcome

St Stephen's Episcopal Church Worshiping, Learning, Serving www.ststephensorinda.org

ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH All are welcome to our on-line services Sunday Service 10 - 11 am Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm See website and join us through Zoom www.christianscienceorinda.org

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422 www.holyshepherd.org

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE Facebook Premiere Community Worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Go to facebook.com/HSLCORinda/ Sunday Worship Services are accessible at our website at about 10:15 a.m. each Sunday (after they have premiered on Facebook). Visit our website to access the current and recent sermons.

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