

# ~ Life in LAMORINDA ~

## Family Pumpkin Paint Party gets October off to a 'boo-tiful' start



This young Paint Party participant shows off her artistic skills.

Photo Vera Kochan

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Photo courtesy Moraga Parks and Rec

Adults chat while kids paint pumpkins Oct. 1 at Canyon Club Brewery's Parks and Rec event in Moraga.



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The Moraga Parks and Recreation Department and Canyon Club Brewery joined forces on Oct. 1 to spark the Halloween spirit by sponsoring a Family Pumpkin Paint Party for adults and kids alike.

For a fee of \$25 per person, the sold-out event provided small pumpkins, paints, supplies and large facial feature stickers to apply to the finished work of art. Adults were given one pumpkin with a beverage option, and the kids were entitled to three pumpkins each.

Moraga's Recreation Coordinator Donald Scully, who organized the event, estimated that 35 adults and 30 kids participated in the occasion.

"Events are really meant to be relevant during the school year," he stated. "Parents want to go places where the kids can get messy and not do it at home. Parks and Rec provides the supplies and Canyon Club has the atmosphere."

Canyon Club Brewery General Manager Kirsten Popcke had the day off, but brought her daughter, Veda Illyana Popcke (5), to the festivities. The proud artist of a "rainbow pumpkin," Veda was asked how long it took her to paint. She held up three fingers and clarified that it stood for three minutes (not hours). She plans on displaying it "in my room."

Speaking for CCB, Popcke said, "I love that we can partner with Moraga Parks and Rec. It's a fun thing for the community."

## Upcoming SMC performing arts events set to sparkle



Photos provided

The Saint Mary's College Performing Arts Department has an incredible lineup of wonderful events in the weeks to come, starting with the free Student Recital Series on Wednesdays, Oct. 19 and Nov. 2 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the SMC Chapel. The student

recital series is a collection of beautiful instrumental and vocal recitals featuring wonderful and talented student musicians. They feature vocal, piano, guitar, flute, cello, drum, saxophone, trumpet, and violin works by well-known composers. Please

bring your own mask. Contributions will benefit Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief. [www.stmarys-ca.edu/student-recitals-FA22](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/student-recitals-FA22)

The free Jazz Singers' Performance at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Museum of Art Patio will feature a not-to-be-missed evening filled with both lively and soul-stirring jazz classics, and if you enjoy jazzy percussion and catchy tunes, join the Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at The 1928 Pub on campus for the free concert.

The Performing Arts Department and Ballet Folklorico Guadalupano (BFG) will also be hosting a Día de los Muertos Dance Concert at 8 p.m. Friday Oct. 28 at the Soda Center. Special guests will include Conceptos Entidad Dancística from Edinburg, Texas, and Danza Azteca Xiuhtecuhtli based in Sacramento, Calif. Audience members are invited to bring a copy of a photo of a loved one who has passed for the altar. Tickets/Online: \$5 students, \$8 Faculty/Staff, \$10 Gen. Admission: [www.stmarys-ca.edu/Ballet-Folklorico-Celebration-Fall22](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/Ballet-Folklorico-Celebration-Fall22) (Limited tickets available at the door – cash only.) – J. Wake

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