

~ Life in LAMORINDA ~

Ramses the Great and the Gold of the Pharaohs



The Orinda Library will host an in-person talk on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. featuring Rene Dreyfus, the George and Judy Marcus distinguished curator in charge of ancient art at the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco, who will speak on the current exhibition at the de Young.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Orinda Library. Seating will be limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. For special accommodations, please contact the library with 72 hours notice.

The event is rated as suitable for adults and teens. The

exhibition will run at the de Young Museum of San Francisco through Feb. 12. According to the de Young website, Ramses II, known as Ramses the Great, was the most celebrated and powerful pharaoh of the New Kingdom – Egypt's golden age. Believed to be a god on Earth, he ruled for 67 years as part of the 19th Dynasty, erecting enormous temples, obelisks, and statues and expanding Egypt's empire.

This state-of-the-art exhibition features the greatest collection of Ramses II objects and Egyptian jewelry ever to travel to the United States. Along with the pharaoh's colossal royal sculpture, the

exhibition highlights recently discovered animal mummies and treasures from the royal tombs of Dahshur and Tanis.

Visitors can walk among towering statues and immerse themselves in multimedia productions that re-create moments from Ramses's life, including his triumph at Kadesh, the largest chariot battle ever fought. An optional virtual reality experience, "Ramses & Nefertari: Journey to Osiris," offers a breathtaking tour of two of Ramses's most impressive monuments: Abu Simbel and Nefertari's tomb.

– S. O'Doherty

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January Sweet Thursday Author Series features award-winning cocktail writer

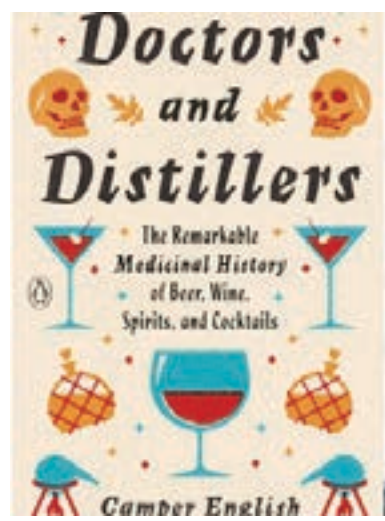


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Submitted by **Laurelle Miles**

At last, a definitive guide to the medicinal origins of every bottle behind the bar! Sweet Thursday Author Series presents Camper English, author of "Doctors and Distillers" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center in the Don Tatzin Community Hall. In this book, Mr. English examines the interconnected history of alcohol and medicine from ancient times to modern times. We will learn how the Gimlet, Gin & Tonic, and Old-Fashioned were born as remedies for diseases and discomforts. He also provides recipes for these and many other cocktails, so that readers can drink along with history. This thoroughly researched and delightful new work reveals how and why the contents of our medicine and liquor cabinets were, until surprisingly recently, one and the same. His book is lively and accessible, easily enjoyed by a medical anthropologist, home mixologist, or seasoned

bartender.

Camper English is a cocktails and spirits writer and speaker who has covered the craft cocktail renaissance for over 15 years, contributing to more than 50 publications around the world including Popular Science, Saveur, Details, Whisky Advocate, and -Drinks International. With a focus on the nerdy side of mixology, he has studied everything from the history of carbonation to the science of clear ice cubes. He has been awarded International Cognac Writer of the Year by the Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac and Best Cocktail Writer at the Tales of the Cocktail Spirited Awards, and he has been voted as one of the 100 most influential people in the global drinks industry for several years running.

The talk will be presented in-person with a Zoom Livestream option. The talk is free, but registration is required at Tinyurl.com/sweet-Jan23.

Moraga Art Gallery exhibit ignited by 'Light and Fire'



Ceramics by Donna Arganbright

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Submitted by **George Ehrenhaft**

The Moraga Art Gallery announces its initial exhibit of 2023, opening on Jan. 18. Entitled "Light and Fire," it features the work of two celebrated member artists from Lafayette: Lucy Beck, an award-winning photographer who uses light to capture the astonishing color, beauty

and structure of small, everyday flowers, and ceramicist - Donna Arganbright, hailed for her functional bowls, mugs, trays, pitchers and plates, as well as "attitude figures" – vases disguised as posturing humans, hands on hips, and clothed in fresh, bright-hued glazes.

John Hopper of Walnut Creek is the featured guest artist. Acclaimed by both the American Watercolor Society



Photo by Lucy Beck

(AWS) and the California Watercolor Association (CWA), he combines realistic and impressionistic styles in spirited paintings that render a world awash with color.

The exhibit, which runs until March 26, also includes paintings in numerous media, sculptures, jewelry, woodcraft,

ceramics, photographs, etchings, silk scarves, and more by a score of member and guest artists, including Wenda Pymman, K. deGroot, Judy Miller, Kath Balamuth, Margaret Dorfman, and Rick Nelson.

The public is cordially invited to a free reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Come to view the art, meet the artists, mingle with other art

lovers, enjoy a glass of wine and light snacks accompanied by live music befitting the gallery's gracious ambiance. The gallery, in the Rheem Shopping Center at 432 Center Street, Moraga, is open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.moragaartgallery.com> or call (925) 376-5407.

Service Clubs Announcements



Every Friday, 7 – 8:15 a.m. Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building OR Zoom Link at <https://lamorindasunrise.org/speakers>

January 2023 Weekly Speakers

- Jan 6 - Skip McCowan – Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Floods Guatemala with Good Deeds
- Jan 13 - Larry Toy – James Webb Space Telescope
- Jan 20 - Mark Roberts – BigPic highlight: RotaCare, Providing Medical Care to the Most Vulnerable
- Jan 27 - Bill Kinsey – Car 2nd Chance to Shower?

2023 Holiday Tree Collection Schedule

Your tree pickup will be on the same day as your regular garbage service but by a separate truck. Regular service will not be affected for Christmas and New Year's Day because they fall on a Sunday.



Week of Jan 2-6

Customers in Walnut Creek, Danville, Alamo, Diablo, and Blackhawk (including unincorporated areas).

Week of Jan 9-13

Customers in Lafayette, Orinda, and Moraga (including unincorporated areas).

Week of Jan 16-20

Any customers who missed prior tree collection.

AFTER Jan 20

If possible, cut tree and place in organics cart with lid closed, or call (925) 685-4711 to schedule a pickup for a fee.

Reminders:

- Remove lights, ornaments, stands, and tinsel before placing at curbside.
- Trees over 6' must be cut in half.
- Flocked trees can be collected using your annual on-call garbage cleanup at no cost, but must be scheduled in advance. Call (925) 685-4711. If cut to fit inside with lid closed, flocked trees may be placed in your black landfill cart.



Sustainability in Action

Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority