

## Not to be missed

### Art

**East Bay Artists Guild announces:** Local artists will display and sell their works on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Celebration Center, located at 1601 Mary Drive in Pleasant Hill. All are welcome to explore the array of art and enjoy refreshments.

**The Lafayette Public Art Committee** is excited to present "The Morning Bell Project," an exhibition, featuring a community quilt and moving drawings by children, that raises awareness around keeping schools safe from gun violence. The show is on view now until Jan. 9 at the Library Public Art Gallery located in the Don Tatzin Community Hall, adjacent to the Lafayette Library and Learning Center (3491 Mt Diablo Blvd). The venue is only open during public events at the Community Hall. A reception will be held on Oct. 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Families and children are welcome.

**The September exhibit** at the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library is Native American Sand Paintings, watercolor paintings by Rita Skyler, oil and watercolor paintings by Jane Raymond, and encaustic/resin art and paintings by Claudette McDermott. The gallery is at 26 Orinda Way and is open Monday to Saturday.

### Music

**Fall Music Series: Vibes** at the Veranda. An exciting season of music featuring larger bands with a much more robust sound. Join us every Wednesday from Sept. 13 through Oct. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fountain Pavilion Park (Diamond Boulevard, Concord). This free 6-week Fall Music Series is the perfect way to celebrate the arrival of autumn with phenomenal food, delightful entertainment, and a fantastic atmosphere. The 2023 Vibes at the Veranda lineup includes: Sept. 13: Ariel Marin Band; Sept. 20: Jonah Melvon Band; Sept. 27: Hella Fitzgerald; Oct. 4: Jazz Mafia ft. Erin Honeywell and Solas B Lalgee; Oct. 11: Feed the Kitty and Oct. 18: Grupo Nostalgia

**Internationally known pianist** Randall Benway returns to perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with the Diablo Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Jean Sibelius's Symphony No. 1 and his majestic tone poem "Finlandia" are also featured. Benway, a longtime Lafayette resident before moving to Washington State, has performed extensively in the US, Europe, and Asia. Visit [www.diablosymphony.org](http://www.diablosymphony.org) for details and a ticketing link.

**Ensemble Mirable performs** the first concert set of San Francisco Early Music Society's exciting 2023-24 season from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, in a concert that unearths and brings to light lesser-known early music gems. "Beyond Bach and Handel" showcases buried treasure in that it highlights less familiar Baroque composers such as Salamone Rossi, Dietrich Becker, Biagio Marini, and Jean Zewalt Triemer, who rub shoulders in this concert set with their more famous colleagues such as Bach, Vivaldi, and Handel. Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., in Palo Alto; Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m., in Berkeley; Sunday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m., in San Francisco. Tickets between \$30 and \$40 per ticket; attendees are encouraged to pay more if they are able to. <https://www.sfems.org>

**Classical Voice and Nature Songs,** Local Opera Stars Perform at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek. Saturday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek, or online broadcast: visit [stpaulswc.org/concert-series](http://stpaulswc.org/concert-series) for the concert link. Donations graciously accepted at the door (avg. \$20/\$10 Students) and in our online registration. All are welcome regardless of donation! (925) 934-2324

### Theatre

**Laurie Roldan has partnered** with Town Hall Theatre Co. in Lafayette to bring back her popular Cabaret series, "Laurie Sings a Song for You: A Cabaret Concert Inspired by the Music of Karen Carpenter." Sept. 15 and 16 at 2 p.m. Featuring special guest vocalists Anita Colotto and Michelle Ianiro, musicians Scott Welsh and Devon Minser, and Town Hall Education students. Happy hour from 1-1:30 p.m. during the matinee performances. Town Hall Theatre Co, 3535 School Street, Lafayette.

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Tickets: general, \$45. senior/youth, \$40. [www.townhalltheatre.com/lauriesings](http://www.townhalltheatre.com/lauriesings)

**Town Hall Theatre Company:** "The Turn of the Screw," adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, story by Henry James. Sept. 28 and 29 (Previews), Sept. 30-Oct. 21. Town Hall Theatre, 3535 School Street, Lafayette. Tickets: \$20-45, Pay-What-You-Can tickets will be available at all performances at the door. [www.townhalltheatre.com/turnofscrew](http://www.townhalltheatre.com/turnofscrew)

**Free performances of San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's** production of Cymbeline take place at the Bruns Amphitheater, 100 California Shakespeare Theater Way, Orinda on: Sept. 16, 17, 23 and 24. All shows are at 4 p.m. No ticket or reservation is required. More info at <https://sfshakes.org/free-shakespeare-venues/#orinda>

**Orinda Starlight Village Players** present Malcolm Cowler's adaptation of Carlo Collodi's Pinocchio. Follow the adventures of a wooden puppet, Pinocchio, who longs to become a real boy. Fridays and Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. through Sept. 30, Sunday, Sept. 17 and 24, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. Orinda Community Center Park Amphitheater. [www.orsvp.org](http://www.orsvp.org). Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 528-9225 or email [info@orsvp.org](mailto:info@orsvp.org)

### Literature

**Join the Sweet Thursday Author Series** on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library to hear author Ingrid Rojas Contreras discuss her newest book, "The Man Who Could Move Clouds: A Memoir." This is a free event, but registration is required at

[Tinyurl.com/sweet-Sept23](http://Tinyurl.com/sweet-Sept23). The doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and treats. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library.

**Camille Minichino, Jo Mele, Claire Johnson, and Billie Dupree** will be at Reasonable Books (3645 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette) Saturday, Sept 16 at 11 a.m. Bring your questions about writing and meet four, funny, female authors and their characters. Show your support of an independent bookstore and local authors by attending. Free.

### Other

**Janelle Davis, the Assistant Director** of Undergraduate Admissions will appear in Moraga on Thursday, Sept. 21 to speak about the college admissions process in general and of the UC system in particular. Parents of high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$10, and it will be held at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program will be 6 to 7:30 p.m. Bottled water will be provided, but no food will be served. For information and registration, please link to: [moragataryevents.com](http://moragataryevents.com)

**The 2023 Lafayette Art & Wine Festival** will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Downtown Lafayette. Featuring 4 stages with 20+ bands, 300 artist / craft booths, 4 kid zones, wide selection of California varietals and craft beers, local dining + shopping! Free Admission. View music schedule and learn more at <https://lafayettefestival.com>. Produced by the Lafayette Chamber.

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**Lafayette Sustainable Sunday** 2023. Oct. 1, 3-6 p.m. Community Center at Jennifer Russel Building, 500 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette. Amazing local speakers who will share their experiences in green building concepts for your home, how to add permaculture to our gardens, and how to live a more sustainable life. Tickets at [www.sustainablelafayette.org](http://www.sustainablelafayette.org)

**Lafayette Community DEIB Webinar** Oct. 12, 7 - 8 p.m. "Education about LGBTQI+ - Beyond the Binary." Hosted by the Rainbow Community Center in Concord. During the webinar, participants will learn the foundational concepts of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression, identify current outcomes of rigid gender norms in our communities, and devise ways we can begin to break through dominant narratives around the gender binary. There will be a facilitator and a moderator provided by RCC as well as a Lafayette DEIB committee moderator for the session. To register and post questions for the webinar, go to <https://tinyurl.com/lafayettedeib>

**Wine and Tapas Speaker Series** Presents: Sacred, Secular, and the Shifting Boundaries of American Religion - Featuring: Professor of Religion and Society, Jerome Baggett. Sunday, Oct. 1, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Main Hall at Creekside Commons; 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, Entry B. Bring a bottle of wine and/or a small plate to share. Register to attend at [creeksidecommons.org/upcomingevents](http://creeksidecommons.org/upcomingevents)

**The Moraga Community Service Day** will be held Oct. 6-8, with the goal of bringing the townsfolk together to assist those in need, and


help beautify our schools and town. Sponsored and led by a Steering Committee of Moraga Community groups. Moraga families and individuals are encouraged to sign up and volunteer 1-3 hours to help. To view all the projects and sign up for your favorite one or two, visit <http://moragaserviceaday.org/>

### Garden

**Moraga Garden Club** welcomes the owner of Hollie's Homegrown of Lafayette. Hollie Lucas-Alcalay will talk about how to grow, harvest and create your own blend of Lamorinda herbs. In addition, there will be a hands-on segment which will give attendees the opportunity to create their own blend. A \$10 fee will cover cost of a glass jar, lid, label and herbal mixture. A reservation for you and your guest/s is required (regardless of participation jar-filling activity) and need to be emailed to [Ellen.beans@gmail.com](mailto:Ellen.beans@gmail.com) by Wednesday, Sept. 13. Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street. Moraga, 9:30 a.m. for social time. Presentation to follow. We are free and open to the public. [www.moragagardenclub.org](http://www.moragagardenclub.org)

**Lafayette Garden Club** monthly meeting begins on Sept. 14 at 9:30 a.m. for social time and nibbles before the short business meeting begins at 10 a.m. It is held at the Veteran's Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette and is free to attend. Our speaker will be Jenny Papka from Native Bird Connections. She will have an owl for her presentation "Owls and Friends." There will also be a horticulture presentation by our Master Gardener, Liz Whiteford on planting onions and garlic. [www.lafayettegardenclub.com](http://www.lafayettegardenclub.com).


## Lamorinda's Religious Services

  
**Lafayette United Methodist Church**  
 955 Moraga Road 925.284.4765 [thelumc.org](http://thelumc.org)  
**Sunday 10am in person worship**  
 We are a church that strives to love as Jesus loves. Our congregation welcomes, includes, and affirms everyone on their journey of faith regardless of race, ethnicity, age, economic status, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**  
 24 Orinda Way (next to the Library)-925-254-4212  
**Sunday Services and Sunday School 10-11 am**  
 Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
 All are welcome  
[www.christianscienceorinda.org](http://www.christianscienceorinda.org)

**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422  
[www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org)  
 ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
 Facebook Premiere Community Worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Go to [facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/](http://facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/)  
 WORSHIP SCHEDULE In person worship at 9:30 a.m. Live stream on [facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/](http://facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/)  
 Visit our website to access the current and recent sermons.

  
**St Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
 Worshiping, Learning, Serving  
[www.ststephenorinda.org](http://www.ststephenorinda.org)

  
 Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church  
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 OR ONLINE AT [MVPCTODAY.ORG](http://MVPCTODAY.ORG)

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

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 SUNDAY SOUL FORUM | 8:30AM  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP | 9:30AM  
 IN PERSON OR FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE LIVESTREAM  
  
 WWW.OSL.NET | FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM  
 1035 CAROL LANE, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549 | 925.283.3722 | SPIRIT@OSL.C.NET

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 In person & Livestream **LOPC.ORG**

  
**ORINDA Community Church**  
 10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | [www.orindachurch.org](http://www.orindachurch.org)  
 "No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"  
**Sunday Service 10 am or join us online.**  
**Mondays 9:30 am Centering Prayer in the Chapel**  
**Wednesday 10 am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**