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Literature... continued

November Sweet Thursday Author Series presents author Andrea Lankford. Beautifully written, heartfelt, and at times harrowing, "Trail of the Lost: The Relentless Search to Bring Home the Missing Hikers of the Pacific Crest Trail" paints a vivid picture of the hiker culture and its complicated relationship with the ever-expanding online realm. This program is offered on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the DTCH. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library, but registration is required at [Tinyurl.com/sweet-nov2023](https://tinyurl.com/sweet-nov2023). The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and treats.

Other

Haunted House Moving Outside! For the first time ever, the Lafayette Community Center's Haunted House is venturing beyond its haunted halls to the great outdoors! We proudly present to you the newly named "Spooky Walk" – a hauntingly thrilling adventure on the Bellenger trail, featuring a quarter-mile stretch of bone-chilling encounters that will leave you trembling with delight. Not Too Scary: For our younger

friends and those who prefer a more festive atmosphere, our "Not Too Scary" version offers a delightful, family-friendly experience with just the right amount of spookiness to keep the smiles going. When: Oct. 28 and 29 from 5-6:30 p.m. Very Scary: Are you courageous enough to confront your deepest fears? In our "Very Scary" version, fear lurks around every corner, waiting to send shivers down your spine. It's a pulse-pounding thrill for the bravest souls! When: Oct. 28 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and Oct. 29 from 7:30-9 p.m. Pre-registration required, get your tickets now! <https://tinyurl.com/3jwwhj6x>

Dan Hanel, award winning author of the historical mystery series "In The Shadow of Diablo" is Moraga Historical Society's next featured speaker. Hanel combines fact with fiction bringing to life locations such as Brentwood's John Marsh House; the abandoned Byron Hot Springs Resort; Antioch's 19th century Black Diamond Coal Mine; and Contra Costa County's Winehaven - once the world's largest winery. Event held Sunday, Nov. 5, from 1-3 p.m. in the Casita @ Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Dr, Moraga. RSVP: [ranchsu-](mailto:ranchsu-san@aol.com)

san@aol.com by Oct. 27. Reservations only -- limited seating. Moraga Historical Society members free, guests \$5.

Don't toss that repairable bike on the garbage heap; it's time once again for the Cycle Recycle! Over the last 24 years Bobbie and Tom Preston have collected over 3,700 repairable bikes Nov. 1-31 on their driveway. This year, partnering with Moraga Troop 246, bikes can be dropped off at Scout Hut at 1279 Moraga Way, Moraga. No rusty bikes helmets, razors, scooters, or trikes are accepted but bike racks, bike baskets, pumps and tools are accepted. The troops will accept biking clothing in primo condition as well (Place in a plastic sealed bag). No need to call. This year's recipients of Cycle Recycle include Water-side Workshops, Bay Area Bike Rescue, Trips for Kids, and White Pony Express.

California Independent Film Festival at Orinda Theatre Nov. 9 -16. The festival will feature about 29 films from 14 countries and at least 9 Directors will offer Q&A sessions following the screening of their films. For more information and tickets go to caiff.org or visit The Orinda Theatre Box Office.

LUMC Halloween Festival. Oct. 29 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Road, Lafayette. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon in the Fellowship Hall for food, games, face painting, free pumpkin patch, crafts and more!

A Benefit Bash for Save Mount Diablo, Party for the planet. Featuring Eco-themed live music by the Jim Ocean Band and Blue-Eyed Grass. Date: Saturday, Nov. 11, Time: 6 p.m. Doors, 6:45 p.m. Show. Location: Creekside Commons, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Admission: \$20 adv/\$25 door – Ages 18 and under are free. Tickets: https://P4TP_SaveMtD.eventbrite.com Information for public: <https://jimoocean-music.com>. Publicity Contact: Kathy Ocean, (707)869-9403, kathy@communityconcerts.com

Attention, Asian food aficionados: The Contra Costa Chinese School will be holding its annual carnival on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Diablo Valley College Liberal Arts Building courtyard at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. It will feature a variety of Asian food and drink specialties for sale, reminiscent of a traditional

Asian night market. Featured delicacies will include Chinese tea eggs and egg tarts, Japanese spam musubi, as well as Vietnamese banh mi sandwiches, vermicelli salad and pandan waffles. Carnival games and crafts will be available for the kids. The proceeds from food sales will go to fund individual classroom activities at the non-profit language school with a 48-year history in the county. For more information, go to <https://cococs.org> or <https://cococs.org/site/images/carnival-2023.pdf>.

Garden

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its free monthly meeting on Monday Nov. 13 at the Elks Lodge, in Walnut Creek. Join us for a special program Fascinating Foliage: The Drama of Variegated Plants. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a brief meeting, social time and an educational program, Complimentary tea and coffee are available. Address: Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive, Walnut Creek. www.WalnutCreekGardenClub.com

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