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Not to be missed

ART

Moraga Art Gallery's group show, "Pitchers, Pictures and Lotsa Bling" featuring the work of potter Donna Arganbright and painter Bob Wahrhaftig, will run through January 9, 2010.



Jellies by Leslie Swartz

The new group show, "Three Continents," featuring local artists showing watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass designs, begins January 12, followed by an Opening Reception, 3:00-5:00 p.m., January 23, and will run through March 14, 2010. It will feature the work of 2 Moraga artists, Leslie Swartz and Mariann Mortensen. Moraga Art Gallery is located at 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to CVS Drugs in Moraga. Open Tuesday - Sunday, 12-5 p.m. (925) 376-

Hearst Gallery presents Ralph



A Symbolic Realist and His Circle, January 17 - March 14, 2010. A retrospective exhibition by California College of the Arts beloved master professor of painting and drawing, Ralph Borge (1921 - 2009), including a selection of works by some of his most noted former students. Opening Day Events: Sunday, January 17, 2-3 p.m. Panel discussion, moderated by Vincent Perez, with Philip Linhares, chief curator, Oakland Museum of California, Richard McLean, Jack Mendenhall, and Borge's son, Jason. Reception following, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with Martha Borge and many of the other artists in attendance. Musicians Julian Smedley and Michelé Borge, daughter of the artist, will perform during the reception. The Hearst Gallery is located at Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga. The building is directly behind the Chapel. Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Suggested admission donation: \$3. The Opening Reception is free.

The Lafayette Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of our new winter show "Treasures from the Heart," which focuses on distinctive gifts for the special people in your life. "Treasures from the Heart" will be on display from January 5 to March 6, 2010. The Gallery is open from 11:00 to 5:00 from Tuesday through Saturday. You are warmly invited to a Champagne and Chocolate Reception on Friday, January 29th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Lafayette Gallery, located at 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 11 AM - 5 PM. Phone (925) 284-2788. www.lafayettegallery.net.

THEATRE

Rip Van Winkle will be presented at LeFevre Theatre in January. Audiences, young or old, will delight in this entertaining story, written in 1820 by Washington Irving and adapted for the stage by SMC Professor Michael Cook. Find out where Rip goes, why he is gone for so long, and what happens upon his return to his village. The short story is elaborated into a full one-hour of children-focused entertainment. When: Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. and Thursday, January 28, at 4 p.m. Where: LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Ticket Price: \$8.00

Tickets and information: For information, please call (925) 631-4670 or e-mail scahill@stmarys-ca.edu.

California Independent Film Festival screens "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Jan 16th, 2010, 7 PM, Orinda Theatre. Q&A with Oscar winner Louise Fletcher (Nurse Ratched). General Admission: \$20; Seniors & Students: \$15; \$125 Movie, Q&A & VIP Reception. Tickets available at Orinda & Rheem Theatres and www.caiff.org or call (925) 277-1355 for info.

LITERATURE

Contra Costa County Library Holiday Schedule and Closures. Due to County budget cuts and holidays, all Contra Costa County Library locations will be closed from Wednesday, December 23 through Sunday, December 27 and from Thursday, December 31 through

Sunday, January 3. During the closure, all book drops will be closed. To lessen the inconvenience for library customers, no books will be due and no fines will be imposed between December 19 and January 4. All locations will reopen with regular hours on Monday, January 4. The Contra Costa County Library website (ccclib.org) will re-

main open during the closures so

that customers can continue to ac-

cess online services such as down-

loadable audiobooks, eBooks, and

electronic articles and will be able

to place holds.

Book Club Meeting: The Orinda Books - 2nd Wednesday Book Group will read and discuss The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga. They meet monthly at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, and welcome new members. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 13th at 3pm. (925) 254-7606.

Book Club Meeting: The World Affairs Book Group will discuss The Heartless Stone: A Journey Through the World of Diamonds by Tom Zoellner. They meet bimonthly at Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, and welcome new members. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 3 pm. (925) 254-7606.

KIDS & PARENTS

Parent Education Night: When things go "haywire" even with parents' best intentions. Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. 66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda. Youth and young adult experts: Dr. Francis Bartolomeo, Jack Kline and Karen Fitzhugh from CRC Health Group will talk in a panel format on helping our youth manage stress and issues that can result in unhealthy behavior. Free/No cost to attend. No reservations needed. Phone: 254-3770; email:office@ststephensorinda.org; website:www.ststephensorinda.org.

Roughing It Day Camp Show & Tour: January 18th @3:00 PM, located at 1010 Oak Hill Road, Lafayette CA 94549. Free. Whole Family Welcome. Snacks & refreshments provided.

OTHER

Health Medicine Forum (HMF) hosts "Emotional Wellness: Letting Go," the 6th event of the Rethinking Wellness Series, at the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek on Tuesday, January 26th. Presen-

Not to be missed tations begin at 7:15 pm. Opportunity to network and meet the speakers before and after the presentations. Tickets: \$5 Students and Seniors / \$10 Health Medicine Forum members/ \$15 Advance (non-HMF members) / \$20 at the door (non-HMF members) Tickets may be purchased at the box office, over the phone or on the website: www.lesherartscenter.org. Box Office: (925) 943-7469 ((925) 943-SHOW).

> Strokes - Are You or a Loved One At Risk? Harvey Brosler, Contra Costa County Stroke Support Group. One of the three most common killers is a stroke. Learn what causes a stroke and how to recognize when a stroke is happening so that you or your family member can avoid some of the devastating effects. The discussion will also include some tips on controlling diabetes and comments about heart disease. Mr. Brosler will speak from personal experience as well as a facilitator of the Contra Costa County Stroke Support Group. Tues, Jan 26, 10:30 - Noon. Lafayette Senior Services, 500 Saint Mary's Road, Lafayette. All event/programs \$1 Members/ \$3 Non-Members. Please call 284-5050 to reserve a spot.

CLUBS

Sons In Retirement Lamorinda **Branch** 171 meets first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Culture Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11:00 am, lunch at 12:00 pm. The after-lunch speaker will be Bud MacKenzie, the founder of Trust in Education which provides health care, education and economic development programs in Afghanistan. For details and membership information, call Larry at (925) 631-9528.

Montelindo Club general meeting and speakers, third Friday of the month, September through May, Orinda Community Church, #10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Refreshments and plant sale at 9 a.m., meeting at 9:30, speaker at 10:30. The meeting is free and welcomes guests and new members. Web Site: www.montelindogarden.com. Email contact: montelindogarden@aol.com. The speaker for the January 15th meeting will be Neal Richmond, a garden judge and former president of the NorCal Daylilly Group, who will speak about "Daylillies."

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