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Wednesday, April 9, 2014 Not to be missed



24 Orinda Way (next to the Library) - 254-4212 Sunday Service and Sunday School 10 - 11 am

present a slide show on the logistics and adventures of building the Ichthyosaur Puppet Project for the Burning Man festival and the Nevada Discovery Museum at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. This event is free and open to the public.

ART

Lafayette Art Gallery's new exhibition, "Location - Location - Location!" through May 3. "Location" may be the rule of real estate but what does it mean to the artists at the Lafayette Art Gallery? It means the gallery has a new location with almost twice the space, three times the windows and light, and an artistic heritage at The Forge, built on Mt. Diablo Boulevard by the noted metal artist Carl Jennings in 1946.

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art - four exhibitions now on view. From Swords to Plowshares: Metal Trench Art from World War One; Songs of the Patriot: How Music Helped Win World War One; Malcolm Lubliner: The Automotive Landscape; and William Keith: Nature's Tranquil Splendor. Open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. For info, call (925)-631-4379 or visit stmarys-ca.edu/museum. Admission: free to K-12 graders; \$5 adults. Free parking. (See related story page B5)

Moraga Art Gallery's current show, "Illuminated by Nature", featuring paintings by Kerima Swain and Karen Kramer will run through May 31. The Gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays - Sundays, and is located at 522 Center St., Rheem Valley Shopping Center, Moraga. For info, visit moragagallery.com.

MUSIC

WomenSing- Upper Voiced Choirs Festival "Treble Voices Now" April 11-12 at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Experience first-hand the process of creating and refining a new choral piece. This inaugural festival will offer invited treble-voiced choirs the unique opportunity to join the process of fine-tuning their own contemporary repertoire. For info, visit www.womensing.org.

THEATER

DVC Drama Presents - "Noises Off," directed By Ed Trujillo March 28 through April 13. Check website for exact times and dates. For tickets, call (925) 969-2358 or visit www.dvcdrama.net. DVC Drama is located at 321 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill, with free parking for all performances.

SMC Creative Writing Reading Series will feature poet, painter and translator Norma Cole at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 in the Soda Center, Claeys Lounge. "Win These Posters and Other Unrelated Prizes Inside" is her most recent book of poetry. She teaches at the University of San Francisco.

Authors and Athletes Family Series presents Kristi Yamaguchi, Olympian, athlete, artist, author, philanthropist, wife and mother from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 11 in the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Yamaguchi will discuss her recent travels to Sochi, as well as her inspirational work to improve childhood literacy. KPIX 5 sports director Dennis O'Donnell will lead the discussion. Yamaguchi will sign books after the program.

The April 21 speaker for the Moraga Women's Society will be Kent Long, president of the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, who will explain the mission of this group, their goals and the progress made with J&J Ranch developers in acquiring the Adobe and 2.3 surrounding acres. This meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center on School Street, Moraga and the presentation will take place from 11 a.m. to noon. Admission is free and refreshments are provided. For more info, call Susan Sperry at (925) 376-3053.

"Off Balance: Gait and Balance - Dis-

orders Affecting Your Daily Life." As part of a free lecture series, Valerie Watase, PT, owner and director of Lafayette Physical Therapy, will discuss injury prevention, fitness, and other related topics from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Seating for lectures is limited: call (925) 284-6150 to RSVP and reserve your seat. For info, visit www.LafayettePT.com.

Lafayette resident Wei-Tai Kwok will provide an update on climate change findings and answer questions on that topic during a presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Lafayette Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A vice president of NRG Residential Solar Solutions, Kwok also is a member of the Climate Reality Project. Kwok will show updated slides from the Academy Awardwinning documentary while describing climate change facts, the scientific consensus on today's challenges, and the consequences of ignoring the man-made difficulties to achieving clean air.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

Start warming up your voices now -Lamorinda Idol auditions are just around the corner. K-12 students living or attending school in the Lamorinda area may audition for a chance to be a Lamorinda Idol finalist. Auditions run

more! The event will include a reading by special guest, best-selling children's author, Mitali Perkins. There is a \$10 cost per person to attend. Registration forms will be available online at www.mvpctoday.org until April 21. Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church is located in Moraga at 10 Moraga Valley Lane.

CELEBRATE NATURE

Moraga Beautiful will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12 at Rancho Laguna Park. Volunteers should wear old clothes for weeding and the beautification of the park picnic benches. The Town will supply gloves, brushes and stain. Individuals and groups welcome!

For those of us who love our walks on Mulholland Ridge, mark your calendars for the beautiful Mulholland Ride event to help protect this natural area from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 12. Let's show the Town of Moraga our support for maintaining Moraga's only preserve!

With the assistance from a couple of members from its environmental club, Miramonte High School will be hosting a community talk-back, "Our Future: Greening Miramonte and Beyond," concerning the environment at 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. Tips about how improve individuals can improve carbon footprint will be offered in a relaxed fashion.

Clean up Orinda and beautify the community on Saturday, April 19. Check in starting 9 a.m. at Orinda Library Plaza. First 300 volunteers receive a free T-shirt. Report back to Library Plaza after project completion from 11:30 a.m. to noon for pizza and celebration. Lend a hand, we need your help! To sign up go to www.orindafoundation.org and click on the Volunteer tab or email Orindafoundation@gmail.com.

Join the National Park Service (NPS) in celebrating 100 years of John Muir's conservation legacy during the annual Earth Day and John Muir's Birthday event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at the John Muir National Historic Site (NHS) in Martinez. Participate in fun activities for all ages to commemorate Muir's legacy and the 50th anniversary of the park's establishment in 1964. Special guest speaker Bruce Hamilton, deputy executive director of the Sierra Club, will give the keynote address.

Bring the family from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 27 for delightful adventures under the oak trees. Congressman George Miller is our honored guest of the day and Chester Miner, Elder of the Cherokee Nation, will open with a tribute to nature. Come enjoy delicious food, music, creek explorations, games, nature

Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm Reading Room/Bookstore M - F 11 - 4; Sat 11 - 2

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Worship the Lord! Sundays, 9 & 10:30am

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8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:40 a.m. Education for all ages 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Coffee Fellowship at 9:15 and 11:45 a.m. Childcare available for ages 5 and younger **Role Players Ensemble presents** Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore." Combine a witch's curse, a haunted castle and a chorus of professional bridesmaids, and you have a comic feast for the senses. In this innovative take on "Ruddigore Castle" residents, both living and dead, fill the stage with delightful music, witty dialogue and wacky characters. Show runs April 18-May 10; 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday at the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville. Tickets: \$20-28: online at www.Role-PlayersEnsemble.com; at Danville Community Center or call (925) 314-3400.

Mistaken identity, intrigue, unrequited love, cross dressing. No, it is not the latest reality show; it is William Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night." And it is coming to Acalanes High School. The play runs April 30, May 1, 2, and 3, with a 7 p.m. curtain (house opens at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$10 general; \$7 students. Available at the door. All proceeds benefit the Acalanes Performing Arts Boosters-Drama.

"Disney's Peter Pan JR" at Orinda Intermediate School at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. May 1 and 2, and at 3 and 7 p.m. May 3 at the OIS Bulldog Theater, 80 Ivy Drive, Orinda. Ticket prices range from \$3 - \$10 and are available for advance purchase at www.showtix4u.com. Tickets will also be sold at the door. (See story page B7)

LECTURE & LITERATURE

Moraga Movers and the Moraga Library present Book Talking at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 9. Join C.W. Gortner as he discusses his wonderful historical novel, "The Queen's Vow," about Isabella of Castile. It tells of her dramatic ascent to power and who irrevocably changed the future of Spain and the world (remember Columbus?). As always, you need not have read the book to enjoy this fascinating discussion.

May 15-17. Visit the Orinda Arts Council's website at http://orindaarts.org/lamorinda-idol/audition-information to sign up for auditions between April 1-30.

"Girls in Engineering, Computer Science and STEM Careers." Margaret Cortes MIT Recruiter and Alexa Krakaris of Facebook will speak from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15 at the Miramonte Library. Students and parents come together to learn about STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) careers for women. Both Cortes and Krakaris will share their personal stories about entering a male dominated field and provide insight into summer enrichment, career opportunities and helpful tips and answer questions at the end of their presentation.

The Lafayette Rotary Club is pleased to announce the date for the "Annual Egg Hunt." This event is open to all children ages 2-8 at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 19 at Lafayette Plaza (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd). (See story and list of other Easter events on page B10)

Seedling's Preschool 16th Annual Wheel Day for kids who love anything to do with wheels from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26 at LOPC - Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church 49 Knox Dr, Lafayette. The free event promises numerous vehicles from construction, public safety, public transport and local businesses. They will all be there for a viewing, climbing and a horn honking good time! Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to Monument Crisis Center.

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church invites you to its second annual Tea Party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Moms, grandmas, and preschool-age daughters of the Lamorinda community are invited to enjoy tea, scones, sweets, crafts, story time and

walks, arts and crafts and more, 350 Camino Pablo Rd., Orinda. Free. Visit fwrna.org to enter the photo contest for a chance to win one of many prizes.

Lafayette will host its 9th Annual Earth Day Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. With the worst drought in California's recorded history, the theme of this year's festival is water conservation. Environment-related businesses, non-profit organizations and vendors will fill Golden Gate Way. Buy starter plants for your spring garden. Families can participate in interactive activities from the Lawrence Hall of Science and Lindsay Wildlife Museum. There will be live music throughout the day. Back by popular demand will be a bounce house for kids! New this year, I:CO (http://www.ico-spirit.com/en/homepage/) and H&M will sponsor a clothingrecycling collection site at the festival. Bring your stained, torn, or old clothing that is not suitable for donation or re-use, and it will be recycled into new fabric or household items.

OTHER

DVC Emeritus College provides affordable classes for people 50 and over. Courses are held at JFK University, Rossmoor, and Diablo Valley College. There are some interesting, thought provoking classes starting in April and May as well as tours of the California Railroad Museum and the Ruth Bancroft Gardens. plus a hike of the Marin Headlands. To sign up by credit card call the Emeritus Office at (925) 969-4316 or mail in your registration with a check. Registration forms available through the Emeritus Office. You can view the entire 2014 Spring Brochure online at www.dvc.edu/emeritus.

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