

Not to be missed

MUSIC-THEATER

"An Afternoon of Song" - songstress Judy Eggleston will be performing at the Lafayette Community Center at a free hour long concert on Friday April 18th from 1:30 to 2:30pm. Children and adults of any age are welcome to enjoy the program of light jazz and Broadway favorites. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the Lafayette Senior Services Center at (252)284-5050 to save a spot. We are 500 Saint Mary's Road in Lafayette halfway between downtown Lafayette and Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

Campolindo High School's Drama Department Presents "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, directed by Terry Boero. April 23, 24, 25 and 28 at 8 p.m. Campolindo Performing Arts Cen-



ter, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga. Tickets \$8.00 at the door.

Renowned pianist Jon Nakamatsu is heard in recital on Saturday afternoon, April 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda, CA. Tickets are available by calling 925-254-4906. A native Californian, Jon Nakamatsu's playing combines elegance, clarity, and electrifying power. His concert program will feature works by Beethoven, Chopin, Haydn and Schumann. \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students, children are free.

No Greater Love, a musical cantata of the life of Christ, will be presented by the Choirs of Lafayette United Methodist Church, Sunday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. Directed by Ronald Sutherland with organ accompaniment by Kenneth Mansfield. 955 Moraga Road, Lafayette 925-284-4765 www.thelumc.org.

Six Girls Wearing the Same Dress: A Benefit Cabaret for the Fight Against Breast Cancer One Night Only! Come see your favorite, well-known (and not-so-well-known) showtunes performed by six incredibly talented girls, in incredibly beautiful dresses.

Friday, April 18th at Alhambra Senior High School's Theatre at 150 E Street in Martinez, The doors will open at 7:30pm; the show shall begin at 8pm. All proceeds go to The National Breast Cancer Foundation. Purchase your tickets at the door! Adults: \$8.00 Students/Kids 12 and under: \$5.00 Questions? Call (925) 212-1853.

Glorietta Elementary School presents its 10th Annual Spring Musical, Willy Wonka, Jr. Two casts include thirty-four students each, with eight tech-crew members and a small orchestra. Fri, May 2nd at 4pm & 7pm, and Sat, May 3rd at 3pm & 7pm at Glorietta Elementary School, 15 Martha Road, Orinda. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 21st. All tickets are reserved - Standard tickets are \$5 and Premier tickets are \$10.00. Ticket purchase forms can be requested at willywonkatix@yahoo.com.

Madama Butterfly presented by Martinez Opera Contra Costa. Sat: May 10th & 17th 7:30pm, Sun: May 11th & 18th 2:00pm. General seating \$25. Reserved seating from \$40 - \$50. Alhambra Performing Arts Center, 150 E Street, Martinez, CA For Tickets call (925) 798-1300 or go to www.willowstickets.org.

Volunteer with California Shakespeare Theater! Achieve the feeling that you are paying it forward in the spirit of volunteerism by doing something fun! To learn more about the California Shakespeare Theater Volunteer Program or sign up to volunteer, contact the volunteer Coordinator at 510.548.3422 ext 101 or via email at eschrey@calshakes.org.

ART

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show, "Earthly Inspirations" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists. Through - June 1. Gallery is doubly featuring the work of 2 artists: Illustrator Michael Che, who paints a variety of subjects, but loves painting animals; Donna Arganbright, who has been working in clay since 1972. She creates ceramic baskets, plates, bowls, platter sets, mugs, pitchers and vases in her Lafayette Studio. The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Saturday, March 22, 2008, from 3-5 pm. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs.

Lafayette Gallery Reception, Sun., April 27, 1- 4pm. The Lafayette Gallery, a cooperative of 23 artists, is hosting a Garden Party reception to "celebrate the pleasures and enchantment of gardening - its scents, textures and colors as told through the artist's medium," as they describe it. New pieces in their Sculpture Garden, a plein air artist at work, along with floral designs contributed by Lamorinda garden clubs will be highlighted. 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. www.lafayettegallery.net.

Moraga Library's new art exhibition, "California Observed," features watercolor paintings by Moraga artist George Ehrenhaft, a recently transplanted New Yorker. Ehrenhaft's fresh landscapes lovingly portray Moraga Ranch, St. Mary's College, Mt. Diablo, and other East Bay sites. Open during library hours through April 30th. For details, call 376-6852.

Lectures

Moraga Police Chief Mark Ruppenthal will speak about self-defense for women at the Moraga Women's Society April Meeting on Monday, April 21st: Coffee 9:30 a.m., Meeting 10:00 a.m. Speaker 11:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Cultural Center 1700 School St., Moraga. Free event, no reservations needed. Call 376-3520

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Optimizing Academic and Athletic Performance through Nutrition. Thurs, April 24th, 7:00 pm, Acalanes Theatre. Join us to learn about specific types of foods to fuel the mind and body, how and when to eat, nutritional needs of athletes, general nutrition for the teenage years, and the truth about sports and energy drinks and bars. For more information, please contact Lynn Gitomer, 299-0085

On Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library hosts a Fireside Chat on "Athens in Its Golden Age: The Time of Pericles" presented by George Hammond. The political leader and famous orator Pericles inspired the 5th Century Athenians to build the Parthenon, one of the most beautiful buildings in the world. Hammond, will cut through the many myths about the democratic society of Athens arriving at the conclusion that most of the Athenian contributions to our cultural wealth were created in the midst of political chaos. Free. 26 Orinda Way in Orinda, Call 925-254-2184 or visit ccclib.org.

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Other Events:

Moraga Community Blood Drive on April 19th from 10-3 at the Miramonte Homeowner's Association (1 Miramonte Drive - Moraga). Sponsored by the Moraga Juniors, because the Red Cross has said this area has such low blood donations that they have to ship blood to our area.

The Friends of the Moraga Library will hold another Overstock Book Sale on Sat., April 19th from 9am until noon on the porch of the Moraga Library. All proceeds go to purchase materials and programs for all ages in the community. Most recently a larger book bin, new tables, a media table and updated lighting were purchased with these funds.

Featuring students from the Visual and Performing Arts Department, April 27 Orinda, California. Student work from all disciplines of art will be featured at "Let's Celebrate Miramonte's Talent Showcase," at Miramonte High School Art Center and Theater, 750 Moraga Way, Sunday, April 27. The Art Center doors open at 4:30 pm for art viewing and silent auction. Performances will take place in the theater at 5 pm and 6:30 pm. Admission is \$5 for students, \$15 for adults. Visit www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/miramonte.

Orinda Library Spring Book sale will be Thursday May 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (The bookshop will remain open until 6 p.m.) There will be fiction and non-fiction for adults, books for collectors and books for children from toddlers to teenagers. Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda

Town Hall Theatre's First Annual Fundraiser. Singers and actors will be playing their favorites, fabulous live and silent auction packages and scrumptious foods. Veterans Memorial Building, Lafayette. Saturday, April 26, 2008 7-10:30 \$85 per person www.thtc.org or 283-1557

Wine Appreciation Series -Wine & Cheese Pairing 101 on Fri., May 9th 6:30 to 9pm at the Lafayette Community Center. This hands-on workshop is a perfect introduction to the basics and was designed to offer many ways for you to expand your knowledge and understanding of wine and cheese, delve into the art of pairing the two and celebrate examples from around the world. 500 Saint Mary's Road. Register on-line at www.lafayetterec.org \$25 Registration fee \$15 In-class supply fee.

Moraga Beautiful Week, May 3-11, "Think Globally. Act Locally." The week will kick off with two garden tours, and all week long the Moraga Garden Center will offer 20% off native plants. The Farmers' Market will feature information on the importance of buying local produce. Homeowners are encouraged to pitch in: curbside pick up will feature large waste clean-up days as well as pick-up of reusable items. On Sat the 9th there will be a work day at the Moraga Commons Park, followed by a Community Faire Sat May 10th. On Sun the 11th, we will close with an e-waste drop off at the Hacienda de las Flores and a street wide garage sale on Donald Drive. See www.moraga.ca.us for details.

Moraga Community Faire, Saturday, May 10th, 2008 from 11 a.m.-4p.m. The free Community Faire will feature entertainment for all ages, including live performances of local student and adult musicians, and children's activities. Featuring Moraga businesses as well as sus-

tainable living vendors, local artists, area wines and restaurants, the Faire will be located at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center (Long's Parking Lot).

Lafayette Juniors Ninth Annual Kitchen Tour on May 17, 2008. Lafayette Juniors is showcasing six residential kitchens throughout Lafayette, each carefully selected to inspire every taste and budget. Tour the homes at your leisure and enjoy a gourmet box lunch in one of the home's spectacular gardens. 05/17/08, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person (\$25 is tax-deductible).Gourmet box lunches, provided by Diablo Foods, may be purchased for an additional \$12. For more information, please call 925-386-0598

Lafayette's May Fest is Saturday May 17th. The May Fest, a Day of Community Awareness and Friendship, is sponsored by Lafayette Senior Services along with several other community agencies. It will be held at the Lafayette Elementary School grounds, 950 Moraga Road in Lafayette, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., There will be wide-ranging activities for citizens of all ages, including a free CarFit program: Adjust your steering wheel, find your hazard lights, and much more in a 12 point check list to see if your Car Fits You. You too may be amazed and will leave driving a much safer car!

Science and Religions Study Group - The Nature of Consciousness is the topic for the April 21 meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Davies Room at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Ken Downing lead the discussion focusing on how consciousness is understood by scientists and theologians. Guests are welcome to this free event. For more information contact edschoenberger@1964.usna.com

Clubs/Meetings

Orinda hiking Club Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve Sat April 19th or Sun April 27th Meet at 8:30 am at the old Orinda Library parking lot. Must arrive early. Regular hike 8-10 miles in length, with up to 2000 feet of total elevation gain. Sturdy hiking boots are a must. Bring plenty of water and lunch. Hikes are led by experienced leaders please call if you have any questions: http://orindahiking.org/2008Spring.html

The Lamorinda Democratic Club will host an Assembly District 14 Candidates' Night featuring Dr. Phil Polakoff, Nancy Skinner, Tony Thurmond and Kriss Worthington, who will be competing in the June 3, 2008 primary election for the Assembly Seat currently held by Assemblywoman Hancock. Friday, April 18, 7:30 pm: club meeting: 8:00 pm, AD 14 candidate forum. Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. \$5 for admission. Students free. Call 925-210-7337 or visit www.lamorindademoclub.com/ for more information. All members of the community and press are welcome.

Diablo Star Chapter #214, Order of the Eastern Star. Eastern Star is a social order comprised of both women and men. The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, and Fraternal. The Diablo Chapter holds regular meetings on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Orinda Masonic Center located at 9 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. For member-

ship information please contact Karen Seaborn at (925) 689-0995.

Job's Daughters International - Orinda teaches young ladies ages 10-20 years old important skills for life, such as leadership, public speaking, organization, teamwork and self-reliance. Girls also learn a sense of community by participating in philanthropic projects. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm, Orinda Masonic Center, 9 Altarinda Rd, Orinda. For more info contact Nicki Wandesforde, Bethel Guardian at (925) 283-7176 or email nickichef@comcast.net.

Lamorinda Republican Women meet the third Thursday of each month at the Metro Restaurant in Lafayette at 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd. The meeting begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon and speaker at 12:30. Lunch cost is \$22 and for reservations please call 925-254-8617.

In preparation to their 40th year celebration, the Moraga Women's Society is trying to locate past members who still reside in the area to invite them to attend the event. If you are a past member or know of one and have not been contacted yet, please call Nancy at 376-3187.

Saint Mary's College

Campus Happenings



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SMC campus entrance For info, contact: Bill Sullivan (925) 631-4322

"East Bay College Connection Fair"

A regional college fair for high school students and their parents, teachers, and counselors with more than 150 colleges and universities represented. Numerous informational sessions will be available throughout the afternoon on financial aid, historically black colleges, the student athlete, and students with learning disabilities. Several workshops will also be available in Spanish, and counselors will be on hand to answer college-related questions. Parking is limited: please use the free shuttle provided at the Orinda BART Station. The BART Shuttle will depart from the Orinda station for Saint Mary's every 20 minutes between 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. For more information and a list of participating colleges and universities, go to: www.stmarys-ca.edu/ebcc Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 4:30 p.m., SMC For info, contact: Saint Mary's College Admissions Office (800) 800-4SMC Free

Cultural Events /Performances:

"A Night in the Italian Piazza: Coffee, Pastries, and Opera!" Come and enjoy an evening in Italy! A Night in the Italian Piazza offers sweets and opera in an atmosphere of an Italian piazza, drinking café, eating pastries, chatting, and listening to music. Accomplished members of the Saint Mary's faculty, staff, (as well as students and a few professional and non professional performers from outside) will sing and play pieces from famous Italian operas during the event. Lino Rivera (professor in the Performing Arts Department) will play the piano, Elizabeth Gallagher (ex-professor of voice, now a staff member) will be one of the main female voices, Michael Nathanson (professor of Math) will be one of the male voices. Tonight, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Saint Mary's College Chapel Plaza (The area between the Chapel and the statue) Free

Art Exhibitions:

"William Keith: The 1880s Paintings" Works from the 1880s, which marked a decade of great changes in William Keith's life. On view in the William Keith Room Hearst Art Gallery

Exhibition hours: Wednesdays through Sundays, 11 am until 4:30 pm Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 and under free; free parking Web site: http://gallery.stmarys-ca.edu. Telephone: 925-631-4379

For more information about upcoming events at Saint Mary's College, visit the college website at http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/news-and-events/events.html.

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