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MUSIC-THEATER

California Shakespeare Theater presents *Pericles* through June 22. Director Joel Sass has created an eight person version of *Pericles*, with music and singing, a real rollercoaster ride for the imagination. His approach celebrates storytelling at its most theatrical. Single tickets (\$20-62). All performances are presented at the intimate Bruns Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Boulevard in Orinda. Grounds open two hours prior to show time for on-site picnicking. For more details about Cal Shakes, visit www.calshakes.org.

Lafayette Town Hall Theatre Company presents the debut of Kevin Morales' original *Baby, Be Mine*, the story of a young actress who invites one of the Producers back to her place to pitch him the next great idea for a 30's style Musical Revue. *Baby, Be Mine* promises to be fresh, witty and original. Through June 28th. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office for dates and times and ticket prices: Not for children under 12. 925-283-1557 or www.thtc.org

Jazz in June Sunday, June 22 at 10:30 Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Featuring the Tice Valley Jazz Band led by Bob Sutherland. Enjoy the music of Dixieland jazz, sing some old favorites and join in a hot dog picnic lunch following the service. Hot dogs, chips, dessert and beverages will be provided. Lafayette United Methodist Church, 955 Moraga Rd

The Danville Lyric Opera Company founded last year with the goal of promoting a traditional forum for classical opera and to educate young audiences about the sublime art of Opera will present *Carmen*, by Georges Bizet on Sunday, June 29th at 3:00 PM at the Town Hall Theater (www.townhalltheater.com), 3535 School Street in Lafayette (925) 283-1557. danville-opera@earthlink.net

Concerts at Moraga Commons Park Thursday evenings, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The snack bar opens at 6:00 pm.



June 12, Stone Soup Rock and Roll
June 19, Motor Dude Zydeco Cajun
June 26, HouseRockers Rock & Roll
More in July

Orinda Community Center Park Summer Concert in the Park Series on Tuesdays from June through July. Bring a picnic and enjoy the free music. June 24th, Dave Rocha Jazz Band (Jazz) July 1st, Silver Spur (Country Western) more in July

Orinda Starlight Village Players' 2008 Outdoor Theater, Orinda Community Center Park. Regular admission: \$15; seniors/students - \$7.50. All 3 shows: \$35; seniors/students - \$21. Tickets at Box Office or call (925) 253-1191 or 255-3295 (after 7 pm) *Murder on the Nile* by Agatha Christie, May 30th thru June 28th Fridays and

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ART

Exhibition at the Lafayette Gallery California Dreaming--through August 9th. The gallery artists are inspired by the California landscape, the summer warmth, and the particular light that is unique to California. The artists of the Lafayette Gallery are all California artists. The paintings, prints, watercolors, photographs, and ceramic works, all reflect the vibrant life of the artists who created them. Gallery Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. 925-284-2788, www.lafayette-gallery.net

"Fiesta Time" at the Moraga Art Gallery features the work of two artists who live in Moraga. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. See story on this page.

Lectures

Tues, June 17, 7 pm—Lecture by Lawrence Wittner, professor of history—Moraga Library. "The Untold Story of How Disarmament Activists saved the World From Itself" Hosted by Peace Action West, Dr. Wittner will speak on struggles and triumphs of US anti-nuclear movement and current work towards a nuclear weapons free world. An award winning author of numerous books including *Rebels Against War*, *Cold War America* and his latest, *Peace Action: Past, Present and Future*. Dr. Wittner has spoken at the UN and lectured at dozens of university campuses.

Wed, June 18, 2 pm—Docent presentation—Moraga Library. SF Museum of Fine Arts docent lecture explores the work of Dale Chihuly—world-renowned glass artist—particularly his use of natural light creating a unique translucency, vibrant colors and glowing intensity. Funded by the Friends of the Moraga Library.

Wed, June 18, 7 p.m.—Energy Efficiency: Myths & Facts for Residential Customers—Orinda Library. Bill Holloway from PG&E's Customer Energy Efficiency Department will share tips and techniques, which will not only maximize your home performance, but save resources and reduce your utility bills without losing comfort. A free CFL (compact fluorescent lamp) for everyone who attends. Gallery Room, Orinda Library- free Registration is required so call the Orinda Library at 925-254-2184 or register on-line at ccclib.org.

Tues., June 24, 7 pm - Fireside Chat - Orinda Library. Attorney and author J. Gary Gwilliam will discuss his autobiography, "Getting a Winning Verdict In My Personal Life: A Trial Lawyer Finds His Soul." Free event. The Orinda Library is located at 26 Orinda Way. For more information call 925-254-2184 or visit ccclib.org.

June 28, 2 pm—Computer technology and animation—Moraga Library. Animation presented by Steve Kitzing, for all ages, an informative presentation on techniques, tools and art of 3D.

Other

East Bay Mountain Bike Ride Day - Sat. June 14th at - Lake Chabot Regional Park. Casual, social group ride. No one is every left behind and includes most levels for both men and women. Rides last 2-3 hours. See details and meeting location at www.btceb.org.

Sunday Family Hike Sun June 15. Hike the redwood-laced trails near Chabot to hidden, historic sites. Experience the ecosystem walking through the beautiful, shady paths of the Redwood Regional Park, led by a naturalist from the East Bay Regional Park District. \$5 plus General Admission to Chabot Space & Science Center. To register call 510.336.7373. 9-11am (8 years & up) 1:30pm - 2:30pm (5 years & up) Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Diablo Trail Endurance Ride 25/50 on June 21. AERC Sanctioned and AHA Region 3 Championship Ride. Starting from the Gateway Property on North Gate Road in Walnut Creek and ascending to the summit of Mt. Diablo. The course is challenging, some steep climbs, descents and creek crossings, and well marked. More information posted on this website at www.save-mountdiablo.org

All Lafayette residents are invited to participate in the Lafayette Library Special Services Survey, which will run from through June 30, 2008. Information gathered through this survey will assist library planners to identify appropriate services for customers with disabilities and special needs in the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center,

opening in Fall 2009. The survey may be completed online at ccclib.org/locations/lafayette.html and will also be available at the Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road, or the Senior Services Office, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

Friends of the Orinda Library July 4th book sale - will be part of Orinda's 4th of July celebration. Booksale will be 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and will be in the sorting room and garage breezeway. This booksale will offer a fine place for everyone to find something for summertime reading. Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. (925)254-1358

The Solid Waste Authority will be conducting a home composting workshop on June 14th from 9-10:30. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way in Orinda. It is IMPORTANT that you RSVP directly with them to reserve a seat. That number is 925-906-1806. You can also visit their website at www.wastediversion.org.

Rossmoor folk-dancing, 1:45 to 3:15 pm every Wed afternoon...lots of teaching, lots of review...1:45 to 3:30 pm every Fri afternoon - slightly more spirited dancing, fewer reviews; presently \$5 per YEAR To register please email judy@judygordon.com, http://www.rossmoor.com/our_location/

The finalists' art proposals for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Public Art Commissions will be on display at the Lafayette Library 952 Moraga Road on Thursday June 19th from: 6:00 - 7:30 pm and during regular Library hours though June 21st. The public is invited to view the proposals and offer comments during the display period. For more information, please contact Cherie Newell or Carin Adams at 510-238-6836 or ps@museumca.org.

For Teens

Lamorinda 4-H Club presents an unique hands-on vineyard development and management project; meets once a week 6:30-8:00 p.m. Ongoing project ends at harvest. Research and information from UC Davis. For more information call Susan Captain at 925-631-0714 or 925-899-0703 or

Moraga Art Gallery Presents Fiesta Time

By Andrea A. Firth



Connie Robertson stands by her whimsical clocks in the Moraga Art Gallery

Photo Andrea A. Firth

It's fiesta time at the Moraga Art Gallery. And with the vibrant colors employed by the two Lamorinda artists featured—Connie Robertson and Angelica Samame—in this summer exhibit, the Gallery looks like it is ready for a fun party.

Artist Connie Robertson moved to Moraga from Perth, Australia about eight years ago to join her daughter Heather Metcalf, who is also an artist. "My mother started creating pottery in her mid-seventies. Before that she was too busy raising children and working full-time to do any art," explains Metcalf who is a great supporter of her mother's late-life career in art. However, as time went on and a bit of osteoarthritis set in, Robertson found making pottery a challenge. "I was working with clay, but it was getting too heavy for me," explains Robertson.

At that point Metcalf suggested that her mother join her in taking a glass fusing class. "I think she attended two classes," says Metcalf. "From there she bought a kiln, a grinder, and glass saw, and she was off," she adds. That was five years ago when Robertson was 82 years old. Since then she has created hundreds of brightly colored glass pieces experimenting in jewelry and most recently in designing and making clocks.

Robertson has created brightly colored fused glass in the shape of fish, cats and other forms, which serve as the clockfaces for the battery-operated wall and desk clocks. "What she is doing is very

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Babysitting for Beginners Camp with instructor Suzy McCreary. Learn child development, discipline strategies, safety techniques and plenty of ideas to keep the children entertained. Orinda: Mon-Thurs, June 23 to June 26, 10:00-12:00 Orinda Parks and Recreation Department (925) 254-2445 Lafayette: Wed & Thur June 25 and 26, 1:00-4:00 Lafayette Recreation Department: www.lafayetterec.org or call: 925-284-2232

June 18th, 3:30pm-Teen Book Club—Lafayette Library. The critics have voted and the next book will be *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Haddix. Come by the library to pick up your copy, then come back June 18 to discuss the first book in this creepy anti-utopian series. Your last chance before the summer to talk books and eat pizza!

For Kids

June 17 and 24, 4 pm—Crafty Storytime—Moraga Library Stories and crafts for children aged 3-7.
June 18 and 25, 10 am—Storytime Lapsit—Moraga Library For babies and caregivers.
June 18 and 25, 10:45 am—Toddler-time—Moraga Library Stories rhymes and fun for ages 2-3-1/2 with adult participation.

June 19th 26th, 11:15 am-Storytime—Lafayette Library- For children who are able to sit and listen to longer stories and participate in simple songs, fingerplays and rhymes.

June 24th and 25th, 10:00am Storytime, Orinda Library Stories, songs and bounces for one to three year-olds and their caregivers.

June 19, 4 pm—Performance—Moraga Library For kids: discover the amazing world of insects and millipedes with scientists from the Center for Ecosystem Survival.

June 26, 11:15am "I Love Bugs Day" at the Lafayette Library. Meet our friends from the Oakland Zoo and the Insect Mobile in celebration of summer reading.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

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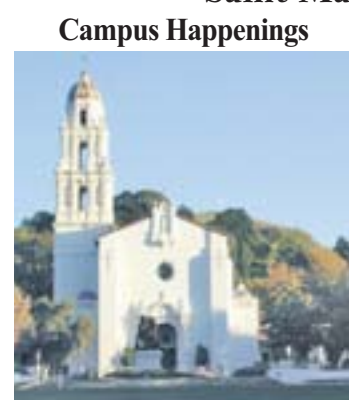


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Galileo Hall 201
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Art Exhibitions/Discussions: "You See: The Early Years of the UC Davis Art Faculty" Paintings, sculpture, drawings and prints by artists whose images and ideas changed the world of art. The largest public show of work by early University of California at Davis art faculty members Robert Arneson, Roy De Forest, Manuel Neri, Wayne Thiebaud, and William T. Wiley - five of the most significant artists and teachers ever to live and work in Northern California. May 3 - June 22, 2008

"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>.

Summer ART Workshops Hearst Art Gallery Saint Mary's College

Figure Drawing for Teens - Teresa Onoda

August 19 & 20 or August 26 & 27, 1 - 4 PM
Workshop: \$65, Model & Art Supplies: \$35
Age: 13 - 18



Byzantine Icon Workshop - Katherine Osenga

August 16 & 23, 9 AM - 3 PM
Workshop: \$200, Art Supplies: \$100
Adults & Teens



Outdoor Landscape Painting - Warren Dreher

August 16 & 17, 9 AM - 4 PM
Workshop: \$130, BYO supplies
Adults & Teens



Adult Figure Drawing - Jim Whiteaker

August 23, 9 AM - 4 PM
Workshop fee: \$65, Model & Art Supplies fee: \$45

The UC Davis Faculty Exhibition closes June 22

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