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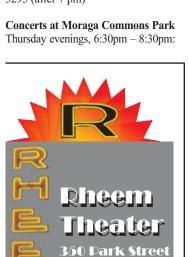
California Shakespeare Theater presents "An Ideal Husband" through July 27 -a sharply elegant comedy about a Victorian villainess' secret which threatens to destroy a seemingly perfect political marriage. An Ideal Husband is, according to Moscone, "Wilde's most modern play. It's about what goes on behind closed doors in the grand political arena, where the human meets the iconic, and where the characters and the audience confront their desire for the ideals in love and in leadership, in ways that are piercingly funny and amazingly relevant." 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 de-

Comedy "Butterflies Are Free," by Leonard Gershe, performed through July 27 at Diablo Actors Ensemble Theatre, 1345 Locust Street, Walnut Creek. Tickets \$10 (Thursdays), \$22 seniors/students \$25 general (Fridays -925-482-5110, Sundays) daeinfo@comcast.net, www.diabloac-

tails about Cal Shakes, visit www.cal-

shakes.org.

Orinda Starlight Village Players' 2008 Outdoor Theater, Orinda Community Center Park. I Hate Hamlet by Paul Rudnick opens July 18th. 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)



Coming Soon

Moraga

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July 11

- HELLBOY II: THE GOLDEN ARMY July 18
- THE DARK KNIGHT Christian Bale
- MAMMA MIA Meryl Streep
- July 25 • STEP BROTHERS
- Will Ferrell • THE X-FILES:
- I WANT TO BELIEVE David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson

Please give us your thoughts and ideas as we spruce up and refurbish our RHEEM THEATRE Email us at js@earthlink.net Jim Sheehan and Tom Peterson July 10, Boothill (Country & Western). The snack bar opens at 6:00 pm.

Orinda Community Center Park Summer Concert in the Park Series on Tuesdays from June through July. Bring a picnic and enjoy the free music: July 15th The Crisis (Rock and Blues.)

Lafayette's summer music series: "Rock the Plaza" will begin August 1st - [Elam & Margaret Brown Plaza Park] at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. All shows start at 6:00pm and are presented free of charge. Food and beverages will be available or you can pack a picnic. This summer marks the 40th Birthday of Lafavette.

more information www.lafayettechamber.org or call 925-284-7404

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," a lively dance-rich musical will open on Friday, July 11, and play two weekends at 8 p.m. in historical Woodminster Amphitheater, in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Blvd. In this version, seven young men living in squalor under one roof in an isolated mountain camp somewhere high up in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon, circa 1850, decide they need the touch of femininity to help them mend their wild ways. The eldest brother, Adam, convinces the beautiful and feisty Milly to marry him and help "tame" his brothers. Children and teens 16 and younger come free when they accompany paying adults. Full price adult tickets are \$23-\$38.) \$2 senior discount. Restrictions apply. 510-531-9597, www.woodmin-

Grow and Blossom Art Exhibit at the Lafayette Library. For the month of July, three talented artists will display their works in a theme relating to plants, flowers, fruit and landscapes called Grow and Blossom. The three artists use very different techniques and mediums to bring interest and excitement to the exhibit. Margaret Lucas-Hill paints on silk. Debbie Koonce is a plein air painter and Artist Judy Bolef works in clay, mixed media and assemblage. Lafayette Library,952 Moraga Road . 925-283-3872

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.lafayettegallery.net

"The Glover Group: Plein Air Painting Exhibition" July 16 through August 12, 2008. For the past 25 years Glover has led her class of 25 intermediate to advanced level oil painters to Bay Area vineyards, ranches and waterways to capture the

scenes on the spot. Orinda Library Gallery, 24 Orinda Way. Visit with this happy and productive group to view their colorful paintings of local sites at their reception on July 24th from 5:30 to 7pm at the Orinda Library. For more information on the painting classes, phone

the Orinda Community Center at (925) 254-2445. (See story, page 5)

"Fiesta Time" at the Moraga Art Gallery features the work of two artists who live in Moraga: Angelica Samamea, a 27 year resident, is a painter who generally works either with acrylics or watercolor in a fluid improvisational style. Connie Robertson has her own studio in Moraga for cutting, grinding and fusing glass. She has enjoyed experimenting in glass jewelry. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs

Lectures:

Tuesday, July 15 4pm, two crime fiction writers, Claire Johnson and Simon Wood will discuss and sign copies of their new mysteries, Roux Morgue: A Mary Ryan Pastry Chef Mystery (Johnson) and We All Fall Down. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square.

Saturday, July 19 3 pm "Don't Bug me, I'm Exterminating!" Speaker Moraga Library Learn from a licensed termite inspector about what "bugs" your home and the efficacy of green

Wednesday, July 23 2 pm SF Museum of Fine Arts Docent Moraga Library. "The Feminine Touch: Impressionist Paintings by Women" based on current exhibit of female impressionists at Legion of Honor running through Sept. 21. Lecture covers groundbreaking work of Mary Cassatt, Berthe Morisot, Marie Bracquemond and Eva Gonzales.

A One-Day Writing Retreat for Women, presented by Mary Tuchscherer, M.A. in Lafayette on July 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Ms. Tuchscherer is trained in the Amherst Writers and Artists Method and teaches at John F. Kennedy University as an Adjunct Faculty member. She will be facilitating a workshop in self-expression writing. The group will write in response to prompts and exchange positive feedback. Class is limited to eight people, call 925-335-9244 or e-mail mary@voiceflamewriters.com for more

Wed, July 16 at 7 pm - discussion with East Bay Regional Parks District Board Member John Sutter about the parks and hiking trails in our neighborhood. The entire East Bay Regional Parks District extends through Contra Costa and Alameda County for 98,000 acres and includes everything from shoreline habitats to the Ohlone Wilderness. It is the largest urban park district in the United States and certainly one of the most diverse. This program is free-Gallery Room of the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way in Orinda.

Friday, July 18th: Family movie night at the Moraga Pavilion will feature Hairspray. Enjoy the outdoor amphitheater setting and as the sun sets. The movies are all free, but bring some extra cash for "outdoor movie snacks." Movies will start at 8:00 p.m., bring blankets or low lawn chairs. The Pavilion is located at the Hacienda de las Flores. 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga. Pre register to secure your "spot on the lawn" (925) 888-7045 or www.moraga.ca.

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Sunday, July 20th Beachcomber Singles Potluck, 6:30 p.m. to 9 at Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Join us for a wonderful variety of food, fun and conversation. \$2 with food; Last name starts as follows: Appetizers (A-C) Side dish (L-N) Main Dish (D-K) Dessert and Beverage (O-Z) \$7 without food. This event is followed by dancing at WPLJ in Walnut Creek at 9:30. Call Jerry for more information 510-799-2207

Chabot Sunday Family Hikes- Sunday July 27. "9am - 11am: (8 years & up) 1:30pm - 2:30pm: (5 years & up) 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. Tickets are \$5 plus General Admission to Chabot Space & Science Center. To register, call the Chabot Box Office at 510.336.7373

Moonrise on the Trail- Friday, July 18, 6pm. A naturalist and astronomer-led hike of approximately 5 - 6 miles will start from Chabot and travel through the trails of Redwood Regional Park. The full Moon rises at 9pm, see it and other wonders of the night sky from the natural settings of the Redwood-laced woods. Bring comfortable shoes, water and a flashlight. Tickets are \$10. Call the Chabot Box Office for reservations at

The public is invited to the Grand Opening of the United Democratic Campaign (UDC) office on July 19th, from 3 to 5pm at 1501 North California Boulevard, Suite A, in downtown Walnut Creek. Meet and chat with local candidates, and learn how to get involved in the campaign. Democratic Candidates Joan Buchanan for the 15th Assembly District, Mark DeSaulnier for the 7th State Senate District and Tom Torlakson for the 11th Assembly District will be in attendance. The campaign office will support local Democratic candidates as well as the Barack Obama presidential campaign.. www.lamorindademoclub.org

Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of the American Association of University Women is inviting college graduates (2, 4 and higher year degrees) to join them for COFFEE on Friday, July 25 at 10am. Terzetto's Restaurant, Moraga Shopping Center, 1419 Moraga Way, Moraga. AAUW is an organization whose members enjoy a broad range of interests and activities with a commitment to women's and girls' education and equity. If you are new to the community or have time to pursue new interests and would like to make new friends, members of this AAUW branch would like to meet you in this informal

Lafayette Hiking Group. July 12- Dimond Canyon, Oakland. Begin at Park Boulevard and Leimert and hike city streets with some views. Return via a dry and shady stream bed in the canyon. Easy to moderate 3.5 miles. July 26 Bay Trail - Marina Park to San Lorenzo Creek. The trail starts at Marina Park in San Leandro and passes by pickleweed marshes, sloughs, mudflats, and sandy and rocky beaches. Easy 3.5 miles. Meet at Lafayette BART's main entrance at 8:30 a.m. Remember to bring lunch, water, layered clothing, good walking shoes, sun protection and money to contribute toward gas, bridge tolls and park-Questions? LafayetteHiking@comcast.net

Every Tuesday in July 4 pm Arts and Crafts Moraga Library Stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 7.

Every Wednesday in July 10 am Lapsit Moraga Library. Stories, songs and bounces for baby and caregiver.

Every Wednesday in July 10:45 am Toddlertime Moraga Library Stories, rhymes and fun. Ages 2-3-1/2 with adult participation.

Tuesday, July 22 and 29 7 pm "Buggy Summer Tuesday Evenings" Stories and crafts. Ages 3 and up. Bring the family.

Saturday, July 12 9 am to 1 pm SAT/ACT combo practice test Moraga Library

SAT/ACT combo test by Kaplan Test Prep requires registration.Call 1-800-KAPTEST or register www.kaptest.com.

Tuesday, July 15 6:30 to 7:30 pm ACT vs SAT Workshop Moraga Library To determine differences between the tests, and receive feedback from practice SAT and AC exams. Register at 1-800-KAPTEST or at www.kaptest.com

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Saint Mary's College

Campus Happenings

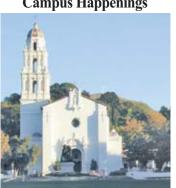


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Art Exhibitions:

Forty-nine rarely seen oil paintings and thirty-eight pastels and drawings by Carl Sammons from a vast and extraordinary private collection will be featured in at the Hearst Art Galley of Saint Mary's College from July 12 through Sept. 21. A talented and precise draftsman, Sammons painted a wide range of subjects, from the flowers and birds of Golden Gate Park to thundering ocean breakers to the rolling hills of the coastal ranges to the Southern California deserts. Opening Weekend Events: Sun., July 13, 2-4

Free Reception and Jazz Performance Exhibition Admission: \$3; Gallery Hours: Wed. - Sun., 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 925.631.4379, www.hearstartgallery.org.

Special Events:

Reunion Weekend: Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20 Classes of '58, '63, '68, '73, '83, '88, '93, '98, and '03. Friday Night – Special gatherings around the east bay for individual classes.

Saturday- Family Barbecue on campus, reunion mass in the chapel , cocktails, dinner and dancing. Sunday -Breakfast in Oliver Hall. Contact: Alumni Office 631-4200; http://www.stmarysca.edu/alumni-and-friends/alumnievents/reunions/reunion-weekend/i ndex.html.

Workshop:

Navigating Difficult Conversations Using Appreciative Inquiry

A workshop sponsored by the Master of Arts in Leadership program. It will explore "Appreciative Inquiry," an approach to human growth and development that focuses on what's possible rather than what's wrong. Instead of entering into the downward spiral of identifying problems and assigning blame, Appreciative Inquiry looks for what's working in a certain situation and how we can build on it. Saturday, August 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saint Mary's College:, Filippi Academic Hall 115

Cost: \$95 for the general public and \$75 for SMC alumni.

register: contact mling@stmarys-ca.edu or call 925 631-8681.

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-

Carl Sammons Exhibit to Light Up Hearst Gallery

By Andrea A. Firth



Rheem Estate by Carl Sammons

Photo provided

The works of Bay Area landscape and plein air painter Carl Sammons will soon adorn the walls of the Hearst Art Gallery located on the campus of Saint Mary's College in Moraga. Sammons, a California impressionist, worked in oil and pastels to recreate the remarkable beauty he found as he traveled throughout northern California and beyond.

"With our last several historical exhibits, we have established a tradition of trying to present artists that have been under-appreciated or underrecognized," explains Julie Armistead, Collections Manager and Registrar for the Hearst Art Gallery. "[With artists like Sammons] we try to make more of place and name for the artist who has not been seen by the public as much," she adds.

Born in Nebraska in the late 1800's, Sammons made his way West in the 1920's and spent the remainder of his career documenting the California landscape on his canvas. Among his favorite painting locations were the Monterey Peninsula, the Russian River, and Yosemite. Although he was

based in Oakland when not traveling, Sammons has strong ties to Moraga where his wife lived (at Moraga Royale) until she was at least one hundred years of age according to Armistead.

Moraga developer, Donald Rheem, was a friend and patron of Sammons' work, and the Hearst Exhibit includes a painting of the Rheem Estate (now the Hacienda) that Sammons was commissioned to do. "Among the family's papers is a letter from Donald Rheem to Sammons asking him to paint the painting," explains Armistead. Usually on display at the Hacienda, the painting has been loaned to the Gallery for the exhibit.

The exhibit entitled Carl Sammons: California Impressionist Landscapes will run from July 12th through September 21st. A members-only lecture about the artist and his work will be held at the Gallery on July 13th at 1pm followed by a public reception the same day from 2 to 4 pm. Admission is \$3. The Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 am to 4:30 pm. For information call (925) 631-4379.

Splash of Summer Eyewear Event!!

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Please join us on Saturday, July 12, 2008 • 10am to 4pm

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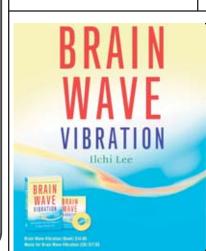
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When: Saturday, July 26, 1-4 pm Where: Moraga Dahn Yoga center (452 Center St., Moraga) Whom: Anybody



Call for more information at 925-377-9642