

## Not to be missed

### MUSIC-THEATER

**Soprano Ann Moss presents STORY/SONG**, a recital of art songs that tell stories, at 7 pm Oct. 4 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette. Accompanied by pianist Martin Morley and clarinetist Asher Davison, this program includes works by Schubert, Barber, Mozart, Richard Strauss and others, with world premieres of songs by living composers.

Lafayette's Town Hall Theater's presents "The Graduate," Through Oct. 11. See story on page 10.

Onstage Theatre presents "Helen's Most Favorite Day" by Mark Dunn, Di-

rected by Helen Means. Love at 'second sight' and a magic wish doom Helen to repeat the best day of her life ad infinitum, unless she can be rescued by those nearest and dearest to her. Through Oct. 11, Ticket prices: \$15 general and \$12 students/ seniors. Reservations: (925) 944-9006. School House Culture Center, 2050 Oak Park Blvd corner of Pleasant Hill Rd in Pleasant Hill.

**Piano Jazz Café at the Lafayette Community Center** Friday 10/10-1:30pm - 2:30pm. The music varies from show tunes and jazz standards to original compositions. There is no charge but, a small donation would be appreciated. Light refreshments are offered. Located at 500 Saint Mary's Rd. RSVP (925)284-5050.

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**Lindsay Wildlife Museum** -Vanishing Wildlife- through November 16. Watercolor and mixed-media by Rita Sklar Vanishing Wildlife depicts American, European, Latin American and African wildlife. Critics describe her paintings as a mix of abstraction and realism, giving the paintings a feeling of movement and immediacy and praise them as capturing the subtle mood of the mystery of nature. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Avenue, Walnut Creek. www.wildlife-museum.org.

### LECTURES & LITERATURE

**"Physics for Future Presidents"** - 7:30 p.m. on Thu., Oct. 2 at the Lafayette Library. Dr. Richard Muller, a professor of physics at the University of California at Berkeley, explains what every world leader needs to know. The book provides the scientific know-how would-be leaders need to challenge ill-informed, partisan advice on science-based issues such as terrorism, global warming, the value of manned exploration of space and the dangers of nuclear weapons. This free public lecture is based on his renowned course for non-science students which was voted "Best Class at Berkeley." Books will be available for signing and are sold by The Lafayette Book Store. 20% of the proceeds go to the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lafayette Library. For more information, call (925) 283-3872 or go to www.lafayettelib.com.

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 4 pm, Paula Boswell** will discuss and sign copies of her memoir, *No Ordinary Life: The True Story of a Dutch Girl and an American Marine*. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. 925/254-7606.

**The Friends of the Orinda Library** will celebrate its 45th Annual Orinda Book Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Orinda Library Plaza. Hundreds of gently used, hard-bound and paperback books of every genre and for every age group will be on sale at fantastic prices - some as low as .50 cents and \$1.00. A special section of collectible books, videos and CDs will also be offered.

**Finding Gifted Children:** Gifted Behaviors In and Out of the Classroom- Book Signing After the Event Free Event - Open to the Public- presented by Saklan Valley School & its Parent Association James T. Webb, Ph.D., ABPP-CL, has been recognized as one of the 25 most influential psychologists nationally on gifted education and he is the lead author of five books and several DVDs about gifted children, four of which have won "Best Book" awards. Thursday, Oct. 23rd 7pm - 9pm. Oakwood Athletic Club, Lafayette. Please RSVP at www.saklan.org, or call at 925-376-7900

### OTHER

**Preschool Yard Sale-** Sat, Oct. 4, 9am-2pm - Moraga Bright Beginnings 1689 School Street, Moraga, (near Moraga Way and Country Club Drive) Furniture, toys, clothes, books, DVDs, CDs, sports equipment, kitchen gadgets and much, much more.

**Sunday Tour of Homes-Orinda-view** 6-8 homes in one afternoon. FREE! Next Tour Dates: Oct. 7th at 1pm. www.SundayTourNow.com 800-414-4045 ID# 4073.

**Widowed Persons Support** will be offering a series of six GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. The next series of Grief Support Group Meetings will be on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. Oct 4 and 11th. St. Stephen's Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda. There is no charge and no reservation need. For information call: (925) 932-3448.

**Sunday, Oct 5, "Oktober Fest"**. From 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Join us at our an-

nual fund raiser at St. Perpetua in Lafayette for great food, traditional drinks, fun games for kids and adults alike and a silent auction of exceptional donated gift baskets. 3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette, CA 94549; 925-283-0272 or www.stperpetua.org."

**Mount Diablo Challenge**-Sunday, Oct. 5th. The Mount Diablo Challenge is a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$50.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No Day-Of registration.

**National Fire Prevention Week** is Oct. 5-11, 2008. The theme of Fire Prevention Week 2008 is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires!" The Moraga-Orinda Fire District is marking this week with an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, from 10AM to 3PM, located at Station 41 - 1280 Moraga Way. Bring the whole family!

**Single Malt Tasting with Evan Cattanch-** Metro Lafayette-Wednesday Oct. 8th at 7pm. Jackson's Wine and Spirit will be hosting a tasting of single malts with Master Distiller Emeritus Evan Cattanch. Cattanch has spent more than 40 years of his life managing various single malt distilleries and serving as a Whisky Ambassador around the globe. He is one of the world's greatest authorities on single malt whisky. Cost is \$50 each. Hors d'oeuvres are included. 925-284-4100.

**Serbian Food Festival** - Oct. 11, 12 Noon - 9 PM. Featuring authentic Serbian cuisine and pastries, live music and dancing. Great fun for entire family. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. 925/376-6850.

**The Rainbow Community Center** of Contra Costa Fundraiser-Casino Night-Friday Oct. 10th, 7 - 11 pm. Cost \$50: includes over 25 Raffles for prizes; live auctions for 2 different Maui condominium stays; 1 free cocktail ticket for a glass of wine, a Cosmo or an Appletini; buffet dinner and a dessert bar. All the proceeds support programs for LGBT youth, LGBT Seniors and people living with HIV/AIDS in Contra Costa County. For more information about the RCC please visit www.rainbowcc.org

**Miramonte friends and alumni** are invited to attend the dedication of the athletic field in Paul Yriberry's memory prior to the Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

**Ditch the routine, Join the Party!** Latin/Reggaeton cardio total body workout. Experienced dancers will love moving to the unique and motivating music, and novices will get fit with the easy to follow moves. Register now at 284-2232 or www.LafayetteRec.org for the Thursday, 10:30 class. Call Debbie at (925) 395-6199 and checkout www.DebbieZumba.com for more info.

**Lamorinda Republican Women, Federated** - Monthly Luncheon Meeting - "All the Answers to All the Questions You Have About the Republican Party, Politics and the Law" presented by special guest Charles Bell, General Counsel to the California Republican Party. Thursday, Oct 16: 11:30am - Arrival/Networking, 12 - Luncheon, 12:30 - Speaker. Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante. \$25 luncheon/\$15 speaker only. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Meeting is open to the public. For details see website at lamorindarepublicanwomen.org. For reservations please call (925) 254-8617 on or before Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008.

**Las Trampas Celebrates 50 years-** Thursday Oct. 16 11am to 2pm See story page 10

## Saint Mary's College

### Campus Happenings



Photo by Ken C. Young, Moraga; www.kcyoungfineartimages.com

Blue Mass - Thursday, Oct 2, 2008 at 10am. Mass and Interfaith memorial service for East Bay emergency first responders, in conjunction with the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Chapel, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

### Lectures

**Wednesday, Oct 8, at 8 p.m. "The Making of the President 2008"**. An evening of lively commentary on politics and the historic 2008 presidential election with celebrated author, Richard Reeves. Best known for his acclaimed trilogy on the presidencies of John F. Kennedy, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, Mr. Reeves is currently Sr. Lecturer at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

Committee for Lectures, Art and Music and The Disney Forum Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga Cost: \$20-\$25. Contact: www.stmarys-ca.edu (click on "Arts") or call 925.631.4381 for tickets

**Disney Fourm Speaker Series- Shirin Ebadi- Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.** Shirin Ebadi Nobel Peace prize winner in 2003 will be on campus as part of the Disney Forum speaker series. In its statement, the Nobel award committee said it chose her because of her focus on promoting human rights and democracy in her country (Iran). She is the first Muslim woman to be awarded the peace prize. Free and open to the public. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

**Creative Writing Reading Series - Peter Orner - Wednesday, Oct 8, at 7:30 p.m.** Peter Orner is the author of the

novel "The Second Coming of Mavala Shikongo," which won the Bard Fiction Prize and was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award, and the story collection "Esther Stories," which won the Rome Prize from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the Goldberg Prize for Jewish Fiction. Soda Center, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga

**Great Books Seminar - Tues, Oct 14-** Willa Cather's "Paul's Case" - led by Prof. Jim Smith and held in Dante 203. These seminars are open to alumni, parents, friends and community members. All participants can share and exchange their views on the texts that we will read and discuss together. The fee for each session is \$12.00. The cost for texts is not included. There is room for only 25 participants- register by Oct 7th. To register and order the book contact Grete Stenersen at 925/631-4162 or gsteners@stmarys-ca.edu.

### Art Exhibits

The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Dutch Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection. Oct. 12 - Dec. 14 Paintings by more than sixty artists represent a broad range of styles and subject matter, including cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits, and interiors. The exhibition is comprised of three main groupings: Dutch Romanticism, The Hague School and Dutch Impressionism. A 68 page catalog, with an essay by the curator and a complete checklist, accompanies the exhibition.

### Art Lectures

Sunday, Oct. 12, at 2 pm. "Confessions of Art Addicts" by Dr. Jan and Mrs. Mary Ann Beekhuis followed by "The Status of Dutch Artists in the 19th Century" by Thea Grigsby, curator and catalog essayist. LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College.

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.

**Widowed Persons Support** group will have a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 at 1 p.m. at Back Forty Texas B.B.Q., 100 Coggins Drive, Pleasant Hill. Cost: \$16. Reservation required by Thursday, Oct. 14. Call Molly Runkin (925)283-1119 or Millie Weisberg (925)906-9483. Widows and widowers are invited.

**Town Hall Meeting with Congressman** Keith Ellison (D - MN 5) on Saturday, Oct 18 at 11 am. Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Co-Sponsors: Social Action Committee of Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church, Northern California Peace Alliance, Lamorinda Peace and Justice Group, Rossmoor Grandparents for Peace

**Open House-Hacienda de las Flores** - Sunday, Oct 19th from 2 to 5 p.m. 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. This romantic Spanish-style estate features a patio with central fountain, large lawn and beautifully landscaped gardens. Discover the beautiful historical buildings and share your views of what the Hacienda should become to better serve the community. Tours for all ages, Treasure Hunt for the younger crowd, refreshments and informal discussion with the Foundation members at 4:30 p.m.

**CERT Communications (FRS & Amateur)** Workshop. Fred Lothrop is offering a workshop on "How to Use" your FRS or Amateur Handsets. Saturday, Oct 11. Elderberry Room, Lafayette Com-

munity Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. FRS: 9am to Noon (includes classroom discussion and practical exercise) HAM: 2pm to 4 pm (information and practice with 2 meter and 450 MHz bands) Bring your equipment with you. Seats are limited to 30. RSVP to Fred. K6req@comcast.net.

**Free Seminar on Pain Management by Anne Randolph**, Physical Therapist Thu., Oct 16th, - 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive in Moraga. RSVP to: Candice Moses, 925-377-7900

**Lafayette Community Center will host** portrayer of flamboyant Quentin Crisp "The trouble with children is that they're not returnable." This is one of many pithy quotes of the late Quentin Crisp, an English writer, actor and raconteur, who will be portrayed by Richard James at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17. The performance is sponsored by Emeritus College, a Diablo Valley College program. Tickets are \$15 (\$13 for Emeritus members). For reservations, visit www.dvc.edu/emeritus or call (925) 906-9105. The community center is at 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

**Halloween masquerade ball** Friday, Oct. 24th with live music, dancing, cash bar and a special planetarium show experience. The kids can trick or treat at Chabot on Saturday, Oct. 25 in their costumes and have a family fun day. Call the Box Office at 510-336-7373 to register. Box Office (510) 336-7373, Online tickets www.chabotspace.org

**RHEEM Theater**  
350 Park Street  
Moraga  
988-3411  
**Coming Soon**

Oct 3  
**Disney's BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA AN AMERICAN CAROL**

Oct 10  
**QUARANTINE BODY OF LIES** with Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe

Oct 17  
**MAX PAYNE** with Mark Wahlberg

Oct 24  
**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 SAW V**

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Jim Sheehan and Tom Peterson

## THE HEARST ART GALLERY OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE PRESENTS EXHIBITS & EVENTS OCT. 12 - DEC. 14

### The Second Golden Age of Dutch Art: 19th Century Paintings from the Beekhuis Collection



- 60 master works, never before on West Coast view
- Showcasing the importance & influence of 19th c. Dutch painting
- Cityscapes, landscapes, seascapes, portraits, interiors, still lifes, florals

Lecture: Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 PM, LeFevre Theatre,  
**Reception: 3 - 4 PM, Art Patio**  
\$5 lecture, reception & exhibit; children 12 & under free; members free

### In the Keith Room:

Dutch Influences in William Keith's Portraits and Elizabeth Keith's Still Lives

Exhibition Hours: Wednesdays - Sundays, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Gallery Admission: \$3 adult; children 12 & under free; free parking  
<http://hearstartgallery.org>  
925.631.4379



## Rotary Golf and Wine Classic

October 6 at the Rossmoor Golf Course

This years Rotary Golf and Wine Classic will be held on October 6, 2008 at the Rossmoor Golf Course. The Golfing Fee will be \$125.00 plus a Bottle of Wine valued at \$10.00 or more. Fee includes Driving Range, Box Lunch, Cocktails, BBQ Dinner catered by Susan Foord Catering, Prizes and Awards. Every Par 3 will feature a wine event. Plus on one of the Par 3's a BMW will be given away for a hole-in-one. Also, refreshments will be served during the Golf Tournament. Dinner only Guests are \$25.00. Registration starts at 10:00am, Shotgun Start at 11:00am, Cocktails served at 4:00pm, and BBQ Dinner at 5:00pm. This year we are featuring a \$1000.00 Raffle, which includes a Bed & Breakfast and a BMW Z-4 for a weekend, Wine & Picnic Basket Tote, Auto Detail, Assortment of Fine Wines, and a Golf Foursome.

Applications for golf are available at the Pro-Shop for both Golf and Dinner only Guests. Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 each. Please call Gene Weston 925-935-5785 or Polly Bernson 925-283-6610 for Raffle Tickets or any questions.  
All proceeds benefit local & international Rotary charities.  
We are a 501c-3 Non Profit Organization. Donations will be appreciated.

~ When the mind is clear, stress is reduced  
~ When the body is clear, confidence boosts  
~ When the spirit is clear, joy is achieved  
~ When all are clear **together**, miracles happen

## Wholistic Arts Festival

Sunday 10/19/08  
10am - 6pm

Pleasant Hill Community Center  
320 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill

Alternative Practitioners • Bodyworkers  
Readers • Coaches • Labyrinth • Skin Products  
Spa Products • Jewelry • Books • Music  
More!

General Admission \$7  
\$2 discount through Website

[www.WholisticArtsFestival.com](http://www.WholisticArtsFestival.com)  
\* proceeds go to Bret C. Harte Fund