

Not to be missed

CORRECTIONS FROM SENIOR CALENDAR FEB 4th

Bi-Monthly Caregiver Support Group is on Mondays (Feb 23 and March 9th) Licensed geriatric care manager Carol Shenson, M.A., CMC, offers a bi-monthly support group for family members who are considering or currently involved with the direct care of an older relative. To sign up, call 284-5050.

Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's Rd. Drop-ins welcome.

The next Positive Living Forum-Open Lecture and Discussion Series will be Thu. March 12th 10:30 – noon. It is moderated by Dr. Bob Nozik, MD, Prof. Emeritus UCSF and Author of "Happy 4 Life: Here's How to Do It." Lafayette Community Center, 500 St Mary's

Rd. Drop-ins are welcome.

A NEW TIME for Senior Services Commission-which now meets on the 4th Thu., 3–5pm at the Lafayette Senior Services Center. Interested citizens may view meeting agendas at the City of Lafayette office or at www.ci.lafayette.ca.us.

Saint Mary's College

Campus Happenings



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Theater

Sandra Cisneros' critically acclaimed novel, "The House on Mango Street", comes alive on the stage of the LeFevre Theatre at Saint Mary's College in Moraga on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 8:00pm. Told in a series of vignettes, stunning for their eloquence and elegant simplicity, this is the story of a young girl growing up in the Latino section of Chicago. Lauded by critics, beloved by teens, their parents and grandparents, taught everywhere from inner-city schools to universities across the country, and translated all over the world, it has entered the canon of coming-of-age classics. There will be a post-show discussion following the hour-long performance. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 925.631.4381 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu.

Lectures & Panels

St. Mary's College's Kalmanovitz School of Education will have keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Pritchard, comedian, author and tv star, at its Distinguished Speaker Event on Saturday, Feb., 21, from 8:30am-1:00pm. Contact Lydia Wiley at (925) 631-8124 or email at lwiley@stmarys-ca.edu for information.

The U.S. and Global Financial Crisis: Impacts and Solution- a panel discussion hosted by Saint Mary's College Center for the Regional Economy on Tuesday, Feb. 24, Soda Center 7:30am -9:30am. The event is FREE –RSVP by Feb 19th on www.stmarys-ca.edu/financial-crisis.

Creative Writing Reading Series – Soda Activity Center

Wednesday, February 25, 7:30 p.m. Peter Gizzi is an award-winning poet and the poetry editor for The Nation His books include "The Outernational," "Some Values of Landscape and Weather," "Artificial Heart," and "Periplum." His work has been widely anthologized and translated into numerous languages. Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Lee Montgomery is the editorial director of Tin House Books and the executive editor for Tin House magazine. She is the author of "The Things Between Us: A

Memoir," "Whose World Is This" and "Searching for Emily."

Open House

BA in Leadership & Organizational Studies for working adults; hybrid online format M.A. in Leadership. Open house March 3rd 6:30-8pm and March 14th 10am-11:30; RSVP www.stmarys-ca.edu/leadershipinfo.

Hearst Gallery

Bert Monroy, Master Artist Tribute VIII: A Digital Artist Paints With Light through April 5. Bert Monroy, a world-renowned Photoshop artist and teacher, known for pioneering and innovative digital painting technique. The exhibition continues through Sun., Apr. 5. A Photoshop Demonstration with Bert Monroy will take place on March 19th. 7-8 pm demonstration, with an exhibition walk through with artist from 8-8:30pm. Free to the Public. Call (925) 631-4379 for more information. See story page 11

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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McCrary Gallery Hosts Exhibit of Local Artists

By Andrea A. Firth



Allison McCrary

Photo provided

Who says it's dead at Orinda's Theater Square? A steady flow of locals filled the Allison McCrary Gallery last Saturday night to view an exhibit of local artists' works. McCrary used her own gallery and a currently empty space across from Shelby's to display the artwork of ten artists from Orinda and Lafayette. "There are some really great artists here," states McCrary. "Many of these pieces are as good as what you find in some of the art havens like San Francisco, Carmel, and Napa. And, the prices are very reasonable," she adds. McCrary was motivated to host the exhibit and evening event to both showcase

her artist pals and to help to breathe some life into Theater Square—which she did.

Chefs Dianna Davis-Condon and Carl Drosky, the owners of Savory Affairs, a local gourmet meal and catering business, were on hand to pour the art patrons a glass of wine, white or red, and serve up dinner in a glass—a miniature version their signature dinner in a box. This night it was a bite-sized portion of braised short ribs with a merlot reduction, creamy mashed potatoes, and roasted asparagus.

McCrary, who is best known for her vibrant vineyard landscapes, met the other artists through art classes, art exhibits,

and around town. The works of plein air artists Susan Kendall of Orinda and Pam Wright of Lafayette were displayed alongside one another reminiscent of the way that their paintings were created. Kendall and Wright regularly take road trips to small towns like Crockett and set up their easels side by side to paint the local landscape.

The two artists are protégés of the Orinda-based mother-daughter art teacher team of Pam and Anne Marie Glover. Mary Spain, another plein air painter who has lived in Orinda for 25 years, displayed her scenes of the local hills, Saint Mary's, and the Mount Diablo area.

Orindans Zarmine Aghazarian, Carmel Dewies Blore, and Bonnie Fitch were also part of the local exhibit. Aghazarian, who began painting as her second career after retiring from the banking world, displayed abstracts in acrylic including one design inspired by the Valentines theme of the evening. Blore's detailed and realistic seascapes of the Carmel coastline were interesting subject matter for an artist of the same name. Fitch rounded out the Orinda art crew with oils of a farm landscape, a rooster, and a still life.

The exhibit also included the work of Lafayette residents Joe Loria, abstracts in muted lavenders and green, and Bob Wahrhaftig, paintings of women's faces. There was a bit of bling in the art mix provided by the jewelry designs of Amy Klimas. McCrary's large canvas paintings were also on display with a stormy-looking seascape providing a visual highlight of the night.

The McCrary Gallery will continue to display the work of these local artists along with Allison McCrary's artwork for others to view and purchase.

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