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Orinda in Springtime

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ORINDA IN ACTION

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9am - 1 pm

Orinda in Action!

The City of Orinda invites all to participate in Orinda in Action Community Service Day on Saturday, April 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. As a Keep California Beautiful Proud Community, Orinda encourages citizens to lend a hand to beautify our community and accept the challenge to clean up our city. Some projects include flower planting, creek restoration, litter pick-up, park enhancements, etc. Check in at Theatre Square between 8:30-9:00 am. Free tee shirts will be given to first 200 volunteers. Also take advantage of opportunity to donate clothing and household goods to Goodwill and food to the Contra Costa Food Bank. Drop off at 25 Orinda Way, Vintage Building parking lot across from Community Center. Contact OrindaInAction@gmail.com for more information or to sign up as volunteer.

Restore the Creeks

On Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10 am to 1 pm, community members, parents, and students are invited to Del Rey Elementary School in Orinda to participate in a hands-on restoration project on a section of Moraga Creek, bordering the school. Led by a team of biologists, volunteers and students will remove non-native species and trash, plant native willows on the creek banks and get a chance to learn about the creek ecosystem. This community project is sponsored and facilitated by Friends of Orinda Creeks and The Restoration Trust. This Earth Day event is a continuation of a restoration project on Moraga Creek, which the students of Del Rey Elementary began earlier this year. Refreshments will be served to volunteers who are asked to bring boots, gloves and hand-weeders for themselves. The event is supported by the Orinda Union School District, the City of Orinda and the Bodfish Fund.

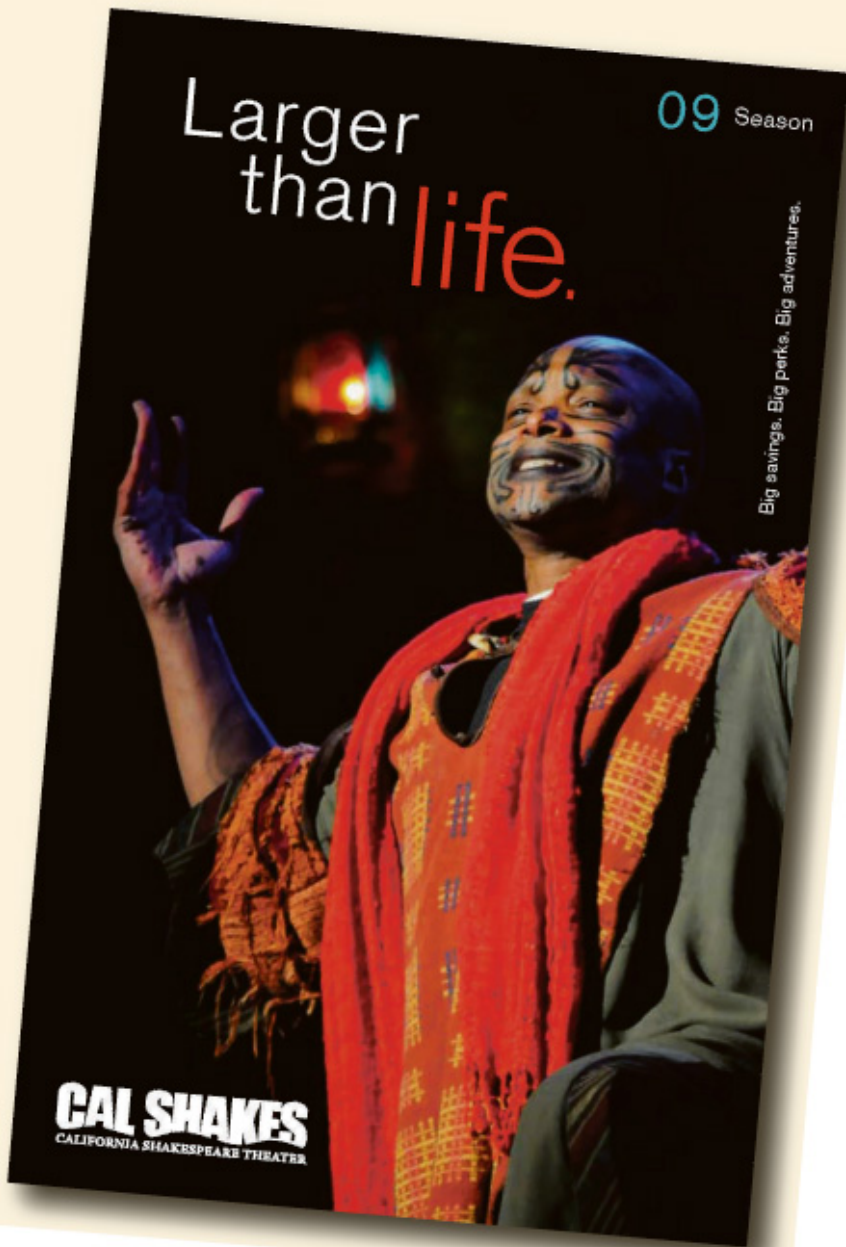
In May:

The Orinda Arts Council will open a new show in the Library Gallery.

After a very successful exhibition in April of the high school art competition sponsored by the Arts Council, the group is presenting a new exhibition with nationally known water colorist Anne Fallin. The Walnut Creek resident is coming back to the Orinda library exhibition with 50 pieces, both water colors and pastels. "I hope my work is a reflection of the enthusiasm I have for what I see," says Fallin, "allowing it to be simultaneously unique and universally understood." Fallin used to be a nurse; she painted all her life and has been devoting her life entirely to painting since the 80's. She is widely recognized and her work can be found all over the country. While Fallin will be displayed on the walls, the Mt Diablo Wood workers and enamellist Kim Vanderheiden will be displayed in the cases. Vanderheiden is a San Leandro artist whose work can be seen at www.kimvanderheiden.com/Mixedmedia/fly/fly.html. Vanderheiden's inspiration comes from stories and poetry. She is both a fine artist and an applied artist with Painted Tongue Press where her work blends words and images.

Orinda Salutes Cal Shakes - May 28.

For the third year, on Thursday May 28 the City of Orinda, the Orinda Chamber of Commerce and Theater Square will recognize and promote the California Shakespeare Theater (Cal Shakes) that has been performing in the city's outdoor theater for years. The free event for all ages will be held in the Theater Square, starting at 5:30 p.m. Musical entertainment is offered by Bob Athayde & Surefire. OIS students will entertain the crowd as well. Local food and drinks will be offered to the public and prizes will be raffled.



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