

◆ **Not to be missed** ◆

ART

The Lafayette Gallery presents the Heart Throb Exhibit. Show Opens Tuesday, January 4, 2011. The meet the artist's reception is 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, February 4. The current exhibit, Winter Wonderland, runs through Dec 24. Annual Holiday Gallery Hours are Tuesday - Saturday 11am- 5pm. Located 50 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Admission is free. For more information call (925) 284-2788 or go to www.lafayettegallery.net.

The Orinda Library Gallery will showcase over twenty images of Orinda from the early 1900's as part of the exhibit New Images of Old Orinda - 1901 to 1920's sponsored by the Orinda Historical Society (OHS). The newly discovered photos of Orinda were taken between 1901 and the mid-1920's by Edward I. deLaveaga. The opening reception for the exhibit will be held on Friday, January 7th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Orinda Historical society at (925) 254-1353. See article page A7.

The Moraga Art Gallery ushers in a new show, 2 plus 2 = 1, shorthand for "Two Artists, Two Visions: A Singular Experience," on January 11, 2011. The exhibit brings together paintings in various media by Orinda's Beryl Glen-Reiland and watercolors by Moraga's George Ehrenhaft. An opening reception--Saturday, January 15 from 3 to 5pm will feature live music by Andrea Farrell, a classical guitarist and singer. All are invited to the Gallery located in the Rheem Shopping Center, 570 Center Street, Moraga, to eat, drink, look and listen. For more information call (925) 376-5407.

MUSIC

The Gold Coast Chamber Players present: Harmony and Melody a celebration of Black History Month. Saturday, January 29 at 7:30pm and Sunday, January 30 at 2pm. General admission is 30\$. For more information please call (925) 283-3728.

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THEATER

The Saint Mary's January Term's Children's Theater presents: A staged adaptation of the classic Grimm Brothers story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Performances on Wednesday, January 26 at 7pm and Thursday, January 27 at 4pm. Where: LeFevre Theater, Saint Mary's College of California, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga. Tickets: Only \$8.00, available by calling (925) 631-4670 or e-mailing Sharon Cahill at scahill@stmmarys-ca.edu.

San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival presents San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival Auditions on Jan 8, 10am-6pm; Jan 9, 10am-7pm; Jan 15, 10am-7:30pm; Jan 16, 10am-7pm, at Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way at Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. More than 130 Northern California companies perform cultural dances in hopes of securing a slot in the 2011 San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival! Cost: \$10/day; Free for children 12 and under. For more info see http://www.worldartswest.org or call (415) 474-3914.

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OTHER

5A's 3rd annual "Santa's Secret Wrapping Room" is free and open to the public through Dec. 24th. This decorated storage unit is set up with table, chairs, large rolls of wrapping paper, tape, ribbon - everything needed to get presents wrapped. This is especially handy if you're trying to wrap presents away from the recipient of a surprise.

Moraga Police Officers Association is collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to benefit a charity called S.A.F.E. (Stuffed Animals For Emergencies), which distributes stuffed animals to children in need. For example, S.A.F.E. provides donated stuffed animals to be stored in police cars so officers can give them to children they may encounter in any type of traumatic or tragic situation. The donated stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Moraga PD lobby at 329 Rheem Blvd. now through Jan 9.

Ewaste Collection/Fundraiser For Citizens For The Lost Society. Where: Lafayette Christian Church, 584 Glenside Drive, Lafayette When: Saturday January 15th, 2011, 9am-4pm.

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Acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist who has a practice in Walnut Creek. He will speak on how Western medicine and acupuncture work well together to optimize you and your family's health. For membership information, call Lary at (925) 631-9528.

The OML Branch of AAUW promises another outstanding program at its Jan 18 monthly meeting at the Serbian Cultural Center in Moraga at 9:30 am in presenting well-known dancer Lois Flood who has been interpreting the exquisite dances of the incomparable Isadora Duncan for over 20 years. Duncan impacted the world of dance of the early 20th Century like no other dancer. Flood performs lecture/dance programs at theaters, museums and colleges all over northern California as well as teaching master classes in NYC, Paris and San Francisco. This program is free and open to the public.

Montelindo Garden Club general meeting and speakers, third Friday of the month, September through

Please submit Events: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

CLUBS

Lamorinda Toastmasters will be hosting an Open House and Pot Luck on Tuesday, January 4, from 7:30pm to 9pm in the Social Hall at Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo, Lafayette - entrance to the Temple is on Risa Road. This is a special meeting honoring the educational achievements of members Mark Darfler, Karen Lloyd, Heather Stovall, and Gordon Steele.

Sons in Retirement Lamorinda Branch 171 meets the first Wednesday monthly at Holy Trinity Cultural Center 1700 School St. Moraga. Social hour 11am, lunch 12 pm. The after lunch speaker will be Christopher Lee, a licensed

May. Meeting Place: Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Refreshments and plant and garden accessory sale at 9am meeting at 9:30, and speaker at 10:30. The meeting is free and welcomes guests and new members. Web Site: www.montelindogarden.com. email contact: montelindogarden@aol.com. On Friday, January 21, our speaker will be Laural Roaldson, owner of Laural Landscapes in Walnut Creek. Her topic is "Maximizing Your Yard Without the Lawn."

The Moraga Community Chorus needs singers from all of Lamorinda. No audition required. Our spring program will consist of a requiem selection, opera choruses and Broadway pieces. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 4 from 7:30-9:30pm at the Miramonte Gardens clubhouse, 1 Miramonte Way in Moraga. The chorus enjoys community service, music, and each other. For more information call Tom Marnane at 925-376-6312 or Fred Lezak at 925-376-9468 or just come and sing.

The Night Before Chris Mouse Wows Pint-sized Fans

By Cathy Tyson



Kevin Menegus

Photo Andy Scheck

To the delight of a full house of toddlers, young school kids, and their parents, the Fratello Marionettes Puppet Theater presented The Night Before Chris Mouse/The North Pole Review. Ten separate puppet acts entertained young and old, each with different marionettes and holiday-themed music. From dancing kosak triplets to hula-ing Hawaiian mice to a sultry large black cat batting her eyelashes to "Santa Baby" the evening, presented by the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation, was great fun. Little ones especially enjoyed the acrobatics of teeter-totter penguins. Performers and puppet

builders Kevin Menegus and Fred C. Riley III, explained that it can take up to three months to build their custom marionettes and graciously took questions from the audience after the show. Look for additional Youth Series programs in the New Year. On January 8, The Lawrence Hall of Science presents Fizz, Pop, Wow!, and on February 12, they'll host a petting zoo of slippery frogs and bumpy toads with information about their life cycle. Go to www.lllcf.org to view the complete calendar. For more information on Fratello Marionettes, go to www.fratellom.com.

Lamorinda's Religious Services



Our Savior's Lutheran (ELCA)
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
283-3722 • www.oslc.net
SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
8:30 Classic 10:45 Contemporary
Dec 26, just ONE 9:30 service of post-Christmas Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 Family Service
9:00 Traditional

Get connected.
Grow in your faith.
Serve others.
Join us for Christmas Eve Services
3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 26
10:00 a.m One Service
Sunday Worship
9 & 11:00 a.m.
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
49 Knox Drive | Lafayette | www.LOPC.org | 925-283-8722

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church
A Loving Community
Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM
Active Youth Program, Sunday School, Nursery Childcare, 10 AM
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws

Refuge Community Church
Sundays at 10:30 am
A NEW, non-denominational Christian church
Veterans Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
www.refugecommunity.org
925-942-1000

Celebrate Christmas Eve at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve Celebrations
5pm Family Service
children's musical, Meet Me At the Manger
9pm Carol Service
11pm Candlelight Service
Worship with us Sunday, December 26th, 9am
Why Christmas Matters
10 Moraga Valley Ln., Moraga, CA • mvpcctoday.org • 925.376.4800

St. Giles Episcopal Church of Moraga
Worshipping at St. Mary's College Chapel. All are welcome at our services.
9 a.m. Sunday Service: Holy Communion - with St. Giles' Choir.
Child care is available all year.
1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. 925-376-5770

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way Orinda
Regular Worship Schedule
8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:40 a.m. Education for all ages
10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship Service
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger
925-254-3422

St Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH ORINDA
Friday, December 24th at 4:00pm
Christmas Pageant and First Eucharist of Christmas
Start the festivities with Family Carol Singing at 3:30pm
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Friday, December 24th at 8:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
The service is preceded by music for organ & trumpet at 7:40pm
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Friday, December 24th at 11:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
Beginning with a concert of Christmas anthems at 10:30pm
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Saturday, December 25th at 10:00am
Christmas Day Eucharist
Celebrate the birth of Christ
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Sunday, December 26th one service at 10:00am
66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda
254-3770. www.ststephensorinda.org

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
24 Orinda Way, Orinda (next to the Library) - 254-4212
Sunday Service and Sunday School 10 - 11 am
Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Reading Room/Bookstore M-F: 11 am- 5 pm
(across from the Orinda Theater)
www.christianscienceorinda.org

THE ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.org
CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2010
Family Candlelight Service
5:30 p.m.
Walk our Labyrinth
Sun. Dec. 26 & Wed. Dec. 29-Fri. Dec. 31 12-4 p.m.

Buddha Gate Monastery
3254 Gloria Terrace, Lafayette, (925) 934-2411
Liang Huang Jeweled Repentance Ceremony and 2011 New Year Blessing Ceremony
12/26/2010 - 1/2/2011
Visit Buddhagate.org for details