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Lamorinda Moms Pick the Best of Lamorinda 2013

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With 192 member nominee submissions and an amazing 772 votes from members - a record high - Lamorinda Moms completed the Best of Lamorinda 2013 survey, which recognizes great resources within the Lamorinda area and provides a valuable information bank for Lamorinda Moms members as well as the community.

This year some old favorites won their categories, such as Best Storytime (Lafayette Library), Best Plant Nursery & Florist (Orchard Nursery in Lafayette), and Best Brunch and Best Family-friendly Dining (Chow in Lafayette).

Newcomers to Lamorinda were stiff competition and won some categories including Best Birthday Entertainer (The Garden Party Company), and Best Takeout/Delivery (Patxi's in Lafayette). Many categories were won by a slim margin of one to three votes. Congratulations to our Lamorinda moms for providing the best resource for finding babysitters, nannies (Lamorinda Moms Forum), and best birthday party location (Home).

Lamorinda Moms members received directions and a link to the online survey and had two weeks to complete it. Each current Lamorinda Moms member was eligible to vote once. All votes were anonymous. Members who voted could enter a raffle to win one of two gift certificates, a \$25 gift

certificate from Orchard Nursery in Lafayette and a gift certificate from Cloud 9 Organic Salon in Orinda for a haircut and blowout, a \$40 value.

The entrant with the most votes in the category won. There was one two-way tie and one three-way tie. The two-way tie was for Best Toy Store (Sweet Dreams in Orinda and Five Little Monkeys in Walnut Creek). The three-way tie was for Best Interior Designer (Anna Stahl Design, Kelly Scanlon Designs, and Found Design in Lafayette).

While many of the same categories were used from previous Best of Lamorinda surveys, 18 new categories were added this year, with most being professional services, and marked with an asterisk on the list below:

The 2013 Winners

Babysitting Resource

Lamorinda Moms Forum

www.lamorindamoms.org

Nanny Resource

Lamorinda Moms Forum

www.lamorindamoms.org

Birthday Entertainer

The Garden Party Company

www.thegardenpartycompany.com, (415) 515-6338

Birthday Party Location

Home

Children's Birthday Cake

Lovely Little Cakes

www.lovelylittlecakesbakery.com, (415) 730-7500

Children's Clothing

Baby Gap / Gap Kids

www.gap.com, 1139 S. Main Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 942-0549

Toy Store

Sweet Dreams

2 Theatre Square #107, Orinda, (925) 254-6672

Five Little Monkeys

www.5littlemonkeys.com, 1366 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 939-4411

Dance Class / Lessons

The Ballet School

www.theballetschool.org, 1357 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 934-2133

Gymnastics Class

Encore Gymnastics

www.encoregym.com, 999 Bancroft Road, Concord, (925) 932-1033

Music Class

Music Together

www.eastbaymusictogether.com, (510) 848-7464

Swim Lessons

Sherman Swim School

www.shermanswim.com, 1075 Carol Lane, Lafayette, (925) 283-2100

Summer Camp

Camp Galileo

www.galileo-camps.com, (800) 854-3684

Kid's Haircut

Kristine's Kuts

www.kristineskuts.vpweb.com, 3367 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, (925) 822-444

Playground

Moraga Commons

www.moraga.ca.us, 1425 St. Mary's Road, Moraga

Walk / Hike with Kids

Lafayette Reservoir

www.ebmud.com/recreation/lafayette-reservoir, 3849 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-9669

Picnic Spot*

Lafayette Reservoir

www.ebmud.com/recreation/lafayette-reservoir, 3849 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-9669

Rainy Day Activity

Lindsay Wildlife Museum

www.wildlife-museum.org, 1931 1st Avenue, Walnut Creek, (925) 935-1978

Storytime

Lafayette Library

www.ccclib.org, www.lafayettelib.org, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 385-2280

Pre-School

Growing Tree Preschool

www.growingtreepreschool.net, 1695 Canyon Road, Moraga, (925) 376-8280

Food / Drink / Fun

Brunch

Chow

www.chowfoodbar.com, 53 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, (925) 962-2469

Carryout / Delivery

Patxi's

www.patxispizza.com, 3577 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-0700

Family Friendly Dining

Chow

www.chowfoodbar.com, 53 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, (925) 962-2469

Chinese Food

Uncle Yu's

999 Oak Hill Road #3, Lafayette, (925) 283-1688

Pizza

Pizza Antica

www.pizzaantica.com, 3600 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-0500

Indian Food

Swad

www.theswadindia.com, 3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 962-9575

Mexican Food

El Charro

www.elcharro1947.com, 3339 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-2345

Italian Food

Postino

www.postinorestaurant.com, 3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-8700

Japanese Food / Sushi

Blue Gingko

www.bluegingkosushi.com, 3518 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 962-9020

Mediterranean Food

Kabab Burger

www.kabab-burger.com, 3647 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 297-6343

Thai Food

Amarin Thai

www.amarinlafayette.com, 3555 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-8883

Desserts

SusieCakes

www.susiecakes.com, 3598 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-0210

Seafood

Yankee Pier

www.yankeepier.com/lafayette, 3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-4100

Steak

Ruth's Chris

www.ruthchris.com, 1553 Olympic Blvd., Walnut Creek, (925) 977-3477

Sandwich Shop

Morucci's Si Mangia Bene

1218 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek, (925) 939-2426

Coffee Shop

La Boulange Bakery

www.laboulangebakery.com, 3597 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-1001

Outdoor Dining

Metro

www.metrolafayette.com, 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4422

Romantic Dinner

Postino

www.postinorestaurant.com, 3565 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-8700

Mom's Night Out

Metro

www.metrolafayette.com, 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4422

Cocktails*

Metro

www.metrolafayette.com, 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4422

Movie Theater

Century 14 Downtown Walnut Creek

1201 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 937-7031

Live Music

Orinda Summer Concerts

www.cityoforinda.org, (925) 254-2445

Live Theater

Town Hall Theatre Company

www.townhalltheatre.com, 3535 School Street, Lafayette, (925) 283-1557

Pumpkin Patch

Clayton Valley Pumpkin Farm

www.cvpumpkinfarm.com, 1060 Pine Lane, Clayton, (925) 672-5198

Pictures with Santa

Broadway Plaza

www.broadwayplaza.com, 1275 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek, (925) 939-7600

Professional Services

Dry Cleaners

Sterling Cleaners

3425 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-1100

Florist

Orchard Nursery & Florist

www.orchardnursery.com, 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4474

Grocery Store

Diablo Foods

www.diablofoods.com, 3615 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-0737

Party Supplies

Boswell's

www.boswells-party.com, 3483 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-9250

Pet Grooming / Sitting

Pet Food Express

www.petfoodexpress.com, 3610 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 962-0000

Veterinarian

Lafayette Animal Hospital

www.lafayetteanimalhosp.com, 3394 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4412

Caterer

Susan Foord Catering

www.susanfoordcatering.com, 965 Mountain View Drive, Lafayette, (925) 299-7616

Photographer

Alicia Cervenka Photography

www.ac-photos.com

Plant Nursery

Orchard Nursery & Florist

www.orchardnursery.com, 4010 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 284-4474

Housecleaner/Housecleaning Service*

Extreme Clean Company

2958 Deerpark Drive, Walnut Creek, (925) 595-5717

Realtor*

Karen Richardson Group, Alain Pinel

www.karendrichardsongroup.com, 2 Theatre Square, Orinda, (925) 639-3904

Architect*

Ward-Young Architecture & Planning

www.wyarch.com, 1041 Stuart Street Suite B, Lafayette, (925) 283-3278

General Contractor*

J Willis Construction

www.jwillisconstruction.com, (925) 788-7493

Handyman*

Luis Ovalle

(510) 363-4977

Landscape Architect/Design*

Garden Lights Landscape Development

www.gardenlightslandscape.com, 1 Northwood Dr. #7, Orinda, (925) 254-4797

Appliance Repair*

Adept Appliance Repair

525 Banyon Circle, Walnut Creek, (925) 254-0153

Appliance Retail*

Friedman's Appliance

www.friedmansappliance.com, 2304 Monument Blvd. Pleasant Hill, (925) 808-2950

Electrician*

Redwood Electric

712 Bancroft Way Suite 738, Walnut Creek, (925) 360-3167

Plumber*

Volga Plumbing

1074 Viela Court, Lafayette, (925) 947-0466

Hardware Store*

Orchard Supply Hardware

www.osh.com, 1550 Canyon Road, Moraga, (925) 377-0994

Interior Designer*

Anna Stahl Design

www.annastahldesign.com, (925) 212-5428

Kelly Scanlon Designs

www.kellyscanlondesigns.com, (415) 577-7741

Found Design

www.founddesign.net, (510) 541-5937

Health

Pediatric Dentist

Aloha Pediatric Dentistry

www.alohakidsdds.com, 3 Altarinda Road, Orinda, (925) 253-8190

Adult Dentist*

Matthew T. Herrington, DDS

895 Moraga Road, Suite 8, Lafayette, (925) 283-1144

OB/GYN

Kurt Wharton, MD

www.drwhartonmd.com, 970 Dewing Road, Suite 201, Lafayette, (925) 962-0002

Ophthalmologist / Optometrist

Lamorinda Optometry

www.lamorindaoptometry.com, 3581 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-8502

Dermatologist

Kelly Hood, MD

970 Dewing Avenue, Suite 301, Lafayette, (925) 283-5500

Chiropractor

Orinda Family Chiropractic & Massage

www.orindachiro.com, 96 Davis Road, #3, Orinda, (925) 258-0850

Pediatrician / Pediatric Office

Lamorinda Pediatrics

www.lamorindapeds.com, 930 Dewing Avenue, Lafayette, (925) 284-1800

Primary Care Physician (Adult)*

Mary Miller, MD

12 Camino Encinas #12, Orinda, (925) 204-8189

CNM/CPM (Certified Nurse-Midwife/Certified Professional Midwife)*

Laura Warren - Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek

1515 Newell Avenue, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-4000

Pregnancy / Maternity / Newborn

Prenatal Yoga Class

YogaWorks

www.yogaworks.com, 1131 Locust Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 478-7272

Birth / Parenting Class

John Muir Women's Health Center

www.johnmuirhealth.com, 1656 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, (925) 941-7900

Infant Specialty Shop

Day One Center

www.dayonecenter.com, 1403 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 933-3291

Lactation Consultant

John Muir Women's Health Center

www.johnmuirhealth.com, 1656 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek, (925) 941-7900

Sleep Consultant

Day One Center

www.dayonecenter.com, 1403 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, (925) 933-3291

Maternity Clothing Shop*

Destination Maternity

www.destinationmaternity.com, 1604 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, (925) 274-1006

Pampering and Fitness

Day Spa

Lavande

www.lavandenailspa.com, 3589 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 299-8877

Full Service Salon

Cloud 9 Organic Salon

www.cloud9organictherapy.com, 1 Orinda Way, Suite 3, Orinda, (925) 258-9811

Manicure / Pedicure

Cloud 9 Organic Salon

www.cloud9organictherapy.com, 1 Orinda Way, Suite 3, Orinda, (925) 258-9811

Gym

Renaissance ClubSport

www.renaissanceclubsport.com, 2805 Jones Road, Walnut Creek, (925) 938-8700

Fitness Class

Oakwood Athletic Club

www.oakwoodathleticclub.com, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, (925) 283-4000

Mom & Baby Fitness Class

Baby Boot Camp

www.babybootcamp.com/ca-walnut-creek.aspx, (415) 350-6970

Yoga / Pilates Studio

Renaissance ClubSport - Leslie Jerge

www.renaissanceclubsport.com, 2805 Jones Road, Walnut Creek, (925) 938-8700

Lamorinda Moms is a non-profit social and support group for moms with children age five and younger within the greater Lamorinda area that strives to help members enrich their lives through cultivating new friendships, personal and professional growth, and community involvement. Since its inception in 1995, Lamorinda Moms has evolved to become one of the largest parenting organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, with over 875 members and growing. For more information about Lamorinda Moms, visit at www.lamorindamoms.org.

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