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ART

Saint Mary's College Museum of Art exhibition - Carnival! Exhibits include In Search of the Source: the Nile and Beyond by Lockwood de Forest; Ryan Reynolds: Landscape Assembled; Keith and the California Alps: paintings from the 1870s, '80s, and '90s - through April 14, Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Saint Mary's College, 1928 Saint Mary's Rd., Moraga. Cost: \$5 for adults; free for kids K-12. For more info, call (925) 631-4379 or visit www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum.

The Moraga Art Gallery's new show, "Divine Inspiration," includes paintings of Saint Mary's College by resident artist Barbara Hudler Cella, and stone and glass crochet beadwork by guest artist Mona Bourell. The show, which runs through June 1, will include works by the gallery's 14 resident artists and several guest artists. The

gallery is located in the Rheem Shopping Center at 522 Center Street, Moraga. For more information, visit www.moragaartgallery.com or call (925) 376-5407. (See article page B6)

The Lafayette Gallery is hosting a free reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21, to celebrate a new exhibit, "Inside/Outside," plus the reopening of the Sculpture Garden. The Gallery will celebrate with free wine, hors d'oeuvres and live music!

MUSIC

WCSA Lafayette Songwriters' Competition. Come join the Lauras for the inaugural Lafayette WCSA Songwriters' Competition! You do not have to be a songwriter to attend this event. The meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 81 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Cost: \$5. For more info, contact Laura Zucker by email at zuckers@aol.com or

visit www.westcoastsongwriters.org/become-a-member.

Bentley School will host its first annual Jazz Festival in Lafayette at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. The show will open with performances from the Bentley Jazz Master Class and the Stanley School Jazz Messengers. Tickets will be sold at the door.

The Contra Costa Performing Arts Society will perform a free concert at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 26 at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek. The concert opens with Henry Martin's sonata for clarinet and piano, followed by Debussy's Images 1 for solo piano. The program concludes with Poulenc's Flute Sonata for flute and piano. For more info, visit www.ccpas.org.

Embark on a musical journey through Paris in the Walnut Creek Library with versatile and popular vocalist Lorna K and her talented band of accordion, bass, and guitar musicians at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 24, courtesy of the Walnut Creek Foundation. Come to listen to Lorna and you will regret nothing. Free. Due to space limitations, pre-registration is required at: http://tinyurl.com/chanson-realiste-2013.

THEATER

The Performing Arts Department at Saint Mary's College will present "A Lie of the Mind" by Sam Shepard as their spring production April 24-27 at 7 p.m. and April 28 at 2 p.m. in LeFevre Theatre, Saint Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd. Tickets: general \$15; seniors (65+) \$12; non-SMC students \$12; Saint Mary's College community of faculty, staff and students \$8. For more info and reservations call the Saint Mary's College Theatre Box Office at (925) 631-4670. Tickets are also available online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

The Acalanes High School DramaDons theater group presents The Arabian Nights, May 1-4 at the Acalanes Performance Arts Little Theater, 1200 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette. A favorite for all ages. Showtime is 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ahsperformingarts.org or at the door. All proceeds benefit the Acalanes Performing Arts Boosters - Drama Discipline.

Diablo Ballet concludes its 2012-13 season at 8 p.m. Friday, May 3 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Shadelands Arts Center Auditorium, 111 N Wiget Ln., Walnut Creek, with the Company's popular Inside the Dancer's Studio series, featuring George Balanchine's legendary Stars and Stripes Pas de Deux. Tickets: \$29 - \$38. For more info, visit www.DiabloBallet.org or call (925) 943-1775

Part of Playwrights' Theatre series in the Old Barn at Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site in Danville Sunday, May 5. The Cherry Orchard is an important example of how Chekhov and other European dramatists influenced the writings of Eugene O'Neill. Presented by Eugene O'Neill Foundation in partnership with the National Park Service. Tickets: \$25. For more info, visit www.eugeneoneill.org or call (925) 820-1818

LECTURE & LITERATURE

Young Adult author Yvonne Prinz will discuss two of her books including "All You Get is Me" and "The Vinyl Princess" at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 25 in the Arts & Science Discovery Room at the Lafayette Library.

KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

The 8th Annual Lamorinda Idol auditions are coming! Created and sponsored by the Orinda Arts Council, Lamorinda Idol is a singing competition open to kids K-12th grade as of spring 2013, who either attend school or reside in Orinda, Moraga and Lafayette. Entries may be made by soloists or groups. Auditions will be held May 16 - 18, when finalists and runners-up will be selected by a panel of three judges. Registration for auditions will be from April 1 - 30 at www.orindaartscouncil.org. Finalists will perform at Orinda Theatre Sunday, Sept. 8. Category winners will receive cash prizes, the Audience Award winner will receive a special prize and all finalists will receive gift certificates.

Springhill Elementary School's Green Team announces their second annual Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 14 on the Springhill campus, 3301 Springhill Rd. on the lower playground. A perfect outing for the whole family! Proceeds from the sale will benefit Springhill's Green Team and Outdoor Classroom.

Need money for college? The Contra Costa Association of Realtors Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships to residents of Central Contra Costa County that have completed one year of full-time college, completed courses with emphasis on real estate, finance and/or business and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. If you qualify, scholarship awards can range from \$1,500 to \$2,500. For info and applications visit www.ccarscholarship.com. Deadline is April 15.

High school student artists in the 11th District are invited to submit an original painting, drawing or other art form for the Annual Congressional Art Competition. One student's work will be selected by a judging panel of local artists to hang in the U.S. Capitol Building for one year along with student artwork from across the country. The winning student will also be flown to Washington, D.C. in June for the Annual Congressional Art Competition reception. Artwork is due the week of April 15. Artwork must be accompanied by a Student Release Form. For more information, please contact Adrienne Ursino at (925) 602-1880.

The Friends of the Orinda Library is excited to announce the commencement of 2013's Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest, open to all students who reside and/or attend high school in Orinda. Entry categories are: Science Fiction, Essay/Memoir, Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories for a total of not more than three entries. Submission deadline is at noon Friday, April 18. Up to four winners will each be awarded \$250 prizes. Entries should be submitted to individual school representatives. For additional info, visit www.friendsoftheorindalibrary.org or email Julie Rossiter, at jjrossiter@me.com.

Seedling's Preschool 15th Annual Wheel Day! For kids who love anything to do with wheels! The event promises numerous vehicles for your viewing, climbing and horn honking good time from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20 at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Free. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to be donated to Monument Crisis Center.

The Diablo Valley Alumnae Panhellenic will host an informational event for college-bound high school seniors and their parents "What About Sororities?" To be held at the Walnut Creek Main Library, Oak View room at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21. Seating is limited. For more information or to register please call Barbara May at (925) 256-0344. To receive an invite, send an email tmamber6@gmail.com.

SEED's (Special Education Enrichment Development Foundation) annual fundraiser is almost here! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and raise money to help our kids from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, May 3 at the Walker Residence at 910 Reliez Station Rd., Lafayette. Tickets: \$25 (includes delicious Mexican favorites such as: made to order tacos, burritos, and quesadillas, dessert from Doodle Cakes and unlimited margaritas, sangria, beer and soda). Purchase tickets in advance at SEED's auction website: seedauction2013.weebly.com.

The 37th annual Lafayette Nursery School Science Day of Discovery - a hands-on science fair featuring exhibits and experiments designed for children preschool age through third grade from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Lafayette Nursery School, 979 First Street, Lafayette. Cost: \$4 per child. Proceeds are donated through donorschoose.org to math and science programs at needy local schools. For more info, call Lafayette Nursery School at (925) 284-2448 or visit www.lafayette-nurseryschool.org.

OTHER

The community of Canyon will host a multi-agency wildfire meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at the Canyon Elementary School, 187 Pinehurst Rd. The evening will be an exploration of the challenges a major wildfire would present to both the fire agencies and the community. For more info, call Canyon Fire Council Coordinator Jonathan Goodwin, (925) 376-4668 or email CanyonFire@VEmail.net; MOFD Fire Chief Randy Bradley, (925) 258-4599 or RBradley@mofd.org.

Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC) is looking for caring, fun, enthusiastic volunteers to assist once or twice a month. Activities include: games, crafts, daily live musical entertainment, lunch and exercise. Come join the fun and help enhance the lives of our local seniors. For more info, or to schedule a visit, please call Beth Montgomery at (925) 254-3465.

Mount Diablo Adult Education (MDAE) has a large selection of excellent woodworking courses for the spring. Hand Tools course provides a concentrated course on how to select, set up, maintain, and use the most necessary hand tools in a workshop. Twelve classes offered from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, April 12 through June 28. Students may register online at www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/adulted/life/longeducation.htm or at the Pleasant Hill MDAE office on One Santa Barbara road, Room 210.

Bentley School is proud to present "Girl Rising," a thought-provoking film that takes a visual journey around the globe, exploring the lives of 10 young girls struggling to achieve adequate education. The free event is from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 12 at Bentley School, 1000 Upper Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette. Pizza and other dinner snacks will be for sale from 7 to 9 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 will go to a charity for girls.

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Lamorinda's Religious Services



St. Giles Episcopal Church An Inclusive & Affirming Community Sunday School & Eucharist at 9am St. Mary's College Chapel 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga 925-376-5770 - www.stgiles-moraga.org Traditional Church Service & Music Yet Forward Looking & Open Minded

The Orinda Community Church

10 Irwin Way, Orinda | 925.254.4906 | www.orindachurch.org "No matter who you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!" Join us Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

St. Anselm's Episcopal Church A Loving Community

Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM In-church Youth Zone, 10 AM Nursery Childcare 682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws

Lafayette United Methodist Church

955 Moraga Rd., Lafayette, 284-4765, office@thelumc.org
Worship Sunday 10 am
Children/Youth Sunday School Sunday 10 am
Youth Fellowship Sunday 6 pm

Get connected.

Grow in your faith. Serve others.



Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship 9 & 11:00 a.m. Programs for children & youth

49 Knox Drive | Lafayette | www.LOpc.org | 925-283-8722

ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

24 Orinda Way (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 - 4; Sat 10 - 1
www.christianscienceorinda.org

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church 433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422 www.holyshepherd.org



8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
9:40 a.m. Education for all ages
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
Coffee Fellowship at 9:15 and 11:45 a.m.
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorinda weekly.com