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#### New Florist in Clocktower

3581 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite C, Lafayette  
(925) 310-4546, [www.floretlafayette.com](http://www.floretlafayette.com)

Floret, the new flower shop in the Clocktower in Lafayette, is the flower version of Ali Baba's treasure trove. But there is nothing intimidating about the place; it is bright, open and familiar, yet is filled with unusual and interesting plants and flowers. "That's our vision," says owner Michael Wolf, "to get people excited about flowers and what they can do with them." The boutique located in the alley that connects Mt. Diablo Boulevard and the back parking lot is a rainbow of fresh colors. Patrons will immediately spot a nice collection of orchids, delicate green mums, steghead ferns that are mounted on a wooden wall frame, delicate fritillarias, dogwood branches, or the vertical succulent gardens. Wolf comes from the event-planning world and Floret is his first business. He uses his procurement experience to select gifts that will complement the flowers. Already in the store are vases and candles, and Wolf was excited to have just signed an agreement with Rachel Dunn Chocolates. Flower arranging classes will also

be held at the store. Floret had a soft opening last month, with the grand opening scheduled after Mother's Day, but orders have already started coming in--the Lafayette Juniors asked Wolf to provide flowers for some of the kitchens on their upcoming tour and teenagers are buying their Senior Ball boutonnieres and corsages.

Free Pilates Day at Absolute Center  
3658 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette  
(925) 299-9642

Absolute Center in Lafayette will host Pilates Day May 11 with a morning of free classes to discover the different aspects of Pilates. New visitors and patrons can take a class of Balanced Body Bare, Pilates Reformer, Pilates Mat and Chair Classes. All are welcome, but reservations are required. Refreshments will be served. For details, visit [www.absolutecenter.net](http://www.absolutecenter.net).

The Treasure Trove Relocating  
(925) 283-2252, [www.treasuretroveinteriors.com](http://www.treasuretroveinteriors.com)

The Treasure Trove, a custom interiors studio specializing in window treatments, wallpapers, upholstery, bed coverings, decorative pillows, slipcovers, cushions, carpeting, and other home furnishings owned by Ann Webb, will be following Storyteller to the shopping center near Whole Foods and McCaulou's, in the courtyard behind Peet's Coffee. Other tenants such as P&L Framing, Twigs Floral & Art located in the vintage area of Lafayette next to defunct Petar's on Lafayette Circle are also looking for new locations.

Coldwell Banker Honors Successful Agents  
5 Moraga Way, Orinda  
(925) 253-4600



Lana Fitzpatrick

Lynn Oaks

Vlatka Bathgate

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage recently honored some of its most successful agents. Lana Fitzpatrick, a sales associate in the company's Orinda office, has earned membership in the company's International Diamond Society; membership in this elite group is achieved by the most talented and knowledgeable real estate professionals in the industry. Lynn Oaks, sales associate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Orinda office,

has been awarded membership in the company's International Sterling Society, an honor bestowed upon the top Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide. Vlatka Bathgate, sales associate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Orinda office, has earned membership into the company's International President's Circle, a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

#### April's Moraga Employee of the Month



An enduring friendly face among Moraga's business world, John Spazek has been named the Moraga Employee of the Month for April. Spazek has served the local community as the CVS photo department manager for almost 24 years, beginning with the store in 1989 when it was Long's. He has helped countless customers over the years. His customers point out his calm personality even during stressful situations and his ability to multi-task. "John has been here for over two decades and he is like an icon in our building," said CVS store manager Mike Lawrence. "He always takes the time with our customers to make sure they get great service and he has a very loyal following." The Moraga Rotary and Moraga Chamber of Commerce will award Spazek with a \$50 gift card to Safeway at the Rotary luncheon Tuesday, May 7. From left, Chamber President Frank Melon, John Spazek of CVS, CVS manager Mike Lawrence and Rotary President Frank May.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce  
Lafayette

Chamber Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at the Acalanes Fellowship Lodge, #480, 925 Moraga Rd.

Ribbon Cutting for the new Storyteller Bookstore at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 9 at 3506-E Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Workshop LinkedIn 2013 at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 15 in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. For reservations, email [workshops@lafayettechamber.org](mailto:workshops@lafayettechamber.org).

Entrepreneur Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 16 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Ribbon Cutting for Rustic Tavern at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 16 at 3576 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Taste of Lafayette, the great foodies' night on Lafayette's restaurant row starts at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at the Lafayette Plaza. Tickets at [LafayetteChamber.org](http://LafayetteChamber.org).

Ribbon Cutting for Floret at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at 3581 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite C.

Coffee with the Mayor at 8 a.m. Friday, May 24 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Moraga

7th Annual Moraga Community Faire will be held Saturday, May 11 in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. This annual event is planned and organized by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce. The core of this community gathering is its businesses, coming out to meet and greet the public. (More details on the Spring Events page, B2)

Orinda

2nd Orinda Restaurant Tour Planning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at La Piazza Restaurant, 15 Moraga Way. All members are welcome.

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