

The Moraga Art Gallery presents a new group show, "Bold Statements" by local Bay Area and Lamorinda artists showing watercolors, oil painting, collage, ceramics, photography, mixed media, jewelry and glass design through October 31. The Gallery is doubly featuring the work of Angelica Samame, painter and jewelry designs by Laura Paige. Moraga Art Gallery, 570 Center St, Rheem Valley Shopping Center/next to Longs Drugs. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 pm. (925) 376-5407.

"Ten Years Together, Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Lafayette Gallery," runs through October10th. Since opening its doors to the public in 1999, the Lafayette Gallery has presented over sixty-five art exhibitions, each with a different theme. The found-

ing members envisioned a gallery that would support art and artists. The Gallery features work in oil, acrylic and watercolor painting, pastels, printmaking, mixed media, collage, sculpture, pottery, woodworking, glass and jewelry. The new show will pair recent work with earlier work by the member artists. Gallery hours: Tuesday - Saturday; 11AM to 5pm. (925) 284-2788. Lafayettegallery.net.

In a joint exhibition, the Lafayette Gallery will be honored with a show at the Orinda Library, 124 Orinda Way, Orinda, California, from Sept. 1st to 30th, 2009.

Bay Area-Based Photographer Matthew Granz' Work on Display at Fastframe of Lafayette during Sept.. His photography imparts a rare appreciation for light, space, color, filtering and staging. FASTFRAME is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd., next to Postino's. Call

Classical Music Recital, Michael Carroll, Piano-Saint Mary's College Chapel in Moraga. Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 pm.

**MUSIC** 

On Sept. 26th and 30th the Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra will open its 2009-2010 season with Music That Soup and Ellington Medley. CCCO's program also includes Prokofiev's KGO Radio personality Scott Lettieri as of Beethoven's dramatic Egmont Overture, and Paul Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice. Saturday 9/26, 7:30 p.m. Los Medanos College Recital Hall, Pittsburg, Tickets: \$5 - \$10 Wednesday, Arts, Tickets: \$15 - \$18, at the door, by phone ((925) 943-SHOW), or online at

## Not to be missed

tion: \$10. No one turned away for lack

of funds. St. Mark's United Methodist

Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA

Nicole Yazolino, a 2001 graduate of

Orinda Academy, will perform at a

recital on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 7:30

p.m. at the Veterans Hall at 3780 Mt.

Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette, Califor-

nia. The free concert, which is open to

the public, is a prelude to Yazolino's up-

coming European audition tour in

which she will be performing for agents

and opera house managers in Germany,

Austria and Switzerland. Yazolino, so-

prano, will be singing a selection of

opera arias, art songs and spirituals from

composers such as: Mozart, Verdi, Han-

del, Debussy, Donizetti, Wolf, Britten

and more. Her accompanist will be

Avedis Manoogian from Madison, Wis-

A concert of opera classics and fa-

vorites will be presented by Open

Opera on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, 4:30

at the Orinda Community Center Park -

22 Orinda Way in Orinda. Professional

and up-and-coming singers will per-

form opera classics and favorites by

Mozart, Verdi, Puccini and Bizet. Spon-

sored by The Orinda Rotary Club. AD-

MISSION: FREE! Bring the whole

family, a picnic basket full of goodies,

and folding chairs or a blanket to lie on.

THEATRE

Cal Shakes presents William Shake-

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Dream" Sept. 16-October 11 at the

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Owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for Guitarist, pianist, vocalist, composer more information, and check out Matt John Nilsen is returning to St. Mark's Granz' website at http://mattgranz.redon Friday, Sept. 18. 7 pm. Currently one of the Northwest's largest selling musical artists, John's music has a lyrical, spiritual quality, both in the religious music that he performs, as well as in his

Pablo Schurig will host an Art Show on Sep 17, 5:30pm, AMFA Gallery, 2 Theater Square Ste 130, Orinda. Enjoy a nice glass of wine at the gallery as we bring art and tennis together. Please RSVP. www.PabloFineArt.com

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the work of the internationally acclaimed wildlife artist Carl Brenders Sept. 19-27. Presented in cooperation with Pacific Wildlife Galleries of Lafayette, Brenders' work will be available for purchase, with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting Lindsay Wildlife Museum. Special Event and Reception: Sun., Sept. 27, 2 pm – 5 pm where Carl Benders will be available to sign and personalize prints, posters, and his most recent book "Pride of Peace." Reservations are required. Call or write (925) 283-5809 / dennissalvo@gmail.com to RSVP. Lindsay Wildlife Museum, 1931 First Ave., Walnut Creek. Admission to the exhibit is free with admission to the museum. For hours and directions check the museum's website at www.wildlife-museum.org or call (925) 935-1978.

Artists' Open Studio. Featuring ceramics, paintings, and photography by Pamela Fletcher and Daniel Klapprott. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 & 27 from 11:00 to 5:00 at the woodviewArts studio - 3430 Woodview Drive, Lafayette.

The Monument Crisis Center will hold its annual art show Thursday, October 8, from 5 to 8 PM in its Concord facility. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. This is your chance to view (and buy) art by local artists and help thousands of families and individuals at the same time.2350 Monument Blvd. Ste. B, (925) 825-7751, www.MonumentCrisisCenter.org.

Town Hall Theatre begins its new season with Comedic Powerhouse: YAS-MINA REZA'S 'ART' Sept. 3 -October 3. See story on page 11. For Tickets: (925) 283-1557 or online at

Tells a Story, showcasing jazz violinist Jeremy Cohen in his own electrifying compositions, Jeremy's Hot Fiddle beloved Peter and the Wolf, featuring guest narrator as well as the performance 9/30, 7:30 p.m. Lesher Center for the

able at the box office adjacent to the theater which opens half an hour before show time. Adult \$15, senior/student \$7.50. Phone: (925)254-5530. original compositions. Suggested dona-

### LECTURES AND LITERATURE

"Sex and the Prime Time Couple: It Takes Two...and Men Change Too!" Noted psychiatrist, Jeanne Leventhal Alexander, M.D. Leads the event. Discussion, hors d'oeuvres and a raffle. Thursday, Sept 17th, 6:30-8:30pm. Alta Bates Summit Women's Health Center in Lafayette, 3595 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350, in the Mercantile Building. Call (510) 869-6737 or email to carrole@sutterhealth.org to reserve your seat.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m., the Orinda Library hosts a Fireside Chat with Maestro Lawrence Kohl of the Pacific Chamber Symphony of San Francisco. Maestro Kohl, an Orinda resident, will discuss the history and background of J.S. Bach's four Orchestral Suites, which the group will be performing later in the week at the Orinda Library. Free admission and open to the public. The Orinda Library is located at 26 Orinda Way in Orinda. For more information call (925) 254-2184 or visit ccclib.org.

Tuesday, Sept. 22 "Catholicism, Buddhism and Hinduism," 10 am, St. Monica Parish Center Peace Room, 1001 Camino Pablo, Moraga. Father George Alengaden SDB, professor, Dominican School of Theology and Santa Maria Parish, will lead participants in reflections and group discussions, Sponsor, St. Monica, Moraga, Women's Faithsharing.

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The Commonwealth Club in Lafayette Presents: Kevin Starr-California's Golden Dreams. Thursday, Sept 24, 6:30 p.m. This captivating storyteller will bring an unparalleled exploration of the cultural history of California in the postwar period of the 1950s. Location: Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette. Time: 6 p.m. networking reception, 6:30 p.m. program, 7:30 p.m. book signing. Cost: \$12 members, \$18 non-members, \$7 students (with valid ID). For reservations, please visit www.commonwealthclub.org or call (415) 597-6705.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4 pm, Mark Curtis, newsman and author of "The Age of Obama", will offer a lively afternoon of timely political commentary. Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, Orinda. Questions? (925) 254-7606 or orindabooks@thegrid.net.

Wednesday, Sept. 30-2 p.m. "Women Yesterday: living in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome" SF Museums of Fine Arts docent lecture based on the King Tut exhibit currently at the De Young Museum through March 2010. Presented by the Friends of the Moraga Library. 1500 Saint Marys Rd, Moraga, (925) 376-6852.

**BOOK FAIR - Friends of the Orinda** Library - Saturday October 3 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library Plaza and upstairs hallways. This big annual sale includes quality books for all ages and interests as well as lots of bargain books. Funds raised are used for books, computers and other library materials and programs. Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda (925)254-1358.

### KIDS

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Moraga Royal for a fun time celebrating Grandparent's Day! Enjoy a Jazz Band, Pony Rides, Local Wizard of Oz actors, Snow Cones, Games, Bar-b-Que, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, and Balloon Art. Everyone Welcome & FREE. Date: Sat, Sept 19th. Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Place: Moraga Royal, 1600 Canyon Road, Moraga.

Children's Events at the Moraga Library: Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30 - Lapsit Storytime - 10am - for babies 6 to 24 months and their caregivers. Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30 - Toddler Time - 10:45am - stories, rhymes and fun for ages 2 to 3-1/2 with adult participation. Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22 & 29 - Crafty Storytime - 4 pm- stories and crafts for ages 4-7. 1500 Saint Marys Rd, Moraga, (925) 376-6852.

Need a tax deduction? Donate to the Acalanes Fall Sports Sale, to be held Oct., 3. Contact Sue Thoren at sthoren2@yahoo.com to make a donation of gently used sporting good equipment. Let us take that old tennis racquet, pair of skis, golf clubs, baseball bats, skates, etc. and give you a receipt for charitable donations. Items will help a future generation of athletes try out a new activity and all proceeds support Acalanes High School.

Please join POISE (Parents of Orinda Individuals in Special Education) for the fall kick-off meeting. Enjoy meeting other parents whose worlds are touched by special education. Listen to Lafayette author Laura Shumaker read from her book, A Regular Guy, and share her insights about raising her children and coping with differences.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 17. Time: 7pm – 9pm. Location: Orinda Books, 276 Village Square, 254-7606. FREE: please RSVP, Light refreshments will be served. Questions: Anna Tague, 254-5084, or Joni Binder, 258-9971.

Wagner Ranch Elementary School in Orinda will host their 14th annual family fundraiser, The Round Up, on Sept. 26th from 11am to 3pm. We will be having a huge water slide, inflatables, games, a New to You Book Sale, Karaoke, BBQ and more. The community is invited. \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and 3 and under is free.

## **OTHER**

On Saturday, Sept. 19th from 10am -2pm the town of Orinda will host the 5th Annual Classic Car Show. This free event, presented by Orinda Motors, continues to benefit the Seniors Around Town transportation service, an Orinda Association program. In addition to American and European classic and

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