

Not to be missed

modern exotic cars, this year's event will feature special exhibits of classic and custom motorcycles as well as vintage race cars. The Show will be held in Orinda Village at Orinda Motors, located at 63 Orinda Way.

Country Western BBQ & Dance, Sept. 19, 6-11 p.m., music provided by The California Cowboys, Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, for info. (925) 376-6850.



The 14th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in downtown Lafayette. Food, wine, microbrews, 200 arts and crafts booths, a kid zone and three live stages featuring David Martin's House Party, Evolution-The Ultimate Tribute to Journey, The Sun Kings, The Unauthorized Rolling Stones, Annie Sampson, Zoo Station, Bob Athayde, Aja Vu, The Spazmatics, Pat Nevins with Amy Gabel, Red House, Jamie O'Neal. Free parking is available at the Lafayette BART station, Black Tie Transportation and our own Lamorinda Spirit will run a free event shuttle to and from the BART parking lots.

Got e-waste? FREE to Recycle: Televisions, Monitors, Laptops, Flat Screens, Cell Phones, Ink Jet Cartridges. \$5.00 Fee to Recycle: CPU'S, Telephones, Printers, Copiers, DVD Players, Fax machines, VCR'S-stereos, Video games. Supports Rotary of Moraga. On Saturday, Sept. 19th, 9am to 4pm, Moraga Shopping Center. If you are in need of a pickup of E-Waste for your office please contact us. One day only rain or shine. For more information call: C&T RECYCLING (510) 590-7510.



The 11th Annual Moraga Pear Festival will be held on Sept. 26at the Moraga Commons from 10am to 4pm. The day will include activities for all ages. At 9:30, a ceremonial tree will be planted to commemorate Arbor Day. Morning entertainment will include the "Supersonics" from Campolindo H/S, finalists from the Orinda Idol competition, the Willow Springs Church Rock Band and Spookie Flowers. The Desert Moon Band will perform from 1-4. Enjoy the pear pies, inflatable jumpies, art and wine tasting.

Smithsonian Museum Day- Saturday, Sept. 26 (10am-10pm). Free admission to Chabot, presented by Smithsonian Magazine. Visit

www.smithsonian.com/museumday to download your Museum Day Admission Card. Attendees must present the Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry.

Drop By and Share a Pint. Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, working with the American Red Cross, is sponsoring a blood drive to help save lives in our local communities. Saturday, Sept. 26, at MVPC, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. It's a chance to be a hero, and to give someone another birthday. Sign up online at helpsavealife.org (Sponsor Code: Moraga925) or call Les Deane at 283-5648.

Orinda's Restaurant Tour will be on Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets should be purchased in advance for \$30.00 per person; tickets at the door will cost \$35.00. Tickets Available: First Republic Bank Orinda (next to Loards Ice Cream), Orinda Chamber Office (under the Orinda Library) or online: www.orindachamber.org. See story on page 8.

Mount Diablo Challenge - Sunday October 4, 2009 - a 10.8 mile timed bike ride, starting at Athenian School in Danville and climbing up Southgate Road 3,249 feet to the summit of Mount Diablo. 1,000 cycling enthusiasts compete and prizes are awarded for several categories in a ceremony at the summit with food and beverages for all. All proceeds benefit Save Mount Diablo's land conservation efforts. Registration cost is \$55.00. To register please visit www.savemountdiablo.org or www.active.com. No Day-of registration.

On Friday, October 2, 2009 The Suburban Women's Club of Lafayette is sponsoring a 'Day at the Races' at Golden Gate Fields. Start checking the racing pages now and by October 2 you will be ready for a fun-filled day. The gates open at 9:00am; races begin at 11:00am. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased by Sept. 17. Tickets include admission, parking and a buffet lunch. Proceeds from this event go to charity. For tickets and more information, call Dorothy Stuckert at 925 287 9322. We hope to see you there!

McDonnell Nursery is offering an Aesthetic Pruning workshop on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00. This workshop will cover pruning techniques for various plants with a focus on Japanese Maples. There is no charge for this workshop. McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. Please call or email to reserve a seat: (925) 254-3713 or www.mcdonnellnursery.com.

Lamorinda Wildfire Forum, Wednesday October 7th, 2009 at 7pm, Orinda Library Auditorium. This meeting will be geared for Lamorinda residents who live in areas where wildfire could spread very quickly and where evacuation routes are limited. We will discuss ways families can decrease potential fire intensity and rate of spread, ways of preparing for evacuation as well as things neighborhoods can do together to achieve these goals. There will be ample time for discussion.

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District would like to invite you to attend our Open House event on Saturday, October 10th, from 10am - 3pm, at Station 41 - 1280 Moraga Way. Join us in recognizing Fire Prevention Week. Pick-up information, watch the live demonstrations, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, and talk with the firefighters about how to keep your family safe. Take a look at the emergency vehicles, firefighting and EMS equipment used to protect the citizens of Moraga and Orinda. We're having a carved pumpkin contest too! Bring in a carved pumpkin (no carving onsite) to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the scariest, funniest, and most original looking pumpkins.

Oktoberfest: Sunday October 11 - 2-6pm at The Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Featuring family fun, live music, Bavarian dancers, waltzing, games, and European food and drink.

St. John's Orthodox Church of Orinda is having its Annual Middle Eastern Festival on October 10th and 11th! There will be wonderful ethnic foods, cultural exhibits, folk dancing and music and a variety of booths to shop at, not to mention activities for children including a bounce house! St. John Orthodox Church, 501 Moraga Way, Orinda. (925) 258-4255.

POLITICS

"Pray the Devil Back to Hell", a story of sacrifice, unity and transcendence that honors the strength and perseverance of the women of Liberia will be presented on Monday, Sept. 21, 7:00pm at Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. Inspiring, uplifting, and above all motivating, it is a compelling testimony of how grassroots activism can alter the history of nations. Suggested donation: \$7 to cover the cost of the film.

An Insider's take on U.S. Intelligence Agencies: The World Affairs Council proudly presents Paul Clarke, Retired US Air Force Intelligence Officer at the Lafayette Library, Sept. 24 at 7:00pm. Free admission. Dr. Clarke will analyze the organization and functions of US intelligence agencies and address the many myths and misperceptions which color our understanding of the US intelligence process. For more information, call (415) 293-4600 (World Affairs Council) or (925) 283-3872 (Lafayette Library) or go to ccclib.org or itsyourworld.org.

CLUBS

Join Us in Improving Children's Literacy in Contra Costa County through the Buena Vista Tutorial Program. This is an early-intervention literacy tutorial program that has helped over 2,750 elementary school children in Contra Costa County improve their reading skills in a private, differentiated learning environment. If you are interested in becoming a member, please attend our New Member Orientation Sept. 22 at 7pm at 2711 Buena Vista Avenue, Walnut Creek. For more information, please visit the Buena Vista Auxiliary section of the website www.diablovalley.assistanceleague.org or email our new member team, Kristi Ives and Cindy Clark at kkives@comcast.net. We hope to meet you soon.

Good Friends. Good Fun. Good Deeds. Sound interesting to you? Then the Moraga Junior Women's Club wants you! MJWC is a non-profit organization of women committed to volunteering in our local community and raising funds for local charitable organizations. We are currently assembling this year's list of prospective members, and would love to include you. For more information visit www.moragajuniors.org and look for the "Join Us!" link.

Big Band Ball Room Dance (again!)



Listen, watch and dance to the sound of The Big Band of Rossmoor

Friday, October 2nd, at the Art Deco Rheem Theatre in Moraga.

Doors open at 7:00 pm and the dance runs from 7:30pm through 10:00pm.

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