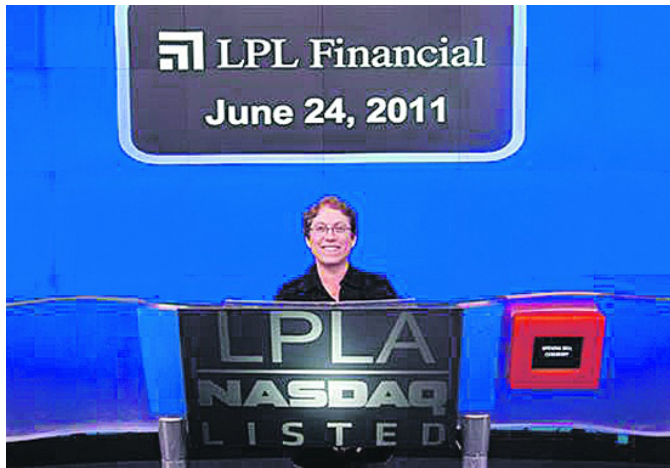


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Lynn in the Big Apple

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Lamorinda Weekly's own financial columnist Lynn Ballou EA, CFP(r) and Principal of Ballou Plum Wealth Advisors in Lafayette attended the NASDAQ Opening Bell Ringing Ceremony on June 24. This special event was hosted by LPL Financial to celebrate the achievements of their top advisors. "I was invited by LPL Financial's top management to join them for the opening bell in New York City. I'd love to play it cool and say hey-it was no big thing-but it was definitely a huge thrill for me!" said Ballou.

Lynn Ballou at the NASDAQ

Emily Bach Part of the Top 100 Women Financial Advisors

Morgan Stanley

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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney announced today that Emily Bach, a Financial Advisor in the firm's Orinda office, has been named to Barron's annual list of America's Top 100 Women Financial Advisors, a select group of individuals who are screened on a number of criteria. Among factors the survey takes into consideration are assets under management, revenue produced for the firm and quality of service provided to clients. Investment performance is not an explicit criterion. To read the full article, go to <http://online.barrons.com/report/top-financial-advisors/women>.

Farmyard Darlings

Feature Sita Rupe

Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden

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Farmyard Darlings regularly display their one-of-a-kind vintage collectibles at Mt. Diablo Nursery & Garden, in Harry's House, at the end of the garden. Their next reception will be on Friday, July 16th from 5-8. In addition to their collectibles and furniture they will feature local artist Sita Rupe. "We specifically selected Sita Rupe because she was able to custom make silkscreen paintings based on some of Farmyard Darlings inventory of horse shoes, cowboy/cowgirl silhouettes and our vintage '51 and '53 trucks," said 'Darling' Carole Sinclair. Kim Berry, the other Darling, added that another reason Rupe was invited was because her artwork is reasonably priced for the beginning art collector and beyond. "When I saw Farmyard Darlings' loot I felt like I was home," commented Rupe, "I love all of their items. They both have an exceptional artistic eye and a unique knack of repurposing items that many people may not have seen as gems. It's been a pleasure working with them!"

Mount Diablo Business Women: Ditch Your Diet!

The Mount Diablo Business Women's next meeting is on July 14, from 5:45-8:30pm at the Lafayette Park Hotel. The guest speaker will be Kelly Cornell, who will speak on the topic: Ditch Your Diet and Drop the Weight for Good. In her presentation she will show

why diets do not work and can cause you more harm than good, and will also advise what to do instead. Mount Diablo Business Women is a business networking group open to business women seeking to enhance and grow their businesses. Guests are welcome to attend. More info at: <http://www.mt Diablo Business Women.org>. Reservations due by noon on July 11.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Joint "Cinco" Mixer with the Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda, Walnut Creek & Hispanic Chambers on July 13 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette.



Farmyard Darlings, Carole Sinclair (left) and Kim Berry (right) Photo provided

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