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#### LECTURE & LITERATURE



The Saint Mary's College of California Creative Writing Reading Series welcomes poet and filmmaker Shane Book at 7:30pm, Wednesday, March 14 in the Soda Center. Book's first collection, Ceiling of Sticks, won the Prairie Schooner Book Prize, and his short film Dust was nominated for Best Narrative at the 2011 Diamond Screen Film Festival. A Craft Conversation with Shane Book will be held earlier in the day at 2:30 p.m. in Hagerty Lounge. All Readings and Craft Conversations are free and open to the public.

Friends of Orinda Library Book Sale, 10am-1pm, Thursday, April 5, Sorting Room and Book Shop (Book Shop is open until 6 p.m.). Books for all interests and ages. Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda; (925) 254-1358.

John Gray: Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, 20 Years Later, 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 9, Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. In his most recent book, Venus on Fire, Mars on Ice, Gray again tackles intimate subject matter with an inside look at the connections between hormone levels and happiness. The program is presented by the Commonwealth Club of California. Time: 5:45 p.m. check-in, 6:30pm program. Cost: \$22 standard, \$12 members.

www.commonwealthclub.org/events.

**Emeritus College 2012 Distin**guished Lecture Series presents Dr. Joel Parrott, "Past, Present and Future of The Oakland Zoo," 3-5pm, Friday, April 13, Diablo Valley College Forum. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 children). Dr. Parrott will highlight the Zoo's new animals, the often difficult and humorous events involved in the transportation, relocation and care of exotic animals, and the extensive conservation efforts at the Oakland Zoo. The Zoo is home to 660 native and exotic animals.

### KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS

The Hunger Games: On Thursday, March 22, from 6:30-8pm the Lafayette Library and Learning Center will host an exciting series of Hunger Games to celebrate the movie release the following day. Suzanne Collins' trilogy of books, "The Hunger Games," "Catching Fire," and "Mockingjay," has been Freecycle for Children's good wildly popular with young and adult readers alike. Students, fifthgrade and up, are invited to participate and "Tributes" are encouraged to come in costume. For more information, call (925) 385-2280 or visit the website at www.ccclib.org. Free.

Need Money for College? 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. Further information and applications may be found online at

www.ccarscholarship.com. Deadline is April 15.

Orinda Idol audition registration runs from April 1-30. Orinda Idol is a singing competition open to young people who either attend school or reside in Orinda, Moraga or Lafayette. The objective of Orinda Idol is to provide an avenue for young people to pursue their love for singing, to bring joy to the community and to have fun. For more information, visit 2010 and has been featured on www.orindaartscouncil.org.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL **AUDITIONS** 

Ages 7 - 15 courtney@wctheatreco.com

#### **OTHER**

Rebecca Martin, founder and CEO of California-based dear jane Inc., a career services company, will present two more workshops at the Moraga Library to help participants navigate through career transitions and development: Salary and Negotiations (March 16) and Insider Tips on finding a job in 2012 (March 23). The workshop series is free and open to the public. Preregistration is not required. Contact the library for more information, (925) 376-6852, ext 200 or e-mail bgirshma@ccclib.org.

place throughout the month of deners in Contra Costa County.

Acalanes High School will have nual Bringing Back the Natives a free e-waste drop off, 9am-5pm, March 17-18. All proceeds go to the school. For questions or help is now open. Volunteers are with large items you can call the needed. Please register or volunsponsor: Fire House Hauling at teer at www.bringingbackthen-855-HAUL-911 or (925) 348-

quality apparel, 9am - 12:15pm, Thursday, March 22, Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga (up the first staircase off of the parking

Walk to benefit George Mark Children's House, 10:30am-3pm, Sunday, March 25 at the Lafayette Reservoir. The walk is in honor of Noah, who was 4 ½ months old when he passed away from complications of a rare liver disease. The George Mark Children's House is an amazing facility devoted to providing compassionate, comprehensive, and life-affirming care to children with life-limiting illnesses. Registration available online at

www.fiercelittlewarrior.com.

#### **GARDEN**

On Friday, March 16 the Montelindo Garden Club will feature speaker Jill Appenzeller, an avid gardener and landscape designer. Ms. Appenzeller is a member of numerous garden-related organizations which include the American Society of Landscape Architects and the Royal Horticultural Society. Ms. Appenzeller published "Postcards from the Hedge" in HGTV's "Curb Appeal." The 10:30am lecture is preceded by a plant sale and social hour at 9am at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Free. The public is cordially welcome.

Organic Vegetable Gardening Workshop, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 24, at McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. To reserve a seat please call (925) 254-3713 or e-mail info@mcdonnellnursery.com.

Over 3000 heirloom tomato plants will be on sale at the Contra Costa Master Gardeners First Annual Great Tomato Plant Sale, "Heirlooms of the World," 10am-3pm, April 4 -6 at Our Garden (adjacent to the Contra Costa Times parking lot) 2640 Shadelands Dr. (off of Ygnacio Valley Rd.), Walnut Creek. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer customers ad-In honor of Girl Scouts' 100th vice on how to grow the tomatoes! Anniversary, there are displays at Each 4-inch tomato plant will cost both the Moraga and Orinda Li- \$2. The proceeds from this sale braries chronicling the history of will help the Contra Costa Master Girl Scouts nationally as well as Gardeners continue their educalocally. The displays will be in tional outreach to the home gar-

> Registration for the Eighth An-Garden Tour, which will take place from 10am-5pm, Sunday, May 6, atives.net/.

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#### QUEEN'S SLUMBER PARTY

Friday, March 16, 9:00 PM **Rheem Theatre** 

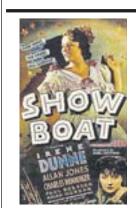
Kingdom of Spiders **Starring William Shatner** 

# CLASSIC FILM SERIES

Saturday, March 17, 7:00PM **Orinda Theatre** 

Raiders of the Lost Ark





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Wednesday, March 21, 4PM **Rheem Theatre** 

## **Show Boat**

Original 1939 classic with Irene Dunn



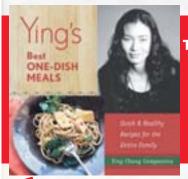
Check www.lamorindatheatres.com for all movie listings

# LOCAL GOES GLOBAL: PARTY FOR GOOD

Asian Secrets to Ageless Living: A Writer's Journey From 2 Worlds

Friday, March 30th • 6:30pm Dinner & 7pm program Lafayette Library and Learning Center

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