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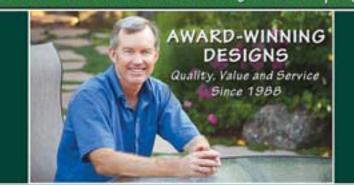






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Community Service

We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions can be sent to storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com with the subject header In Service to the Community.

From Parking Lot to Garden Plot

Submitted by Janet Thomas



Community Garden on Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Photo Andy Scheck

✓ Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center, located across from the Lafayette able to share excess with local 50 to 70 families. Membership ap-Reservoir entrance, has become an attractive, thriving space. From April to November 2012, 50 inaugural member families, along with Boy and Girl Scouts, a church group and other volunteers, enjoyed a sense of camaraderie as they built a greenhouse, shed and garden beds from a variety of recycled materi-

A number of different crops were grown and shared during the season. A series of educational workshops, open to the public, was successful in bringing information about gardening and natural history of the area to those who attended. The Earth Day Open House and Fall Harvest Festival were both fun community events.

A special aspect of the garden and learning center site is that it sits along the Lafayette Creek and is graced by a number of native riparian plants. These plants are highlighted in a natural riparian oak garden and along a short nature trail, which will be accessible duragencies that serve the needy.

under the direction of a garden on the application by Feb. 28.

ess than a year old, the ing open hours beginning in March. manager and committee leaders. Also, in 2013, garden members Beginning this March, the garden hope to grow enough food to be will expand its membership from plication forms can be downloaded The garden is sustained on a from the garden website at day to day basis by a cooperative www.lafayettecommunitygarden.or community of members who work g and are due at the address listed

Upcoming Lafayette Community Garden and Outdoor Learning Center Activities

Community members are encouraged to visit the garden site and participate in community activities. During February, the garden is open each Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and starting in March, will be open most days. The open hours are listed on the bulletin board outside of the garden entrance.

During the 2013 season, monthly workshops and intergenerational activities will be held at the garden's outdoor learning center including:

Feb. 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. – Building Healthy Soil March 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. – Doing Your Own Plant Propagation April 13 from 10 to 11:30 p.m. - Irrigation and New Norms for California Landscape

May 11 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. – Creating and Enjoying a Butterfly Garden

To register for these classes, visit: www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org. If you have any questions about the garden, you can call Janet at (925) 946-0563.

Scouts Spearhead Trash Collection

Submitted by Julie Cimino



Photo Julie Cimino

Scouts from Pack 220 at trash spears and picking up trash (and a Girl Scout) spent the after- for families to celebrate Lafayette Tsuyuki. noon doing "A Good Turn" for School's Annual International

fourth-grade Cub their school by learning to whittle Night Jan. 31. Scouts from left: Callan Cimino, Henry Rogers, Lafayette Elementary School all around the school just in time Laura Bea, Ryan Bea and Declan

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