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## Orinda Honors Its Own at Festive Awards Dinner in March

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

On March 11, the Orinda Community Foundation (OCF) and The Orinda Association (OA) sponsored a gala awards dinner at the Orinda Country Club to honor Janet Riley as Orinda's Citizen of the Year and James Phillip Wright as the 2017 William Penn Mott, Jr. Environmental Award winner.



SALLY HOGARTY

Wm. Penn Mott Jr., Environmental Award Winner **James Wright** is awarded a proclamation by District II Supervisor **Candace Andersen**.

A capacity crowd welcomed the honorees, which also included special recognition awards for long-time volunteers Jim Luini and Carol Penskar.

Sponsored by the OCF, the Citizen of the Year Award was given to Riley in recognition of her 28-plus years of volunteer work in Orinda. Riley spent 10 years working with Orinda schools in many capacities as well as president of the Educational Foundation of Orinda. She is also active with Santa Maria Church, where she has been working with Catholic Charities and various other organizations to sponsor and support a family that

was relocated from Burma to the United States, and with the Orinda Garden Club. Currently, Riley is busy as the co-chair of the Flower Show in San Francisco, which takes place April 28-29 at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. Over 600 members of 200 clubs affiliated with The Garden Club of America (GCA) are expected to attend.

Wright, an architect specializing in solar, was honored with the William Penn Mott, Jr. Environmental Award by The Orinda Association for his work on restoring and renovating the Old Yellow House at 209 Orinda Way. Built in 1890, the house is now a learning center for geo-solar passive houses.

"I love the Mott award," said California State Assembly member Catharine Baker. "It is a one of its kind." Orinda City Councilmember Inga Miller added, "This is such important work that we can all learn from."

Wright is currently working with the City of Orinda to get the Old Yellow House designated as a museum and cultural center. "It is truly a learning center that promotes sustainable stewardship of the Earth," said Wright.



SALLY HOGARTY

Citizen of the Year **Janet Riley** (L) and City Councilmember **Inga Miller** at the recent awards gala.



VALERIE COLBUR

The bathrooms in the **Orinda Community Center Park** are scheduled to be remodeled. Moving them and the adjacent concession stand to a new location caused controversy at a recent City Council meeting.

## New Plan for Orinda Community Center Park Re-Visited

By VALERIE COLBUR and  
SALLY HOGARTY  
Staff Writers

The Parks and Recreation Department unveiled renovation plans for the Orinda Community Center Park at the March 6 City Council meeting. Given the number of residents questioning those plans, the department will be making a number of revisions and resubmitting to the City Council.

Originally proposed in April 2013, Capital Improvement Project #4112 initially encompassed improving the Orinda Community Park restrooms and rehabilitating the existing park gazebo. As staff prepared the scope of the project, it became apparent

that several other amenities in the park were at, or nearing, the end of their useful life. These include play structures, pathways and picnic areas.

In June 2016, the City of Orinda executed a contract with Callander Associates Landscape Architecture, Inc., for the purpose of design and development of an overall master plan for Orinda Community Park. Callandar conducted three public meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission, including one with the Parks and Recreation Foundation and produced several revisions of the draft master plan. At the time, the estimated construction costs were approximately \$2.6 million.

The proposed park design includes four [SEE PARK page 4]

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SALLY HOGARTY

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### Orinda Association Volunteer Fair

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April's Dog of the Month

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As you can see he also likes to splash around in the pool!



RAY MEYER

# Gallery: 12th Arts Ambassadors Exhibit for Lamorinda

By ELANA O'LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

The Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO), Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE) and the Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC) are proud to present artwork, music and choral performances of talented K-12 students from all communities in Lamorinda from March 27 through April 30 in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library. Artwork from Orinda students is on display from March 27 through April 15. Artwork from Lafayette and Moraga students is on display from April 16 to April 30.

For the first time, the Arts Ambassadors' exhibit showcases student art in two segments because of the volume of work – 400 total artworks. There are two Arts Ambassadors receptions at the gallery to match the exhibit dates the artwork is be-

ing displayed. The first, "Celebration of the Arts Reception," is sponsored by the EFO for Orinda students on April 12 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The second reception is on April 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. for Lafayette and Moraga students.

About 200 pieces of artwork from Orinda K-12 schools are on exhibit from March 27 through April 15. The show was curated by all Orinda Union School District (OUSD) art teachers in collaboration with the EFO. Benedicte Streubel, EFO vice president of events, Lori Brook, EFO visual and performing arts coordinator from Miramonte, and David Wilson of Wagner Ranch and Del Rey were the main organizers. The exhibit includes artwork from every Orinda Union School District art studio (grades 1-8) and some from Miramonte High School students as well. The Orinda

[SEE GALLERY page 7]

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THE ORINDA ASSOCIATION

A Message From the OA President  
Keep Orinda Beautiful



Cindy Powell

Some “bunny” is going to get fooled on April 1 with the two special days, Easter and April Fool’s Day, crossing paths.

Head to the **Farmers Market** on Saturday. You may be first in line because **Spring Break** for our school districts is the first week of April, and Orinda might be very quiet with families gone to the snow or sun.

On April 6, begin the day with **Walk to Work Day** or take a walk another time during this day. Add a 30-minute walk to your daily routine and significantly improve your overall health. End the day with the **Rotary/Chamber Trivia Bee**. Teams of six get dinner and the chance to win \$500 for the non-profit of their choice. Orinda Chamber can set up your group or help get a group together if you don’t have a full team. Register online at [Orindachamber.org](http://Orindachamber.org).

Do you feel lucky? It’s **Friday the 13th**. Not the movie – just that the 13th falls on a Friday in April.

Followed by the April 14 **Miramonte Junior Prom**. It’s all about the dress.

April 16 is **Stress Awareness Day**. It was established so that you would not only be aware of stress but also learn how to cope with life’s trying events and people. Fitting, since there’s a chance you might be doing last minute tax prep that day. Why is the deadline for filing your 2017 return on Tuesday, April 17? Because April 15 is a Sunday and Washington D.C. has a holiday on Monday when the District celebrates Emancipation Day (Lincoln’s freeing of the slaves in 1862). So, **Tax Day** is on Tuesday.

Keep Orinda beautiful by helping out at **Orinda Action Day** on April 21, sponsored by the Orinda Community Foundation. There’s something for everyone, so find

a project and join the fun. At the same event, The Orinda Association will set up the **Volunteer Fair** in the Library Plaza. Come and say “hello” and take note of all the non-profits and volunteer groups available in your town. Go to our website and get more info.

Celebrate **Earth Day** on April 22 with honey bees, baby goats and turtles at the Wagner Ranch Nature Area’s (WRNA) [SEE PRESIDENT page 7]

The Orinda Association

The Orinda Association is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to:

- Maintaining and improving the quality of life in Orinda;
- Promoting awareness and discussion of issues that are important to the community;
- Encouraging and recognizing volunteer efforts to enhance the beauty, character and security of Orinda.

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Orindans Receive Volunteer Awards



SALLY HOGARTY

Carol Penskar (2nd from left), shown with her family at the March 11 awards’ ceremony, and Jim Luini (far right), shown with his wife Linda and OA Board Member Bill Waterman, each received special recognition awards for their long-time volunteer service in Orinda.

Elva Celebrates 100 Years Young!

Congratulations to **Elva Linnea Rust** on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born April 1, 1918, in San Francisco, Elva has made Orinda her home for many years. Her daughter Barbara teaches Zumba at the Orinda Community Center. Elva still lives in her home in Sleepy Hollow and has been a member of the Orinda Association’s Seniors Around Town transportation program since 2012.

Happy Birthday!



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# Letters to the Editor . . .

## Orinda City Council Does Some Excellent Work

Congratulations to the Orinda City Council – including its Mayor and City Councilmember Amy Worth – for opposing a State Senate bill that would, if enacted, forever change the look of Orinda.

On Feb. 23, 2018, Ms. Worth sent a letter to State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), who is sponsoring Senate Bill 827 (SB 827), which, according to Mayor Worth's letter, "... would exempt certain housing projects from locally developed and adopted height limitations, densities, parking requirements and design review standards."

Ms. Worth's letter follows the fine tradition established by former Mayor and City Councilmember Eve Phillips, who on August 18, 2017, wrote a letter to members of the state legislature. Ms. Phillips' letter opposed Senate Bill 35 (of 2017) – legislation, that at the time the letter was written, would have interfered with Orinda's land-use policies. Supporting Ms. Phillips letter were Councilmembers Worth, Inga Miller, Dean Orr and Darlene Gee.

SB 827 (of 2018) is a State of California land grab that would give the state control over a local community's land within one-quarter mile of a frequently-used bus route and one-half mile from a railroad station

(like a BART station). The land could be used to construct buildings as high as 85 feet.

SB 827 would apply to virtually all California cities, not just Orinda.

In her letter, Mayor Worth said, "The City of Orinda prides itself on an open, transparent and thorough review process for new development projects . . ."

For too many years, the state, like an imperialist power, has told local communities how to use their land.

Orindans must be constantly vigilant, making sure that Orinda is not a colony of Sacramento or anywhere else.

– Richard S. Colman

## Love Orinda Library

I love our library, rain or shine! It's filled with books, magazines and other periodicals I enjoy perusing in a cozy window seat with the sun streaming in or in a comfy chair by the fireplace. Being able to reserve and check out books that I have heard or read reviews about benefits my pocketbook considerably. I'm so glad this wonderful resource is open for all seven days a week and want to make sure it continues to maintain its current hours. Please join me by voting Yes on the library parcel tax in June.

– Linda Luini

## ◆ PARK from page 1

different options, each with slight modifications: the location of the bandstand; the alignment of the pathway and bio swale (lawn area) south of the tennis courts; the park entry from Orinda Way; and seating at the bocce courts.

Funding for the design and construction of the project has not been secured. Following adoption of the Master Plan, different funding sources will be sought and may include such avenues as local foundations, park bonds and/or private donors.

Fourteen residents spoke at the March 6 City Council meeting about the proposed master plan. "There is a glaring omission in the architectural designs presented tonight: Lack of the historical knowledge and culture of the park," said speaker Steve Anderson.

Past mayor Laura Abrams added, "I'm proud to say I am a 45-year resident of the community. As an elected official, I always believe your first responsibility when you are sitting up on the dais is to do no harm. I am enthusiastic about the challenging task ahead of you to revitalize the park, but I would encourage you to recognize the value of the current uses and, frankly, plead with you not to disenfranchise some of the current folks using the facilities."

The master plan presented includes removing the existing bathrooms and box office/concession building used by the

Orinda Starlight Village Players (OrSVP) adjacent to the park amphitheater. OrSVP (www.orsvp.org) has presented live theater in the amphitheater for the past 35 years.

OrSVP patrons and Orinda residents Joan and John Cahill felt building new restrooms in a different location away from the outdoor amphitheater would be a hardship for patrons. "I'm all for improving the restrooms, but if we take away the bathroom from the performance area, and the kiosk for tickets and treats, we will take away our ability to enjoy the performances," said Joan Cahill.

Several other speakers noted the many contributions OrSVP has made to the community over the years through its performances in the park, its willingness to perform at a variety of community fundraisers and its policy of supporting local restaurants by offering discounts on admission to patrons who dine locally prior to a performance as well as free tickets to residents at Orinda Senior Village.

The replacement of the multi-sport court next to the tennis courts with a bocce ball court also produced a negative reaction from those in attendance at the March 6 meeting. Laura Abrams, tennis coach Drew Dietenbach and Todd Nyman explained how important and frequently used the multi-sport court is.

"A better location for bocce ball might be at Orinda Oaks Park where there is nothing happening," Abrams said. "I just



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don't think this is detailed enough and thought out enough for you [City Council] to be able to vote to approve this plan."

Eric Buffington, who lives in Orinda Senior Village, expressed concerns that access to the park from Orinda Senior Village would be removed or adversely affected by some of the proposed features.

Director of Parks and Recreation Department Todd Trimble noted that the public meetings on the project were sparsely attended. City manager Steve Salomon added, "We need to go back and work with the user groups. It doesn't make any

difference how well or whatever the communication has been; it's clear it wasn't good enough."

Trimble agreed: "I'm all for more work being done because clearly there are a bunch of holes that need to be filled. I think some of the disparate parts can be addressed pretty quickly and get a cohesive plan back together. I think everyone is for the general improvement of the park but still wants to make sure our user groups' [needs] are being met."

No timeline was given for when this project would return to the City Council agenda.

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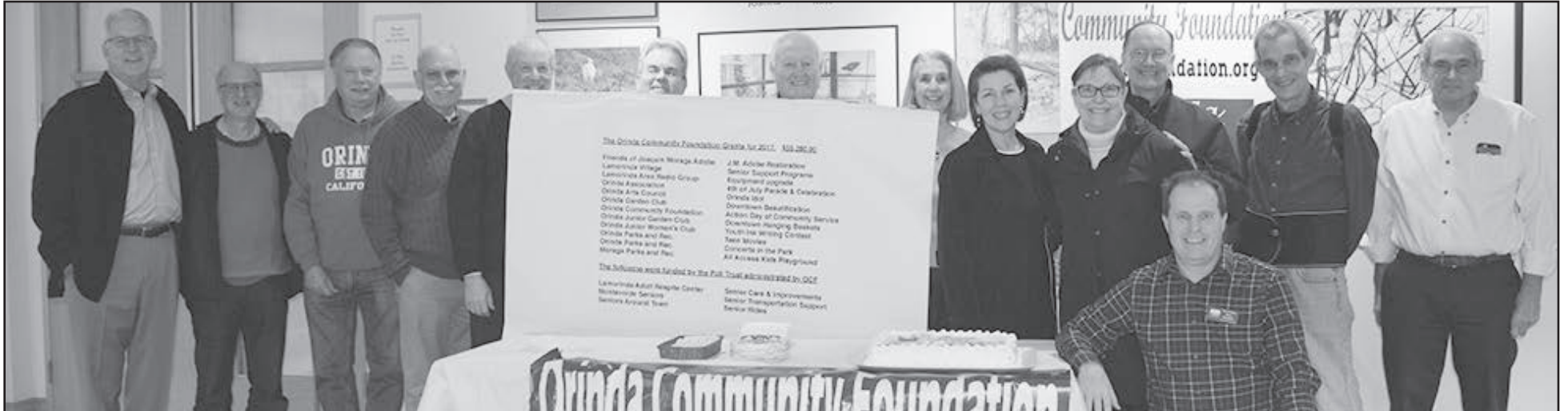
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ORINDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION / POLICE

# Orinda Community Foundation Celebrates 8th Anniversary



VALERIE COLBUR

Orinda Community board members and grant recipients met on Feb. 22 to celebrate the organization's eighth birthday.

## POLICE BLOTTER

January 28 2017 through March 10, 2018

**Calls for Service**

911 Hangup: 15 incidents.  
 Accident Injury: 3 incidents.  
 Accident Property: 8 incidents.  
 Alarm, False: 180 incidents.  
 Barking Dog: 4 incidents.  
 Burglary, Auto: 5 incidents.  
 Burglary, Residential: 3 incidents.  
 Civil Matter: 7 incidents.  
 Court: 3 incidents.  
 CVC Moving Violation: 260 incidents.  
 CVC Non-Moving Violation: 117 incidents.  
 Death Non Criminal: 1 incident.  
 Disturbing the Peace: 1 incident.  
 Drunk in Public: 1 incident.  
 Fireworks: 1 incident.  
 Found Property: 2 incidents.  
 Forgery: 1 incident.  
 Fraud, Credit Card: 1 incident.  
 Grand Theft: 2 incidents.  
 Grand Theft from Vehicle: 1 incident.  
 Hailed by Citizen: 1 incident.  
 Harassment: 1 incident.  
 Hit & Run Misdemeanor: 5 incidents.  
 Identity Theft: 6 incidents.  
 Juvenile Disturbance: 5 incidents.  
 Lost Property: 2 incidents.  
 Loud Noise: 2 incidents.  
 Loud Party: 4 incidents.  
 Medical Hospital: 7 incidents.  
 Motorist Assist: 8 incidents.  
 Occupied Stalled Vehicle: 5 incidents.  
 Ordinance Violation: 19 incidents.  
 Outside Assist: 38 incidents.  
 Panhandling: 1 incident.  
 Parking Detail: 259 incidents.  
 Patrol Request: 99 incidents.  
 Petty Theft: 2 incidents.  
 Phone, Harass: 1 incident.  
 Public Assembly Check: 7 incidents.  
 Public Nuisance: 10 incidents.

Reckless Driving: 23 incidents.  
 Run Away Juvenile: 1 incident.  
 School Check: 19 incidents.  
 Security Check: 118 incidents.  
 Service to Citizen: 174 incidents.  
 Shoplift: 1 incident.  
 Shots Heard: 1 incident.  
 Suspicious Circumstances: 18 incidents.  
 Suspicious Person Stop: 25 incidents.  
 Suspicious Subject: 17 incidents.  
 Suspicious Vehicle: 14 incidents.  
 Suspicious Vehicle Stop: 25 incidents.  
 Theft from Building: 1 incident.  
 Tow: 13 incidents.  
 Traffic Collision/Property Damage: 3 incidents.  
 Traffic Hazard: 12 incidents.  
 Trespass: 3 incidents.  
 Vacation House Check: 55 incidents.  
 Vandalism: 4 incidents.  
 Vehicle Theft: 4 incidents.  
 Verbal Dispute: 3 incidents.  
 Violation Custody Order: 1 incident.  
 Welfare Check: 19 incidents.

**Arrest**

Drunk in Public: 1 arrest.  
 Possession of Controlled Substance: 1 arrest.  
 Revoked License: 1 arrest.  
 Violation of Court Order: 1 arrest.  
 Warrant Arrest: 5 arrests.

**BART Statistics**

Brandishing a Weapon: 1 incident.  
 Warrant Arrest: 1 arrest.

– Compiled by David Dierks  
Assistant Editor

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Cold and rainy weather may have forced the celebration inside but that didn't dampen the fun for the Orinda Community Foundation and its grantees who celebrated inside the Library Gallery with a festive cake.

The organization is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Orinda by encouraging philanthropy, building partnerships and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts.

This year the group gave out grants totaling \$55,280, which included a generous grant from the Ernest and Lola Poll Foundation that OCF administers.

This year's recipients are:

- Friends of Joaquin Moraga Adobe for J.M. Adobe Restoration
- Lamorinda Village for Senior Support Programs
- Lamorinda Adult Respite Ctr. (Poll Trust) for Senior Care & Improvements
- Lamorinda Area Radio Group for System Upgrades
- Lamorinda Arts Council for Lamorinda Idol
- Orinda Association for Fourth of July Parade & Celebration
- Orinda Garden Club for Downtown Beautification
- Orinda Community Foundation for Action Day of Community Service
- Orinda Junior Garden Club for Downtown Hanging Baskets
- Orinda Junior Women's Club for Youth Ink Writing Contest
- Orinda Parks and Rec. for Teen Movies and Concerts in the Park
- Monteverde Seniors (Poll Trust) for Senior Transportation Support
- Moraga Parks and Rec. for All Access Kids Playground
- Seniors Around Town (Poll Trust) for Senior Rides Program

– Sally Hogarty, Editor

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By JOHN VANEK

We receive many phone calls inquiring about the cost of a brake job. The price of a brake job varies depending on what type brake service your vehicle requires. We really don't know what kind of brake job you need until a complete inspection can be performed which makes price shopping for a brake job tricky.

What you need to do is shop for a good repair shop that is trustworthy and is known for using quality parts. Often the phone quote that is much less expensive than the other quotes is the one that is using sub-standard parts. The overseas brake parts that are available do not offer the same quality or the same results, but they cost much less.

The friction material is crucial for many reasons including brake noise, pedal vibration and longevity. It is especially crucial on European vehicles. We usually select brake components that are original equipment or equal. This means they offer the similar friction material even though they don't come in the factory box. The raw materials from some countries do not equal what came on the vehicle. This is why we call these type of brake jobs sub-standard. The process is also very important when performing a brake job. The parts must be properly disassembled, cleaned and lubricated. Failing to take the time to perform a proper brake job will affect the long-term outcome.

How you drive and where you drive makes a difference about how long brakes last. Here in Orinda and other parts of Lamorinda, the majority of the homes are

located in the hills. Some of my customers need to apply the brakes as soon as they leave their driveway. If you drive down a long hill every day, it is okay to shift your transmission down a gear. If it is a steep hill, it is okay for most vehicles with automatic transmissions to select "2" on your shifter. This will allow you to use the vehicle's engine speed to help slow the vehicle. Some folks make a lot of short trips that will increase brake wear. We also need to remember that having your foot covering the brake pedal is actually applying the brakes, if only slightly. We call this "riding the brakes."

As your vehicle gains miles, other components become worn and will affect the brake wear. When the struts or shocks on your vehicle start to lose their dampening, it will literally take longer to stop versus the car that has new struts/shocks. This extra stopping time will heat up the brakes, thereby reducing effectiveness and warping the brake components. Warped brakes will cause a shudder sensation under braking. Most vehicles will realize the effects of worn struts/shock close to the 100,000 mile marker. Since most vehicles will last over 100,000 miles, the investment is often warranted.

When picking a shop to perform a brake job, it is always best to pick a place that you trust and know for its quality. Like I always say, the key to having a good auto repair experience is picking a good facility.

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This exotic floral arrangement designed by **Gail Emmons** was on display at a recent floral design exhibit. Her two-sided design, titled "Double Your Pleasure, Double Your Fun," is staged on a pedestal so it can be viewed on all sides. Emmons is co-chair of the national Garden Club of America's Flower Show which is being hosted by the Orinda Garden Club. The show, "Wonders of the West," is held at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. The event is free and open to the public from April 28-29.

## Wonders of the West National Flower Show

By ELANA O'LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

Members of the Orinda Garden Club, including the event's co-chairs, invite you to attend the "Wonders of the West" Flower show at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco on April 28

and 29. Over 600 members of 200 clubs affiliated with The Garden Club of America (GCA) are expected to converge in the third floor Atrium from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28 and from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 29. The extensive show has been five years in the making and is free and open

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## ORINDA ACTION DAY

## Tenth Annual Orinda Action Day

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

On April 21, community volunteers will once again take on projects around Orinda as part of the annual Orinda Action Day. Individuals and groups will meet at the Orinda Library Plaza beginning at 9:30 a.m. before going out on assigned tasks.

Sponsored by the Orinda Community Foundation in partnership with the City of Orinda, Action Day brings local residents together as they pick up trash, weed flower beds and work on a variety of civic projects around the downtown area. This year's chairpersons are Pat Rudebusch and Cassandra Forth.

"This is a time when our city comes together to not only clean and foster civic involvement but to showcase what a wonderful, friendly community Orinda represents," says former Mayor and founder of Orinda Action Day Sue Severson.

Rudebusch and Forth encourage volunteers of all ages, especially families, to sign up for Action Day. It all begins in the Library Plaza, 26 Orinda Way, at 9:30 a.m. where fruit, snacks and coffee will be served. An arts and crafts station for young volunteers will be available. Local businesses are also encouraged to participate by cleaning up their store exteriors and by planting seasonal flowers.

The Orinda Association (OA) will also



SALLY HOGARTY  
Kyle Harvey (L) and Wayne Jackson volunteered in style at the 2016 Orinda in Action Day.

set up a Volunteer Fair in the Library Plaza. OA President Cindy Powell encourages everyone to "come by and see all the nonprofits and volunteer groups available in town." For more information on the Volunteer Fair, go to [www.orindaassociation.org](http://www.orindaassociation.org). For more information on Orinda Action Day, go to [www.orindafoundation.org](http://www.orindafoundation.org).

utilizing identical plant material – quite a competition! There are over 150 botanical entries from all over the country in the five divisions. Container-grown plants have to come from California as grown plants can't legally enter from outside the state. GCA members with plants from outside California are submitting their entries via photographs.

Gail Emmons and Janet Riley of the Orinda Garden Club are co-chairing the event. Approximately 300 volunteers participate in the GCA annual meeting and flower show. Members from local GCA clubs contribute plants, spring flowers and cut specimens grown in Orinda, Piedmont, Marin, Hillsborough, Woodside-Atherton and Carmel. Riley says, "Seeing what's successful in local gardens encourages people to try something in their own gardens." Horticultural division sections of special interest include plants that are pollinators, have different types of leaves, and are succulents.

If you love a garden, "Wonders of the West" is the place to meet gardeners from all over the country while marveling at innovative floral designs, imaginative jewelry made from botanicals, and unusual specimens of flora. In short, fun! Go to [www.orindagc.org](http://www.orindagc.org) for more information.

## ◆ GALLERY from page 2

kindergarten through middle school artwork includes Del Rey, Glorietta, Sleepy Hollow and Wagner Ranch Elementary Schools and Orinda Intermediate School (OIS).

The OIS Jazz Band opens the event by performing in the Library Plaza beginning at 4:30 p.m. Welcome speeches from OUSD personnel, including Superintendent Carolyn Seaton, Director of Curriculum and Instruction David Schrag and elementary school art teacher David Wilson, will follow directly. Lastly, you will enjoy the choral performances of elementary school students, the OIS Chorus and the Miramonte High School Bella Voce youth choir in the Library Auditorium.

Two hundred pieces of artwork from K-12 students at Lafayette and Moraga schools are on exhibit from April 16 through April 30. The public is invited to an Arts Ambassadors' reception on April 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. where light refreshments will be served. Thanks for organizing the event go to Maile Nomura from Campolindo, who volunteers as a student liaison for the Moraga Arts Ambassadors program. She assisted in coordinating student artwork from all schools in Moraga.

Karen Moe, LPIE art and humanities chair, curated 100 artworks from students at Stanley Middle School in Lafayette. For more information about LPIE, visit [www.lpie.org](http://www.lpie.org). Art teachers Moose Wesler of Joaquin Moraga Middle School and Moraga elementary art teacher Larysa Larson curated 100 artworks from elementary and middle school students in Moraga. The list includes Los Perales, Camino Pablo and Rheem Elementary Schools as well as Joaquin Moraga Middle School.

The talented student artists, musical and choral performers demonstrate the value of

## ◆ PRESIDENT from page 3

Wildlife Festival. This free event offers fun for the whole family.

**Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day** on April 26 will encourage parents to give their children an insight into the working world environment by bringing them to work.

**Hairstyle Appreciation Day** on April 30 celebrates unique styles of hair. Each generation creates its own hairstyles or comes back to a style popular in the past. Express your individuality, or even better, look at old photos of yourself and laugh your hair off!

April is a busy month in our town; be involved and in touch with our beautiful Orinda.

including arts education as part of the general curriculum. Since 2012, the EFO has sponsored all aspects of this exhibit in partnership with the LAC. Denise Nomura of the LAC says, "The LAC role in this exhibit is managing the gallery. We are thrilled to have all three communities participating to display their talented student artists in this professional art space under the umbrella of the Lamorinda Arts Council (see [www.lamorindaarts.org](http://www.lamorindaarts.org) for more information). Because of the EFO's support of the arts in our community, Orinda is one of only a few California public schools that is able to provide musical and visual arts enrichment programs to every student." For more information about the EFO, visit [www.orindaefo.org](http://www.orindaefo.org).

Art students at all levels routinely use their creativity to problem solve and express their ideas. In the art room, children learn to observe and envision, to express and reflect, to engage and persist, to stretch and explore and ultimately to understand better the world around them. Lori Brook concludes, "This year we celebrate the creativity of all our students, from the exploration of elementary school children to the fine art produced by our high school students. We are very proud to display so many amazing pieces."

Visit the gallery not only to see the exhibit (and walk on the newly installed carpets) at 26 Orinda Way during normal library hours – Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The library is closed on April 1 for Easter. Call 925-254-2184 for more information or visit <http://ccclib.org>.

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to the public.

The "Wonders of the West" theme refers to topics that include the western sky, forests, deserts and waters. The purpose of the nonprofit GCA's flower shows is to set standards of artistic and horticultural excellence; to broaden the knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation, photography and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and the public. Participating GCA Zone XII clubs come from the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

Over thirty accredited GCA judges will use a scale of points for entries in five divisions, each with their own lighting and staging area in the Atrium. Judges will award first, second and third ribbons in each division as well as some ten special awards including best of show. The five divisions include Floral Design, Horticulture, Photography, Botanical Arts and a Conservation and Education Exhibit. Botanical Arts includes intricate jewelry made from dried botanicals.

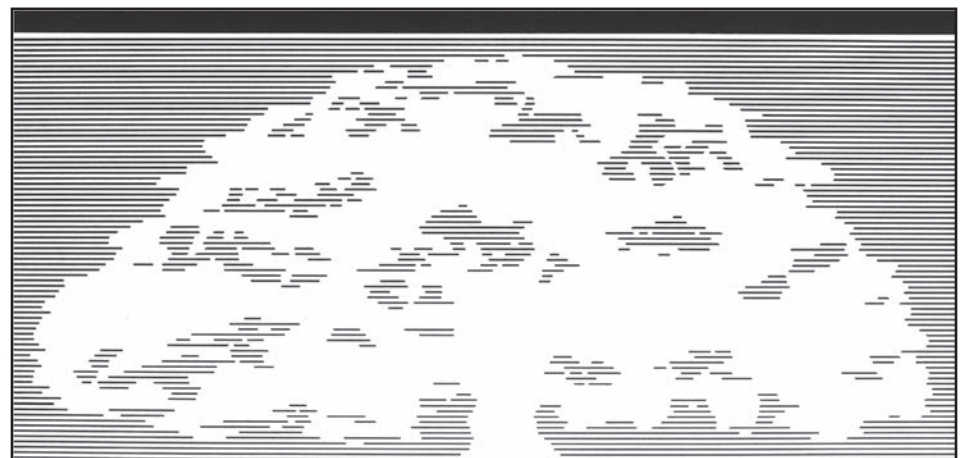
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## Douglass J. Mann, Long Time Orinda Resident

Douglass J. Mann passed peacefully on Feb. 13 surrounded by his wife, Stephanie, and their three children Lyn, Susan and Stephen.

Doug served in the U.S. Air Force and later graduated from UC Berkeley. He joined Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. as purchasing manager and retired in 1987. He also was an instructor for Dale Carnegie and went on to work for Karrass Seminars, teaching effective negotiating.

As a member of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, he became a deacon and served on the building committee for the new sanctuary. He was an avid golfer and loved working in his rose garden.

Doug is survived by his wife, three



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Long time Orinda resident **Doug Mann.**

children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial service took place at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church on March 10.

## Stephen George Meagher Lived Life to the Fullest

Steve Meagher, 54, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 25 doing something he loved - running with friends. He was born in San Francisco and raised in Orinda. He attended Del Rey Elementary, Orinda Intermediate School and Miramonte High School. He was a proud swimmer for Oak

Springs Pool, later played water polo, and he "was the diving team" at Miramonte.

He went on to graduate from UOP and was a member of Omega Phi Alpha Fraternity. Active in student government, he maintained many friendships through his later life. He went on to Chapman University to earn his Master's Degree in Physical Therapy and spent the last 20 years in ergonomic consulting and dubbed himself "The Ergonomics Guy."

Married to April, Steve was proud to be a father to his two daughters, Bridget and Bailey. Son of the late Peter T. Meagher, he is survived by his mother, Nancy Meagher, brothers Brian and Mike and sister Kay. There are a number of other family members too numerous to name.

Steve spent the last several years running, swimming and doing some additional crazy things - riding a unicycle up Mt. Diablo and riding a Penny Farthing bicycle across California. Steve took up a few additional hobbies - he was a pilot, sailor and bagpipe player.

Steve is most noted for his incredible sense of humor and living life to the fullest. For all of his laughter and silliness, Steve was also a pillar of the Orinda community. He spent much of his time working to better his community - he was a board member of The Orinda Association and Oak Springs Pool and organized the Orinda 4th of July Parade. He was active in his daughters' school. He was the most genuine, caring person and he had a big impact on everyone he knew.

Services were held March 17 at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church.



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Enthusiastic community volunteer **Steve Meagher.**

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## Winner of Catholic Youth Organization Championship



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Orinda's Santa Maria 5th Grade American basketball team won the 2018 League Championship on Sunday, Feb. 25, for the 3rd year in a row. Coached by Brian Chinn and Sean Hogan, this #4 seeded team defeated the #1 and #3 teams to win the title. (L-R) Bottom Row: **Ainsley Hogan, Sophie Chinn; Middle Row: Lillie LaVelle, Katie Barmmer, Genet Dutto, Katrina White; Top Row: Sean Hogan, Maren Thorpe, Alannah Harper, Alice Zhou, Julia Quinn Ferguson, Brian Chinn.**

## Senior Soccer Club Wins Bower Cup



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On Feb. 11, the Orinda Soccer Club (OSC) defeated The Alameda Islanders to win its first Bower Cup Title in the East Bay Senior Soccer League (www.ebssl.com) since 2002. Despite finishing mid-table in the regular season of the men's over-40 division, OSC defeated the top three teams to take the Bower Cup. The team plays its home games at Wilder Field Sunday mornings from September through February.

(L-R) front row: **Omar Rodriguez, Roger Repetto, Alec Naugle (manager), Tony Zepeda (goalie), Carlos Ramirez, Aron Abrahimi, Sean Carlin.** Second row: **Alex Handlers, Juan Mandrile, Taoufik Abalil, Dion Madsen, Adam Chalmers (manager), Mike Jonath, Murl Moororthy, Juan Ochoa, Giles Day, Pedro Alvarado.** Players not in the photo are: Kirk Athanasiou, Mike Bell, Jeremy Bogatirsky, Scott Edmonds, Alvaro Garcia, Matt Vanhouten and Alex Yamamoto.

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SUMMER CAMPS

# Summer Camp Guide From Adventure to Zoo

By ELANA O'LOSKEY  
Staff Writer

Looking for a youth camp for summertime fun? We hope this guide will assist you in exploring possibilities. Now's the time to choose a summer camp for kids in grades K-12. Whatever the focus, you're bound to find it here. Review what's offered online and sign up early, as many sessions are small in number and spots fill up fast. Some locations offer scholarships, discounts for siblings and intern positions for teens.

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This year's camps offer the same great quality, creativity and fun programming you have come to expect. There are over 125 options for camps including Visual/Performing Arts, Science and Sports Camps with locations ranging from Orinda Community Center to Community Center Tennis Courts and Pine Grove Park unless otherwise noted. Camps at Orinda Community Center are eligible for extended care. Stand Alone Camps not located at Orinda Community Center, such as Wagner Ranch Gym, are not eligible for extended care.

Access the Orinda Summer Camps Guide online at [www.OrindaParksandRec.org](http://www.OrindaParksandRec.org). Full descriptions of all camps are listed alphabetically on pages 14 to 21. Choose Your Adventure Camps allow you to pick a different morning and afternoon camp for each week. All camps are M-F, \$205 residents (R)/\$236 non-residents (NR) for morning (9 a.m. – noon) or



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An instructor assists a budding learner at an engineering camp offered by **Camp Brainy Bunch**. All camps are held on the beautiful grounds of the Orinda Academy.

afternoon (1 – 4 p.m.) sessions. Both morning and afternoon sessions are \$410 R/\$472 NR. If you choose the All Day Camp Orinda held at Orinda Community Center (only), the cost is \$350 R/\$403 NR for one week (M-F) including two all-expense paid field trips. Some camps have a materials fee collected at registration.

Summer Enrichment program information is on page 13. Programs run from weeks two to five (Jun. 18 to Jul. 13). This year's theme is The Pets We Love and programs are offered to students entering grades K-3. Jump Start Kindergarten Program: A Perfect Pet Parade (\$600 R/\$690 NR) and Elementary Programs Grades 1-3: Pets Pandemonium (\$600 R/\$690 NR).

Extended Care A.M./P.M. and Lunch Bunch: Page 14 lists extended care details: A.M. 7:30 to 9 a.m. or P.M. 4 to 6 p.m., \$10 R/\$12 NR. Free lunch bunch (noon to 1 p.m.) for ALL registered campers – children must bring their own lunch or snack. Available for all camps located at Orinda Community Center or Pine Grove Park for all ages. Requires advance sign-up; no drop-ins.

If your child needs over-the-counter or prescription medication, a supplemental Parental Consent and Directions to Staff Form is recommended and available online or at the office. Register online at [www.OrindaParksandRec.org](http://www.OrindaParksandRec.org) or complete a registration form and mail it to Orinda Parks & Recreation Department, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda CA 94563. Register by phone, 925-254-2445.

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Located on the beautiful Orinda Academy campus, week long camps serve children in grades first through sixth from Jun. 25 – Jul.

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This young camper is enjoying a field trip to the Oakland Zoo as part of Camp Orinda, offered by **Orinda Parks and Rec.**

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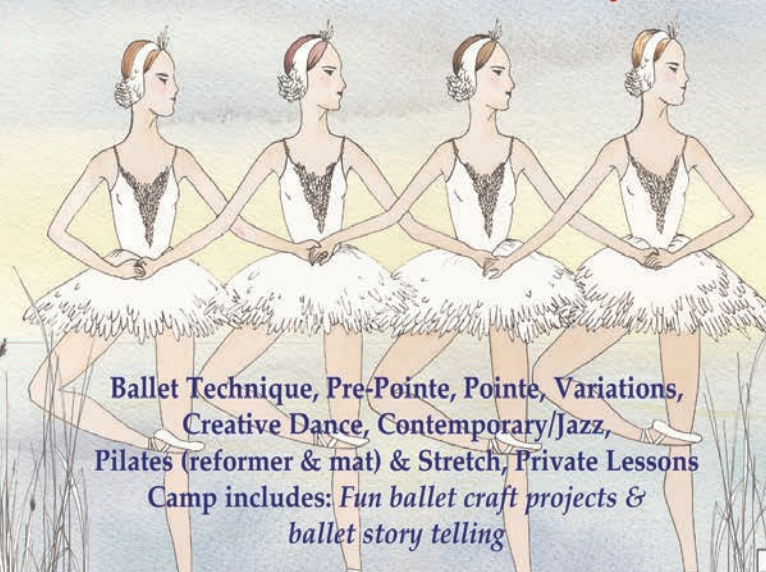
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**Sonshine Camp**, M-F, June 11-15 from 9 a.m.- noon offers music, art, bible circle time and free play for children age 3-K. **Harmony Camp**, M-F, July 16-20 from 1-4 p.m. is all about practicing skills for the Good Life for children in K-5th grade. **Camp Doodle**, M-F, Jun. 11-Aug. 10 from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. is a maker-art camp for kids of all ages to experience making real things that empower their minds and self-esteem (see [www.campdoodles.com](http://www.campdoodles.com)).

**VISUAL, PERFORMING AND DIGITAL ARTS CAMPS**  
Academy of Language & Music Arts (ALMA)  
Dr. James Fiatarone, Director



Students at **Cal Shakes'** 2017 Oakland Conservatory perform *Macbeth*.  
JAY YAMADA

**99 Brookwood Road**  
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925-254-5056 or 925-254-5053  
[office@almaleap.com](mailto:office@almaleap.com)  
[www.almaleap.com](http://www.almaleap.com)


This camp offers a create-your-own program featuring private lessons in music, including guitar, piano, voice, strings, wind instruments and percussion; also, private and small group lessons in foreign languages (Italian, French, Spanish, Greek, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese and Chinese, etc.) and English as a second language. Special summer group classes include Guitar Ensemble, Rock Guitar Combo, Band Ensemble, Jazz Combo, Theory and Musicianship (all instruments), Strings Ensemble, Percussion/Drum Clinic, and Vocal Ensemble/ALMA Glee Club. Other classes include: Acting up at ALMA, theater, acting and presentation skills, and Music Technology Class, basic studio recording techniques, creating and recording songs. Call for dates, times and cost.

**California Shakespeare Theater**  
701 Heinz Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
510-548-9666 x113  
[learn@calshakes.org](mailto:learn@calshakes.org)  
[www.summershakespearecamp.org](http://www.summershakespearecamp.org)

Cal Summer Shakespeare Conservatory has partnered with St. Mary's College for intensive four-week sessions aimed at students entering 6th to 12th grades in fall 2018. Mornings are spent in a wide variety of theater disciplines taught by working theater professionals. Afternoons are spent in rehearsals. The experience culminates in Shakespeare performances for family and friends at the end of the program.

St. Mary's College offers an immersive theater experience rooted in passion for artistic exploration and excellence, in a wonderful new site full of spacious, light-filled classrooms, plenty of outdoor space, and a well-equipped theater. Payment plans available; scholarships may be available - see website for details or call 510-809-3293 for info.

St. Mary's College, 1928 St. Mary's Rd.,  
[SEE CAMPS 2 page 11]



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Moraga, CA 94575 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Jul. 9 - Aug. 3. Cost \$1,500. Check website for all details.

**Camp Community Arts**  
 111 N. Wiget Lane  
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
 925-943-5846  
 www.communityarts.org

Extensive list of choices in four affordable day camp segments from Jun. 18 - Aug. 10 for three age groups (5-7, 8-10 and 11-14) with extended care available 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Classes include visual arts (painting, drawing, clay, printmaking), fiber arts, digital media and performing arts (theater, dance, music and

aftercare available.

**iD Tech Camps**  
**St. Mary's College**  
 1928 St. Mary's Road  
 Moraga, CA 94575  
 408-871-3700  
 http://idtech.com

This is the 20th season St. Mary's has hosted week-long tech camps which run M - F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Jun. 11 to Jul. 20. Choose from four paths: Coding, 14 camps; Game Development, 10 camps; Design, 9 camps or Robotics, 6 camps. Camps are divided into co-ed age groups 7-9, 10-12 and 13-17. Sample camps: **CreationLab: Inventing/Coding with littleBits; Assemble, Invent and Code Your Take-Home Laptop; WorldBuilder:**



KAVITA MASTERS

Photo featuring principals **Kristin Lindsay** and **Bobby Briscoe** in a 2013 production of *Swan Lake*. Tchaikovsky's tragic ballet about Odette and her prince is the theme for summer ballet camps and intensives held at the Orinda Community Center offered by the Orinda Ballet Academy.

voice) as well as field trips and fun outdoors. In each age group there are three tracks to choose from: Track A is Performance Art, Track B Visual Arts, Track C Mixed Arts plus additional options. The day might start with a stop motion animation class, continue with afternoon swimming, and end with African drumming and dancing.

Camps are half-day, full day, or an entire week. All teachers are working artists who give each child one-on-one attention. See website for early bird rates before May 1, scholarships, registration, etc. Morning and

**Minecraft Game Design, Digital Video Prod.; Start a YouTube Channel.** Project oriented camps give a taste of independence and glimpse into collegiate life. At Friday Family Showcase students debut their final project and receive a diploma. Campers lunch at the college dining hall or have catered meals. See website for dates, cost and registration.

**Orinda Ballet Academy**  
 28 Orinda Way  
 Orinda, CA 94563  
 924-254-2445  
 www.cityoforinda.org

Taught by world-class professional dancer Patricia Tomlinson. Swan Lake (SL) themed Camps and/or Intensives offered Mon.-Fri. for beginning through advance level dancers at the Orinda Community Center from Jul. 9-Aug. 10. Camps/intensives are divided between nine divisions for students aged 3 to 18 years. On Aug. 10, summer dance students will demonstrate excerpts from SL at 3 p.m. A variety of private ballet lessons and private Pilates reformer lessons are available as well.

**Orinda Parks & Recreation**  
 28 Orinda Way  
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Visual and performing arts camps are offered throughout the summer and are listed in the Orinda Summer Camps Guide which can be accessed at www.cityoforinda.org. Visual and Performing Arts camp descriptions are on pages 16-19. They run in ten week-long sessions from Jun. 11 to Aug. 17.

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## Fitness Tip of the Month

### Goal-Setting

*If you want to reach your goal focus on the next step rather than the endpoint.*

*The endpoint could seem impossible but every next step can be reached.*



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**Diablo Theatre Company**  
233 Gregory Lane  
Pleasant Hill CA 94523  
925-944-1565  
[www.singouttheatre.org](http://www.singouttheatre.org)

Rachael Pergamit offers youth musical theater programs for kids aged 4 – 18 at Diablo Theatre Company (DTC). All summer camp rehearsals are at the Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr., Pleasanton.

Triple Threat Workshop, June 11 - 29, M - F, 9 a.m. to noon (\$550). This two and one half week intensive pushes incoming sixth graders to graduating seniors farther than they ever thought possible to hone acting, singing and dancing skills. Open to serious students who want to work hard and have fun. At the end of the intensive, students receive a DVD of their performances to share with friends and family.

The *Lion King Experience Jr.*, June 11 - 29, M - F, 1 to 4 p.m. for kids aged 8 to 14 (\$550) and *Mini Kids* 2:30 to 4 p.m. for kids aged 4 to 7 (\$350). After just two and one half weeks of crazy fun rehearsals with the DTC's SingOut! professional staff, kids will put on performances June 27 - 29 for family and friends at 4 and 7 p.m. Cast members will learn songs, dances and scenes; memories to last a lifetime. All performances for family and friends are at Seven Hills School Theatre, 95 N. Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek. Visit website for details and high school intern options.

**Town Hall Theatre Company**  
3535 School Street  
Lafayette, CA 94549  
925-283-6673  
[madison@townhalltheatre.com](mailto:madison@townhalltheatre.com)  
[www.townhalltheatre.com](http://www.townhalltheatre.com)

From Jun. 2 - Aug. 4 kids aged 4 - 18 receive a mix of training and production-based classes in live theater. Depending on the child's age, they could participate in *Baby Beluga: The Music of Raffi*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *The Magic Tree House*, *Seussical Kids* or *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*. Whether your student is a seasoned pro or just a beginner they will be taught by the best working theater artists in the area. Check extensive website for classes, times, cost and production details.

**SCHOOL-RELATED CAMPS**  
**Fountainhead Montessori School**  
30 Santa Maria Way

**Orinda, CA 94563**  
925-820-1343  
[www.fms.org](http://www.fms.org)

A Montessori-based summer camp and summer school. Summer school program for ages 2 – 6 years. Summer session begins June 25 and goes through Aug. 14. See website for more information.

**Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool**  
433 Moraga Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-254-3429  
[www.holyshepherdchristianpreschool.org](http://www.holyshepherdchristianpreschool.org)

Kids have seven weeks of summertime activities to choose from in a small class environment with a variety of fun themes. Summer school camp runs from Jun. 18 – Aug. 3 from 9 a.m.–noon, M – F; extended care available to 2 p.m. at \$8/hour. No camp on July 4. Vacation Bible School runs Jul. 9 –12 from 9 a.m.– noon.

**The Saklan School**  
1678 School Street  
Moraga, CA 94556  
925-376-7900  
[www.saklan.org/community/summer-saklan](http://www.saklan.org/community/summer-saklan)

Summer at Saklan provides culture, language and summer fun for ages 3 - 11 from Jun. 11 – Aug. 10. Mornings are filled with enrichment in Mandarin, French, Japanese, Spanish or Italian. Afternoons are packed with summer fun, including field trips, swimming, art and music. Three week sessions 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., half days available. Extended care available. Visit website for more information or to register.

### SPORTS-RELATED CAMPS

**Orinda Parks & Recreation**  
28 Orinda Way  
Orinda, CA 94563  
925-254-2445  
[www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org)

Sports camps are offered throughout the summer and are listed in the Orinda Summer Camps Guide which can be accessed at [www.cityoforinda.org](http://www.cityoforinda.org). Descriptions of sports camps are on pages 20-21. They run in 10 week-long sessions from Jun. 11 to Aug. 17.

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## SUMMER CAMPS

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**510-926-4100**  
**oaklandstrokes@gmail.com**  
**www.oaklandstrokes.org**

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**Rancho Del Lago**  
**2331 Rancho Del Lago**  
**Briones CA 94553**  
**925-323-0219**  
**www.rancho-del-lago.com**

Campers age 6 to 12 learn to groom, tack up, ride and care for horses at one week sessions. Full sessions are 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., half sessions are 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and noon - 3 p.m. All sessions run M-F between Jun. 18 and Aug. 10. Each child is matched to a Welsh pony or full size horse depending on the child's size and experience. Kids learn the basics, "stop, go and steering," moving from there to riding around obstacles, how to post the trot and practicing jumping position. All campers create a routine they perform for parents and friends on the last day of camp.

**Saint Mary's Athletic Camps**  
**Saint Mary's College**  
**1928 Saint Mary's Road**  
**Moraga, CA 94575**  
**925-631-4386**  
**smccamps@stmarys-ca.edu**  
**www.smcathleticcamps.com**

Saint Mary's College offers 30+ outstanding Athletic Summer Camps to children and teens between the ages of 4-18 from Jun. 1 - Aug. 2. Overnight, day, half-day, team and specialty men's and women's camps include All Sport, Baseball, Basketball, Running, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Strength and Conditioning and Volleyball. Five coed camps. Athletes can expect to participate in daily competitions, conditioning, skill development and other activities. Residential camps are reserved for high school students only. Please see camp website for details regarding specific camps including dates, times, prices and descriptions. Early morning and extended care options available. Call or email with questions or for more information.

**Sherman Swim School**  
**1075 Carol Lane (off Mt. Diablo Blvd.)**  
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**925-283-2100**  
**www.shermanswim.com**

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lessons coupled with patient, encouraging teachers and extremely comfortable water (90° - 92°) creates an ideal learning environment for swimmers of all ages. Spring and Summer Sessions run from Apr. 23 - Aug. 31 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sessions are 3-4 weeks long, Mon. through Fri. for one, two or three days per week. Private swim lessons are 15 to 30 min.; small group dive lessons are 30 min. Facility is available for birthday parties. Check website for entire schedule and registration forms.

**Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis Club (SH)**  
**1 Sunnyside Lane**  
**Orinda, CA 94563**  
**925-254-1126**  
**shstc@comcast.net**  
**www.sleepyhollowclub.com**

Private recreational facility; inquire regarding membership. SH is dedicated to providing excellent recreational opportunities in an environment that fosters legendary pride and spirit. **Legendland** is a supervised drop-off day swim camp for kids aged 5 – 9 and runs for eight weeks. **Summer Tennis Camp** runs mid-June through the first week in August; call for details.

### **OUTDOOR RECREATION AND NATURE CAMPS**

#### **Aspen Network Team Camp**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
 Young campers at **Lindsay Wildlife Museum** learn all about bugs by singing songs.

**15 Vallecito Lane**  
**Orinda, CA 94563**  
**925-262-3135**  
**info@aspennetwork.net**  
**www.aspennetwork.net**

Youth aged 13 - 27 who experience social fears and anxieties or difficulties with spectrum differences are welcome to learn and grow with like peers at this five day camp. The camp is located at a summer retreat in the Lake Tahoe area and runs from Jul. 9 - 13. Activities include light back packing, river rafting, campfires and many educational opportunities to improve social skills while having fun. Pick-up/drop-off at Reno Airport available for an extra fee.

**Lindsay Wildlife Experience**  
**1931 First Avenue**  
**Walnut Creek, CA 94597**  
**925-935-1978**  
**www.wildlife-museum.org/education/kids**

Ten Summer Mini Camps for kids age 4 to 17 with a camper to counselor ratio of 4:1 and a maximum class size of 20. The camp uses Lindsay Wildlife's two private classrooms, outdoor gardens and adjacent Larkey Park.

Camp shirt, snacks and drinks are included for all camps. Camps are designed to captivate, engage and challenge children. They learn about science and nature in a way they won't get in any classroom, plus they have fun. All camps run Mon. – Thurs. from June 11 to August 23. New this year: Lindsay needs Camp Counselors ages 12-17 who love wildlife and children and want to assist in running the mini summer camps.

**Roughing It Day Camp**  
**P.O. Box 1266**  
**Orinda, CA 94563**  
**925-283-3795**  
**www.roughingit.com**

Lamorinda's Hometown Camp! Discover the outdoors this summer at the Lafayette Reservoir. Since 1972, Roughing It has been introducing campers to all the wonders of camp: hiking, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, sports, crafts, nature and outdoor camping skills with horseback riding and swim instruction nearby. Their nurturing adult counselors create a safe place for campers to learn, grow, discover, make new friends and achieve team building skills—setting them up for success in 21st century. Camps run June 18 – Aug. 10. Other programs: Little Raccoons, Horse Day Camp and Outdoor Explorers. Free transportation with home pick up in Orinda and free extended care. See website for details.

**Zoo Camp**  
**Oakland Zoo**  
**9777 Golf Links Rd.**  
**Oakland, CA 94605 (off Highway 580)**  
**510-632-9525 x280 (Zoo Camp hotline)**  
**info@oaklandzoo.org**  
**www.oaklandzoo.org**

The Oakland Zoo is renowned for creating age-appropriate options for campers grades K-8. Camp sessions are one week long and run from mid-Jun. to mid-Aug. Campers learn about nature and animals through games and songs, creating-and-making, discovery hikes, and science activities plus plenty of up-close time learning about their more than 660 native and exotic animals. Full summer camp schedule, registration and scholarship applications on the website. Extended care available. Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, full-day one-week camps run 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and are \$319 for zoo members (M)/\$349 for non-members (NM). Most half-day one-week camps run 9 a.m.- noon and are \$201 M/\$231 NM. No camps July 4. See website for exact dates and descriptions.

**PreK and K: Busy Beasts.** Children must be at least 4 and potty trained; proof of camper's birthdate must be provided. Full Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Half Day, 9 a.m.- noon. Class A – Movement: Discover how wild animals move in weird and wonderful ways. Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Class B – Storybooks: Story books are filled with kooky characters based on amazing animals. Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8.

**First Grade: Furry Friends,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class A - Animal Types: What makes a bird a bird? Or an ant an ant? Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9.

### Orinda Wine and Dine

May 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Save the date for the Orinda Chamber of Commerce's annual Wine and Dine tour, which takes place in and around Theatre Square.

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Tickets are \$40. Go to [orindachamber.org](http://orindachamber.org) or, to support our schools, go to [orindaefo.org](http://orindaefo.org).

Class B – Animal Families: Who gives you good food? Who tucks you in at night? Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8.

**First through Fifth Grades: Nature Play Camp,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. What can you find under a rock in a creek? Campers in grades 1-5 play together in this class. All weeks.

**Second and Third Grade: Animal Adventures,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class A – African Habitats: Do you know which animals are from Africa and which aren't? Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Class B – Communication: Ever wonder how giraffes talk to each other? Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8.

**Fourth and Fifth Grades: Eco-Explorers,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Class A: Mythbusters: Fact vs. fiction, do hyenas really laugh? Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. Class B – Animal Athletes: Do you think you can run faster than a tiger? Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8.

**Sixth through Eighth Grades: Wild Survivor,** 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Learn and practice survival skills like building a fire, finding food, making a shelter. All weeks. Cost: \$349 M/\$369 NM.

**Grades 6 – 8 Zoo Art:** Draw a dromedary camel out in the zoo and work in the classroom to create a creature out of recycled materials. Offered in Jun., July and Aug., see website for exact dates. Cost: \$349 M/\$369/ NM.

**High School: Grades 9-12 Teen Assistants,** 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Love animals and kids? Come to camp as a Teen Assistant. Spend three weeks helping to create a fun and exciting experience for campers. June through August, see website for details.



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DOUBLE FEATURE (SIGH)



Tom Westlake

Back in the day, double features were the norm. One would go out for the evening and not get back until midnight (later, if one of the features was *Lawrence of Arabia* or *Gone with the Wind*). In another sense, for years in Lamorinda we enjoyed our own double feature, with movies available at great community theaters in both Orinda and Rheem. Although that recently fell apart with the closing of the Rheem, the good news is that the Rheem has not been forgotten, nor has the effort to re-open that august edifice slackened in the least.

No one can predict the future but there is room for optimism. A recent March 14 Town of Moraga staff report surfaced optimism about the reopening of the Rheem Theatre with the possibility of approving a memo of understanding between Mahesh Puri, the owner of property, and the Town of Moraga relating to the transfer of ownership of the Rheem to the Moraga Community Foundation. There are many contingencies and possibilities which, hopefully, will be clarified and finalized for me to report upon in my next column. Still, for the present with only one theater operational, I have naught but the International Film Showcase and the Classic Free Movie Night to report on for now.

Taking the options in order of appearance, we'll start out with the International Film Showcase which, this month, offers us a 2017 Oscar submission from Lebanon.

Upon the surface, *The Insult* has a premise that could easily be taken for farce, but even the most cursory glance at this film should quickly disavow you of that notion. Taking place in an area of the world where joy is precious and tensions are always near the breaking point, the film gives us a front row seat to a seemingly harmless, albeit vitriolic, encounter between two men. Harsh words are hurled and steadfastly stood behind, neither side willing to apologize or retract. From that point on, escalation ensues, not only affecting the two combatants but everyone around them as well. Besides being universally praised, *The Insult* also provides a stark lesson in this day and age when reasoned even-handed discussions are few and far between and anger, misplaced self-preservation and just plain obstinacy are the rule of the day. In that, *The Insult* can be looked at as almost a moral fable and the lesson it teaches us could be one of avoidance and/or forbearance. For further information, please go to [www.lamorindatheatres.com](http://www.lamorindatheatres.com) or [www.internationalshowcase.org](http://www.internationalshowcase.org). It will have a one week engagement at the Orinda Theatre starting on April 6 at 7 p.m.

The next offering will prove no less nerve jangling, though the very presence of Audrey Hepburn may (and that's a big *may*) alleviate some of your anxiety. *Wait until Dark* is one of the great, if under appreciated, suspense films. Alfred Hitchcock is and always will be the undisputed master of the genre, but that hardly stopped other, just as talented, directors from dipping their toes in the same waters. Terence Young, who, by this time (1967) had already established himself as being quite adept at these sort of movies (he directed three James Bond Films) manages to keep us on the edge of our seats, and Ms. Hepburn lends her considerable talents to make sure we stay there. As a blind, apartment bound woman alone against a manic Alan Arkin, she holds her own until . . . April 12 at 7 p.m., which is when you'll be able to finish this sentence for yourself.

So, though the offerings aren't as numerous as they could be, there is a good double feature of sorts at the Orinda while remembering the Rheem. You can still stay in the dark since that's where the reel magic lies.

## Pan-Asian Arts Festival Planned for May

By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

The Orinda Rotary Club, the Orinda Library and the City of Orinda have combined resources to sponsor a colorful "Pan-Asian Arts Festival" on Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27. Admission will be free of charge and the event will be held at the Orinda Community Center and the Orinda Library.

Memorial Day Weekend is the perfect time for the festival since May is America's Asian Heritage Month. Programs for all ages are planned.

The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, with a ribbon cutting and Chinese lion dance in the outdoor lower plaza between the Orinda Library and Community Center, followed by the opening of an exhibition of Asian art and a lively Indian dancing and music perfor-

mance in the style made popular by Indian "Bollywood" movies.

Children will enjoy the screening of a Japanese animated film, Indian henna-style hand painting, several martial arts demonstrations, Chinese acrobats and other featured events.

An international fashion show will include an appearance by Miss Vietnam California, as well as men and women dressed in the traditional dress of Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, India and several other Asian countries.

Asian-American book authors will be on hand as well to talk about their books and autograph copies. An expert on travelling in Asia will also be present, with tips on planning a getaway to far-off places.

For more information, email Robert Parker at [rparker111@yahoo.com](mailto:rparker111@yahoo.com) or Eng Weylin Eng at [weylineng@yahoo.com](mailto:weylineng@yahoo.com).

## Family-Friendly Wildlife Festival at Nature Area on April 22



Students enjoy arts and crafts at a previous Wildlife Festival.

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By SALLY HOGARTY  
Editor

The Wagner Ranch Nature Area will once again celebrate its beauty and historical significance at the annual Wildlife Festival, held this year on April 22 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Located adjacent to Wagner Ranch Elementary School at 350 Camino Pablo, the nature area encompasses the historic home of Theodore Wagner, California's first Surveyor General as well as 18-acres of nature preserve rarely open to the public.

Sponsored by the Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area, the event includes a variety of activities for all ages including a guided tour of the pond by members of Friends of Orinda Creeks, where red-legged frogs and Mr. T, the resident western pond

turtle, live. Also, on the agenda are gardening projects, hands-on nature arts and crafts and earth day games. In addition, docents will give tours of the meadows, woodland, ponds and streams and Wagner's historic home site. Several community organizations, such as the Contra Costas Avian Society, Sustainable Contra Costa and the Orinda Historical Society, will also provide earth-friendly activities. An electric car test drive, face painting and wildlife tattoos will also be available.

Children who get their Wildlife Guides stamped at 10 different activity stations will receive a free honey stick at the Bee Station. Entertainment will be provided by ALMA music students. Food and beverages will be available for purchase or attendees can bring their own picnic lunches.

For more information, go to [www.fwrna.org](http://www.fwrna.org).



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## PERFORMING ARTS



CHARLIE JARRETT

Dan Phillips (L) and John Chapin appeared in the Orinda Starlight Village Players' production of *Five Door Farce* last year.

## Orinda Starlight Village Players Announces 35th Season and Auditions

By David Dierks  
Assistant Editor

The Orinda Starlight Village Players (OrSVP) will hold season auditions on Tuesday, April 3, at the Orinda Community Center Carpentry Room at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, April 8, at the Orinda Community Center Park Amphitheater at 4 p.m. This all-volunteer group, which has been presenting live theater in Orinda for 35 years, is always looking for new volunteers, both on and off stage.

The first production of the season will be Agatha Christie's *Spider's Web*, directed by Suzan Lorraine. OrSVP is well known for its productions of Agatha Christie plays.

Lorraine has been directing the Christie shows for the past several years to great acclaim, carrying on the tradition set by OrSVP founder Charlotte Meyer. Lorraine will need a variety of adult ages for this show. Rehearsals begin in late April. Performance dates are June 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30.

The second production of the season is Dave Freeman's *Kindly Keep It Covered*, directed by Malcolm Cowler. Cowler is a familiar face for OrSVP audiences, having been involved in over 35 productions, including his adaptations of *L. Frank Baum's Wizard of Oz*, *Carlo Collodi's Pinocchio* and *Bram Stoker's*

[SEE STARLIGHT page 16]

## California Shakespeare's Summer Season Announced

By KATHRYN G. MCCARTY  
Staff Writer

It's time to break out your picnic baskets and blankets and prepare for California Shakespeare Theater's 44th season. Season tickets will be available soon. The 44th season will include *Quixote* by Octavio Solis, adapted from *Don Quixote* by Miguel Cervantes (June 13 – July 1); the West Coast premiere of *Everybody* by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins (July 18 – August 5); and *The War of the Roses*, adapted from William Shakespeare's historical tetralogy covering Henry VI, parts 1, 2 and 3, and Richard III, (August 22 – September 9).

Artistic Director Erik Ting says the company is excited about the upcoming season which includes "stories of visionary scope that speak as much to who we are as to who we've been." He adds, "We wanted new ways to celebrate the unique experi-

ence of the Bruns [the Cal Shakes venue], be they return engagements of popular productions or extraordinary events that we couldn't pass up. And so, we've created a concentrated subscription season filled with the epic work so many of our audiences crave, production of scale and scope and an audacious, uncompromising vision – a true summer at the Bruns."

*Quixote*, Solis' re-imagining of the literary classic, starts off the Cal Shakes season. It was originally commissioned by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival but conceived anew, setting La Mancha as a modern-day Texas border town. Filled with flights of fancy and Tejano tunes, *Don Quixote* and his trusty sidekick Sancho ride into battle against dragons, evil enchanters, and illusions of the mind.

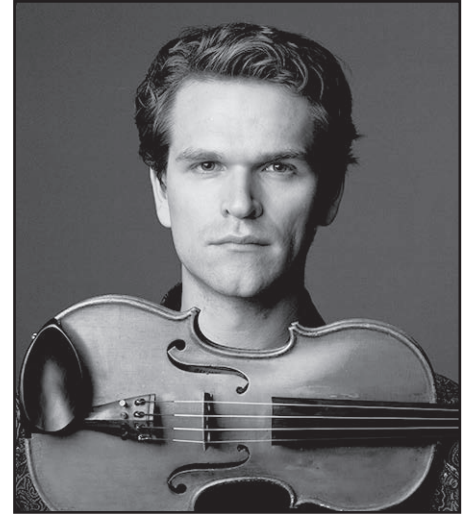
*Everybody* by acclaimed playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins is a West Coast premiere. The play examines a universal

## Pacific Chamber Orchestra Presents Gershwin and More

In two April concerts, the first in nearby Lafayette, The Pacific Chamber Orchestra (PCO), under the direction of Maestro Lawrence Kohl, an Orinda resident and president of the Lamorinda Arts Council, will take audiences back to 1944 before the Internet, computers and even television to celebrate a time when radio was king. On Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church (49 Knox, Lafayette) and Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at the Bankhead Theatre (2100 First Street, Livermore), you will be able to enjoy an "American Radio Hour" concert program.

The program includes Scott Joplin's rag-time hit *The Entertainer*, George Gershwin's *Lullaby for Strings*, Charles Ives' *Three Short Pieces*, and Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. Copland focused his well-known, piece on the heart of American values as expressed in the Shaker melody: "'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free."

Two-time Grammy winner jazz violinist Mads Tolling will also premiere a concerto for violin and chamber orchestra, *Yggdrasil*, commissioned by the Pacific Chamber Orchestra. *Yggdrasil* is the holy giant ash tree in Nordic mythology that is center to the cosmos. Its branches extend far into the heavens, and its roots go deep in the earth, connecting the nine Norse worlds. Part of the concerto will be based around the oldest written Scandinavian song, "I have Dreamed Me a Dream," found on a piece of wood written in Runes around 1300 just after the Viking age. As befitting America's diversity, Mads Tolling's *Yggdrasil* connects classical and



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Two-time Grammy winner jazz violinist Mads Tolling will premiere a concerto for violin and chamber orchestra, *Yggdrasil*, commissioned by the Pacific Chamber Orchestra at the April concerts.

improvisational jazz, old time fiddling and Latin styles into a complex and new musical universe.

The professional musicians of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra have performed in the San Francisco Symphony and Opera, Ballet and Theatre Orchestras. They have recorded for feature films at Skywalker Ranch, toured internationally in chamber groups and appeared as soloists. For information and videos about PCO, go to [pacificchamberorchestra.org](http://pacificchamberorchestra.org).

Tickets (\$10 - \$59 for both locations) may be purchased through the PCO website: [PacificChamberOrchestra.org](http://PacificChamberOrchestra.org). For Livermore only, you can also contact the Bankhead Box Office by phone at 925-373-6800 or online at [BankheadTheater.org](http://BankheadTheater.org).

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## Forum Features Talk on Global Jihad

By BOBBIE DODSON  
Staff Writer

“The Four Waves of Global *Jihad*” titles the talk which Glenn Robinson, Ph.D., will present at First Friday Forum, April 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (LOPC), 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Please note this is the second Friday in April.

His lecture will examine the four distinct forms of global *jihad* by Muslim radicals that have been seen since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the 1970s launched the first wave: “The fourth and current wave, a ‘personal *jihad*,’ represents the dominant form of terrorism in the world today and has proven to be rather durable. I will not only look back on some of the major events of global *jihad*, but also on what lies ahead.”

Proficient in both written and spoken Arabic, Robinson has spent time in virtually every country in the Middle East and North Africa. He is the author or co-author of three books on Palestinian politics and development and is currently writing two books on *jihad* information strategy (Stanford University Press) and on the comparative politics of the Middle East (CQ Press).

Raised in Lafayette and a graduate of Acalanes High School, Robinson is a political scientist with over 35 years of experience studying and living in the Middle East. He has been on the faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School since 1991. He earned both his BA (1982 with highest honors) and Ph.D. (1992) from the University of California, Berkeley. He has been a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Jordan and a Senior Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation and has studied at the American University in Cairo, Yarmouk University in Jordan and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

A sought-after speaker, Robinson responds to frequent requests to comment on Middle East affairs by various media organizations including the *PBS News Hour*, National Public Radio and KCBS radio.



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Glenn Robinson, Ph.D., will speak on “The Four Waves of Global Jihad” at April’s Forum.

He has authored over 40 published journal articles and book chapters on Middle East political, development and security. He now lives in Pebble Beach with his wife, Elizabeth.

“Glenn has spoken twice before to large audiences at LOPC and is well known to many locals. His insightful knowledge of the Middle East makes him eminently qualified to speak on his chosen, and timely, topic,” says Nancy Holtzapple, of the First Friday Forum Team. She extends an invite to all: “Come to enjoy refreshments and conversation at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall before the lecture.”

For further information call 925-283-8722.

### First Friday Forum

April 8 at 1:30 p.m.  
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church  
49 Knox Drive, Lafayette  
925-283-8722

## Seasoned Shopper Time for Frittatas and More!

BARBARA KOBSAR



Your local farmers’ market opens in April! The month brings crates filled with fresh cut asparagus, flats of strawberries, piles of peas and bunches of onions. It’s time to think about frittatas, fruit salads and shortcakes.

Here are some helpful reminders when shopping at the market:

Bring reusable shopping bags. New bags are available for sale at the information table along with cloth and mesh produce bags.

Cash is always appreciated, though for your convenience, you may use your debit/credit card to purchase “market bucks” to use at any market booth.

There is convenient parking located adjacent to the market area on Orinda Way.

A fun kids’ activity is set up every Saturday.

There are recycling containers located on site. Many growers and vendors also recycle glass jars, pint baskets or empty cardboard flats.

Ben the Broccoli is hiding at the market. Bring the kids to find him and claim a prize at the information table.

An information table is set up every Saturday. Stop by to ask questions, leave comments, catch up on local events or pick up a complimentary copy of *Edible East Bay* magazine

Tables and chairs are set up for your convenience along with some lively music.

Produce arrives by season; so, check weekly to see what’s new.

Stay in touch on the market’s Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OrindaFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/OrindaFarmersMarket), check out the website at [www.cccfm.org](http://www.cccfm.org), or if you have further questions, please call the market hotline at 925-431-8361.

Enjoy and see you at the market!

The Orinda market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Orinda Way in front of the Community Park and Rite Aid.

### Strawberry Blossoms

12 large strawberries, rinsed and dried  
1 – 3 ounce package cream cheese at room temperature  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon curd  
Fresh mint leaves (optional)

Remove stems from strawberries to form a flat base. Place on cutting board pointed end up. With a sharp paring knife, slice each berry in half vertically to within one quarter inch of base. Cut each half into 3 wedges to form 6 petals. (DO NOT slice through to base). Pull petals slightly apart.

Whip cheese and curd together until fluffy. With a pastry bag and star tip, or small spoon, fill strawberries with cheese/lemon curd mixture. Garnish with mint leaves.

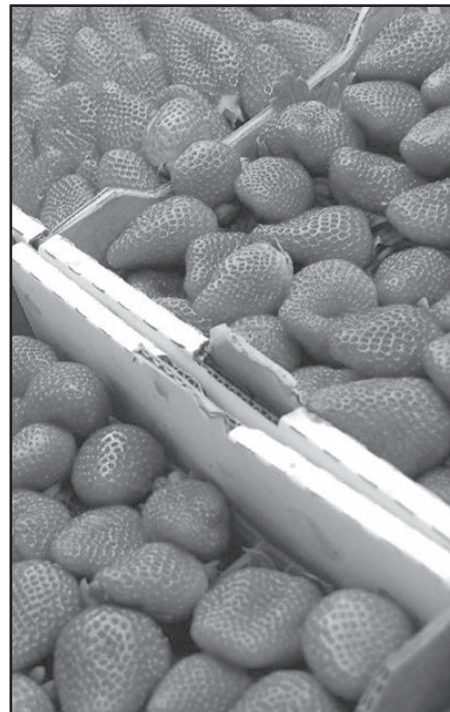
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*Dracula*. Cowler is looking for a number of adults to perform in this farce. Rehearsals begin in June. Performance dates are July 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, Aug. 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11.

The third production of the season is P.G. Wodehouse’s *Good Morning, Bill*, directed by Eddie Peabody. Peabody, last seen on the OrSVP stage in the 2009 production of *Cyrano*, is excited to work with the company again. The veteran Lamorinda actor and director will need a number of adults for this classic comedy. Rehearsals begin in late July and performances are Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29.

OrSVP is completely volunteer run and no one at the theatre is paid. Anyone who is interested in any aspect of theater who would like to help is encouraged to contact the group at [www.orsvp.org](http://www.orsvp.org) or 925-528-9225. “This is a great place to get your feet wet in community theater,” enthuses Suzan Lorraine. “So, do come play with us.”

For all auditions, please come prepared to read from the scripts for the directors. No prepared monologues are necessary. For more information, call 925-528-9225 or email [info@orsvp.org](mailto:info@orsvp.org).



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Strawberries make their return to the Orinda Farmers’ Market in April.

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## Seniors now have easy access to rides on demand

By Amy Stice  
Co-founder, Arrive Rides

My grandmother, Nina, is in great health. She’s 94 years old and recently got a five-year renewal on her driver’s license, despite feeling nervous driving on the freeway. When she’s going anywhere outside Moraga, she calls my aunt for a ride. If my aunt isn’t available, Nina reschedules the appointment.

The stress on Aunt Nan! Nina is confident on her feet and mentally sharp. All she needs is a driver—which is what companies like Uber and Lyft do. They allow their users to order a ride through their smartphones. It’s easy, and simple, and I use those services all the time myself.

There was just one problem: Nina doesn’t have a smartphone. In fact, sixty percent of people over the age of 65 don’t have one, which means that on-demand transportation isn’t available to the age group that may need it most.

I created Arrive Rides to solve this problem. What we do is simple: We



connect people who don’t have smartphones to the services of Lyft and Uber.

Arrive Rides members can call us from any type of phone—home phone, cell phone, the convenience desk of the grocery store—to request a ride. We handle the technology to dispatch a car through Lyft or Uber, and let our member know what kind of car is coming for them and when exactly it will arrive. We then call the driver to let them know how to find the member: “You’re picking up my friend Gloria. She’s a 70-year-old

woman in a blue sweater and is standing in front of the pineapple display outside Trader Joe’s.”

We use Lyft and Uber’s technology to see exactly where the car is at any given time, and ensure that the member is picked up as planned and on time. Any car dispatched can accommodate a foldable walker or wheelchair—so long as the member can move themselves from a mobility device into the car, the driver will handle collapsing the equipment and storing it in the trunk of the car. Many of Arrive’s members let us know that they have a hard time getting into and out of SUVs; for those members we will always find a sedan.

Arrive Rides charges \$10/month as a membership fee, and ride costs are based on the time and distance of the trip, with a \$12 minimum.

For more information, call Arrive Rides’ information line at (866) 626-9879, or visit us online at [www.arrive-rides.com](http://www.arrive-rides.com).



## CALENDAR

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## APRIL

- 3 **Orinda Starlight Village Players**, 7 p.m., auditions for their 35th season. Also April 8 at 4 p.m. See [www.orsvp.org](http://www.orsvp.org) or call 925-528-9225 for more information. See article p. 15.
- 5 **Taste of the World Market**, 5 p.m. Weekly food truck event features a different mix of trucks and entertainment. To see which food trucks will be present, visit [www.tasteoftheworldmarket.com/calendar-agenda-style/](http://www.tasteoftheworldmarket.com/calendar-agenda-style/). Also, April 12, 19 and 26.
- 6 **Orinda Chamber and Orinda Rotary's Satellite Club** annual Trivia Bee, 5 p.m. Bring your team of six to the Masonic Lodge for a friendly competition to see who has the most knowledge of all things trivial and arcane! Winning team takes the cash prize for the non-profit of their choice! Entry fee is \$360 per team (\$60 per person). See article this page.
- International Film Showcase**, 7 p.m. presents *The Insult* at the Orinda Theatre. For information, [www.internationalshowcase.org](http://www.internationalshowcase.org). See article p. 14.
- 7 **Orinda Farmers' Market**, 9 a.m., Orinda Way, Orinda. Also, April 14, 21 and 28. See article p. 16.
- 9 **Orinda Books**, 10:30 a.m., Poetry Circle discusses *Without End: New and Selected Poems* by Adam Zagajewski. 276 Village Square, Orinda, [info@orindabooks.com](mailto:info@orindabooks.com), 925-254-7606.
- 12 **Orinda Library Art Gallery**, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., "Celebration of the Arts Reception," sponsored by EFO for K-12 Arts Ambassadors from Orinda schools, light refreshments, entertainment. Reception on April 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. to celebrate student Arts Ambassadors from Lafayette and Moraga schools. See article p. 2.
- Classic Free Movie Night**, 7 p.m. presents *Wait until Dark* at the Orinda Theatre. For further information, please go to [www.lamorindatheatre.com](http://www.lamorindatheatre.com). See article p. 14.
- 13 **First Friday Forum**, 1 p.m., Glenn Robinson, Ph.D. will discuss "The Four Waves of Global Jihad." Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. See article p. 16.
- 15 **Smiley Nail Spa**, 11 a.m. Celebrates two years at its 81 Moraga Way location with an Open House for clients. For more information, call 925-257-7068. See article p. 20.
- Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest**, 3 - 5:30 p.m., public screening and award ceremony for filmmakers in four categories plus audience favorite award. Lafayette Library Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. See <https://lamorindaarts.org/shortdocs/> for more information.
- Girls Maker Market**, 4:30 - 6 p.m., mini-planning and marketing session led by "girlpreneurs," hosted by Kristina McCann, Alain Pinel Terrace, 2 Theatre Square, Orinda. See [www.facebook.com/groups/girlsmakersmarket/about](http://www.facebook.com/groups/girlsmakersmarket/about). See article p. 19.
- Orinda Chamber of Commerce**, 5 - 7 p.m. collaborates with neighboring Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Moraga Chamber of Commerce in presenting a special forum, Non-Profit Best Practices, at the Orinda Community Center in Room 7. For more information, call 254-3909. See Business Buzz article p. 20.
- 17 **Orinda Books**, 11:30 a.m., Literary Luncheon: Abbi Waxman presents *Other People's Houses*. 276 Village Square, Orinda, [info@orindabooks.com](mailto:info@orindabooks.com), 925-254-7606.
- 21 **Orinda Books**, 3 p.m., Mystery Authors Glenda Carroll, Janet Dawson, Wendy Hornsby and Simon Wood introduce their latest books. 276 Village Square, Orinda, [info@orindabooks.com](mailto:info@orindabooks.com), 925-254-7606.
- Pacific Chamber Orchestra**, 7:30 p.m. presents "American Radio Hour" concert program. Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church (49 Knox, Lafayette). Also April 22, at 2 p.m. at the Bankhead Theatre (2100 First Street, Livermore). See article p. 15.
- 22 **Wagner Ranch Nature Area Wildlife Festival**, 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 350 Camino Pablo Rd. Go to [www.fwrna.org](http://www.fwrna.org). See article p. 14.
- 27 **Women of Spirit**, noon-2 p.m., Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, [www.facebook.com/womenofspiritlamorinda](http://www.facebook.com/womenofspiritlamorinda).
- 28 **Orinda Garden Club**, 6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wonders of the West, Garden Club of America Flower Show, Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, Third Floor Atrium, S.F. Free. Also Apr. 29, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. See [www.orindagc.org](http://www.orindagc.org) for more information and article p. 6.

## AT THE LIBRARY

All events are free unless otherwise specified. For more information, call 254-2184 or visit [www.cclib.org/locations/Orinda.html](http://www.cclib.org/locations/Orinda.html). The library will be closed for Easter on April 1, 2018.

- 2 **Maker Monday Special: Junkology!** 1 p.m., Dr. Recycle will show you how to turn trash into toys! Bring clean yogurt cups, milk jugs and cereal boxes to make whirligigs, ducks, whales and more! Also, April 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- 3 **Megumi** storyteller, 10 a.m. A very special storytelling event by an artist celebrating diversity, critical thinking and creativity. This program for kids of all ages and their caregivers. In the Garden Room; no cost or registration. Also at 10:30 a.m.
- Peek-a-Boo Storytime**, 11:30 a.m. Lapsit storytime for newborns/pre-walkers (0 to roughly 18 months) and their caregivers. Early literacy advice. Families with older siblings please attend toddler storytime. No registration required. Also, April 10, 17 and 24.
- Orinda Library Writers Group**, 6:30 p.m. Meet with a friendly group of beginning writers in a supportive environment to motivate, critique and inspire one another. Share two pages of your writing (any genre) and get feedback from the group.
- 4 **Toddler Storytime**, 10 a.m. Stories, songs and early literacy learning for new walkers (approx. 18 to 36 months) and their caregivers. No registration required; please attend only one toddler storytime each week. Also, 10:30 a.m. Also, April 11, 18 and 25.
- 5 **ESL Conversation Circle**, 1 to 3 p.m. For adults, practice and improve English conversation skills in a small, informal group. Registration not required. Also April 12, 19 and 26.
- 6 **Teen Coloring Club**, 4 p.m. Join the Orinda Library TAG to de-stress, relax and have fun. The library provides age appropriate coloring books and colored pencils; you provide the inspiration and creativity. Free and open to all. Also April 13, 20 and 27.
- 11 **PoetryMusic: Where Words and Music Meet**, 6:30 p.m. A delightful meeting of music and poetry ranging from Shakespeare to Robert Frost and Maya Angelou. The chamber jazz duo PoetryMusic combines poetry, exquisite music and visual images for a truly unique multi-media experience. Orinda Library Auditorium. Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Orinda Library.
- 16 **Creative Aging: A Workshop in Renewal Through Creativity**, 10:30 a.m. Presented by Green Golly.
- 17 **Little Kids, Little Songs: Audience 101**, 10:30 a.m. This original and highly interactive program is an introduction to live music, comedy and theatre for children. Each song is a mini-tale requiring just the right amount of attention.
- Orinda Library TAG Meeting**, 4 p.m. Monthly meeting of the Orinda Library Teen Ad-

## Chamber/Rotary Trivia Bee April 6



SALLY HOGARTY

A group from the Orinda Juniors Women's Club got into the spirit at last year's Trivia Bee. Join in the fun at this year's event sponsored once again by the Orinda Chamber of Commerce and the Orinda Rotary Club. Assemble a team of six to possibly win the grand prize of \$500 for the non-profit of your choice. It all takes place April 6 at the Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Rd. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m. sharp. Call 925-254-3909 or go to [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org) to sign up.

visory Group.

- 20 **Mystery Book Club**, 3 p.m. Join the Orinda Mystery Book Club to uncover and discuss the new mystery book of the month. Meetings every third Friday of the month. This month's selection is *Song of the Lion* by Anne Hillerman.
- 26 **Welcome Reception for Orinda Poet Laureate**, 12 to 1:30 p.m., celebrating National Poetry Month co-hosted by the Orinda Library and the Lamorinda Arts Council, Orinda Library Garden Room, 26 Orinda Way. Light refreshments will be served.
- Contra Costa Tale Spinners**, 7 p.m., Join this lively group to tell or listen. This is storytelling for adults with a featured teller every month. Garden Room.
- 28 **S.O.D. Blitz**, 12:30 p.m. Learn how you can help stop Sudden Oak Death as a Citizen Scientist. This workshop, led by UC Berkeley, will explain how the disease is decimating oaks throughout the state. Participants will receive a collection kit to help survey and sample trees in the East Bay and Orinda community. Library Garden Room.

## CLUB MEETINGS

- American Association of University Women (AAUW)** General meetings third Tues., <http://oml-ca.aauw.net> or email Marty Schimbor at [mgschimbor@comcast.net](mailto:mgschimbor@comcast.net).
- Diablo Star Chapter #214**, Order of the Eastern Star. Second Monday, 7:30 p.m. Orinda Masonic Center, Karen Seaborn, 925-689-0995.
- Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe**. Third Monday, 7:30 p.m., Garden Room, Orinda Library, [www.moragaadobe.org](http://www.moragaadobe.org).
- Friends of the Orinda Creeks**. Fourth Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., May Room, Orinda Library, 925-253-1997.
- Guided Meditation**. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way, Orinda, focuses on health, harmony and wholeness, 925-254-5965.
- Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition**. Third Wednesday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Orinda City Hall Sarge Littlehale Room, 925-687-8844, ext. 227.
- Lamorinda Nature Walk and Bird Watching** for seniors. Wednesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., free. Call 925-254-2445 for weekly meeting place.
- Lamorinda Sirs** for retired men. Second Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, Pete Giers, 925-254-4667.
- Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary**. Every Friday, 7 a.m., Lafayette Park Hotel, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, [www.lamorindasunrise.com](http://www.lamorindasunrise.com) or 925-283-8288. April 20, speaker Bill Yaley: "Operation Babylift" rescued approximately 2500 war-torn orphans, who were flown to the United States via U.S. Air Force planes. The city of Saigon was being overrun by the North Vietnam Army as this operation was taking place.
- Lamorinda Toastmasters**. Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette, <http://lamorinda.toastmastersclubs.org>.
- Montelindo Garden Club**. Third Friday, 9 a.m., Sept. through May, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive, [www.montelindogarden.com](http://www.montelindogarden.com). 925-284-8193. April 20 at 9 a.m., The History of Mt. Diablo and its Open Space Preservation with speaker Seth Adams, land conservation director at Save Mount Diablo.
- Orinda Association**. Second Monday, 7 p.m., Orinda Library, May Room, 925-254-0800.
- Orinda Garden Club**, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda 925-257-0668 or going to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).
- Orinda Hiking Club**. Every weekend and first Wednesday, [www.orindahiking.org](http://www.orindahiking.org) or Ian at 925-254-1465.
- Orinda Historical Society**. Call 925-254-1353 for times and location of meetings.
- Orinda Job's Daughters**. First and third Monday, 7 p.m., 9 Altarinda Road, 925-283-7176.
- Orinda Junior Women's Club** community service group. First Tuesday, September through June, 7 p.m., [www.orindajuniors.org](http://www.orindajuniors.org).
- Orinda Masonic Lodge #122 F&AM**. First Thursday every month, except holidays, at 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda Masonic Center, Orinda. Family Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m., 925-254-5211, [www.orindalodge.org](http://www.orindalodge.org).
- Orinda Rotary**. Every Wednesday, noon, Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, 925-254-2222, [www.orindarotary.org](http://www.orindarotary.org). April 4, Speaker Jim Marggraff.
- Orinda/Tábor (Czech Republic) Sister City Foundation**. Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m., social, 7:30 p.m., meeting, call 925-254-8260 for location.
- Orinda Teen Advisory Council**. Second Wednesday, 4 p.m., Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, email [orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:orindateenadvisorycouncil@gmail.com).







STUDENTS / BUSINESS BUZZ

# Orinda Juniorettes Held Women in Leadership Panel at Miramonte



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Julia Kadie (2nd from right) and Annabel Lee (far right) prompt panelists with questions.

A sub-group of the Orinda Junior Woman's Club, Miramonte's Orinda Juniorettes once again presented a city-wide Women in Leadership Panel after school at Miramonte High School. Annabel Lee and Julia Kadie, co-presidents of the club this year, organized the event, which was attended by 138 people. The panelists consisted of two lawyers, a biology professor from St. Mary's, a professor and women's rights activist and the founder of the intuitive Writing Project. Last year, the panel included a lawyer, a school board member, the mayor and a civil engineer.

Kadie and Lee prompted the women with questions ranging from the challenges they face as women leaders in their respective fields to how men can be allies to women in leadership roles. "With each story told and

each piece of advice given, young women in our community are shown examples of women who have ascended to leadership positions in government, business and STEAM fields," says Kadie. "Additionally, at lunchtime, the club members lay out papers on the quad. Written on each is a different Mad Libs-style fill in the blank such as 'So and so inspires me through her leadership in whatever field.' After someone writes a shoutout, we tape them to a poster behind us, providing recognition for women leaders in our community."

— Sally Hogarty, Editor

## Showcasing Young Entrepreneurs

By ROXANNE CHRISTOPHE DAVIS  
Contributing Writer

The Girls Makers' Market will host its inaugural event – a marketplace where young entrepreneurs can share ideas and sell their wares – on May 6 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Quarry House at Wilder.

A mini-marketing session on April 15 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at Alain Pinel Terrace, 2 Theatre Square, in Orinda. The session will be led by some of the "girlpreneurs" who are already selling on Etsy or at local Farmers Markets.

For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/GirlsMakersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/GirlsMakersMarket).

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vacuuming. A team of two employees arrive in a company car, provides all supplies and equipment and leaves the home thoroughly clean. "I treat my employees and clients as friends. As a result, I have clients who have been with me 30 years, and I have worked by word of mouth referral throughout all this time," says Winter.

Non-profit Bay Area Consumers' Check Book recognized Total Clean with a rating for both quality and price in the Winter 2018 survey. This independent entity incorporates ratings and reviews by Consumers' Check Book and Consumer Reports

subscribers when compiling its ratings. "We are the only East Bay house cleaning company that received rating for both quality and price," notes Winter.

Winter is married to Lafayette Elementary School science teacher Jonathan Winter. The couple resides in Moraga and has two adult children. A dressage rider since childhood, Winter enjoys dressage riding three or four times a week these days. Husband Jonathan prefers cycling in his free time.

To request a quote for house cleaning services, visit the Total Clean website at [www.totalclean.biz](http://www.totalclean.biz). You may email Kimberley Winter at [KimberleyWinter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KimberleyWinter@sbcglobal.net) or call 925-376-1004.

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### Smiley Nail Spa

Smiley Nail Spa celebrates two years at its 81 Moraga Way location with an Open House for clients on Sunday, April 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Husband and wife team Deena and Linh Bui appreciate their Lamorinda clientele. They invite clients

for lunch as their way of saying thank you for your business. Although walk-ins are welcome at Smiley Nail Spa, which is open seven days a week, it is always best to call ahead for an appointment. For more information, call 925-257-7068.

### Orinda Chamber of Commerce Hosts Local Non-Profit Forum

Under the direction of executive director

Sophie Braccini, the Orinda Chamber of Commerce collaborates with neighboring Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Moraga Chamber of Commerce in presenting a special forum, Non-Profit Best Practices, at the Orinda Community Center on Monday, April 15, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Room 7.

“All Orinda non-profits are welcome to attend this free event. We are grateful to the City of Orinda for providing this venue at the Community Center for us at no charge,” says Sophie Braccini. “What motivated the three Chambers to organize this event is the fact that we each have several events throughout the year, but we have not focused on non-profit enterprises,” she explains.

“There are several non-profit entities in Orinda, including the larger ones such as the Orinda Association, Cal Shakes and the Educational Foundation of Orinda. There are smaller ones such as Families Without Borders and SunJams Foundation, that are managed by our residents, many of whom have other full-time jobs,” adds Braccini. “This forum brings everyone together to brainstorm and share best practices.”

The evening is composed of four parts, with a focus on securing grant funding and addressing the specific needs of non-profits. Moraga based non-profit Contra Costa County Climate Leaders will discuss its best practices, focusing on marketing and communications outreach. The forum provides ample opportunity for mingling and networking for all.

“The Chevron Community Outreach Foundation will discuss how a non-profit should present itself in the quest to secure grant funding. We realize the very big issue for non-profits is obtaining adequate funding and believe this gathering will be helpful in this regard, as well as a resource for non-profits,” says Braccini.



SALLY HOGARTY  
Orinda Chamber of Commerce Executive Director  
Sophie Braccini.



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Kimberley Winter, owner of Total Clean.

Amer Budayr, Orinda resident and founder of Sun Jams Foundation, an organization that promotes education through music in public school districts where they do not always have resources to devote to music curriculum, is optimistic about this Tri-Chamber event: “This forum is needed in our community for non-profits to get better acquainted and share best practices. It will help create and establish cohesion for our non-profit community.”

For more information about the Non-Profit Best Practices Forum, call 254-3909. Mark your calendar now for the Orinda Restaurant Tour that takes place in the Orinda Theatre District on Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and may be purchased on the Orinda Chamber of Commerce website at [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org).

### Total Clean Celebrates 33 Years Serving Our Lamorinda

Kimberley Winter, founder and owner of Total Clean, a home cleaning service exclusively serving Lamorinda residents, happily announces the company’s 33rd anniversary. Winter is an active, hands-on, on-site manager, overseeing a staff of 20 employees at the company’s office located at 1605 School Street, Suite 106 in Moraga.

“I was working my way through school – I was studying at Saint Mary’s College – and the business just evolved. I did not set out to establish something long-term. It just began as a small experiment with two employees and kept growing and growing. My brain is wired for business, and I think I would have succeeded without earning my business degree,” smiles Winter.

Total Clean provides basic cleaning of the entire home, including dusting and

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