

## September 2004

# Lafayette's 9th Annual Art & Wine Festival Just Around the Corner!

### Mark your calendars for September 18-19th

The Lafayette Art & Wine Festival, expected to once again draw a crowd of over 75,000, is a great way to spend the last few lazy days of summer. Art, wine, beer, music, shopping, food – what more could one ask for?

The 9th annual family-oriented event has become a popular destination for hundreds of people, who converge on the downtown area to explore, experience and shop in Lafayette. Once a tiny street fair, this not-to-be-missed festival has grown into something special – a place to experience top-notch entertainment, choose from an incredible variety of food, wine and beer, admire the works of local artists, learn from celebrity chefs, explore more than 200 arts and crafts booths, and listen to R&B, rock 'n roll, jazz, soul and much more.

Sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the festival is being held Saturday, September 18, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday, September 19, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

#### Great Tasting Wine and Beer

If sipping great wine is your thing, then don't forget to pamper yourself by visiting the Premium Wine Pavilion, sponsored by CENTURY 21 Heritage Real Estate. More than a dozen wineries will offer about 30 different wines for tasting and food will be provided by Susan Foord Catering. While all the wines offered at the festival are terrific, those available in the Pavilion are geared towards wine aficionados looking for something extra special.

Outside the pavilion, another 50 wines will be offered for tasting, covering a wide cross section of varietals.

#### Toe-tapping Music

A musician once said that "Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence." If that's true, then this year's cup should be running over, as a selection of popular bands take to the three stages spread throughout the festival. Expect to hear music ranging from rock 'n' roll, blues and soul to country & western,

The new La Fiesta Square Stage, located near Kinko's, will feature the music of Lisa Kolarich, the Delta Dogs, Bob Athayde & Friends, Nightlights, Big Rain, Airtime, and the LaVerne Christie Trio.

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## BUSINESS BUILDING BREAKFAST – New Venue!

Join us at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa  
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We have an exciting line-up of presentations starting  
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 • 7:30 - 9 a.m.**

Susan Urquhart-Brown presents

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**THAI RESTAURANT** .....Amarin Thai Cuisine  
**TAKEOUT** .....Uncle Yu’s  
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# Business Spotlight

**Sandra L. Meyers E.A.**

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Sandy Meyers, an Enrolled Agent specializing in accounting and tax preparation, is a third generation Lafayette resident and even lives in her grandparents old home, right next door to where she grew up. After receiving her A.A from Diablo Valley College and working at a credit union while attending school, Sandy worked her way up from teller to the Brand Manager of two branches-in El Cerrito and Corte Madera. She was an employee of that credit union for 20 years and left because of medical reasons but says the industry was also changing at that time. She has always loved accounting and bookkeeping and says "I always wanted to do this!"

After taking some refresher courses at John F. Kennedy University, she decided in 1988 to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in business administration and accounting. She continued working while going to school and had positions with a couple of small CPA firms that offered "hands-on accounting work." From there Sandy moved on to another CPA firm in Orinda which was a pivotal spot in her career. She had a very intelligent boss who even today serves as a resource to Sandy and they keep in touch on a regular basis. When this boss decided to focus on taxes and consulting she needed to sell off her accounting clients and that's when Sandy decided to "go off on my own and try it." The two businesswomen worked out an agreement where Sandy worked in the same office and handled all of the accounting needs of this stable group of clients

Although she wanted to do something additional for her clients, she never had an interest in auditing so she didn't want to become a CPA which led her to take the Enrolled Agent's (EA) exam five years ago. One of the major benefits of being an EA is that you are licensed by the IRS and not by the state so Sandy liked the idea of being able to practice anywhere in the country. She bought the accounting business in October 1997 and says, "I have a stable base of clients" and although she has not lost one client since buying the business, she would like it to continue to grow.

Sandy's current goals include increasing her client base and hiring one employee to help with data entry and accounting work during the busy tax season when she is tied up doing so many returns. She would like to be able to help out some local small businesses who need data entry work done on a weekly basis and she could send her employee out to do that.

Sandy joined the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce in January 2000 when her business moved from Orinda to her home in Lafayette. She says the best experience with the Chamber has been the people – both members and the office staff. She got more active with the Chamber at the urg-

ing of former Membership Services Director, Virginia Fox. First Sandy got involved with a Leads Group and then became a member of the Ambassador Committee-the public relations arm of the Chamber. "I'm basically a very shy person and it's hard for me to go up to someone I don't know and introduce myself," Sandy says, "and being an Ambassador makes me talk to people." At a mixer or special event, people are always asking her what an Ambassador is when they see her Committee/name badge. "After awhile you get referrals when you start meeting people and they get to know you...that's what it's all about and it's the way your business grows." Sandy has also been very active with the Chamber's two biggest annual events by volunteering at both the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival and the Lafayette Reservoir Run.

## Your Lafayette Chamber Membership is valuable in September

*We are starting publication of the next Lafayette Business and Community Directory which is distributed to every Lafayette resident (totaling 29,000 copies) and is included in every new resident and new business relocation packet. As a Chamber member, you are included twice in this Directory at no charge – both by industry listing and alphabetically.*

*That's some great exposure for your business!*

**Have YOU always wanted to be on a Board of Directors?**


The Lafayette Chamber is holding its annual election of officers for a two-year term which begins in January 2005. Elected members must be available to participate in the annual planning retreat, held on November 12-14 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel. Please fill out the enclosed flyer and fax back to the Chamber by September 13.

The following board member's terms have expired:  
**Larry Duson**, Bank of the West;  
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*Patricia Griffith, Owner*

Southern Oven Baking Company offers home-style entrées and “made from scratch” desserts in an intimate setting. Our home-style meals include: Louisiana Catfish, Gumbo, Jambalaya, and Southern Fried Chicken. Each of our desserts are heirloom recipes from previous generations and are made the hard way! We feature homemade Caramel Pecan Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Lemon Chess Pie, Texas Chocolate Cake, Seven-up Cake and many more. Live entertainment is available Friday nights for all to enjoy. Please join us for lunch or dinner, Tuesday-

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*Derik Landry, Owner*

Pinkies Nail Salons opened their upbeat spa-like nail salon in April to a very receptive market. “Word of mouth has been the key to our success,” says co-owner Derik Landry, “our great look, rigid cleanliness standards, and everyday prices bring clients in but it's our commitment to quality and service that set us apart. We're dedicated to earning clients for life.” Pinkies performs services for all nail types with natural manicures starting at \$14. Try Pinkies Deluxe Spa Pedicure that includes an exclusive salt scrub and 10 minute lower leg and foot massage for \$33.

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The Springstone School is an independent middle school that promotes and develops academic, social and prevocational skills for students with Asperger's Syndrome and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities. The Springstone School fosters values of independence, responsibility and community in preparation for high school and beyond through intensive, individualized instruction in small structured classrooms.

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Bill Nevin has lived in Lafayette for over 20 years and has been on the Lafayette Traffic Commission, Lafayette Parking Commission, and is active in Boy Scouts and several other community organizations.

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# AUGUST MIXER

## MIXING IT UP AT WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

Despite the very warm weather, Chamber members packed the Washington Mutual Bank for our August mixer – it definitely looked like everyone was back from vacation! Our thanks go to the staff at Washington Mutual Bank for hosting and to Susan Foord Catering for providing the wonderful hors'doeuvres. We'd also like to extend our thanks to the following members who generously donated raffle prizes: Café Esperanza, Costco, Cypress Mortgage, Health Flow Learning Center, Ladies Workout Express, Lafayette Car Wash, Paychex, Pillar to Post Home Inspections, Pinkies Nail Salon, State Farm/Orinda, and Tomei & Tonjes. See you September 8th at the next mixer!



## UPCOMING Ribbon Cutting/Open House

**Café Esperanza** 960 Moraga Rd.  
Tuesday, September 14th at 12 Noon

**Peacock Indian Cuisine**  
3602 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Wednesday, September 15th at 4:30 p.m.

**Pinkies Nail Salon**  
3333 Mt. Diablo Boulevard  
Tuesday, September 21st at 4:30 p.m.

**Lafayette Commons Apartments**  
3263 Mt. Diablo Ct.  
Wednesday, September 22nd at 12 Noon

**Ladies Workout Express**  
3322 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Wednesday, September 29th at 4:30 p.m.

**Quizno's Subs**  
3651 Mt. Diablo Boulevard  
Wednesday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m.

## **RITA MORENO JOINS GOLD COAST CHAMBER PLAYERS OCTOBER 3rd PERFORMING ARTS GALA**

"We're going to fill the (Berkeley) hills with the sound of music and celebrities of all ages," says Lafayette Chamber member Pamela Freund-Striplen, Artistic Director of the Gold Coast Chamber Players. Their first performing arts benefit at Ann and Gordon Getty's historic Berkeley landmark, "The Temple of Wings", is scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Highlights include a vibrant concert by the Gold Coast Chamber Players, pre-concert performances by "Rising Star" student music groups from Lamorinda and a lot of Friends and Fans including Actress/Dancer Rita Moreno who just wowed critics and audiences with her sizzling performance as Maria Callas in "Master Class" at Berkeley Rep.

"This is a unique opportunity to raise funds to support and extend our

music appreciation programs "Sneak Previews" in Lamorinda public schools," continues Freund-Striplen. Our student mentoring and music appreciation concerts have been well received at Acalanes and Campolindo High Schools, as well as Stanley and Joaquin Moraga Middle Schools and we plan to expand into areas of need throughout the Bay Area."

Food delicacies and a Wine and Champagne bar are included in the ticket donation prices. Ticket levels: \$150 (Stradivarius Circle); \$125 (Concertmaster); \$100 (Patron). For information on sponsorships and reservations, call Pamela Freund-Striplen at 925-283-3728.

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## *Art & Wine, continued from page 1*

Woerlhe & Son Builders have stepped up this year to sponsor the Art Stage, located at Oak Hill Road and Mt. Diablo Blvd. in the Uncle Yu's parking lot. Bands playing there include Ray Obiedo & The Urban Latin Jazz Project, Annie Sampson, Bautista, Pure Honey, Paul Schmidt, the Kevin Beadles Band and the Matt Morrish Trio.

The Wine Stage, located on Mt. Diablo Blvd. near Bank of the West, will be home to the following bands: The Fabulous Jukes, Delta Wires, Chuck More's Bay Area Rat Pack, the Contra Costa Jazz Band, OPM, the Michael Robinson Band and the Pines Family Band.

### **Over 200 Arts & Crafts Booths**

It would be hard to attend this festival, and not find a piece of art or a craft item that catches your eye and screams "take me home." An artist's alley, showcasing the works of local artists, will include glasswork, paintings, jewelry, prints and sculpture. Local artists participating this year include: Tom Taneyhill, Chris Roscoe, Jill Landau, Sadie Cuming, Linda Yoshizawa, Carla Gelbaum, David Mudgett, and Kiyomi Kubo.

Craft booths also dot the festival, offering functional and decorative items of beauty.

### **Mouth-watering Food**

No matter what kind of food you desire, it's likely you'll be able to find it at this year's festival. BBQ chicken and ribs, steak sandwiches, falafels, guacamole & chips, salads, kettle corn, garlic chicken, ice cream, pizza, smoothies, french fries, corn dogs, crepes, cookies, sandwiches, sno cones, root beer floats, chow mein and caesar salad are included in this year's menu of tasty food.

Food vendors include: Amarin Thai Cuisine, B-Food International, Holy Guaca-Moly, Hungry Hunter, In Good Taste, Iron Horse Kettle Korn, La Finestra Ristorante, Liberty House Restaurant, Lords Ice Cream, Mangia Ristorante, Maui Wowi, Mike Hutslar Catering, Nicolet's Creperie, Otis Spunkmeyer, Petar's Restaurant, Postino, Rainbow Snow, Rotary Club of Lafayette, Rotary of Lamorinda Sunrise, Small Thyme Catering, Sonoma Teriyaki, Susan Foord Catering & Chow, Ciao!

### **Chef's Stage**

Well-known chefs from throughout the Bay Area will dazzle foodies at the Culinary Stage, sponsored by Viking Range Corporation. Mouth-watering dishes will be prepared throughout the day, at the stage located in the La Fiesta Square parking lot.

Chefs demonstrating their talents to a live audience include: Chef Jim Galle from Grimaud Farms, Chef Frank Palmer from The Duck Club, Chef Alen Vitti from Bridges Restaurant, Chef Kevin Gin from Ono Maze, Chef Andy Tsang from Uncle Yu's, Chef Adam Jones from the Franciscan, Chef Rick Delemain from Le Virage, Chef Tyler Dwyer from Vic Stewart's, Chef Kelly Degala from Va De Vi Bistro and Wine Bar, Chef Kevin Weinberg from the Walnut Creek Yacht Club, Chef Mike Reining from the Pleasanton Hotel, and Chef Mike Cappon from Party Lifestyles.

### **KidzZone Delights the Younger Set**

Make sure to bring the kids along to the festival again this year so they can visit the wildly popular KidzZone, sponsored by Chevron/Texaco. Look for party jumps, games, arts, crafts and entertainment.

### **Non-profits benefit from Festival Proceeds**

Festival proceeds are traditionally shared with local non-profits, including the Lafayette Arts & Sciences Foundation, an organization whose goal is to support and enrich the education of every child in the Lafayette public schools through a broad community-based effort.

### **Many Thanks to Sponsors**

An open air festival as large as this one doesn't happen without a lot of hard work and support. Media sponsors for the event include the Contra Costa Times, Diablo Magazine, KKSF and NBC-11. Other major sponsors include CENTURY 21 Heritage Real Estate, Viking, La Fiesta Square, Woerhle & Son Builders and Chevron/Texaco.

Corporate sponsors include Coldwell Banker, Concord BMW, Kitchen Works, Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Marriott Vacation Club International, Minuteman Press, PG&E, Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal, Renewal by Anderson, Safeway of Lafayette and Sunrise Assisted Living.

# Focus on the Arts

**PHILHARMONIA ADDS FOURTH LAFAYETTE PERFORMANCE.** Lafayette residents who love fine classical music will want to know that Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra is scheduled to perform at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church four times during the 2004-2005 season. Last year's three-concert inaugural series at LOPC was well received and a fourth performance has been added this year.

The first LOPC concert will be on Saturday, October 16th and is entitled "The Art of the Violin." Elizabeth Wallfisch will be guest violinist and conductor, directing a program of virtuoso concerti. The other three concerts will be on Tuesday evenings. On November 9, Philharmonia's Music Director, Nicholas McGegan, will conduct a program entitled "An Evening in Old Vienna," a program of music by Mozart, Schubert, M. Haydn and Wranitzky. On December 7, British harpsichordist Trevor Pinnock will be guest conductor and soloist in a program of music by J.S. Bach (Brandenburg #5), C.P.E. Bach and a Telemann cantata. On April 12, 2005, Philharmonia will be joined by Chanticleer to perform a program of music from the Cathedral of Toledo (18th Century Spanish Baroque) directed by McGegan.

More information about the orchestra, concert schedule, recordings and ticket and subscription information is available from the Philharmonia office at 415-252-1288.

## **LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WORK ON DISPLAY AT FASTFRAME OF LAFAYETTE.**

Anthony Ruiz, owner of Fastframe of Lafayette, has joined with the Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation to sponsor "The Luck of the Draw," in which local elementary school children entered their artwork in a drawing sponsored by LASF. These lucky winners received complimentary custom framing from Fastframe, and the winning artwork will be exhibited there during the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival on September 18-19. We will honor the young artists at an Opening Reception on Sunday, September 12th from 12-4pm, and their artwork will be on display through October. Stop by the store to see these wonderful expressions of creativity through art and framing! Call Anthony at 283-7620 for more information.

**LAFAYETTE GALLERY ARTISTS FALL SHOW** Original prints, paintings, sculpture, photographs, ceramics, lanterns, clocks, jewelry, and more. Many of the artists will put up their tents in the parking lot of the gallery for the weekend of Sept. 18th and 19th and share in the yearly Art and Wine event. Show Dates: August 24-October 17, 2004. Gallery and Sculpture Garden Hours: Tuesday- Saturday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

**OLD FIREHOUSE SCHOOL is hosting the Lamorinda Children's Art Show** on September 19, 2004. The show will feature works of art made by Lamorinda preschoolers and preschool teachers. There will be an educational display on the benefit of the visual arts as a fundamental component of a school's core curriculum.

For more information, or if you would like to submit your child's artwork in the show, please contact Andrea Roth at 925-284-5969. Old Firehouse School is located at 984 Moraga Rd. in Lafayette.

## **LAFAYETTE SUMMER MUSIC WORKSHOP HELD AUGUST 2-6.**

Left to right:  
Jeff Neighbor, Instructor;  
Mary Fettig, Curriculum  
Director; and Ruth  
Davies, Instructor.



**Battle of the Bases**

# Business Briefs

## **LAFAYETTE CHAMBER MEMBERS STAR IN KPIX-TV EVENING MAGAZINE**

It was a night to remember for primetime exposure! From Evening Magazine host, Mike Rowe, strolling down the elegant lobby staircase of the Lafayette Hotel & Spa to Jennifer Cohen's innovative Jennie's Jammies Bridal Shower, the July 30th program was a promotional dream



**Jennie's Jammies**, a home-based Lafayette business, showed that "jammies aren't just for sleeping anymore" and took the viewer on a tour of the bride selecting her favorite lingerie items for a Bridal Registry to a unique shower with facial and pedicure services and guests drinking champagne in Jennie's Jammies.

**The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa** (voted East Bay's best day spa for two years) showed Mike sipping Smoothies by the pool, getting a facial mask and Chef Frank Palmer reminding us why the Duck Club Restaurant consistently wins awards from chilled Martinis to Roasted Duck. Lucky callers were awarded with a weekend package.

Congratulations to Jennifer Cohen, Jay Lifson and all the staff at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa!

## **NEW! BROWN BAG DISCUSSION**

**SERIES:** Are you looking to create more purpose, meaning and value in your business and professional life? As a business, would you like to have a more substantive impact? Please join our newly created Brown Bag Discussion Series to explore, discuss, and question the ever thought-provoking and compelling topic of Spirituality & Business - They Don't Have to be an Oxymoron!! These monthly meetings are facilitated by Rhonda Chaikin, HMR Associates. Please see the enclosed flyer for registration information!

## **WIN A GRANDFATHER CLOCK AND OTHER FABULOUS PRIZES!**

Enter the raffle at Clocks Etc. for their Celebration of Life event to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. Prizes from Howard Miller Clock Co., Oakwood Athletic Club, Laughing Moon Studios, Trish Plante, Lacrosse Ltd., the Comfort Inn and more. Tickets are \$1 each or 25 tickets for \$20. Call or drop by the store to buy your tickets. The drawing is Sept. 30th. Join us for our party on September 30th from 5-8PM. Clocks Etc. 971 Moraga Road, Lafayette, 925-284-4720.

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>Executive Board</b> 8 a.m. LPH&S	2	3 <b>Jazz on the Plaza</b> 6 p.m.  <b>FREE!</b>	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day– Chamber Office Closed</b>	7	8 <b>MIXER</b> 5:30 - 7 p.m. <b>Ware Designs at the Forge</b> 3416 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	9	10 <b>Jazz on the Plaza</b> 6 p.m.  <b>FREE!</b>	11
12	13 <b>Mayor's Breakfast</b> 8 a.m., LPH&S  <b>Board of Directors</b> Noon, LPH&S	14 <b>Tech Tuesday</b> 8 a.m. Chamber Office <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> Noon Café Esperanza	15 <b>Home Based Business Alliance</b> 8:30 a.m. Bank of the West <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:30 p.m. Peacock Indian Cuisine	16	17 <b>Jazz on the Plaza</b> 6 p.m.  <b>FREE!</b>	18 <b>9th Annual Art &amp; Wine Festival</b> <i>Saturday Hours: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.</i>
19 <b>9th Annual Art &amp; Wine Festival</b> <i>Sunday Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</i>	20 <b>Chamber Office Closed</b>	21 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:30 p.m. Pinkies Nail Salon	22 <b>Business Building Breakfast</b> 7:30 a.m., LPH&S <b>Brown Bag Discussion</b> Noon - 1 p.m., City Offices, Rm. 265 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> Noon, Lafayette Commons Apts.	24 <b>Jazz on the Plaza</b> 6 p.m.  <b>FREE!</b>	25	
26	27	28 <b>Tech Tuesday</b> 8 a.m. Chamber Office	29 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:30 p.m. Ladies Workout Express	30	1	2
3	4 <b>Ambassadors Committee Meeting</b> 4:30 p.m. Chamber Office	5	6 <b>Ribbon Cutting</b> 4:30 p.m. Quizno's Subs	7	8	9

# October