

The Clayton Gazette's March 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Organized by Category

MARCH 2015

NOTES: Daylight Savings Time Begins, San Francisco Bay Area Sunday 3/8/15. At 2:00 am turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

HOLIDAYS/CELEBRATIONS

- St. Patrick's Day March 17
- Spring begins March 20
- Palm Sunday March 29

FAIRS/SHOWS

• **Bead & Boutique Arts Show, Friday Feb 27 to Sunday March 1**, offers traditional design to a new generation of buyers who welcome one-of-a-kind products that are offered exclusively by the artisans themselves. Open to the public. Show admission \$10, good for all three days; workshop costs vary. Show hours Friday - Sunday, Feb 27 - March 1, 10am - 6pm daily, at Hilton Concord, 1970 Diamond Blvd, Concord, CA. For information visit www.beadandboutique.com.

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- **CLAYTON: Wedding Show Weekend - Oakhurst Country Club, Sunday, March 1, 12pm-3pm**, 1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton, 888/514-1346, www.weddingshowweekend.com
- **LAFAYETTE: Luxury Bridal Event At The 5-Star Lafayette Park Hotel, Sunday, March 8, 11am-4pm**, 3287 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, 510/886-1317, urlocalbride.com/eastbay/bridal-events/

FUNDRAISERS

- **WALNUT CREEK: Swing into Spring Big Band Dance in Walnut Creek, Las Lomas Performing Arts Foundation Fundraiser, Friday, March 6th, 7 pm**, BLU42 Lounge, 1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek, Tickets may be purchased at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1065092> or by contacting LLPAF at (925) 330-0518
- **Pacheco: 4/18, 5-9 pm, Pacheco Community Center**, 5800 Pacheco Blvd. It's a Showdown at the Poodle Corral benefiting Norcal Poodle Rescue. Put on your western gear and join us for all you can eat the Bosses Chuck Wagon, prepared and served by Back 40 Texas BBQ, beverages, and an evening of casino entertainment: roulette, blackjack, craps, poker. Have fun! Win prizes! Help us bring the doggies home. Tickets are now on sale at norcalpoodlerescueadoption.com or norcalpoodlerescue.net \$75.00

OUTDOORS:

- **MARTINEZ: - See AD PAGE 9**
- **DANVILLE: First Sunday of every • Month: Cars 'n Coffee**, On the First Sunday of every month, automotive enthusiasts gather in the parking lots of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum to share their vehicles and admire the other fabulous classics, exotics, rods and anything else with wheels and a motor. There is no fee for Cars & Coffee. Come when you want, leave when you want, but know that early arrivals do get the parking space they prefer. Also, the Museum opens at 9am on Cars & Coffee Sundays. 8am-10am, Blackhawk Museum • 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle • Danville, CA 94506 p:925.736.2280 • f:925.736.4818 • museum@blackhawkmuseum.org, <http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/carsncoffee.html>
- **SAN FRANCISCO: Chinese New Year Events** Several other events are also held to celebrate the Chinese New Year in Chinatown. **The Year of the Ram**
 - Chinese New Year Parade: Saturday 3/7/15, 5:15 pm-8:00 pm.
 - Chinatown Community Street Fair: Sat-Sun 3/7 & 3/8/15, 10 am-4:30 pm, <http://www.chineseparade.com/calendar.asp>
- **LAFAYETTE: 3/8/15, 4/12/15, 5/10/15, Family Day at Sienna Ranch**, Each Fall and Spring, Sienna Ranch opens its doors for special family and community open house days. Come enjoy our lovable animals, fun activities, good company, and wholesome environment. Bring your own picnic lunch or pre-order a healthy lunch to eat on the day. Family Day Passes are \$85, Admission to Sienna Ranch Family Day for up to 5 people, 3 pony or horse ride tickets 3 archery tickets, 5 tractor-pulled hayride tickets, Participation in the hands-on activity, Opportunity to go on a guided nature hike to our Tree Fort. Unlimited animal visits to goats, sheep and chickens during open pen times. <http://bit.ly/1FOtrdc> to register Sienna Ranch, 3232 Deer Hill Rd., Lafayette
- **SAN FRANCISCO: Gray Whale Migration Season**, Numerous locations along the Pacific coast Thru - 5/31/15, Paid boat tours or Free from shore. Watch some 20,000 gray whales migrating from the Arctic to Baja, Mexico. Tour

boats leave San Francisco, Half Moon Bay, Moss Landing and Monterey during this season. Or, watch them from on shore. <http://www.hiddensf.com/gray-whale-migration-california.html>

CLUB EVENTS

- **CONCORD: 4th Friday: Concord Ducati Bike Night, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** on the fourth Friday of each month at Lazy Dog Café, 1961 Diamond Blvd, Concord. 925/849-1221 <http://norcaldoc.com>
- **Word Weavers Toastmasters** invites the public to join us at these two Free special events and see how Toastmasters can improve your communication, presentation, and leadership skills in a friendly and entertaining environment.
Monday, March 2, Word Weavers will have the club International Speech Contest and Table Topics Contest from 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Montecito, 4756 Clayton Road, Concord

KID/FAMILY EVENTS

- **OAKLAND: Lego Laboratory - Chabot Space and Science, Sunday Mar 08, 15, 22, 12:00pm-4:00pm**, \$7 Think, build, test, destroy... do it all over again and again! We're hosting open LEGO Laboratories every Sunday with an engineering challenge focus. <http://www.chabotspace.org>

HOME & GARDEN/FARMERS' MARKETS

- **Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association:**
- **Concord** Tuesdays, 10am to 2pm, year-round, rain or shine, Todos Santos Plaza. • **Concord** Thursdays, 4pm to 8pm, Todos Santos Plaza.
- **Clayton**, Saturdays 10am - 2pm
- **Martinez**, Sundays, 10am to 2pm, year-round, Main St. and Estudillo.
- **Pleasant Hill** Saturday, May 3rd through November 15th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Downtown Plaza (in front of Jack's Restaurant) <http://www.pcfma.com> <http://www.pcfma.org>
- **Contra Costa Certified Farmers Market** Sundays 9 am - 1 pm, Year Round, WalnutCreek, North Locust St between Giama and Lacassie St. (925) 431-8361 <http://www.cccfm.org>

VISUAL ARTS/BOOK SIGNINGS

- **WALNUT CREEK: Thru 4/2015 Artist Deborah Ashley** -Twenty of Deborah's paintings will be on exhibit until April 2015 at Kanishka's Restaurant, 1518 Bonanza St. (near Locust Avenue), Walnut Creek
- **WALNUT CREEK: Art Exhibitions Around Town:** Discover local Civic Arts Education artists.
Until March 15: Rita Sklar, mixed media abstracts, City Hall 1st Floor
Until March 15: Leslie Wilson, watercolors, City Hall 3rd Floor
Until March 15: Fumiyo Yoshikawa, ink paintings, City Hall 2nd Floor
Until March 20: Linhai Cao, realist paintings, Heather Farm
Until March 1: Leslie Wilson, watercolor landscapes, Shadelands Art Center, Civic Arts Education, 925.943.5846, 111 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek

THEATRE/FILM

- **Pinocchio Presented by Fantasy Forum Actors Ensemble, Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15, times vary.** The true measure of the love and honesty of everyone's favorite puppet is tested as this adventure tale of an old man's dream comes to life. With your help and guidance, Pinocchio learns to be a real boy in only 3 days. Margaret Leshner Theatre, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>
- **The Music Man, presented by Contra Costa Musical Theatre, March 20 - April 19**, . Fast-talking con man Harold Hill sells instruments and uniforms to the naive Iowa townfolk, promising to train the members of a new boys' band – without giving music lessons. Plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian. Lester Center, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>

MUSIC/BANDS/DANCE/COMEDY

- **WALNUT CREEK: Free Comedy & Beer Night** | Walnut Creek, The Sports Basement Walnut Creek store hosts a free comedy night on (most) fourth Fridays of the month from 6:30-8 pm. 1881 Ygnacio Valley Road Walnut Creek
- **Originals Presented by Music Repertoire, Sunday, March 1, 3:15 pm.**, Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>
- **Big Band Summit: March 2, 7:30 pm.** Las Lomas High School, Northgate High School, Jazzschool Studio Band with Mary Fettig, Erik Jakobson and Dave Eshelman. Presented by California Jazz Conservatory featuring the Las Lomas High School Big Band, Northgate High School Big Band and the Jazzschool Studio Band. Lester Center: 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>
- **Concert Presented by Diablo Wind Symphony, Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 pm**, Hoffman Theatre, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>
- **Band Classics from Bach to Bernstein, Presented by Walnut Creek Concert Band. Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm**, Soloists for the evening are Whitney Isbell Denison, English Horn, and Stephen Denison, Trumpet, from the United States Air Force Band, Travis, AFB, performing Copland's Quiet City. Hoffman Theatre. 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek, (925) 295-1400, <http://www.lesherartscenter.org>
- **Diablo Choral Artists (formerly Voices of Musica Sacra)**, directed by Mark Tuning, presents "Vespers: Music for Evening Prayers", featuring Stanford's and Byrd's Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis, Pergolesi's Magnificat and Handel's Dixit Dominus with stringed orchestra. March 13, 8:00 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Avenue, WC, March 15,

3:00 pm, St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek. Details www.vmschorus.org, info@dcachorus.org. Tickets: adults \$25; (\$22 before 3/10), seniors 60+ \$18 (\$15 before 3/10), students \$5.

GOVERNMENT

- **Concord City Council**, 1st, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 1950 Parkside Dr, Concord. Or watch online at <http://www.ci.concord.ca.us/citygov/agendas/council/>
- **Clayton City Council**, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm. Hoyer Hall, Clayton Library, 6125 Clayton Rd, Clayton. <http://ci.clayton.ca.us>
- **Martinez City Council**, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. City Hall, 7 pm, 525 Henrietta Street, Martinez. Or Listen online at <http://www.granicus.com/streamingMediaHelp/minimumSystem.htm>, <http://www.cityofmartinez.org>
- **Walnut Creek City Council**, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm. Or watch online at <http://www.walnut-creek.org/services/citizen/granicus.asp>
- **Pleasant Hill City Council**, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Council Chambers of the Pleasant Hill City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Or follow online at <http://www.ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us/media/>

CLUBS

- American Association of University Women - Concord Branch
www.aauw-concord.org
- American Legion Post 171 - 5 p.m. third Tuesdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord. 687-1427.
- B2F Business Networking Group - noon first and third Thursdays. 998-8844.
- Beachcomber Singles - Social and service activities for active adults age 45 and above. For more information call (510) 799-2207, Or visit our website: www.beachcombersingles.org/
- British Club - 11:30 a.m. first Wednesdays, Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill. 682-7978.
- Circle of Friends - second Mondays, Walnut Country Club, Concord. 998-8844.
- Clayton Valley Garden Club- 7p.m. second Wednesdays, February-November. Diamond Terrace, 6401 Center St., Clayton. Contact: www.claytonvalleygardenclub.org
- Clutch Busters Square Dance Club - 7:30 p.m.-9:30 pm Thursdays, New dancers and those wanting brush-up are welcome. Willow Pass Community Center, 2748 E Olivera Rd, Concord. 686-3774.
- Concord Art Association - 12:50 p.m. second Tuesdays, Concord Library. 646-5455.
- Concord Diablo Rotary - 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord. dirk@wentlingstudio.com 685.7760
- Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise Rotary Club- 7 a.m. Thursdays, Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton. 689-7640 or www.claytonvalley-rotary.org.
- Clayton Valley Woman's Club. For meeting times call Aleta at 925-672-9448 www.claytonvalleywomansclub.org.
- Concord Garden Club - 9:30 a.m. third Tuesdays, Bethel Baptist Church, Concord. 687-2334.
- Concord Lions Club - 7 p.m. third Tuesdays, La Tapatia Mexican Restaurant, Concord. 687-3594.
- Concord Mystery Book Club - 2:30 p.m. second Sundays, Concord Library, 646-5455.
- Concord Senior Club - ballroom dancing, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 p.m. second Saturdays. 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord. 798-4557.
- Contra Costa Genealogical Society - 7 p.m. second Thursdays, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Concord. www.rootsweb.com/~caccgcs.
- Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society - 7:30 p.m. second Mondays, Centre Concord. 429-2748 or www.ccmgs.org.
- Creekside Artists Guild Meets 2nd Wed. each month @ 7-8:30pm. Clayton Library Story Room, 6125 Clayton Rd., Clayton. Arlene 673-9777, akiksen@aol.com
- Concord United Methodist Women Monthly Meeting 510-758-4837
- Diablo Numismatic Society - 7 p.m. third Thursdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord. 825-0649 or xsteamex@aol.com.
- Diablo Toastmasters, every Thursday 7 – 9 p.m., Sizzler Rest., Concord. <http://www.diablotoastmasters.org>.
- Diablo Valley Democratic Club - 7 p.m. third Wednesdays, Ygnacio Valley Library, Walnut Creek. 946-0469 or <http://www.dvdems.org>.
- Diablo Valley Macintosh Users Group - 6:30 p.m. third Tuesdays. Bancroft Elementary School, Walnut Creek. 689-1155 or www.dvmug.org.
- Diablo Valley Mustang Assoc meets 7:00 pm second Wednesdays each month at Fuddruckers Concord. All Mustang aficionados invited. Nancy Russell 925-825-5994. www.dvma.org
- Diablo Valley Wings, Chapter P of the Gold Wing Touring Association - 12:15 p.m. third Tuesdays, Sizzler, Concord. 686-3774 or <http://www.GWTA-CA-DVW.org>.
- East Bay Prospectors Club - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, 1021 Detroit Ave., Unit D, Concord. 672-1863 or www.eastbaygpaa.webs.com.
- Ellen's Guild - 10 a.m. second Tuesdays, Family Stress Center, Concord. 672-5409 or www.familystresscenter.org.
- Hope Academy Concord Open House, Third Thursday of each month, 9 – 9:45 a.m. Reservations required: Judy Davies 687-7555; 5353 Concord Blvd. www.hopeacademyconcord.org
- Kiwanis Club of Greater Concord - 8:15 a.m. Wednesdays, Buttercup Grill and Bar, 4301 Clayton Rd., Concord. 372-5348.
- Knife Throwing Club/Diablo Impalement Arts Group: We throw anything with a point on our 40 foot multiple target range, Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sun-part of the Diablo Rod and Gun Club, 4700 Evora Rd. Concord, (925)709-9199 www.throwzini.com/events.html
- Knitting Group - 2 p.m. first Sundays, Concord Library. 646-5455.
- Knights Of Columbus, Concord Council 6038 Meets 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, St.Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Contact Rayce at 683-9717 or

rayce@aol.com.

- Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting Club - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesdays, Contra Costa Water District Offices, Concord. 682-7428 or www.mdmctreasurehunting.com.
- Mt. Diablo Branch, California Writers Club 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill \$35 for CWC members. Contact jeanieg-pops@comcast.net, or 934-5677 for more information.
- Soroptimist International Diablo Vista - 12:15 p.m. first, second and third Wednesdays, Sizzler, Concord. 672-2727
- National Marine Corps Business Network: www.nmcbn.com/ We normally meet the second Tuesday of each month. Contact 925-680-8714.
- Odd Fellows - 3 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, Pacheco Lodge 117, Concord. 682-7358.
- Pleasant Hill Walnut Creek Mothers' Club, <http://www.phwcmothersclub.org>
- Rising Stars Toastmasters. This group was created for job seekers. For more information, contact Derrick Smith at (925) 381-4551 or go to risingstarstm.toastmastersclubs.org.
- Snowchasers Ski Club - Snow skiing and Snowboarding- First and Third Wednesdays of each month. Snowchasers meets 7:30 pm Sizzlers Concord. Contact iSteve and Rosalie Rhodes, 925-228-8145. www.snowchasers.org
- Toastmasters International - 7 p.m. Mondays, Montecito of Concord, 682-7211. Also, 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays, John Muir Concord Campus. Toastmasters can help! Our local club, Word Weavers, meets Mondays, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. at 4756 Clayton Road, Concord 686-1818. www.toastmasters.org.
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1525 - 9 a.m. second Saturdays, Veterans Memorial Hall, Concord.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Al-Anon Family Group - 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Martins of Tours Anglican Church and Preschool, Concord. 932-6770 or www.ncwsa.org.
- Alcoholics Anonymous - 939-4155 or www.aa.org.
- Cardiac Care Support Group - 7 p.m. second Thursdays, John Muir Walnut Creek or Concord. 947-5206.
- Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implant Wearers Support Group - 7 p.m. first Wednesdays, Walnut Creek United Methodist Church. HLAADV@hearinglossdv.org or 264-1199.
- HIV/AIDS Support Group - 7-9 p.m. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, John Muir Concord. 674-2190.
- Leukemia Society Family Support Group - 7 p.m. first Thursdays. 947-4466, ext. 32797.
- Living with a Mental Illness? Join NAMI Connection Peer-led support group. Saturdays 1:00 - 2:30 pm Held at John Muir Behavioral Health Center 2740 Grant Street Concord. Call 925-942-0767 or www.namicontracosta.org
- Nar-Anon - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, John Muir Concord. <http://naranoncalifornia.org>.
- Pet Loss Support Group, Every first Tuesday of the month, 12:00 - 1:30 PM. (925) 887-5681. Pre-registration required.
- Rainbow Community Center - Check Website for services. 3024 Willow Pass Road, Suite 200, Concord. www.rainbowcc.org.
- Retired & Senior Volunteer Program - 472-5777.
- The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County will hold its monthly meeting. For details of time and place contact Ann Dzuna at 925-376-6218. Meetings are free.

TESTIMONIAL

After spending what seemed like hours today googling for seasonal events in the east bay area, I discovered at the end of my search that **I should have begun with The Clayton Gazette!** Thank you for such a comprehensive list of events and activities! ~Christine Ondersma

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