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HISTORY AND CONSERVATION

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Santa Claus will be available for photos and there will be music & fun activities for children as well!

For more information about the Park please visit:
www.pixiepark.org

**ON DECEMBER 10 AND 11
THE GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN
WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL
GREENS SALE 9 AM TO 4 PM
BOTH DAYS
ALSO ON BOTH DAYS, THE LAST
CHRISTMAS SALE OF THE DECO-
RATIONS GUILD. COME AND BUY
A MEMORY**



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Happy Holidays from the President's Desk

It is impossible to believe that we are almost at the end of the year.

The gardens are looking good the ladies from Master Gardener group have been working diligently and it has paid off. Thank you.

Many of the Partners of MAGC are participating in the Holiday Festival with Pixie Parents' Fundraiser.

Come and enjoy Laurel House's Open House, MSA's new show, Decoration's Guild. Christmas sale and the Garden Society's Greens sale. And don't forget, the Ross Valley Players annual holiday show. They always have something interesting going on.

Since we are approaching the end of the year we are also saying goodbye to one of our founding members. The Decoration Guild, whose members helped build their house and helped start The Marin Art and Garden Center. Where many of the volunteers that work there today have been members for 25-30 years. They will be sorely missed. Thank you Lorraine Slocam and all your terrific volunteers. We will all miss your greens sale.

We said goodbye to Juanita Ortegon on Thursday, her last day.

Our November President's Council was one of the best! All were present and accounted for. This is how it should be all the time. The Council is the place where you can talk about what you group wants or needs or what you would like to see changed. Next year remember come to

GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN

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Location: Livermore Room*



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The Garden Society of Marin, a founding member of the Marin Art and Garden Center, has made a history of making gardening enjoyable and interesting. We promote good gardening practices and enrich the botanical knowledge of our members through activities and presentations by gardening and conservation professionals. Our monthly newsletter provides up-to-date information, references and interesting articles while our web site supports all these activities by providing valuable links to a wide-range of gardening resources.



Please visit our website at: www.gardensocietyofmarin.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

the monthly Board meetings don't be shy. It is open to all. The Board will be working on next year's budget at the end of November and then, on to another new beginning and year.

Special thanks to Ann Brebner and her very talented cast members from the Porchlight Theatre for their 'Christmas Memories' as a surprise ending of the President's Council

MARIN BONSAI CLUB

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Location: Livermore Room*

For over 50 years, members of the Marin Bonsai Club have been practicing the ancient art of "tree in a pot", which is what bonsai means in Japanese.



Please visit our website at:

www.marinbonsai.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

Contact: Don Chapman

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The Marin Rose Society developed and maintains a beautiful rose garden at the Center with over 150 varieties of roses, all grown organically, without the use of pesticides. The group holds monthly informational meetings and various special events that are open to the public at MAGC.

meeting.

Thanks to all of you and again, Happy Holidays

Sincerely, Bobbie

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MASTER GARDENERS

Marin Master Gardeners

Kathryn Reinhardt,
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or Linda Thompson,
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You can learn more about the Marin Master Gardener programs by visiting:

<http://groups.ucanr.org/MarinMG/>

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT MASTER GARDENING?

- Read our Saturday Marin Independent Journal column- in the Home & Garden section
- Come to our lectures at MAGC and other Marin locations
- Visit our website www.marinmg.org
- Call the Help Desk 415-499-4204 about garden problems or pests
- Visit with the Marin Master Gardeners in our Novato office

University of California Cooperative Extension
1682 Novato Boulevard, Suite 150B, Novato
Monday-Friday, 9-12 and 1-4
Request a Garden Walk with a Master Gardener by calling 507-2645

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener and taking the 18-week certification program through the University of California Cooperative Extension applications are available online (www.marinmg.org) in July and August. They are due in mid September. Training



Classes run from: January through May.

The Marin Master Gardeners are a dedicated, trained group of volunteers with a shared love of gardening and horticulture. Through community service and educational outreach, they provide home gardeners and community organizations with the knowledge and skills to create a healthy environment for Marin County. Since 1986, Marin Master Gardeners have worked as non-paid staff members of the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE), answering public inquiries and providing information on all areas of plant health and gardening practices.

Keep track of the Master Gardeners on Facebook. Click on this link www.facebook.com/home.php#!/MarinMG

MARIN GARDEN CLUB

Started in 1931, the Marin Garden Club was a founding member of MAGC. The group promotes interest in gardens and gardening by engaging in educational activities that encourage the conservation of the natural beauties of Marin County.

The Memory Garden at MAGC is maintained by The Marin Garden Club. They annually award the Gwen Cooper Scholarship to a high school senior from Marin County for the study of horticulture, landscaping, and/or conservation. The scholarship was named in honor of Gwen Cooper who lived in Marin County for over 50 years. She was a life-long learner and educator who founded the award to inspire

students to pursue further education in horticulture, conservation or environmental studies. The number of awards and amount of the scholarship varies year to year with a minimum award at \$1,000.

PIXIE PARK PARENTS

PIXIE PARK'S SEVENTH ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR TEA !
Saturday, December 11th

Seating's at 11am and 1pm
Marin Art and Garden Center,
The Garden Room
For ages 7 and under
\$40 a seat
Featuring Tea Fare, a special Craft, and a Holiday Sing-a-Long with **Tim Cain!**

-Please note: this is NOT a nut-free event

Registration forms will also be available at



www.pixiepark.org
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Arts

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

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The Ross Valley Players presents the **Jon Jory** stage adaptation of Jane Austen's romantic novel "Pride & Prejudice." Directed by **Phoebe Moyer**.



Jane Austen's classic story, set in the Regency era, is brought to the stage in this 2005 adaptation by **Jon Jory**. Finding a husband among unsuitable suitors consumes Elizabeth Bennet's mother and sisters. Set in a society where snubs and deceit abound, the Bennet family matches pride and prejudice to reach a happy ending in this classic romantic story featuring a modern, independent heroine.

WHEN: November 12 to December 12
8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
2 p.m. Sundays - Dec. 5, 12
7:30 p.m. Thursdays - Dec. 2, 9

No matinee on the first Sunday.



Lori Dorfman as Elizabeth Bennet.
Photo by Kim Taylor

WHERE: The Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Lagunitas, Ross, CA

COST: General: \$25; Senior (62+): \$20; Youth: (18 and under): \$20.
Thursday shows are \$15 for everyone (no additional discounts apply)

TICKETS: Order online through www.brownpapertickets.com; by telephone 1-800-838-3006; or purchase at the door.

PHONE: 415-456-9555

WEBSITE:
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

VIDEOS:
<http://animoto.com/play/9UxPNhIsiVITmmhLJlwwWA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctP6Tz96ORc>

CAST: Michael Cassidy of San Anselmo as Bingley; **Pamela Ciochetti** of San Francisco as Mrs. Bennet; **Beth Deitchman** of San Rafael as Mary / Charlotte; **Lori Dorfman** of San Francisco as Elizabeth; **Caitlin Even-son** of Berkeley as Jane; **Kurt Gundersen** of Kentfield as Lucas/Gardiner; **Ariel Harrison** of Forest Knolls as Lydia; **Judy Holmes** of Sausalito as Lady Catherine; **Aaron Mulberg** of San Pablo as Collins; **Craig Neibaur** of Richmond as Wickham; **Erik Rhea** of San Francisco as Darcy; **Alex Ross** of San Rafael as Mr. Bennet; **Rachel Watts** of Novato as Kitty; **Nicole Zeller** of Novato as Mrs. Bingley / Mrs. Gardiner.

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW

"Holiday Treat" offers a variety of entertainment for the season

HOLIDAY TREATS ON STAGE: The Ross Valley Players annual holiday show features a variety of entertainment including Tango and other treats for the



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season. Pictured are Tango dancers **Debbie Goodwin** & John Campbell. Photo by **Shell Jiang**.

HOLIDAY TREAT

This seasonal variety show features music, dance, holiday classics, holiday sing-alongs and comedy in a sparkling show to make the Yuletide bright. A light-hearted event for all ages presented in the charming Ross Valley Players' Barn Theatre.

Musical Direction by **Scott De-Turk**

WHEN: December 16 to December 19, 2010 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday & Saturday Dec. 16, 17 & 18; 2 p.m. Sunday, December 19.

WHERE: The Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Ross, CA.

COST: \$10 to \$20
\$20 adults; \$10 children 12 and under
\$45 Special Family Package (two adults & two children)

PHONE: 415-456-9555

WEBSITE:
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

VIDEO: <http://animoto.com/play/20F19vwq13AmHmp1E3oAJw>

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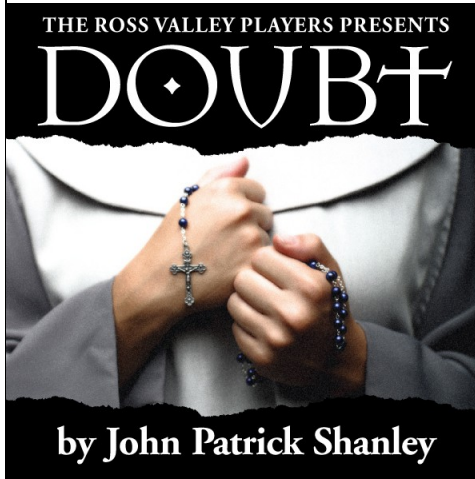
CAST: Tango dancers **Debbie Goodwin** & **John Campbell**; The Blenders, **Stephanie Ahlberg**, **Erika Alstrom-Thomsett**,

Kristine Lowry DeTurk; Rana Kangas-Kent, Wood Lockhart, John Nolan, Alex Ross, Anne Ripley, Greg Wolff. Plus tap dancing, belly dancing, a barber shop quartet and student performers of Academy DeTurk.

KEEP THIS IN MIND FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Ross Valley Players presents....

Doubt



By: **John Patrick Shanley**

With themes still relevant today, John Patrick Shanley's award-winning play is set in 1964 at Catholic church and school in the Bronx, New York where a popular priest's relationship with a troubled 12-year old black student is questioned by the school's principal. This 2004 Broadway hit earned both the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play.

Directed by **Cris Cassell**

WHEN: Jan. 14 to Feb. 13, 2011
8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 Feb.

4, 5, 11 & 12.
2 p.m. Sundays - Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 6 & 13.
7:30 p.m. Thursdays - Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3 & 10
"Pay What You Will Preview" on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011
No matinee on the first Sunday.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Buzz at the Barn - 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011
Buzz at the Barn is pre-performance reception event, featuring complimentary beverages and appetizers included with performance admission.

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PHONE: 415-456-9555

WEBSITE:
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

CAST: TBD

Arts and History

PORCHLIGHT THEATER COMPANY

Porchlight Theatre Company

Core Artistic Directors: Ann Brebner, Candace Brown, Jon Burnett, Rebecca Castelli, Thais Harris, JP Hitesman, Mary Beth Smith (Managing Director), Ken Sonkin

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Porchlight Theatre Company is an ensemble inspired by world literature, nature and the human experience. We explore the power of theatre to educate, unite and ignite positive social change.

LAUREL HOUSE GROUP

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Location: Laurel House and Livermore Pavilion

Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on items such as jewelry, furniture, lamps, artwork, figurines, Asian antiques and gifts for any occasion. With our unique selection of china, silver, and crystal, you are sure to find the perfect addition to your holiday table.



Laurel House looks forward to celebrating the holidays with MAGC's Holiday Festival on December 11th. We will be open at 10 a.m. with cookies and punch for our

visitors.

Laurel House Antiques is a project of The Northgate Group whose objective is to provide support for the Marin Art and Garden Center.

Consignments are accepted Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shop Hours:

Monday & Thursday 10-3

Tuesday & Wednesday 11-4

Friday & Saturday 11-4

DECORATIONS GUILD

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Telephone (415) 454-5720

Lorraine Slocam, President

Telephone 415-898-7141

Famous for its handmade fur teddy bears, the Decorations Guild, a volunteer organization, operates a gift shop displaying its own uniquely designed bouquets, arrangements, tree plaques and wreaths made of natural materials.

MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS



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Hours: Mon-Thurs 11 am-4pm,

weekends, Noon to 4 pm,

CLOSED FRIDAYS.

MOYA LIBRARY/ ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Phone: 258-9595

Email: moya.rhs@gmail.com

Location: Livermore Pavilion*

Moya/RHS has closed for the winter season and will re-start their lecture series the first Friday in March 2011

Staffed by docents, the Moya Library is open for research Wednesday thru Friday (11:30 am to 3:00pm) and Saturdays (1 to 4pm) from March 1st to the end of December. Visitors are welcome to browse both the library and historical collections.



The Moya Library/Ross Historical Society still has several copies of **ROSS, CALIFORNIA - THE PEOPLE, THE PLACES, THE HISTORY**. This fine hardbound book is for sale at \$40. Contact the library at 415-258-9595 or the MAGC office.

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Pixie Park is also collecting new and gently-used warm coats during the Bake Sale and Tea. The coats will be donated to Canal Community Alliance, Marin Abused Women Services and Marin Adopt a Family. Please bring coats to donate to the Bake Sale or Tea!

Membership/Donations

Contact: 415-455-5260, info@magc.org
MAGC's existence depends on the vitality and diversity of its membership and donations. Currently, Marin Art & Garden Center has over 2,000 members, whose contributions help maintain the Center's beautiful gardens, the facilities and help fund our educational, recreational and community service programs. Please join us in sharing a commitment to preserve the beautiful grounds and to foster community involvement and education. If you wish to become a member or donate to MAGC, please contact us. *Thank you!*

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Planning a Holiday Party, Wedding, Conference or Other Special Event?

Contact: Anna Mayfair
Manager of Facilities Rental
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Email: rental@magc.org

Voted best wedding/event site in Marin by *Pacific Sun*, *The IJ* and *North Bay Bohemian* newspapers, Marin Art and Garden Center has a variety of attractive party sites, conference rooms, indoor-outdoor areas, two large commercial kitchens, relationships with local caterers, ample free parking and a number of other amenities



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Pixie Park is a volunteer-run cooperative playground for children age six and under. Surrounded by redwoods in the beautiful Marin Art and Garden Center, the park is open every day to its members, except during major paint and repair parties. The park has fun, safe play structures and swings for small children, as well as a kitchen, bathroom, diaper changing area, Pavilion and beautiful trellises that shade picnic tables. The park is unique in that it is gated and requires a key to get in and to get out, thereby ensuring that children will not leave without their parents' knowledge.

Through the participation of its nearly 450 family members, Pixie holds several events throughout the year for its members and for the community. These include the Halloween Parade, the Holiday Bake Sale, the Pixie Spring Fair and other social events. Families fulfill their membership by volunteering 13 hours of their time for Pixie's various events and fundraisers. Grandparents with young grandchildren are also members of the park.

Pixie Park is a great place to meet and make friends. The events are fun, and the park's supportive atmosphere and beautiful setting make it a safe, fun place for children to explore and play.

Please visit www.pixiepark.org for more information.



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MAGC happenings

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MAGC Happenings Editor, Bob Battersby

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GARDEN TIPS

By Nanette Londeree

As the days shorten and temperatures drop, nature gives the signal to slow down – both to the garden and gardener! Many plants have finished their growing cycle for the season, though some still display their bounty of fruits and seeds – like the pomegranates and persimmons that adorn nearly bare trees.



If you grow roses, hang up your clippers and let rose hips develop. Hips are the fleshy fruit of the rose plant and range in color from fiery orange-red, to nearly blackish-purple, with shapes like tiny round spheres, plump, round orbs or dainty teardrops. Besides being lovely to look at, rose hips make unique additions to holiday décor, especially arrangements and wreaths, complementing flowers and other plant materials.

Rose hips can be used to make a variety of edible goodies too - they have a tangy fruity flavor similar to a cranberry and vary in tartness depending on the type of rose and when harvested. They can be eaten fresh or dried or used as ingredients in a variety of teas, soups, jams and jellies. Rose hips contain some vitamin A and B, essential fatty acids and antioxidant flavonoids; they are chock full of vitamin C - one of the richest plant sources, higher than any of the citrus fruits. And if you're not interested in consuming them, you can leave them for the birds – they love them!

Photo courtesy of Nanette Londeree