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Purchase your raffle ticket for a chance to win this beautiful quilt, handmade by Cathy Lo, Sherry Garcia, Sarah Schroeder and Jean Stenquist.

Kensington Hilltop Spring Carnival and Quilt Raffle

Come one, come all: The 68th Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary is Saturday, May 9 from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Featuring new activities, as well as many longtime favorites, this year's Carnival promises to be an exciting event for the entire community.

Highlighting the Carnival will be the 33rd annual Carnival Raffle, benefiting the Hilltop PTA. The grand prize is a beautiful quilt, lovingly made by Hilltop moms; runner-up prizes include shopping sprees at Arlington Avenue and Colusa Circle shops. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and go on sale in April. Tickets will be available from Hilltop school students, at The Arlington, and at the Farmer's Market. Prior to the Carnival, the quilt will be on display at the Kensington Library.

Attention bakers, enter your favorite pie in the 2nd Annual Pie Baking Contest. Pies will be accepted in four categories (fruit, nut, dairy, and student submission). The winning bakers will receive fabulous prizes and baker's bragging rights. Smile, flash your pearly whites, and take home a keepsake from the Carnival Photo Booth. Kids of all ages will enjoy exciting Carnival activities including face painting, sponge toss, water balloon catapult, and a craft table.

Repurpose with purpose: donate gently-used items to the popular White Elephant Sale. Items will be accepted May 4–7, 8:30-9:00 a.m., and all day May 8, at the front entrance of Hilltop. To arrange a pick up, email Mary

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KPOA Public Meeting May 3

The various K groups that serve as Kensington's stewards, both in town and in the wider community, can be confusing. But as Gail Feldman, president of the Kensington Property Owners Association, explains, "Each K group has its own unique mission." The KPOA's mission is to inform Kensington property owners about issues that impact owners and residents. "The KPOA is really the only organization that is information-gathering

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KCC JOB OPENING *Kensington Outlook Editor*

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) is seeking an editor willing to attend and write about local community meetings and events for the *Kensington Outlook*. Applicants must have a professional background in journalism. Responsibilities will also include the design and layout of the *Outlook* as well as the capability of electronically emailing to our website and to FP Press Printing; proofing prior to mailing; hand delivering papers to the KCC Office, local stores and businesses. Applicants should send their resumes, recent work samples, and references by May 1 to the Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707 or email to editor@kensingtonoutlook.com. Prior copies of the *Kensington Outlook* are available at our website: www.kensingtonoutlook.com.

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**Danse Lumiere Presents
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Kathryn Roszak's Danse Lumiere presents *Dance on Center 2015*, the second in a new series of new works by women ballet choreographers presented in downtown Berkeley. Works will be presented by Dalia Rawson, Lissa Resnick, Kathryn Roszak and Persian ballet choreographer Shahrzad Khorsandi. Ballet San Jose Trainees Director Dalia Rawson brings trainees to perform “*Remembering Rain*,” inspired by the California drought. Lissa Resnick, a choreographer with L.A. roots, shows “*Mulholland Drive*,” originally created in and around the canyons above Los Angeles. Kathryn Roszak presents her “*Romeo and Juliet*” pas de deux, in addition to “*Reverse Flow*” and “*City Noir*.” Shahrzad Khorsandi shows a new version of “*Chai-khooneh*” with women portraying men in a Persian café, and a new solo. Danse Lumiere is the first dance company to perform in the Osher Studio, which is the home for the company and its classes.

WHERE: Osher Studio, 2055 Center Street, Berkeley, CA. 94704

WHEN: Sunday April 26 at 2:00 p.m.

TICKETS: ADVANCE: General: \$25.00, Students/ Senior: \$20.00 (Children: \$15.00) Day of Show: General: \$30.00, Students/Seniors: \$25.00 (Children: 20.00) Tickets: 1-800-838-3006 ext. 1 (mention Dance on Center/Berkeley) www.brownpapertickets.com Info: 510-233-5550 www.dlkdance.com Seating Limited, Advance Purchase Recommended. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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and disseminating,” Feldman says. “We do sometimes take on public improvement projects, like the road surfacing in the early ‘90s. But the niche that we’re currently filling is in the area of financial analysis.”

In December, concerned by the lack of information provided by the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, KPOA and its members investigated financials available to the public and sent a community-wide letter detailing the district’s finances and prospects. “That was information that ended up being discussed at the KPPCSD’s finance committee and at the full board meeting,” Feldman says.

Every year, the four-decade-old organization hosts a general membership meeting on issues of interest to Kensington residents; past meetings have examined the school district, underground utilities, and debated controversies such as merging Kensington’s two special districts, police and fire. This year’s meeting, on Sunday, May 3, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Community Center, returns to the subject of special districts. A panel of speakers will discuss the structure and requirements of special districts, comment upon the current state of the Police and Fire districts, and take questions from the audience. Anyone confused about special districts will gain a great deal from this event.

In April, KPOA commences its membership drive through its annual meeting notice. The mailing you’ll soon receive contains a return envelope. Feldman hopes that everyone will send back \$5.00 in dues to become a voting member of KPOA. The money funds communitywide printing and mailing of information such as the analysis of KPPCSD finances and supports community endeavors, such as the park and Eagle Scout projects. “It’s a small contribution that can return big dividends,” says Feldman.

New Horizons for the Kensington Outlook

Many Kensington residents know of Kensington Community Council as the publisher of *The Outlook*, our monthly community newsletter. After reviewing recent monthly editions of *The Outlook*, the KCC Board has decided that the publication needs to make a fresh start and sharpen its focus on providing relevant information about our community, local organizations and events of interest, and objective coverage of local news.

In the coming months we will be interviewing and hiring a new editor. If anyone wishes to apply, applicants must have a professional background in journalism and must have computer design skills. Please send resume, sample of writing, and references to: Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707 or to editor@KensingtonOutlook.com.

KCC is the non-profit entity in the community responsible for providing the variety of KASEP classes attended by more than 450 children from El Cerrito and Kensington. The KCC also oversees the Kensington Summer Camp and puts on the family movie nights, community dances, and the annual parade and picnic. In the spirit of community healing we hope that all members of our community will work with us to provide the resources that make us all proud of Kensington.

Free Disaster and Triage First Aid Presentation

The Kensington Public Safety Council will present Barbara Morita for a talk on Disaster Triage and First Aid on Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave, Kensington. This talk is free & open to all.

Topics be Triage, First Aid, Evaluation, and Transport for the injured. The training will also provide an opportunity to answer a variety of questions about earthquake safety and response. Barbara Morita has over 32 years of clinical experience as a Physician Assistant and is a member of the California Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

Please respond to the Kensington Public Safety Council, with the number attending, at kensingtonpssc@gmail.com,

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• LENTEN THEME: “Sing Justice, Sing Joy” •

• Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. •
God’s Justice Found in the Joyous Procession of Palms

• Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. •
A Contemplative Worship Centered on the Last Supper

• Good Friday, April 3, 12-3:00 p.m. •
Quiet Time to Meditate on the Passion of Jesus

• Easter Sunday, April 5 •
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship & Holy Communion

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KASEP

Kensington After-School Enrichment Program

KASEP Spring session started March 23 and continues through May 29. KCC Office will be closed for spring break (NO KASEP classes), April 6–10. If you hear a new voice in the KCC Office, it is Ms. Rowena Cerri. Rowena is an alumni of Kensington Hilltop and is KCC’s Office Coordinator. We say welcome!

Lost and Found Clothing: Parents, we have lot of beautiful sweaters and jackets left from KASEP Winter Session. Come by and collect your lost items. Location: KCC Office.

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Avenue, Bldg. E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M–F, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.



Welcome Rowena to the world of KASEP.

KCC SUMMER CAMP

PARENTS — Academic calendar for WCCUSD has school starting later this year, Monday, August

24. Families called me and asked for an additional week of summer camp and extended care for August 17–August 21. We put an extra week of camp together and families can enroll in this week, WEEK 11, GAP WEEK August 17–21, one week before school starts. Register online at KensingtonCommunityCouncil.Org

All KCC Summer Camp weeks have openings. Online registration is via the KCC website. Camp life is for children entering 1st–6th grades FALL 2015. Camp life is a full day of activities, Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Morning Care (8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.) and Afternoon Care (5:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.) are available for an additional fee. **Cost is \$250.00 per camper, per week** Register On-line: WWW.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.Org

KCC Summer Camp Activities & Schedule

Week 1: June 8–June 12

Specialty: Carpentry
Field Trip: The Jungle

Week 2: June 15–June 19

Specialty: Gymnastics
Field Trip: Adventure
Playground/Berkeley

Week 3: June 22–June 26

Specialty: Iron Chef Pizza Competition
Field Trip: Oakland Zoo

Week 4: June 29–July 3 SPIRIT WEEK

Specialty: Sports Madness:
Statistics in Action!
Field Trip: Lake Anza

Week 5: July 6–July 10

Specialty: Circus Arts
Field Trip: Bladium/Rock Climbing
and Soccer

Week 6: July 13–July 17

OLYMPIC WEEK
Specialty: Gymnastics
Field Trip: Lindsay Museum–
Animals of Mt. Diablo

Week 7: July 20–July 24

Specialty: Monster Mash Clay Zombies
Field Trip: USS Hornet Battle
Ship/Alameda

Week 8: July 27–July 31

Specialty: Paper Weaving Arts/
Bread Making
Field Trip: Lake Temescal

Week 9: August 3–August 7

Specialty: Woodland Gnomes &
Fairy Houses
Field Trip: Bladium/ Rock Climbing
& Soccer

Week 10: August 10–August 14

Specialty: Monster Madness
Paper Creations
Field Trip: El Cerrito Pool Party and
Grand Finale!

WEEK 11: August 17–August 21

GAP WEEK—week before school starts
Specialty LEGOS Play Well Teknologies

**Changes in the schedule may be made for
unexpected circumstances.*



Emiliano is returning to KCC Summer Camp!

jazzercise

JAZZERCISE

Monday through Friday
Ongoing (drop-ins OK)
8:15–9:15 a.m.

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Body sculpting is shaping your body to
look leaner, more toned and strengthened.
Register at class. Come join the fun and
get healthy. Just bring a mat and weights
and we'll get started. Questions? Call
Kevin at 486-2728; Location for both
classes: Kensington Community Center.



REGISTRATION

Tennis Court Reservations: For
weekends and holidays only, begin-
ning at 9:00 a.m. Call the KCC
office for info. Court Fees: 45-min.
singles reservation: Residents: \$2;
Nonresidents: \$5.

**Kensington Community Center
Rental Info:** Please call KPPCSD
(Kensington Police Protection and
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510-526-4141.



Funny face in Cartoon class.



Vicky Brodt teaches Mixed Media.

ACRYLIC ARTISTS

Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Open Studio, easels and tables provided. You bring your creativity and paints.
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★ Proceeds fund the PTA's purchase of school supplies, assemblies, & emergency readiness kits. ★

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★ GAMES ★ PIE BAKING CONTEST ★ USED BIKE SALE ★ DADS' CLUB GRILL ★ CAKE WALK ★ PHOTO BOOTH ★

★ COTTON CANDY ★ QUILT RAFFLE ★ PLANT SALE ★ WHITE ELEPHANT SALE ★ SNO CONES ★ CRAFTS ★

Neighborhood Notes

Sisterhood Swap

On the evening of February 28 a couple of the classrooms in the KASEP building were transformed into a women's clothing swap party. This party was a fundraiser for the Kensington Education Fund (KEF) of Kensington Elementary School. The selection of fine clothes and shoes were provided by the mamas in the school community as well as generous donations from Urbanity Women's Designer Resale shop on Solano Ave. Each woman gave a \$35 donation to KEF and could "shop" until their hearts were content. There was lots of great energy and camaraderie at the event. Guideline number 1 of the evening was that if you saw an item that you liked but knew wouldn't work for you then you were to try to find out who in the room the item would suit. Participants went home with at least a bagful of new to them items and fun was had by all! Thanks KASEP for sharing your classrooms!



Senior High School Picture

Circle the date for Kensington high school seniors' picture at the KCC Office on Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. for socializing and at 3:30 p.m. for pictures that will appear in the June issue of the Kensington Outlook. Keep the tradition alive and join us!

Tile Decorating Party!

Kensington Hilltop Elementary School invites students, families, and the community to join us for our Tile Decorating Party inside Hilltop's Multi Purpose Room at 90 Highland Avenue on May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Winoka Turin, Hilltop's beloved art teacher, will be there to direct and lead our project. When asked about the design, Winoka said she envisions, "a colorful scene of individual fish that come together to create a school that will greet everyone who approaches the main entrance." Participants will be able to purchase tiles to personalize and decorate! This is your chance to help with a project that will enrich Hilltop Elementary School and allow you to leave your legacy. Proceeds will benefit Kensington Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that supplements and extends academic programs including Science Lab, Read Naturally, Math Olympiad, Art and Music. The Dads' Club will be providing a complimentary BBQ for participants, so please bring your families for a fun-filled evening!

Become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor

Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program, is offering training for volunteer tutors. Volunteers are needed to help adults who read below a 6th grade level improve reading, writing and spelling skills. The training series consists of one Wednesday evening on April 22, 2015 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. and the following two Saturdays, April 25 and May 2 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Library; please inquire about other training locations. All 14 hours are required. Ongoing tutorial meetings with your student can take place at the library of your choice. To take the training you must pre-register by completing the tutor application form. Apply online at www.ccclib.org/psc. For more information, call 510-374-3175 or 510-527-7558.

April Tips from CERT—Water

CERT is your Community Emergency Response Team. You live in one of 6 Kensington CERT Areas. To find out which Area you live in and who your CERT leader is go to: www.elcerrito.org/index.aspx?NID=579. We need to work together to prepare for disasters, but there is a lot you can do for yourself. Complete one task each month, and in 12 months you will be better prepared to survive an emergency. This month let's tackle WATER. In an earthquake we may be without any water for days, weeks or longer. **How Much Do You Need to Store**—Experts say at least 3 gallons per person per day, with a minimum 3-day supply. EBMUD recommends a 14-day supply of water at 1 gallon per person per day. Don't forget to factor pets into your calculations! **How To Store It**—You can buy water in plastic containers at the grocery store, and put the purchase date on the container when you buy it. Don't use glass containers as they may break. Rotate your water every 6 months—or store the out-of-date supply for hygiene. You can buy a heavy duty plastic water barrel at Costco that holds 55 gallons and comes with its own wrench. You'll need a pump to get the water out and a plastic jug to put it in. Share your ideas about WATER in times of disaster with your Kensington neighbors. Together we're all smarter! Your Kensington neighbors are preparing, are YOU?

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◆ Featured Listings ◆

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◆ Coming Soon ◆

18 Avon Road, Kensington
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1335 Rifle Range Rd, El Cerrito
New England w/ a California twist, whimsical nooks & SF Bay outlooks. Charm & character. 4+BR/2BA, lovely deck & garden. Once owned by Mayor of El Cerrito. Blocks to Madera School. Call for price

KENSINGTON MARKET SNAPSHOT - AS OF MARCH 2015

• 3 Available Listings • Average List Price: \$582, per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 16

• 8 Pending • Average List Price: \$468 per sq. ft. Average days on the market: 21

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Guidelines for Keeping Urban Farm Animals

Stanley Muraoka, a planner from the Department of Conservation and Development for Contra Costa County, is soliciting input from unincorporated residents of Contra Costa County with regards to guidelines of keeping urban farm animals such as chickens, goats, and/or honeybees in small residential zones, such as R-6 and R-7 zones. He provided a brief presentation at the February 24, 2015 KMAC meeting and would appreciate any input from Kensington residents. The brief questionnaire can be located on Supervisor John Gioia's website john_gioia@bos.cccounty.us and responses can be mailed to Stanley Muraoka at: Department of Conservation and Development, 30 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Mark Your Calendar for Next KPOA Meeting

The Kensington Property Owners Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the Community Center. While the agenda is not yet finalized, and speakers yet to be finalized, KPOA is hoping to get confirmation shortly on a presentation about how the Community Service District form of government works.

KCC is Hiring Summer Camp Counselors

They will be responsible for leading activities and games for children in small group settings. Person is responsible for the health, well-being and happiness of campers. Must be flexible, have patience, have lots of energy and love kids! Applications are on the website, KensingtonCommunityCouncil.Org under the summer camp tab. Applicants must be 18 years or older.

Carmelite Monastery Bells are Chiming

Kensington resident Eric Riess graciously supplied us with an update on the Carmelite Monastery. As many local residents may know, a new order of Carmelite Sisters has moved into the monastery on Rincon Road. Without belaboring the challenging recent history of the location, Eric thought it might be helpful to tell Kensington residents about this unique community.

After the previous Sisters left the residence, the site was purchased by an anonymous benefactor who donated it back to the Church for use by the Sisters. Over the last year, there were renovations made to the building which allowed 10 Carmelite Sisters to move in last November. The Sisters dedicate their life to the Church and to prayer but depend on the local community for support. They are deeply grateful for all the warm kindness and generosity that has already been shown since they arrived. From the time the gates open at 6:30 a.m. the front entry and the adjacent chapel are open to anyone who needs a quiet place for reflection or would like to listen to the Sisters' prayers. Mass is held regularly in the chapel, but the exact schedule can vary and is posted on the door.

The Sisters do not generally speak with the public, but requests for prayers or intentions are welcomed whenever the building is open. There is a large turn-style in the front entryway, where residents can leave requests for prayers or donations. The Sisters are dependent on the community for much of their food and necessities. They are planning a new vegetable garden along with extensive landscaping to replant flower gardens and revitalize fruit trees that were planted years ago. Anyone interested in making other donations can leave a note in the turn style asking the Sisters for their needs.

Additionally, the monastery continues to need serious repairs and the Diocese of Oakland has established a building fund to help pay for the construction. Residents who would like to contribute can contact the Sisters through the turn-style. For now, the gates to the property remain open until 6:30 p.m. and Kensington residents can once again hear the chime of bells calling the Sisters to prayer.

From the Files of the KPD

The Police Report is published on a space-available basis, and will return. The Police Report, Board packets, monthly reports, minutes, recordings of the KPPCSD Board Meetings, and Bay View County Solid Waste contracts are available for review at www.KensingtonCalifornia.org.



April 5
Easter Sunday Celebration

Easter Brunch at 9:30 a.m.
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Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

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Thank You For This Dance!

The KCC March Madness Dance was held Saturday, March 7, and a good time was had by all the attendants! Community members came together to dance the night away with local dance instructor Lynn Gardiner leading the way with a dance lesson and DJ Devin Pennix produced the music. KCC wants to thank the many local businesses who provided

delicious food and drink for the evening. Savory treats were provided by Delhi Diner, Country Cheese, Inn Kensington, and Ele Thai Café. Nation's Food Service Inc. provided delicious cherry cheesecake and chocolate cream pies, The Arlington provided brownies and Virginia Bakery provided a plentiful supply of cookies and confections to sample with help from

Peet's Coffee and Teas. Monterey Market provided fruit, and Edible Arrangements provided a fruit bouquet. D'Jour Florists, Cheeseboard Pizza and Magnani's Poultry provided prizes. Finally, we are very grateful for the support of our generous sponsors Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Sunset View. Many thanks for all the local support! *See you next year!*



Devin Pennix did an excellent job as DJ for the evening.



Dancing the moves Anne and Debbie.



Connie and David Pyle kicked up their heels on the dance floor.



Dale's laughter warmed hearts.



Rob Lewis and Deborah Barsotti, Hilltop parents who won the free KASEP class!



Jazzercise Ringers Fred and Jo joined Laurie.



Simon Brafman and wife, Paula Kasler, with friends Ann and Gary Wasserman.



Walter and Gretchen Gillfillan, handsome couple take center stage.



Bruce served up water and wine!



Lynn Gardiner, dance instructor, got us all up dancing!



Tim and Melissa Holmes-Snyder join the festive evening.



Danielle and Lynn enjoy catching up.


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**April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Baby & Toddler
Storytime Stories,** songs & action
rhymes for young children and their
caregivers. Kensington Library,
61 Arlington Ave. Two identical
sessions 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Free.
524-3043.

April 4 Poetry Month Program—Join
two local poets, Ralph Drano and Michael
Hardy, for a poetry reading. Following
will be an open microphone session.
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.
Noon. Free. 524-3043.

April 5 Dr. Sándor Kovács, Balázs
Scholar at Starr King School for the
Ministry. “A Transylvanian Unitarian
Professor Discusses Differing
Perspectives in Europe vs. America.”
10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist
Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd,
Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

(Schedule Subject to Change—Call to Confirm)

KCC–April 6th
Kensington Community Council
1st Mondays, 7:30 p.m. 525-0292

FKL–April 7th
Friends of the Kensington Library
7:00 p.m. (at the Library,
61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KFPD–April 8th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. 527-8395

KPPCSD–April 9th
**Police Protection and
Community Services District**
2nd Thursdays 7:30 p.m. 526-4141

KPSC–April 13th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6:00 p.m. 501-8165

KIC–April 27th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30 p.m. 527-3062

KMAC–April 28st
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. (Call Supe.
Gioia’s Office to confirm: 231-8691)

**KPOA Property Owners
Association–May 3rd**
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**April 6 Kensington Library Knitting
Club “The Castoffs.”** All levels wel-
come. Please bring your own needles
and yarn. We will provide support,
encouragement and help. Learn new
stitches, share your talents, and meet
new friends. Meets on the first Monday
of the month. Kensington Library,
61 Arlington Ave. 6:30 p.m. Free.
524-3043.

**April 6–10 Spring Break—KCC Office
closed/No KASEP classes**

**April 7 The Power of Myth at the
Movies: Beasts of the Southern Wild
(2012).** View this movie before class,
then come to the discussion led by
Richard Stromer from 7:30-9:00 p.m.
First Tuesdays of the month; \$8 each.
Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington,
525-0302, www.uucb.org

April 7, 14, 21 & 28 Family Storytime
Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes,
and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas
welcome. Kensington Library, 61
Arlington Ave. 6:30 p.m. Free.
524-3043.

April 11 Read to Izzie the Dog! Izzie is
a registered therapy dog and she loves
to have children read to her. Sign-up
sheet will be at the door; first come,
first served. Kensington Library,
61 Arlington Ave. 10:00 a.m. to noon.
Free. 524-3043.

**April 12 Laura Bushman, retired
college professor. “Semana Santa in
Seville (Holy Week).”** 10-11:00 a.m.
Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington,
525-0302, www.uucb.org.

**April 13 Dr. Vietnamese Colonial
Republican: The political Vision of
Vu Trong Phung.** As part of West
County’s BIG READS Dr. Peter
Zinoman, Associate Professor of
History and Southeast Asian Studies at
UC Berkeley, discusses his new biogra-
phy of noted Vietnamese author Vu
Trong Phung. Sponsored by the
Friends of the Kensington Library.
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.
7:00 p.m. Free. 524-3043.

**April 18 Royal Music from the Baroque
and Britain, Kensington Symphony
Orchestra with choirs from Berkeley
and San Francisco.** 8:00 p.m. Tickets
at brownpapertix.com or at the door:

\$20 adults/\$15 seniors & students.
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Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington,
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**April 19 Roberta Shaw, teacher at
Fromm Institute for Lifelong
Learning at University of San
Francisco.** “Visions of Heaven and
Hell: The Afterlife in World Art.” 10-
11:00 a.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist
Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd,
Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

**April 20 Michael Stehr Local artist and
art historian—**Michael Stehr presents
the third in a new three part series on
France. This month’s topic is Painting

with Flowers—Monet’s Garden in
Giverny. Sponsored by the Friends of
the Kensington Library. Kensington
Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7:00 pm.
Free. 524-3043.

**April 26 Jim Conlon, Director of
Sophia Institute at Holy Names
University,** awarded the 2013 Thomas
Berry Award. “Celebrating Earth,
Art, and Spirit.” 10-11:00 a.m. Free.
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Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington,
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**April 26 Kathryn Roszak’s Danse
Lumiere presents Dance On Center**
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**April 27 Kensington Library Book
Club.** Discussion of *The Things They
Carried* by Tim O’Brien. Book Club
meets on the 4th Monday of the
month. Kensington Library, 61
Arlington Ave., 6:30 p.m. Free.
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OBITUARY

Longtime resident of Kensington, Penelope (Penny) Sayre Setchko, 91, of Napa, CA died peacefully on February 27, 2015 at the Meadows Health Care Center. Penny was born June 11, 1923 in Schenectady, NY to Mortimer and Grace Sayre. She had one brother, Harrison Sayre. Penny went to Brown School (K-8th grade) where she met her lifelong friend, Jeffrey Ferguson. Penny raised chow dogs, and dogs continued as a passion throughout her life. She attended Mount Holyoke

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College in South Hadley, MA from 1940–1944 and went on to get a Masters Degree in Child Psychology from Union College. At Union she met Edward Setchko and they married in 1950. They lived in married student housing at Andover Newton Theological Center, then moved to Seattle, WA, before settling in Kensington, CA where they raised their five children: Marc, Bodhi Kip, Robin, Jan, and Dirk. Upon retirement they moved to The Meadows in Napa, CA.
Favorite activities included: gardening, bicycling, travel, photography and photo albums, cooking, sharing time with friends,

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Penny is survived by her five children and their spouses, fourteen grandchildren, and two granddogs.
A Memorial service was held at The Meadows on Saturday, March 28, 2015.



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arrange a pick up, email Mary Shaughnessy, mary5thof10@comcast.net. Then get your shopping groove on, and stop by the White Elephant Sale on Carnival day.

Just in time for Mother's Day, visit the Plant Sale, featuring pots, bird/fairy houses decorated by Hilltop students, succulents, carnivorous plants, and terrariums. The Deals-on-Wheels Bike Sale will also be in full swing. Free up garage space and give your old bike new life. Donated bikes can be dropped off at Hilltop on Friday, May 8 or at Jason's Chevron Station during the month of April. Jason will generously provide 10% off labor for any donation.

As always, the Dad's Club Grill will serve its famous, mouth-watering tri-tip sandwiches, as well as sausages, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hotdogs. And for a sweet treat or two, visit Carnival booths serving Sno Cones, Cotton Candy, and Root Beer Floats. Win a delicious cake from the ever-popular Cake Walk. Many thanks to Ruth Frassetto for her 11-year sponsorship of the event, and her generous donation of 60 cakes.

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