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MEET OUR 2025 TECH TREK CAMPERS!

Saturday, September 20th, 10:00 a.m. Christ Lutheran Church 780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito

Our **2025 Tech Trek Program** was successful. We sponsored five WCCUSD middle school girls who attended the residential Camp at Sonoma State University June 22-28. The selected girls are: Hayden Wright (Mira Vista), and Asha C Grant, Clio Levy-Tongate, Belle Umemoto, and Joanna Wagner-Kinnear (Korematsu). At this meeting, the girls will share their camp experiences. Their talks will include core classes (Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Botany and Forensics), making a flashlight, star gazing, and Build-it-Night.

Roberta Montgomery, Tech Trek Coordinator

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our welcome back meeting is Saturday, September 20 where our 2025 Tech Trek girls will talk about their camp experiences. See write up Page 1. Our Board meetings at 2 pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month remain via Zoom. However the **next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 16,** since Rosh Hashanah is September 23. All members are invited to attend.

<u>2025-2026 Programs:</u> Meetings have been scheduled for October and November. On **Saturday, October 18, at 10:30 am** Dr. Michael J Barrington MA, Med, PhD will talk. See write-up Page 5. On **Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 am Tess Taylor,** 2024-2025 Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellow and former Poet Laureate of El Cerrito will talk. Topics: her new play - "Last West: Roadsongs for Dorothea Lange", her translation of Ovid's exile letters to his wife, her poems, and her community and school outreach.

<u>Proposed 2025-2026 Budget:</u> The proposed budget (See Page 3) will be voted on for approval at the September 20th meeting.

Be sure to check out **Barbara Miller's FALL CULTURE CORNER** starting on Page 5.

Thanks for all your support. We are very busy people and have many commitments. I appreciate all you do for the Branch. I enjoy working with such special women.

Roberta Montgomery, President

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

The Board decided that we would not print a new Directory. We will continue to use the **2019-2020 Directory with gold cover** that Ellen Mills and her husband Paul printed. Member information updates will be published in the Newsletter. I have extra copies of the 2019-2020 Directory. Let me know if you need one. **New member, Genoveva Calloway's contact information is listed below.**

All changes to date:

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WALENTA, SUSAN 1100 San Pablo Ave #306, Albany 94706

WEINTRAUB, MARSHA **marsha.weintraub@gmail.com** (email in the directory has an extra "e" at the end of her last name)



WEST CONTRA COSTA BRANCH AAUW ---- Proposed Budget 2025 – 2026 Christine Hills and Roberta Montgomery, Treasurers

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Income Carryover		7,652
Memberships: 4 Life Members + 26 @ 16	416	
Donations – Adopt-A-Fund	930	
TOTAL Inc	come	1,346
Other Donations		0
TOTAL Proposed Income and available funds:		14,678
ENDITURES:		
CA Tax Registry of Charitable Trusts renewal fee	25	
Insurance Assessment	151	
Newsletter and Directory:		
Printing, Postage and Labels	200	
Directory Printing	150	
Program:		
Speakers (5@100)	500	
Hospitality	50	
Rental for Meetings (7@80)	560	
Installation Luncheon	100	
Administration:		
Membership (VP expenses & recruiting)		
President & Other Officers (supplies & misc.)	125	
PO Box Rental		
Tech-Trek Recruitment, Reception, Printing & Postage		
Website		
Registration Convention, Conferences	0	
TOTAL Regular Ex	penses	2,726
Contra Costa College Scholarship	1,205	
Scholarship Fund (SF)	1,965	
"Let's Go" Fund	2,510	
TOTAL Ca	rryover	5,680
Reserve		6,272



CALENDAR – MONTHLY EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2025:

<u>Board Meeting:</u> using Zoom Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm. All members are invited to attend.

<u>Meeting:</u> **10:00 am** at Christ Lutheran Church **Saturday, September 20**, our 2025 Tech Trek Campers share their experiences at Sonoma State University June 22-28. See write-up Page 1.

OCTOBER 2025:

<u>Lunch Group:</u> Wednesday, October 15, at Noon L Brezo, 1111 Solano Avenue, Albany. RSVP Maria (cell: 1-925-899-3278; d.laforge@sbcglobal.net).

<u>Meeting:</u> 10:00 am at Christ Lutheran Church **Saturday, October 18, at 10:30 am** Dr. Michael J Barrington MA, Med, PhD will talk. See write-up Page 5.

Board Meeting: using Zoom **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend.

NOVEMBER 2025:

<u>Meeting:</u> 10:00 am at Christ Lutheran Church **Saturday, November 15, at 10:30 am** Tess Taylor 2024-2025 Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellow and former Poet Laureate of El Cerrito will talk. Topics to include: her new play, "Last West: Roadsongs for Dorothea Lange", her translation of Ovid's exile letters to his wife, her poems, and her community and school outreach.

Board Meeting: using Zoom **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm**. All members are invited to attend.

SUNSHINE

Know someone who needs a note? Sally Dunham is our Sunshine Chair and will send cards on behalf of our branch. If you know of a member in need of a get well, condolence or congratulations card, contact Sally at (510) 758-4094 or sallydunham1@gmail.com.



COME MEET DR. MICHAEL J BARRINGTON

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Christ Lutheran Church 780 Ashbury (at Stockton), El Cerrito 10:00 a.m. meeting gathering 10:30 a.m. Talk

Dr. Michael J Barrington, MA, MEd, PhD will give a photo presentation of his educational projects for women in Ethiopia, The Gambia, Guatemala and Honduras. In Ethiopia, he co-founded a residential orphanage housing up to fifty girls who had been sexually abused, which also financially provides for each one of them to attend university. The project is now fully self-sustaining, and is managed and staffed by former participants. The orphanage has helped produce 200 doctors, teachers, engineers and scientists.

In addition to having traveled to more than fifty countries doing humanitarian work, Dr. Barrington is the author of more than sixty short stories and ten books. Following his presentation, he will do a book signing.

Maria LaForge, Program Co-Chair

CULTURE CORNER FALL, 2025 By Barbara Miller







Los Osos View Looking North by Katie Hawkinson at San Pablo Community Center

SOLANO STROLL. <u>Sunday, Sep 14, 10:00am-5:00pm</u>. This is one of the most enjoyable events in our part of the Bay Area. Most of the shops and restaurants on Solano Ave. are open and offer displays and sometimes food on the sidewalk. In addition, organizations from all around the East Bay set up booths to publicize and display their work and provide fun activities. Music groups play all day and there is a parade. <u>https://www.solanoavenueassn.org/events/solano-avenue-stroll/</u>

City of El Cerrito. City Hall: 10890 San Pablo Ave. 510-215-4300.

NEW WEBSITE: https://www.elcerrito.gov/ The city provides a wide range of services that are worth checking out. Many public events are available in person and/or via ZOOM. Check the city calendar to see when city committee meetings are being held: https://www.elcerrito.gov/Calendar.aspx For copies of the minutes, agendas, and other information about meetings of city boards and commissions, click here: https://www.elcerrito.gov/482/Council-Meeting-Videos-Materials. El Cerrito also offers a number of online courses. Find out about them here:

https://www.ed2go.com/elcerritocomsvc/SearchResults.aspx?Sort=NAME

NOTE: City Hall is closed the following Fridays: Sep 12 and 26, Oct 10 and 24, Nov 7 and 21. Also Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving.

- **CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE is on Saturday, Oct. 25.** More information is here: https://www.elcerrito.gov/943/Citywide-Garage-Sale
- Adopt-a-Place Program. El Cerrito has started a program where any resident, community organization or business can "adopt" a park or landscaped public area. "The purpose of this program is to build community spirit and a sense of civic responsibility...[and] improve the quality of life in El Cerrito for the entire community." Learn about this program here:
 https://www.elcerrito.gov/474/Adopt-A-Place
- Tuesdays, Sep 16, Oct 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, 7:00pm: City Council Meeting. City council meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at City Hall and are open to the public. For specific instructions for submitting comments, go to: https://www.elcerrito.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13983/Instructions-for-Public-Comments
 City council meetings are broadcast live online and on Comcast channel 28. Meetings are rebroadcast at noon on Thursday of the same week and the following Monday.
 For other information on City Council meetings and Municipal Services Corporation meetings, go to: https://el-cerrito.gov/114/City-Council-Meetings
- You will receive the El Cerrito Recreation Guide in the mail. To view it online, go to: https://www.el-cerrito.org/DocumentCenter/View/15937/Fall-2024-Guide
- Through Dec 31: El Cerrito Creative Reuse Artists in Residency. El Cerrito currently has two artists in residency, both of whose terms will last until the end of 2025. Zona Sage is a textile artist with a special interest in social justice; her artistic goal is to convert cast-off items into things of beauty and contemplation. Lisa Zimmer-Chu is a painter concerned about climate injustice and committed to working with repurposed and found objects and using things in unexpected ways. To learn more about these artists, go to: https://www.elcerrito.gov/1286/2024-25-Artists-in-Residence
 - Through Oct 9: Radiant Earth: A Colorful Perspective on Nature. An exhibit by El Cerrito's resident artists at City Hall Gallery Space, above the lobby of El Cerrito City Hall.
 - Friday, Oct 3, 5:00-7:00pm. Artists' Reception. To learn more, contact Arts and Culture Commission Staff Liaison Will Provost at (510) 215-4318 or by email. (wprovost@elcerrito.gov)
- Recycling and Environmental Resource Center Programs: 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350. The RERC is much more than a recycling center. You can shop for used goods, donate to nonprofit organizations, donate to the Lions Club eyeglass program, and dispose of unused sharps and old and broken items. https://www.el-cerrito.org/533/Recycling-Environmental-Resource-Center. There are specific rules as to what you can recycle. To lean more online, read Dave Weinstein's History of El Cerrito's pioneering recycling center, "Where Recycling is a Pleasure", https://www.elcerrito.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14134/RecyclingisaPleasure and/or enjoy the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fikgoGib3 A
 - Friday, Sep 19, Wednesday, Oct. 1, Saturday, Oct. 11, Wednesday, Oct. 15, 3:00-4:00pm: RERC Public Tour. Tour starts at the Recyling Center Office Lobby. Call for reservations; do not just show up. You can schedule group tours for other dates by calling the RERC.

El Cerrito Art Association. The ECAA is a non-profit organization, co-sponsored by the City of El Cerrito, that supports artists with its programs and activities. They are not currently holding monthly membership meetings. The Plein Air Group Meets Thursdays at 11:00am for two hours. Locations will

be announced here: https://elcerritoart.org/plein-air-schedule/ The 2025 calendar is here: https://elcerritoart.org/plein-air-schedule/

- Saturday and Sunday, October 4&5, Annual Art Show. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. This year's theme is "Luminosity". https://elcerritoart.org/artshow/
- <u>November</u>: End of year potluck. Hana Gardens Senior Center, 10860 San Pablo Ave.
 Date and details will be announced on the ECAA calendar website.
- Exhibits: Exhibits of local artists' work can be seen at the Community Center lobby and the DMV.
- Anytime: Discover Hidden Poems in El Cerrito. The El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission has worked with the Trail Trekkers to hide 26 poems, along with short biographies of the poets, in containers all around El Cerrito. Our local version of geocaching. https://www.ectrailtrekkers.org/hidden-poetry-gps.html There are three hikes, the first of which features California poets laureate, the second U.S. poets laureate, and the third local poets. The clues on the website for each poem's location are GPS coordinates, so you will need a way to locate these. When you find them, read the poem and then sign and date the logs.

El Cerrito Historical Society. 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the EC Historical Society.

This group works to preserve and record the city's history and make that information available to the public. Learn about El Cerrito's history from the collection of printed and electronic information available at the Dorothy and Sundar Shadi History Room in City Hall. Take a walking tour through El Cerrito's history along San Pablo Ave. using brochures available online (see below). Become a member and receive *The Forge*, an informative newsletter, by mail; non-members can sign up to receive an email newsletter, *The Sparks*. Or go to their fascinating extensive website to learn about the aspects of El Cerrito's history that most interest you. https://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/

- Anytime. The ECHS offers a brochure to guide you on a historical walking tour of commercial El Cerrito. You can print out the brochure from this site: https://drive.google.com/file/d/17A10MqK-ksz8xrtEqkB5qPZURwyvB4dJ/view
- Anytime. Read the book El Cerrito, part of the Images of America series. You can borrow this book from the Contra Costa Library or purchase it from the EC Historical Society website.
- Anytime. Read the El Cerrito Historic Context Statement draft online to learn about the fascinating history of our city. http://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/ecprintfiles/historicalcontext.pdf
- Saturday, Sep 13, 1:00-5:00pm: History Society's Fiftieth Anniversary. At Hana Gardens, 10860 San Pablo Ave. Come enjoy the art of ikebana, old-fashioned games, snacks and drinks, exhibits and crafts, a talk by one of the society's founders, and more. https://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/societyevents/celebrate-the-societys-fiftieth-anniversary
- Sunday, Sep 28, 3:00-4:00pm: *Tour/Talk*: *The History of St. Peter CME*. 5324 Cypress Ave. St. Peter's Methodist Episcopal Church is El Cerrito's only African-American church and has long been a center for the city's Black Community activities. This special event entails both a tour and a panel discussion led by Pat Durham, historical society board member and church leader. https://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/societyevents/stpetercme2025
- Saturday, Oct 18, 11:00am-12:30pm: History Al Fresco: How to Document and Learn from Gravesites. Sunset Cemetery, 101 Colusa Ave. Meet in the parking lot across from the chapel. Professional genealogist Melanie Proctor will discuss the many ways in which death certificates and cemetery records help us learn about our family histories. She will discuss websites like Find a Grave that make death records accessible globally, and the group will tour the cemetery to fulfill photo requests pending on Find A Grave. https://www.elcerritohistoricalsociety.org/societyevents/sunset25

El Cerrito and Kensington Libraries. El Cerrito Library: 6510 Stockton Ave. (510) 526-7512. Kensington Library: 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. (510) 524-3043. The libraries are now open Tuesday through Saturday. Each library has its own book club. For a list of upcoming online events, check their websites: https://ccclib.org/locations/11/ and https://ccclib.org/locations/13/.

Saturdays through the end of 2025: 11:00am-1:00pm: Digital Docent. El Cerrito Library. Our computer docents offer help answering basic tech questions and can guide your through using digital

- services that are available on the library website. To schedule a 30-minute session, call the library or set up a date & time in person. No course available on October 18.
- Wednesdays, Sep 17, Oct 15, and Nov 19, 6:30-7:45pm: Mystery Book Club. El Cerrito Library. To learn what books will be discussed, contact the El Cerrito library.
- Wednesday, Sep 24, 10:00am-12:00pm: Advance Health Care Directive: Presentation and Clinic. Kensington. A representative of Contra County Legal Services will discuss the importance of advance planning and offer the opportunity to schedule an appointment on October 8 to work on your directive with a CCCLS representative.
- Tuesdays, Sep 30, 6:15-7:15pm: Kensington Zoom Book Club. This month's book is The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy. To learn how to join this club and for future dates, contact the Kensington library.
- Saturday, October 4, 10:15-11:15am: Storytime with Oaktown Jazz. The Oaktown Jazz Ensemble will play while the El Cerrito librarian reads a children's story.

El Cerrito Natural Grocery Annex: This music series supports local musicians. Sessions are traditionally held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, but check the website to see the actual dates. https://naturalgrocery.com/events/ The events are free, but you are encouraged to order food and beverages and donate to the costs of the event. All of the proceeds will go directly to the network of local musicians, each of whom have been severely impacted by the lack of events during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these musicians have already been booked, but check the website, as more will be included as time passes.

- Wed., Sep 10, 6:00pm-8:30pm. The Annex Sessions: The Hogan Brothers. These East Bay natives offer a fusion of American and international jazz
- Wed., Sep 17, 6:00pm-8:30pm. The Annex Sessions: Lars and In Charge Traditional music of Turkey, Greece and vicinity. With dancers.
- Wed., Sep 24, 6:00pm-8:30pm. The Annex Sessions: Key Elements A Latin Jazz Ensemble.
- Wed., Oct 22, 6:00pm-8:30pm. The Annex Sessions: Los Nadies. A jazz group who describes its music as "an inventive, versatile, and refreshing remix of Latin American music...extremely danceable".

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 510-525-0302. uucb.org

- Humanist Connections. Sundays from 1:00-2:30pm. This event meets every Sunday and addresses current and favorite issues, beginning with a presentation and followed by a group discussion. You can attend in person or by Zoom. Topics are decided by the group monthly. Call the church for topics and Zoom link or check the church calendar at: https://uucb.org/the-week-ahead-at-uucb/church-calendar-2/
 - Sunday, Sep 14: Harold Ogren will discuss "What happens when the electrical grid dies?"
 - o Sunday, Sep 21: Dennis Monthei will discuss "Who is your favorite Roosevelt?"
 - Sunday, Oct 26: Ray Westergard will discuss "The history and current views of the word 'WOKE'
 No Zoom coverage for this meeting.
- Thursday, Sep 25, 7:00pm: REDWOOD NIGHTS—Storytelling Under the Stars. Hosted by Don Ree, this event has been presented elsewhere in the Bay Area, but this is the first time it has been available in our area. Storytellers from NPR, HBO, PBS, Off-Broadway and elsewhere entertain you indoors and out. This year's theme is My First Crush/My Last Crush. It's a good idea to call to make reservations. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/redwood-nights-storytelling-under-the-stars-berkeley-hillseast-bay-tickets-1608329951179
- Saturday, Sep 27, 4:00-5:30pm: Bryan Baker & Friends Concert.
- Saturday, Nov 1, 7:30-9:30pm: Kensington Symphony Orchestra.
- Saturday, Nov 8, 4:00-5:30pm: Berkeley Baroque Strings Concert. Berkeley Baroque Strings is an affiliate of the San Francisco Early Music Society. https://berkeleybaroquestrings.org/

<u>NIAD Art Center</u>. 551 23rd Ave., Richmond. Open Monday-Friday, 10:00am-4;00pm and the second Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00pm. 510-620-0290. http://niadart.org NIAD is a progressive art

studio for adult artists with developmental disabilities. Listed here are a few of the newer online exhibitions. Older exhibitions are still available for viewing online. https://niadartstore.org/collections

- Saturday, September 6, 11:00am-4:00pm: Richmond Open Studios 2025. 90 artists will be displaying their work. You can interact with NIAD artists inside NIAD and with outside artists in the NIAD Courtyard. Other local artists will be showing their work at three partner venues: the Richmond Art Center, the Richmond Museum of History and Culture, and Point Richmond Gallery. You can pick up a ROS brochure at any of these locations. For more information about this city-wide event, see: https://niadart.org/blogs/events/richmond-open-studios-2025
- Through Oct 31: Somewhere in Time. Ongoing at the NIAD Main Gallery. Curated by Nick Makanna. This exhibit convenes the work of twelve Bay Area-based artists working variously with drawing, painting, sculpture and textiles. It explores the ways in which these individuals augment time through their work, using it as a medium in and of itself, pushing and pulling this construct to bend to their own designs. For a list of artists and details about this exhibition, see: https://niadart.org/collections/somewhere-in-time

<u>Richmond Art Center</u>. 2540 Barrett Ave., Richmond. 510-620-6772. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The largest visual arts center in the East Bay. Online exhibits are often available for viewing past their end date. For more information, go to: https://richmondartcenter.org/

- <u>Sep 24 through Nov 20</u>: *Unsettled Things/ Things I Had to Leave Behind*. South Gallery. A solo show by Xinchen Li that explores memory, loss, and migration through delicate sculptures. Created using a 3D printing pen and biodegradable PLA. Find out more about the artist and this show here: https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/xinchen-li/
 - o Saturday, Sep 27, 1:00-3:00pm: Opening Reception.
 - Saturday, Nov 15, 11:00am OR 1:00pm. 3D Printing Pen Workshop.
 https://richmondartcenter.org/events/3d-printing-pen-workshops-with-xinchen-li-11-15-25/
- Sep 24 through Nov 20: Big Feelings. Main Gallery. "The exhibition showcases a collaborative map of Richmond told through BIPOC cultural narratives and materiality; a large-scale print installation that is a personal exploration of friendship, sharing real advice from real people; and a participatory work of over four hundred circles radiating feminine energy." For a list of featured artists and a sample of the work, go to: https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/big-feelings/
 - Saturday, Sep 27, 1:00-3:00pm: Opening Reception.
 - Saturday, Oct 18, 11:00am-1:00pm: Artist Talk and Circle Making. More information about this
 event will be at: https://richmondartcenter.org/events/big-feelings-artist-talk/
- Sep 24 through Nov 20: Seeds of Tradition. West Gallery.
 - Saturday, Sep 27, 1:00-3:00pm: Opening Reception.
 - Saturday, Oct 11, 12:30pm: Artist Talk. Paintings by Luis Garcia that honor cultural heritage, ancestral memory, and the deep connections between people, nature, and spirit.
 https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/luis-garcia/
- Sep 24 through Nov 20: Ebb and Flow. Community Gallery. Watercolor works by Ilah Jarvis and her students. https://richmondartcenter.org/exhibitions/ebb-and-flow/
- <u>Sunday, Dec 7, 10:00am-4:00pm</u>: **63rd Annual Holiday Arts Festival**. Handmade goods from local artisans, plus free art activities, food and drinks. As more is planned for this annual celebration, it will be shown here: https://richmondartcenter.org/events/haf-2025/

<u>Art Exhibits at San Pablo Community Center.</u> Since the San Pablo Art Gallery closed, art is exhibited in other locations in San Pablo. Currently, you can see these exhibits at the Community Center. 2450 Road 20, San Pablo. <u>https://www.sanpabloca.gov/1237/Art-Exhibits</u>

- Ongoing. Joseph Slusky and Katie Hawkinson. Slusky is best known for his sculpture, Hawkinson for her painting, but all forms of art will be exhibited here. One featured item is Los Osos View Looking North in acrylic and oil.
- Through September: 23 Paintings by George Bernard III and Audy Oregon.

<u>Cerrito Theater</u> (Rialto Cinemas). 10070 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 510-273-9102. <u>El Cerrito's own restored art deco movie theater</u>. Here is a list of upcoming special events. To see a list of popular <u>current movies coming up, visit: https://rialtocinemas.com/cerrito/</u>. Since the Albany theater closed, some of its special events will now be shown at the Cerrito. <u>https://rialtocinemas.com/coming-soon-cer/albany-films-festival-2025-cer/</u>

- <u>September 27, 28 and 29, 11:00am: *The Gold Rush*. A silent classic starring and directed by Charlie Chaplin.</u>
- September 5-11: Hamilton. This is the movie version of the extremely popular Broadway show. It runs for 3 hours and 10 minutes. Times vary; check website.
- Thursday, Sep 11, 1:00pm: Amadeus. This epic movie about Mozart and his rivalry with Antonio Salieri was nominated for 53 awards. It won Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor and 5 other Academy Awards and many other types of film awards. Directed by Milos Forman; starring F. Murray Abraham and Tom Hulce.
- Thursday, Sep 11, 5:00pm: Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale. This movie continues the
 Masterpiece TV series and follows the Crawley family and their staff into the 1930s. Directed by
 Michael Engler, it was released in 2019.
- Thursday, Sep 18, 7:00pm: Between the Sun and the Sidewalk. Directed by Helen DeMichiel. This film is presented by the Albany Film Fest and the Berkeley Film Foundation, one of a series of independent documentary films about social justice—about people fighting back when their lives and freedoms are threatened. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and interactive audience Q&A with the filmmaker.
- Monday, Oct 6, and Wednesday, Oct 22, 7:00pm: Inter Alia. A National Theater Live play filmed for distribution in movie theaters. For more details about the plot and the actress, go to: https://rialtocinemas.com/special-events-cer/national-theatre-live-cer/nt-inter-alia-cer/
- Thursday, Oct. 16, 7:00pm: **Stripped for Parts: American Journalism on the Brink.** Directed by Rick Goldsmith. The film will be followed by a panel discussion and interactive audience Q&A with the filmmaker. Starring Oscar-nominated actress Rosamund Pike.
- **National Theater Live** plays filmed during a stage production for distribution to movie theaters. You can purchase tickets to individual plays or to the entire National Theater Live season.
 - Monday, Oct 6, and Wednesday, Oct 22, 7:00pm: Inter Alia. For more details about the plot and the actress, go to: https://rialtocinemas.com/special-events-cer/national-theatre-live-cer/nt-inter-alia-cer/
 - Wednesday, Nov 5 and Monday, Nov 10, 7:00pm: Mrs. Warren's Profession. Written by Bernard Shaw. Starring 5-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Stanton (The Crown) and her real-life daughter Bessie Carter. For more details about the play, go to: https://rialtocinemas.com/special-events-cer/national-theatre-live-cer/nt-mrs-warrenss-profession-cer/
 - Wednesday, Dec 3 and Monday, Dec 8, 7:00pm: The Fifth Step. Starring Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden and Emmy and BAFTA winner Martin Freeman in a comedy. https://rialtocinemas.com/special-events-cer/national-theatre-live-cer/nt-the-fifth-step-cer/

Contra Costa Civic Theatre. 951 Pomona Ave., 510-524-9012. <u>ccct.org</u>. A non-profit community theater that provides high-quality plays, acting classes and summer drama camps for residents. The theater needs volunteers to help construct sets and costumes, to usher, and to work on its beautiful garden. Volunteers get to see the shows for free. <u>Box office open Tues-Fri, 4:00-6:00pm and one hour before performances</u>. You can purchase tickets for individual performances or for the entire season (3 shows). In either case, you pick your own seats.

- Fridays at 7:00pm; Saturdays at 2:00 and 8:00pm; Sundays at 2:00pm;
 - Pippin. Through Sept. 14. Music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (composer of Wicked); directed by Nicole Helfer.
 - <u>Ebenezer Scrooge</u>. Saturday, Dec 6 through Sunday, Dec. 21. An adaptation of Dickens' <u>A</u> Christmas Carol, by Joel Roster.

 A Chorus Line. Saturday June 6 through Sunday, June 21, 2026. Music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward Kleban. The Broadway production won 9 Tony Awards, 8 Drama Desk Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

<u>Masquers Playhouse</u>. 105 Park Place, Richmond, CA. 510-232-3888. A nonprofit community theater in Point Richmond. In addition to a 5-show season, the Masquers offers children's classes and produces short-run pieces that are not appropriate for the regular season. https://www.masquers.org/ For more information about this season's offerings, see https://masquers.org/shows-and-events/

- o Big Scary Animals. Through Sept. 2. By Matt Lyle. Directed by Gabriel Ross.
- o **Prelude to a Kiss.** October 10-19. By Craig Lucas. Directed by Bruce Kaplan.
- Catch Me If You Can. Nov. 15-Dec. 7. Libretto by Terrence McNally, Score by Marc Shaman & Scott Wittman. Directed by Enrico Banson. Based on the 2002 Steven Spielberg movie, starring Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio,