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BUREAU STAFF CHANGES

Our French intern, Nizam Brauckmann, has concluded her four-month internship. The Bureau wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

SAVE THE DATE: MEMBER MIXER

Hosted by the newly opened Paul Martin's Restaurant in Hillsdale Shopping Center, the next mixer will be held on Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Space will fill up quickly for this event, so we ask that you please RSVP promptly once you receive the invitation in mid-September. This will also be an opportunity to visit the California Welcome Center, located a few doors down.

WORDS OF THANKS: AUGUST MIXER

Many thanks to Coconut Bay Thai Restaurant for hosting the Bureau's August mixer. Thank you to the following members for donating raffle prizes:

- Bay Landing Hotel
- Crystal Springs Golf Course
- Dethrone Basecamp
- DoubleTree by Hilton SFO
- Embassy Suites SFO - Waterfront
- Half Moon Bay Lodge
- Hyatt Regency S.F. Airport
- Passport Unlimited

CONVENTION CALENDAR & CVENT

Members may click [here](#) for a 12-month rolling calendar (updated monthly). To see the promotions currently available through CVENT, click [here](#).

WORDS OF THANKS: FARM TOUR

Thank you to the following for their involvement in the Annual Farm and Docks Tour that took place on August 26th:

- Blue House Farms
- Cozzolino Pumpkins
- Domenico Winery
- Harley Farms Goat Dairy
- La Honda Winery
- La Nebbia Winery
- Mavericks Beer
- Ouroboros Farms
- Pillar Point Harbor

A special thank you to San Mateo County Agricultural Commission for underwriting the transportation and lunch as well as to the DoubleTree by Hilton San Francisco Airport for their donation of cookies.

Among the attendees were representatives from Hyatt Regency SFO, SFO Airport Marriott Waterfront, Hilton Garden Inn San Mateo, Sheraton Palo Alto, Half Moon Bay Brewing Company, Beach House Hotel, The Westin San Francisco Airport, and Goose and Turrets Bed & Breakfast.

TRAVEL FACTS

Travel Statistics from SFO

Domestic travel was up 0.6%, while international travel was up 1.7% through San Francisco International Airport in June 2013, compared to June 2012.

Delta Shuttle Service From LAX to SFO

Delta will begin hourly, nonstop Delta Shuttle service between LAX and SFO on September 3rd, with 14 daily flights each way.

Broadway Interchange Renovation

A \$75 million remodel of the Broadway interchange at Highway 101 in Burlingame is tentatively scheduled to begin in early summer 2014 with completion anticipated for 2016. The reconstruction will replace the existing bridge between Rollins Road and Old Bayshore Highway, with a new structure to simplify the road. The structure will range from six to eight lanes, and will be slightly to the north of the existing structure. Click [here](#) for more.

Millbrae Station Pedestrian Crossing for

SamTrans and the city of Millbrae have provided pedestrians with a safe, new crossing on El Camino Real to reach the Caltrain/BART Station. The Victoria Avenue project created a street crossing signal with a well-defined walking path and added sidewalk, bus stop, and landscape enhancements to improve safety and access to the station for pedestrians.

BEST OF THE ROAD

The 2013 Best of the Road contest voting continues through September 3rd. Votes may be submitted once-a-day per town in six categories: Most Beautiful, Best Food, Most Fun, Friendliest, Most Patriotic, and Best for Geocaching.

After finalists are announced in September, their panel of judges will review submissions provided by towns plus online activity promoting the town as a winner. Click [here](#) to vote.

HOSPITALITY AWARD

In honor of Margi Grant, who retired from the Bureau in 2007 after more than 26 years of dedicated service, the Bureau created the "Margi Grant Heart of Hospitality Award." The award is given to a person who has gone far beyond the ordinary, selflessly acting to make visitors' experiences extraordinary. A plaque is presented to the winner at the annual meeting each year, and a separate, perpetual plaque is displayed in the Bureau office.

Deadline for award applications is November 1st.

Nominees may nominate themselves or others. Judging will be done "blindly" by Margi Grant and a group of individuals selected for their impartiality. **A nomination form is at the end of this e-bulletin.** Past winners have included Wayne Meyer, formerly with the Half Moon Bay Brewing Company; Mike Hartnett, formerly with the Crowne Plaza SFO; Chuck Gust, Nick's Restaurant; David Holland, Assistant County Manager; Pietro Parravano, San Mateo County Harbor District; and Jim Anderson, Dungeness Crab Task Force.

CALIFORNIA WELCOME CENTER UPDATE

The Featured Ticket of the Month for September is Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. Located in Vallejo, Discovery Kingdom is America's only combined marine life, wildlife, and wild rides theme park. It offers live shows, overnight events in the shark aquarium, and opportunities to swim with dolphins. Their most popular festival of the year, Fright Fest, begins on September 28th and will offer frightful fun for the whole family throughout the day. General admission tickets for Six Flags are available at the San Mateo California Welcome Center for \$44 each. For more information, email info@smccvb.com.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Skyline College New Initiative

Skyline College was recently awarded a grant through the State Chancellor's Office "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy" Initiative to build on and develop innovative and high quality Retail, Hospitality and Tourism Programs in Bay Region Community Colleges. The development of this program at Skyline College will create exciting new opportunities for students who are interested in these three industries. There will also be many opportunities for hotels to get involved in curriculum development and other activities as the program develops.

Program areas they are considering include, but are not limited to: Hospitality & Tourism Management, International Tourism/Cultural Relations, Meeting & Event Management, Gaming Management, Sports & Recreation Management, and Food & Beverage Management. They will explore options in: stackable credentials, certificates, and transfer programs. For more information, click [here](#) or contact Andrea Vizenor at andreaizenor@yahoo.com."

Local Hotel Changes

Effective September 3rd, Brighton Management LLC will become the new owners of the Comfort Inn Airport South at 350 N. Bayshore Boulevard in San Mateo and the Holiday Inn & Suites at 330 N. Bayshore Boulevard in San Mateo. Also on that day, the Comfort Inn will be renamed San Mateo SFO Airport Hotel. The phone and fax number will remain the same, but the website will change to: sanmateosfoairport.com.

Per Diem Rates for 2014

The new per diem rates for 2014 (effective October 2013) are available online. Click [here](#) to see them.



Search the hashtag **#playbythebay** to see what visitors and locals are doing, seeing, and eating in the area. Incorporate the hashtag into your social media to further promote our area. For questions about this, please contact Media Manager Stephanie Fermin at stephanie@smccvb.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Yellow Fever Mosquito Found in San Mateo County

On August 23rd, the California Department of Public Health confirmed the identification of a yellow fever mosquito at Holy Cross Cemetery in Menlo Park. The yellow fever mosquito has the potential to transmit several viruses, including dengue and yellow fever. Avoid mosquito bites or reduce the chances of being bitten by applying repellents, using tight-fitting screens, eliminating standing water, reporting neglected swimming pools, wearing long sleeves and pants, and using netting over infant carriers. Click [here](#) for more.

Bay Area Tasting Week and Common Threads Fundraiser

Since 2003, Common Threads has been teaching children living in underserved communities how to cook wholesome, healthy meals in professional led, curriculum-based after-school programs for 10 years. Tasting Week is an association that invites chefs from famous restaurants across the Bay Area to elementary and middle schools to talk to children about taste and flavor and encourage them to become exploratory eaters. Together they will host an outdoor BBQ event that will be fun for families of all ages on Sunday, September 29th in East Palo Alto from 1:00-4:00. For more information, click [here](#).

California Coastal Cleanup Day

Every year on the third Saturday in September, people from all over California take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. In 2012, almost 770,000 pounds of trash and recyclables were removed from beaches, lakes, and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the globe.

On Saturday, September 21st from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, cleanups will take place at more than 800 locations throughout California. Click [here](#) to find a cleanup location near you. If there is no cleanup scheduled in your area, you may volunteer to set one up. Email coast4u@coastal.ca.gov or call 800-COAST-4U to speak with a representative.

ATTRACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

ADVENTURE OUT

Giant Sequoia Backpacking

September 20th through September 22nd

The trip will be three days and two nights in the backcountry of Sequoia National Park in California. In addition to having a great adventure through one of California's most majestic landscapes, learn essential backcountry skills to begin to plan expeditions. Participants and guides will work together to navigate the trails, set-up campsites, and prepare meals. Click [here](#) for details.

AQUARIUM OF THE BAY

San Joaquin Celebration

Friday, September 13th (6:00 PM)

Watch a screening of the enlightening film, *Tales of the San Joaquin* by Chris Beaver, who will be on hand to introduce the movie. Hear from honorary guest, Congressman Jared Huffman, and round out the evening with a panel discussion and Q&A session with Peter Vorster of The Bay Institute; Chris Beaver, filmmaker; Walt Shubin, retired farmer; and Renee Henry from Trout Unlimited. Click [here](#) for more.

Okeanos Intimate

August 10th through September 28th

Okeanos Intimate is a dance/cirque portrait of the ocean as body, environment, resource, metaphor, and force. It is a performance to inspire and educate audiences about the ocean and connect them deeply to ocean conservation. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$15 per child. Admission to the Aquarium is free with purchase. Click [here](#) for more.

BLUE & GOLD FLEET

Sausalito Art Festival

August 31st through September 2nd

Climb aboard the Blue & Gold Fleet ferry and head to Sausalito for a day of art, music, wine, food and fun. Click [here](#) for more information and to see the entertainment line-up.

America's Cup Cruises

Select days in September

All America's Cup Cruises depart at 11:45 AM from PIER 39 and return at 3:30 PM. TVs providing satellite coverage of each race will be displayed on board. Each cruise includes choice of box lunch. \$150.00 tickets include two drink tickets. \$250.00 tickets include an open bar and a 6-hour parking validation for only \$8. Click [here](#) for details.

BURLINGAME

Movies in the Park: Tangled

Friday, September 6th (8:00-10:00 PM)

Come to see Disney's *Tangled* in Washington Park. Bring blankets, picnic baskets, and warm coats. Cotton candy and popcorn sales benefit the Youth Scholarship Fund. Call 650-558-7300 for more.

SAT Practice Test

Saturday, September 7th (11:00-3:00 PM)

Come to the Lane Community Room at Burlingame Public Library to take an SAT practice test administered by the Princeton Review, and then attend the follow-up workshop on Monday, September 16th from 6:30-7:30 PM to see scores and learn about the admissions process. This event is free and open to the public. Sign up online by clicking [here](#).

Community Garden Grand Opening

Friday, September 13th (11:00 AM)

Join the Burlingame Parks and Rec Department as they celebrate the newly constructed Community Garden. The site is located between the batting cage and storage sheds at Bayside Fields. Spaces are filling up to reserve beds. Call 650-558-7300 for more.

6th Annual Burlingame Green Fair

Sunday, September 15th (9:00-2:00 PM)

This free event includes crafts for children, live entertainment, and prize drawings. It will be held in Downtown Burlingame next to Fresh Market. Bay Area sustainable lifestyle vendors will be on site. Click [here](#) for details.

10th Annual Pet Parade

Sunday, September 28th

Alpacas, pet fortune tellers, and a police dog were part of the fun at last year's parade. More than 1,600 people turned out, including hundreds of owners and pets dressed in wild and crazy costumes. Check back [here](#) for details about the 2013 Pet Parade.

COW PALACE

Grand National Rodeo

October 18th, 19th, 25th, & 26th

The 2013 Grand National Rodeo, Horse Show and Livestock Show continues its western tradition with the PRCA Rodeo at the Cow Palace. Livestock Show exhibitors will enter their best stock competing for top prize money and the holy grail, the honor of showing a Grand National Champion. Come early and stay late at the Grand National Western Experience, where you can shop at the marketplace, taste some award-winning BBQ, and dance your boots off at the Cow Palace Saloon before and after each PRCA rodeo performance. Click [here](#) for more.

CURIODYSSEY

Otter Awareness Day

Sunday, September 22nd (12:00-5:00 PM)

In conjunction with National Sea Otter Awareness Week, CuriOdyssey will kick-off the week with Otter Awareness Day. Learn about river otters and their relatives in the Mustelidae family, like the sea otter, ferret, and badger. Discover what can be done to promote conservation, and explore the differences between sea and river otters. Click [here](#) for more.

CuriOdyssey Gala

Saturday, September 28th (6:30 PM)

The evening begins with a tasting of delectable hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Guests then enjoy an organic gourmet dinner along with an exciting live auction that features one-of-a-kind experiences, distinctive travel excursions, and exclusive specialty packages. All proceeds from the event benefit CuriOdyssey's ground-breaking, award-winning science exhibits,

world-class wildlife programs, and mind-growing education programs. Click [here](#) for more.

DALY CITY/COLMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Aloha Golf Tournament

Monday, September 9th (10:00 AM)

Held at the Lake Merced Golf Club, this tournament includes lunch, dinner, door prizes, and more. Sponsorship opportunities available. For more information, call 650-755-3900 or click [here](#).

DOWNTOWN SAN MATEO ASSOCIATION

The 17th Annual Wine Walk

Saturday, October 5th (2:00-5:00 PM)

There will be 28 wineries present, and attendees can taste from 60+ varietals. Live music courtesy of B Street Music. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Tickets are limited. Click [here](#) for more.

THE FOUNDRY

Fall Volleyball League

September 3rd through October 24th

There are 31 coach-led training sessions with two Saturday morning tournaments per month. Each training session is offered Monday through Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM. Click [here](#) for more.

Vertical Power Class

Starts Wednesday, September 4th

This class will include a dynamic warm-up, plyometrics, speed, strength, and power specific for vertical power development. There will be testing during the first and last session for vertical jump and approach jump heights. Click [here](#) for more.

Lil Diggers Fall Program

September 9th through November 13th

There are 20 coach-led training sessions for beginning players. Each training session is 1.5 hours long and are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 PM. Click [here](#) for more.

FRIENDS OF EDGEWOOD PARK

Second Sunday Bird Walk

Saturday, September 14th (8:00-1:00 PM)

Join Sequoia Audubon's Susie Hons for an early morning bird walk. Listen and watch for California Thrasher, Wrentit, Oak Titmouse and Western Bluebird. This 3 to 4 mile hike traverses gentle hills and lasts 3 to 4 hours. Click [here](#) for more.

Seasonal Changes

Saturday, September 21st (10:00-1:00 PM)

The walk will focus on the seasonal changes for key park inhabitants, including plants, mammals, birds, insects. How do plants and animals prepare for and cope with the cooler months? What signs are there of the coming fall and winter? Click [here](#) for more.

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

Labor Day is Dollar Day

Monday, September 2nd (12:00-5:00 PM)

Enjoy the horse racing along with famous Dollar Deals including \$1 general admission, \$1 general parking, \$1 programs, \$1 beers, \$1 hot dogs, and \$1 sodas. Click [here](#) for more.

Food Drive for Free Admission

Sunday, September 8th

Enjoy free admission when you bring a canned food item to the races for Contra Costa, Solano, and Alameda Food Banks. Also enjoy a free live concert during the races. Click [here](#) for more.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Mini-Plans

Mini-Plans are now available including the Opening Night Pack, when the Warriors will take on the Lakers. There is also a Miami Pack, Lakers Weekend Pack, and 12+ Game Flex Pack. Click [here](#) for more.

Premium Suites

A limited number of Premium Suites are available for the 2013-14 season. Act now to secure this season's top games and treat your clients, prospects, friends

and family to the unforgettable, energetic and fun-filled experience of Oracle Arena in a Warriors Premium Suite. Each suite includes 16 tickets, a private restroom, VIP parking, and access to both sideline clubs and the courtside club. For more information, click [here](#).

HALF MOON BAY

Taste of the Coast

Sunday, September 22nd (5:00-8:00 PM)

Sample the coastside's best cuisine, sip fine wine and spirits at the no-host bar, and shop the silent auction. Tickets are \$60 in advance or \$75 at the door. This event will be held at the Sea Crest School, and all proceeds benefit the Senior Coastsiders. Click [here](#) for details.

Half Moon Bay International Marathon

Sunday, September 29th

The Half Moon Bay International Marathon will include a full 26.2 marathon event, a 13.1 mile half marathon event, and a free 5k Fun-Run. Click [here](#) for more information.

HILLSDALE SHOPPING CENTER

"Maya & Miguel" Meet & Greet

Thursday, September 26th (3:30-4:30 PM)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and meet KQED's children's program costumed characters "Maya & Miguel". They'll be on hand to greet kids and pose for photos. Plus, enjoy award winning cultural musical show "Let's Play in Spanish" hosted by Susy Dorn. Get ready for a program full of language-learning through music, puppetry and plenty of interactive fun and laughter. Click [here](#) for more.

HORNBLOWER CRUISES AND EVENTS

Labor Day Beer Lunch Cruise

Monday, September 2nd (11:30 AM)

Enjoy free flowing champagne and beer, live background music, and the breathtaking views that you can only get from on the water. Tickets are \$73 per person plus taxes and fees. Click [here](#) for more.

Select Date Viewing Cruise Specials

Get on board to view the fastest boats in the world competing for the one and only America's Cup trophy. Select dates are discounted. Use the code ACUP25 at checkout to save 25%. Click [here](#) for more.

K1 SPEED

K1 Speed Pass

To celebrate their 10th Anniversary, K1 Speed is introducing the K1 Speed Pass, which includes two races plus a license and any t-shirt for \$49 (a \$61 value). Additionally, there will be a meet and greet with Skullcandy Team Nissan on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 PM at the K1 Speed in Santa Clara. Click [here](#) for more information.

MILLBRAE

Gateway, Way-Finding, and Parking Signage Project Workshop

Wednesday, September 4th (6:00-8:00 PM)

This project will result in creative design solutions and implementation measures to improve the business environment and foster a greater sense of place in Millbrae. Get involved by providing ideas during this interactive, hands-on workshop in the David J. Chetcuti Community Room at City Hall.

MIRAMAR EVENTS

43rd Annual Millbrae Art & Wine Festival

August 31st & September 1st (10:00-5:00 PM)

The festival includes two days of live music, handcrafted work by hundreds of top artists and craft-makers, food, drinks, a microbrew tasting tent, a car show, an organic and green products showcase, artisan specialty foods, home and garden exhibits, health and wellness displays, and tons of fun for kids. Event is on Broadway between Victoria and Meadow Glen. Admission is free. Click [here](#) for more.

Mountain View Art & Wine Festival

September 7th & 8th (10:00-6:00 PM)

The weekend features exceptional handcrafted work

by 600 of America's top artists and craftmakers, stellar live music on stage and street throughout downtown with a new "Salsa Sunday" theme, fabulous food and drink, the Comcast Pigskin Party Lounge with giant screen TV, artisan specialty food purveyors, home and garden exhibits, health and wellness displays, an organic and green products showcase, and tons of fun and games for kids. Admission is free. Click [here](#) for details.

THE MOUNTAIN TERRACE

Mountain Goat Farmers' Market

Wednesdays (3:00-7:00 PM)

The Mountain Goat Farmers' Market is held in The Mountain Terrace's parking lot. Enjoy vegetables, grass-fed beef, seafood, nut butters, goat's milk, fudge and more. Click [here](#) for more information.

PACIFICA

Pacific Coast Fog Fest

September 28th & 29th (10:00-6:00 PM)

This event is a celebration of sun, sand, and surf that defines life on the coast and celebrates the marvelous coastal climate. It kicks off Saturday morning with the Discover Pacifica Parade and Marching Band Competition. Then stay and enjoy arts and crafts booths, food and beverage booths, musical entertainment, Family Fun Fest, and a variety of other activities. Admission is free. Click [here](#) for more.

PACIFICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fog Fest Fandango

Saturday, September 21st (6:30-11:30 PM)

This event is the official dinner/dance kick-off to Fog Fest. Fandango is located in St. Peter's Church with dinner provided by Taco Man. There will be a no-host wine and beer bar and a signature sangria and margarita cantina. Special entertainment will be provided from 6:30-7:30 PM, followed by dancing which will start at 7:30 PM. Spanish attire is encouraged and prizes will be awarded for best costume. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Click [here](#) for more information.

PALO ALTO

The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch

Select days in September

Celebrating its 18th anniversary, the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch is the largest glass pumpkin patch in California. Featuring over 8,000 hand-blown glass pumpkins crafted by 24 prominent glass artisans, this beloved fall event returns to the newly renovated Palo Alto Art Center. The exhibition is on September 24th-27th, and the pumpkin sales will take place September 28th-29th. Click [here](#) for more.

PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Open House

Sunday, September 22nd (7:00 AM-8:00 PM)

Enjoy the PJCC's state-of-the-art fitness equipment, take a dip in the heated indoor and outdoor pools, shoot hoops in our NCAA-regulation basketball courts, and relax in the whirlpool, sauna, or steam room for free. There will be a Wellness Expo between 11:00 and 2:00 PM. Click [here](#) for details.

PORT OF REDWOOD CITY

Redwood City PortFest

Saturday, October 5th (8:00-5:00 PM)

PortFest is an annual showcase of the working and recreational Port of Redwood City waterfront. The all-day festival features boat rides, working waterfront tours, live music, food and drink, arts and crafts, children's activities, and much more. Admission and parking are free. For more information, click [here](#).

REDWOOD CITY

Bay Area Bike Share Pilot Program

Rent a bike from several locations throughout Redwood City 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Membership rates are \$88 for an annual pass, \$22 for a three-day pass, and \$9 for a daily pass. Click [here](#) for more.

Paint the Town: Art Festival

Saturday, September 7th (10:00-6:00 PM)

Come to Courthouse Square for a day of original art,

art sales, auctions, music, and wine.

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space's Founder's Day Festival

Saturday, September 14th (11:00 AM)

Celebrate 40 years of preservation at this family-friendly festival at the Monte Bello Preserve, which will include live musical performances, line dancing, a historical exhibit, an opportunity to meet rangers, a special hike, a puppet show, food trucks, games, prizes, and lasso tricks. Click [here](#) for more.

Sixth Annual Salsa Festival

Saturday, September 28th (12:00-8:00 PM)

Multiple stages featuring a variety of Latin Music, including Salsa and Jazz, will fire up Courthouse Square with music and dancing all day long. Amateur and professional salsa chefs will compete for prizes. Plus, there's tequila tasting, free hands-on art projects, and a Children's Play Area, complete with bounce houses and more. Click [here](#) for details.

SAN BRUNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Taste of San Bruno

Tuesday, October 1st (6:00-8:00 PM)

Taste and sample the amazing cuisine of local restaurants, catering companies, and bakeries. Enjoy delicious wines and participate in a raffle and silent auction. To be held at the Recreation Center. Sponsorship opportunities available. Click [here](#) for more.

SAN CARLOS

Hot Harvest Nights Farmers' Market

Thursdays through September 12th (4:00-8:00 PM)

Hot Harvest Nights features certified produce and specialty foods, musical entertainment, and walk-away food. Downtown stores will be open for exploration and enjoyment. The market features up to 60 booths in the middle of the street which will be closed to traffic. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAN FRANCISCO BULLS

Mini-Plans

Six-game mini plans are now available. Choose from the Thirsty Thursday Pack, Sunday Family Pack, and the 6-Game Pack. Click [here](#) for more.

Cow Belles Tryouts

Saturday, September 14th (10:00 AM)

The Bulls are looking for six ice skaters and six dancers to help excite the crowd. Dancer auditions are from 10:00-1:00 PM, and skater auditions are from 1:30-4:30 PM. Tryouts will consist of interviews and performances. Click [here](#) for more.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Fantasy Camp 2014

January 19th through January 26th, 2014

The SF Giants Fantasy Camp will give fans the opportunity to play professional baseball, regardless of skill level. This is an excellent opportunity to play baseball, interact with the pros, and make life long friends. Click [here](#) to reserve a spot.

SAN MATEO AREA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

San Mateo Bacon and Brew Festival

Saturday, September 28th (12:00-6:00 PM)

This annual festival in Central Park will feature food vendors, live music, and craft brew tastings. Admission includes festival entry and a free large beer or a glass of wine. Soft drinks are available for those under 21. Tickets are \$10. Click [here](#) for more.

SAN MATEO COUNTY EVENT CENTER

NCVA Boys' Powerleague

September 21st & 22nd

The Northern California Volleyball Association will hold a two-day qualifier. Free admission for observers. Tournament matches begin at 8:30 AM. Parking is \$10 cash per vehicle. For more, click [here](#).

Fall Home & Landscape Show

September 27th through September 29th

Enjoy home improvement and landscaping exhibits with product demonstrations and sample interior and exterior vignettes. Admission is free and parking is \$10 cash per vehicle. Click [here](#) for more.

SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT

Kite Festival

Saturday, September 14th (12:00-3:00 PM)

As part of the celebrations of the 80th Anniversary of the San Mateo County Harbor District, there will be a Kite Festival with other fun, food, and activities at Oyster Point Marina in South San Francisco. One thousand kites will be provided to children, and Sam's Chowdermobile will be there during lunch. For more, contact sgrindy@smharbor.com.

SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS

Take a Hike at San Bruno Mountain Park

Saturday, September 7th (9:00 AM)

This 3-4 mile adventure will allow hikers to discover coastal scrub, wildflowers, birds, and beautiful vistas of Mount Tamalpais, Mount Diablo, and the Farallon Islands. The park is home to 14 species of rare or endangered plant life, as well as host and nectar plants of endangered butterflies. Click [here](#) for more.

SERRAMONTE CENTER

Take a Mission to Mars with Kids Club

Tuesday, September 17th (5:30 PM)

Children will learn about the moon, sun and planets on this special afternoon, as well as enjoy space-themed festivities interactive activities, craft-making, giveaways and more. Kids Club is free and open to all children ages 12 and younger who join with their parents. For more information, call 650-301-3360.

16th Annual Business to Consumers

Showcase

Saturday, September 21st (10:00-4:00 PM)

Make a difference in your community by shopping

and doing business locally. Come to the showcase to find out what local businesses have to offer. Deadline for reservations for businesses is September 6th. Click [here](#) for more.

SIX FLAGS DISCOVERY KINGDOM

Sprint Sunday

Sunday, September 1st

Customers who present their Sprint device at the table outside of the entrance before 2:00 PM will receive a coupon sheet with special offers for Six Flags savings towards purchases at the park that day and front line access to select rides from 2:00-4:00 PM with a wristband. Click [here](#) for more.

Deaf Awareness Day

Saturday, September 7th

On this day only, purchase general admission tickets online for only \$27.99 when using promo code AWARE or download and print out the coupon to present at the front gate for \$32.99 general admission. American Sign Language and oral interpreters will be positioned at all regularly scheduled shows and select attractions throughout Six Flags Discovery Kingdom. Click [here](#) for more.

Fright Fest

Starting Saturday, September 28th

Enjoy Fright Fest for the whole family with seasonally-themed shows, attractions and lots of kid-friendly activities during the daylight hours. When the clock strikes 6:00 PM, the park offers frightful fun with haunted mazes, scare zones, and much more. An additional fee is required to enter haunted mazes and attractions that can be purchased at designated places around the park. Click [here](#) for more.

SLOW ADVENTURE

Walk the Bay – Santa Cruz to Monterey

September 29th through October 3rd

During this six-day, five-night, inn-to-inn walking vacation, stay at oceanfront (or ocean side) lodging each night from Santa Cruz to Monterey. The total

distance will be between 40 to 50 miles, depending upon route preference and desire to take optional hikes. Click [here](#) for more.

Bay to Bridge – Half Moon Bay to San Francisco

September 15th through September 20th

During this six-day, five-night, inn-to-inn hiking vacation, stay at coastal lodging each night while walking the entire coastline of Half Moon Bay and up along the Outer Coast to San Francisco. The total distance will be 40 to 44 miles, depending upon the route taken. Click [here](#) for more.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

New Temporary Outdoor Exhibits in Orange Park Sculpture Garden

The newest public art installations, “Flying Fish” by Sculptor Patricia Vader and “Electric Slide” by Sculptor Pokey Park are located in the Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden at Tennis Drive and Orange Avenue. Selected through South San Francisco’s Temporary Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit program, these sculptures will be on loan to the city through 2015. For more information, click [here](#).

Chili Cook Off

Saturday, September 7th (11:00-2:00 PM)

Enter before August 20th for just \$25 per team to try and win the Best Chili and People’s Choice prizes. The event will be held at the Fernekes Building in Orange Memorial Park. There will be music and prize drawings. Refreshments will be for sale including hot dogs, beer, wine, water, and a \$5.00 Chili Tasting Kit. All proceeds benefit the South San Francisco Friends of Parks and Recreation projects. To RSVP, contact 650-588-0727 or email jeni94080@yahoo.com

14th Annual All-City Garage Sale

Saturday, September 14th

Residents wishing to participate in the city-wide garage sale may simply open their garages and participate for free (no registration required). For more information call 650-877-8518 or click [here](#).

SSF Unified School District Centennial Celebration

Friday, September 27th (5:30 PM)

Celebrate 100 years of high school service to the community at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Tickets are \$75.00 per person. There will be no-host cocktails, dinner, a program, and dancing. RSVP by September 13th. Click [here](#) for more.

SPORTSHOUSE

Junior Warriors Fall League

September 7th through November 23rd

In this Youth Indoor Basketball League, children will become strong, balanced, and confident. Games are Saturdays from 12:00-4:00, and the cost is \$12.50 per game. There will be a Free Trial Day (valid until September 14th). Click [here](#) for more.

Workshop Series: Baseline Concussion Testing

Wednesday, September 11th (6:30-7:30 PM)

This workshop is recommended for all participants involved in contact and collision sports. Take an IMPACT certified test to establish a pre-season baseline. This test is for athletes ages 10 and older, and the cost is \$25 per athlete. Click [here](#) for more.

Teens and Tweens Sports Night Out

Saturday, September 28th (7:00-10:00 PM)

The evening consists of basketball, volleyball, soccer, dodgeball, and arcade games. Coaches will run the games and there will be food and drinks. Tickets are \$15 per person, but bring two guests and get \$5 off the entry fee. Click [here](#) for more.

WOODSIDE

Kings Mountain Art Fair

August 31st through September 2nd
(10:00-5:00 PM)

The Art Fair benefits the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade and other community activities, including the Kings Mountain Elementary School. Known

for its stunning location among the redwoods and for its unique and varied artists (selected by jury), the Kings Mountain Art Fair celebrates 50 years of art and ambiance. Click [here](#) for more.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

ALOFT SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

One Year Anniversary Celebration

Friday, September 13th (5:00-10:00 PM)

Celebrate the one year anniversary of Aloft San Francisco Airport with W XYZ bar specials and tastings, food trucks, and a Live at Aloft Hotels performance by Lee DeWyze, American Idol Season 9 winner. Stay during their anniversary weekend and pay their best available rates for the first night and \$1 for the second night. Restrictions apply. Click [here](#) for more.

CROWNE PLAZA

FOSTER CITY-SAN MATEO

Wedding Bookings Promotion

Book by Friday, November 1st

Book a wedding by this day and receive a complimentary anniversary package. All-inclusive and a la carte packages are available. Call 650-295-6129 or click [here](#) for more.

DOMENICO WINERY

Wine Club & Futures "Fall Pick Up Party" and Wine Sale

August 31st & September 1st (12:00-4:00 PM)

Pick up a September Wine Club Shipment and/or 2013 Amador Syrah Wine Futures. On Saturday, Bill the Oysterman will be selling oysters and on Sunday there will be savory fall soups and light appetizers. Reservations are required. Click [here](#) for more.

Riedel Seminar

Thursday, September 12th (7:00-9:30 PM)

Join Domenico for this unique wine tasting seminar featuring Riedel's Vinum XL Red Wine glassware, paired with three of their award-winning wines, and

three delicious types of Lindt chocolates. Reservations are required. Click [here](#) for more.

Purrfect Pairings Fundraiser

Sunday, September 22nd (2:00-5:00 PM)

Tickets include unlimited tastings of Domenico Wines, appetizers, dessert, and a chance to partake in a silent auction and raffle. All proceeds benefit the Nine Lives Foundation. Click [here](#) for more.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

Holiday Events

Events include a Christmas tree, choice of napkin color, festive holiday centerpieces, a dance floor, and a riser for music. Festive plated menus and buffets are available. For more information, call 650-344-5500.

THE FAMILY CHEF

Warm Kitchen Meals: Gluten-Free Recipes Anyone Can Make and Everyone Will Love

Thursday, September 26th (6:30 PM)

Chef Amy will demonstrate how to make coconut shrimp with orange dipping sauce, lentil soup with gluten-free bread, lemon caper chicken, simple tomato sauce with gluten-free pasta, and carrot cake. Click [here](#) to register.

The Warm Kitchen: Gluten-Free Recipes Anyone Can Make & Everyone Will Love

Amy's book will be released in September. Check back [here](#) for more details regarding pre-orders, cooking demos, and cookbook signings.

HALF MOON BAY BREWING COMPANY

Brews and Views

Thursday, September 5th (6:00 PM)

Narrated by Golden Globe nominee Blair Underwood, FIRST GENERATION tells the story of four high school students - an inner city athlete, a small town waitress, a Samoan warrior dancer, and the daugh-

ter of migrant field workers - who set out to break the cycle of poverty and bring hope to their families and communities by pursuing a college education. Chef Gaston Alfaro will create a Gourmet Salad Bar, and Mavericks Beers & Ales and Wine will be available for purchase. Click [here](#) for more.

All-Day Happy Hour

Starting Wednesday, September 16th

Every weekday in the bar until 6:00 PM (excluding holidays), enjoy 15 signature menu items and 21 beverage items. Call 650-728-2739 for more.

Oktoberfest at the Brewco

September 16th through October 6th

Enjoy a limited menu offering of Chef Gaston's famous Potato Pancakes, local sausage sampler, Wienerschitzel and more. Call 650-728-2739 for more.

It's ITALIA

Infused Liquors

It's Italia's Carrara Marble horseshoe bar features house infused liquors like Strawberry Blueberry Bourbon and Watermelon Vodka, which are made in house by Mixologist Nick Trautman. Click [here](#) for their updated menu.

KARA'S CUPCAKES - BURLINGAME

Mental Health Research Organization Fundraiser

Twenty percent of proceeds from the sales of Kara's Organic Blackberry Cheesecake Cupcake will be donated to the International Mental Health Research Organization in conjunction with the Staglin Family Vineyard's 19th Annual Music Festival for Mental Health. Click [here](#) for more.

KINCAID'S

Lobster Mondays

Enjoy Kincaid's signature grilled classic Atlantic lobster tail with asparagus and potatoes for \$29.95 on Mondays during dinner hours. Ask server for details.

THE MELTING POT - SAN MATEO**Endless Fondue**

Through September

For just \$44 per person, enjoy endless fondue (entrée course only). The evening's four-course dinner includes choice of cheese fondue, choice of salad, an endless fondue entrée, and choice of chocolate fondue. Reservations recommended. Call 650-342-6358 for more.

OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY**Grandparent's Day**

Sunday, September 8th

Grandparents eat free all day on Grandparent's Day. Dine in only. One free grandparent meal per one entrée purchased. Mention this offer when ordering. Click [here](#) for more.

PACIFICAKES BAKE SHOP**Special Offers**

Follow Pacificakes Bake Shop on Facebook for the latest special offers and coupons. Before September 27th, buy three cupcakes and get one free, buy a dozen cupcakes and get a dozen mini cupcakes free, or get 15% off birthday cakes. Click [here](#) for more.

RED ROOF INN**SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT****15% Discount Offer**

Through Saturday, November 30th

Take advantage of a special San Mateo County/ Silicon Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau discount of 15% off already low rates at Red Roof Inn SFO Airport and Leann's Café. Simply call 800.RED.ROOF or visit [redroof.com](#) and use the Volume Plan Plus discount code # 604844 in the "Check Room Availability" page. Walk-ins are welcome, but availability cannot be guaranteed. Restrictions based on availability. Offer cannot be combined with any other discount or offer. Click [here](#) for more.

THE RITZ-CARLTON, HALF MOON BAY
Salon D'Art Exhibition

September 6th through September 8th

Salon D' Art will be showcasing a wide array of art of the last five centuries throughout the lobby. The collection spans the globe and history and focuses only on artwork made on paper: etching, woodcut, engraving, photography, lithography and more. Art advisors will be on hand through the exhibition, providing informal lessons in art history. Art displayed in the exhibition is available for purchase through silent auction. Click [here](#) for more.

Yappy Hour

Wednesday, September 25th (5:00-8:00 PM)

Stop by the resort's Gazebo Lawn to mingle with fellow dogs and dog lovers. Animals will receive complimentary treats, toys, and flavored waters while their owners enjoy specially priced beer, wine, and appetizers from the bar. A portion of all proceeds will go towards The Peninsula Humane Society. Dress your pup up in the monthly theme, Fall Festival, and be entered to win a prize. Click [here](#) for more.

Vintner Dinner

Friday, September 27th (6:00-9:00 PM)

Navio presents a monthly Vintner Dinner that features distinguished local wineries with a four-course dinner. A vintner representative will pair each course with a specialty wine and discuss each varietal. September's is with Far Niente Winery of Napa Valley. Tickets are \$125 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. Call 650-712-7040 for reservations.

Movie Night: Chasing Mavericks

Saturday, August 31st (7:30 PM)

Pro-Surfer Adam Replogle from Santa Cruz will be introducing the film Chasing Mavericks at 7:30 PM. Showtime is at 7:45 PM. The movie is free and open to the public. Food and beverage will be available on the Ocean Terrace. Click [here](#) for more.

SEE'S CANDIES**Fundraising Bars**

Cartons of See's Classic Candy Bars are on sale at all See's locations. Purchase cartons before September 30th, and make 63% profit/bar. Click [here](#) for more.

MUSEUMS & ART GROUPS**ANGELICA'S****Semi Finals Night of the San Francisco Stand-Up Comedy Competition**

Wednesday, September 25th (8:00 PM)

Hundreds of comedians audition each year to compete in the San Francisco International Stand-Up Comedy Competition, but only 30 are chosen. The night features non-stop, side-splitting hilarity. Come watch some of the country's brightest comic talents vie for a shot at the big time. Click [here](#) for more.

Fiesta Flamenca

Friday, September 27th (8:30 PM)

Enjoy an exciting evening with Emmy-winning dancer Yaelisa and the fabulous dancers, singers, and musicians of Caminos Flamencos. Click [here](#) for more.

BROADWAY BY THE BAY**Cabaret**

September 13th through September 29th

The story centers on the relationship of a young American writer, Clifford Bradshaw, and a young English singer, Sally Bowles, who entertains at the less-than-reputable Kit Kat Klub. This musical as-tounds with incredible staged numbers while exploring an era of tumultuous change. Join them for Q&A Sessions with Artistic Director Amanda Folena 45 minutes before curtain on September 21st and 22nd. The Sessions are open to all ticket holders for that day's performance. Click [here](#) for more.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**Cosmic Collisions**

Beginning Friday, September 6th

Celestial smash-ups have changed the course of life

on Earth and are responsible for many things taken for granted—the Sun's heat and light, the tides, and changing seasons. Narrated by Robert Redford, this immersive planetarium experience explores the full range of collisions, from subatomic particles to the largest galaxies. Click [here](#) for more.

The Race is On: How the Need for Speed Drives the Evolution of Fish, Robots, and Sailboats

Wednesday, September 18th (7:00 PM)

The trade-off between speed and energy propels the evolutionary race for fish, robots, or sailboats: each must find ways to go faster with ever-greater efficiency. Dr. John Long, Director of Interdisciplinary Robotics Research at Vassar College, will discuss how they study fast fish. A book signing will follow. Click [here](#) for more.

3rd Annual Sleepover for Grownups

Saturday, September 20th (6:00 PM)

The Academy highlights its research and specimen collections and team up with the Stanford University Postdoctoral Association to present cutting-edge contemporary science and answer questions about the mechanics of the modern world. Stanford post-doctoral researchers will be on-hand all night to talk science and will present and explain some of their most recent discoveries. Check out some big cats from the Wild Cat Conservation Fund, participate in the pajama contest, and enjoy late night programming in the Planetarium. Click [here](#) for more.

Conversation and Controversy**Earth 2.0: Where is it... Can We Visit?**

Saturday, September 28th (9:00-10:30 AM)

NASA scientists from the SETI institute will be discussing their latest research during this small gathering in an intimate morning setting. Join them in the conversation about extraterrestrial life while enjoying pastries, coffee, and tea. Click [here](#) for more.

CANTOR ARTS CENTER AT STANFORD

Matisse Jazz

Through Sunday, September 22nd

In 1943, French artist Henri Matisse was 74 and recovering from cancer surgery when he began the portfolio that eventually became Jazz. Unable to paint or sculpt, Matisse cut out forms from colored paper and arranged them into collages. His assistants then prepared them—most with a circus or theater theme—for a screenprint process characterized by crisp lines and brilliant colors. Click [here](#) for more.

Four Centuries of French Drawings from the Blanton Museum of Art

Through Sunday, September 22nd

Fifty-five exemplary French drawings chronicle the development of the medium from the Renaissance to 1900. They include 17th- and 18th-century drawings influenced by the curriculum of the prestigious Royal Academy in Paris, and 19th- and 20th-century works by draftsmen who took a more realist approach to examine social, economic, and political changes. Click [here](#) for more.

French Figure Drawings

Through Sunday, September 22nd

Beginning in the Renaissance, drawing the human body was the draftsman's must-have skill; everything from complex narrative compositions to refined portraits built from the basic element of the body. This exhibition showcases a selection of 17th- to 19th-century French drawings from the Cantor's collection by Jean-Honoré Fragonard, François-André Vincent, Pierre Puvis de Chevannes, and other artists. Click [here](#) for more.

CLUB FOX

HOUSE OF FLOYD

Saturday, September 28th (10:30 PM)

Redwood City will have the Salsa Festival out on the Plaza and Club Fox will be open for the After Party. This is a DJ Night only and there will be a \$10 cover. Click [here](#) for more.

DRAGON PRODUCTIONS THEATRE Co.

And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little

August 30th through September 22nd

The inaugural production of Chicago's legendary Steppenwolf Theatre, this dark comedy explores the lives of the three Reardon sisters, who have recently lost their mother. During an uncomfortable dinner reunion, a well-meaning but obnoxious set of neighbors crash the party and set an already incendiary situation ablaze. Click [here](#) for more.

EXPLORATORIUM

Full Spectrum Science

with Ron Hipschman: Lasers

Sunday, September 15th (2:00 PM)

Join Exploratorium scientist Ron Hipschman for colorful explorations of the physical world. Learn what's special about laser light, how it's made, and how it's used in everything from DVD players to eye surgery to fusion energy research. Included with museum admission. Click [here](#) for more.

Ways of Knowing: Fujiko Nakaya

Thursday, September 19th (7:00 PM)

How do daydreams influence discovery? What role does collaboration play in creativity? Join the Exploratorium for a conversation with Tokyo-based artist Fujiko Nakaya, whose immersive fog sculptures have been shown around the world. Included with museum admission. Click [here](#) for more.

Market Days: Savor Faire

Saturday, September 21st (11:00-3:00 PM)

Relish the rich world of seasonings in this free, outdoor festival. Get a taste for the historical uses of herbs, trace the geographic origins of common, culinary spices, and find out how the chemical defenses of certain plants can be so stimulating and flavorful. Learn about local saltworks, play around with salt painting, and take home special seasoning samples and related recipes. Click [here](#) for more.

Exploratorium Fog Festival

Saturday, September 28th (12:00-5:00 PM)

Celebrate the enigmatic and ever-changing nature of fog and explore the science behind what is one of San Francisco's most salient meteorological phenomena at the Exploratorium's first-ever Fog Festival. Enjoy films, demonstrations, and conversations with experts and artists. The festival is included with museum admission. Click [here](#) for more.

FILOLI MANSION AND GARDENS**Autumn at Filoli Festival**

Saturday, September 28th (10:00-3:30 PM)

Activities are planned for all ages including heirloom fruit tasting, live music, docent-led nature hikes, orchard tours, line-dancing, autumn-themed flower arranging demos, the popular Happy Birds shows, puppet and magic shows, and face painting. The Bubblesmith, who makes giant bubbles, is also back by popular demand. Admission is \$25 per adult and \$5 per child. Click [here](#) for more.

Nature's Many Splendors Exhibit: Farms, Gardens, and Woodlands

Through Sunday, October 27th

Filoli's last art exhibit of the Visitor's Season highlights nature's many splendors through drawings, paintings, sculpture and photography. The programming includes a memorable lecture on the work of pioneering organic farmer Alan Chadwick on September 20th. Meet the Artist and Author Days will be held September 14th and 15th. Click [here](#) for more.

FOX THEATRE**Bryan Smith: The Lens of Adventure**

Tuesday, September 17th (7:00 PM)

Bryan Smith, an award-winning filmmaker for the National Geographic Channel, shares gripping, behind-the-scenes moments from his assignments to document extreme feats and high adventure in the world's most challenging environments. Click [here](#) for more.

Kepler's Arts and Lectures presents**Khaled Hosseini**

Friday, September 27th (7:30 PM)

Join the Fox for a wide ranging conversation between two incredible writers that will cover Khaled's powerful writing, his personal journey from an immigrant to a medical doctor to bestselling novelist and then to a human rights advocate, their insights about Afghanistan and American involvement with their country of birth. Celebrate the publication of Hosseini's latest bestseller *And the Mountains Echoed*. Click [here](#) for more.

Joan Rivers Live

October 5th & 6th

Joan is an internationally renowned comedienne, Emmy-winning television talk-show host, Tony-nominated actress, bestselling author, playwright, screenwriter, film director, columnist, lecturer, syndicated radio host, jewelry designer, cosmetic-company entrepreneur, and red-carpet fashion laureate. Join the Fox as she performs her uncensored, uninhibited standup comedy. Click [here](#) for more.

HILLBARN THEATRE**Monty Python's SPAMALAO**

August 30th through September 22nd

This musical is an irreverent parody of the legendary tale of King Arthur and his knights of the Round Table, featuring a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and French people. Season subscriptions available. Click [here](#) for more.

Fallstate Production**"Schoolhouse Rock Live!" Jr.**

September 11th through November 14th

The Emmy-winning educational cartoon series is now the basis for one of the most fun and energetic musicals ever to hit the stage. This musical is perfect for young performers of all ages and experience levels. Tuition is \$295 and classes are Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 PM. Click [here](#) for more.

StarTots/StarShiners Fall Stage

September 18th through November 21st

In this class, students will learn theater basics by playing confidence-building theater games, doing improvisation, learning choreography, and working on their voices in song. The session will culminate in a recital performance on the main stage at Hillbarn. Tuition is \$195. Click [here](#) for more.

Teens - Acting and Scene Study

September 18th through November 21st

This class provides training for intermediate actors looking to take their acting skills a notch higher. Students will work on voice, diction and character development through posture and language exercises, scene study, monologue, and theater and improv games. Tuition is \$195. Click [here](#) for more.

HILLER AVIATION MUSEUM

B-52 Stratofortress

Saturday, September 7th (11:00 AM)

Lt. Col. Van Cleve spent 21 years in the Strategic Air Command (SAC). During that time he flew bombers as an instructor pilot and radar navigator. He will share some of his flying stories during the presentation. Included with admission. Click [here](#) for more.

Open Cockpit Day

Saturday, September 14th (11:00-3:00 PM)

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to go behind the ropes and experience several remarkable airplanes and helicopters from the inside. For more information, click [here](#).

Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live!

Saturday, September 28th

Museum Day Live! is an annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket for free. Click [here](#) for more information.

OSHMAN JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

Peace in Mind by Lori Greenblat-Wick

September 11th through October 21st

Lori creates framed Judaic art incorporating hand-made papers, ribbons, metals and found objects. Each has a hand-written blessing and evokes a calming, peaceful effect. Click [here](#) for more.

The Qadim Ensemble

Tuesday, September 17th (12:00-1:30 PM)

Acclaimed for their passionate performances, The Qadim Ensemble is comprised of accomplished Bay Area based musicians. Their repertoire includes Jewish, Turkish, Hebrew-Yemenite, Armenian, Ladino, Arabic and Moroccan music. Their music celebrates the common musical and spiritual heritage of the Middle East region's cultures, while honoring the great diversity found within them. Tickets are \$15 and include a buffet lunch and a concert. RSVP to 650-234-8005. Click [here](#) for more.

Tree House Art Exhibit by Neta Levi

Through Monday, October 21st

The "Tree House" exhibition brings Neta Levi's childhood memories to life. Chasida, her neighbor, had a huge tree in her yard where all the kids from the building used to play. There will be a free reception with the artist on Sunday, September 15th from 6:30-8:30 PM. Click [here](#) for more.

Hansel and Gretel: A Fairy Tale with Classical Music for The Entire Family

Sunday, September 29th

Enjoy this family friendly version of the classic fairy tale with orchestral music, pre/post-show children's activities and multimedia visuals. This performance is appropriate for children two years and up. The wicked witch flies out the window at the end of the story in this more upbeat Hansel and Gretel re-imagining of the classic children's fairy tale. Presentations will be given in English, Russian, Mandarin, and Hebrew. Click [here](#) for more.

PACIFICA PERFORMANCES

MOjazz: Big Band Swing Dance

Saturday, September 7th (7:30 PM)

Join the party as Mildred Owen Hall's own nine-piece house band, MOjazz, plays blues and R&B tunes to dance to or just enjoy. Starting at 7:00 PM, dance instructor Chuck Dee will be on hand to offer free lessons in six-count swing, useful for swinging the blues and R&B. Click [here](#) for more.

Kevin Russell Band: Blues/Rock

Saturday, September 14th (7:30 PM)

The Kevin Russell Band is a blend of rock, blues, and classics. The KR Band is a contemporary band known in hip musical circles and by fans worldwide. They are provocative players with daring spirits, which is always apparent. Click [here](#) for more.

Meg Mackay & Billy Philadelphia: Cabaret

Saturday, September 21st (7:30 PM)

Celebrated by audiences and critics alike, vocalist and musical theatre performer, Meg Mackay, is a popular and distinguished member of the San Francisco Bay Area performing arts scene. Billy Philadelphia frequently performs in cabaret with vocalist (and wife) Meg Mackay. Click [here](#) for details.

SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT MUSEUM

America's Cup: Sailing for International Sport's Greatest Trophy 1851-1937

Through February 2014

The Museum's new exhibition features artifacts and historic imagery from the first 16 campaigns of the America's Cup contest. Ship's wheels, life rings, crew sweaters, and navigational equipment are among the artifacts illustrating the history of the contest's origins as a trophy awarded when the New York Yacht Club's schooner America defeated the Royal Yacht Squadron's fleet in a race around the Isle of Wight in 1851. It is located pre-security in the International Terminal Main Hall Departures Lobby. Click [here](#) for more.

SAN MATEO COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

Sweeney Ridge Clean-Up

Saturday, September 7th (8:30-12:00 PM)

Volunteers will be engaged in painting over graffiti at Sweeney Ridge, which is located between San Bruno and Pacifica and is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Please contact Mitch Postel in advance at 650-299-1014 to participate.

The Development of Foster City

Saturday, September 14th (1:00-2:00 PM)

T. Jack Foster, Jr. will speak on his new book, The Development of Foster City. Foster will discuss how he, with his father and two brothers, transformed four square miles of bay front lands into what has become a thriving city of 30,000 people. A book signing will follow his discussion. Click [here](#) for details.

Rancho Day Fiesta

Saturday, September 21st (12:00-4:00 PM)

The Sanchez Adobe Docents invite visitors to experience life in the 1840s. This family day will focus on what life was like on a rancho in Mexican California. Click [here](#) for details.

SANCHEZ ART CENTER

Fifth Annual 50-50 Show

Through September 29th

Features 70 artists who have created 50 small artworks in 50 days. There will be a ticketed preview fundraiser on Friday, August 23rd from 6:00-7:30 PM, and the public opening will be held from 7:30-9:30 PM. Call 650-355-1894 for more.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

A Lifetime of Accomplishment – Paintings & Lithos by Toko Shinoda

Monday, September 9th (6:00 – 7:00 PM)

Dr. Norman Tolman, owner and curator of The Tolman Collection, Tokyo, discusses the life, art, and impact of Toko Shinoda, who has just celebrated her 100th birthday. Shinoda has played a key role in

the emergence of modern abstract art in Japan, as well as being one of Japan's foremost modern practitioners of the ancient art of calligraphy. RSVPs recommended. Click [here](#) for more.

Donald F. McCallum: "Yakushiji: History, Archaeology, Buildings, Icons"

Friday, September 27th (5:30 PM)

Yakushiji was one of the most important Japanese temples in seventh and eighth centuries, and continues to be of great significance to the present day, particularly because of the manner in which it has been reconstructed. Substantial documentary evidence concerning its founding and early development is available, and this material together with extensive archaeological investigation combine to provide a great deal of information about the temple's history. This event is free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for details.

Understanding Buddhist Art: What Is Japanese About Japanese Buddhist Sculpture?

Saturday, September 28th (1:00 PM)

In this seminar, consider a number of case studies, including Korean sources for Asuka sculpture, the Sui stylistic developments and Hakuho sculpture, Tang components in Nara sculpture, the multifold currents during the Heian period, and new developments in the Kamakura period, especially in the two traditions of the Seiryōji Shaka and the Zenkōji Amida triads. This event is free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for more.

USS HORNET MUSEUM

Quilts of Valor Exhibit

Through Saturday, November 16th

"Quilts of Valor" are patriotic-themed handmade quilts that are presented to military personnel. The Museum will be displaying a selection of these quilts as a special exhibit in the Officers' Wardroom located on the ship's Second Deck. Click [here](#) for more.

RESOURCES & SERVICES

ALPINE AWARDS

Most Valuable Products

Alpine offers branded products for fall sports and events including cooler seats, portable bars, wallet clutches, folding binoculars, and more. For more information, click [here](#).

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Branded Items

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and to raise awareness for finding a cure, Alpine has pink promos such as yoga bags, watches, seed paper, water bottles, and more. Click [here](#) to see the line.

BLOSSOMS FLOWER SHOP

30th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 1st

Blossoms is celebrating its 30th Anniversary by offering 30% off their entire store. Call 650-574-1625 for more information.

CALIFORNIA CANOE & KAYAK

Annual Fall Sale

New and used boats and SUP boars will be 15% to 80% off while supplies last. Visit one of their three locations to see what they have. Click [here](#) for more.

CALTRAIN

Parking Rate Changes

Beginning Sunday, September 1st

The daily parking fee at Caltrain stations will increase to \$5, and the monthly fee will be \$50. Click [here](#) for more.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

Player Development Program

Enjoy the following benefits for one year for just \$149.99: 50% off range cards, one round of golf, two buckets of range balls, Twilight rates two hours early, Supertwilight rates one hour early, and 10% off all golf merchandise. Call 650-342-4188 for more.

Golf Outings

Interested in hosting a Golf Outing or Tournament? Contact PGA Tournament Manager, Pio Fidelibus at pio@playcrystalsprings.com or 650-342-4188 x 163.

DOLLAR-RENT-A-CAR

Specials

Book a mid-size SUV for \$33.99/day or \$189.99/week at participating U.S. airport locations through September 30th using code 5C06E. Click [here](#) for more specials.

FRENCH AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The New “Mad Men” and the Future of Advertising

Thursday, September 5th (6:00 - 9:00 PM)

A panel of industry leaders and experts will show how programmatic buying is dramatically changing the advertising world by creating new global opportunities, greater efficiencies and higher ROI for advertisers as well as increased revenues for publishers. The cost is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Click [here](#) for details.

Cork vs. Screw Cap: What impact on the market? Do you think you can tell...?

Tuesday, September 17th (3:30-8:00 PM)

Hear and take part in the debate with winemakers, restaurant professionals, marketing professionals, wine critics, and consumer advocates while enjoying a wine tasting and networking. The cost is \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Click [here](#) for more.

The Challenge of International Expansion

Thursday, September 19th (6:00-9:00 PM)

In this panel discussion, experts and specialists in various aspects of international operations will discuss some of the issues and offer insights based on experience. For company executives, particularly from smaller companies, this is a valuable opportunity

to learn more about these challenges and network with people facing and solving similar problems to your own. The cost is \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. Click [here](#) for more.

JETBLUE

Bags VIP

Bags VIP provides hand-delivery of a customer's checked luggage from the arrival airport to any doorstep at their destination for a minimal fee. The option is available seven days a week, including holidays. Customers may place an order online for the Bags VIP service up to one hour prior to departure from all JetBlue domestic airports, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and select pre-cleared international airports arriving into Boston, Orlando and JFK. For a limited time, pricing starts at \$25 for the delivery of one bag, \$35 for two and \$40 for up to ten bags to a hotel, business, residential address or anywhere the customer chooses within a 40-mile radius of the airport. Click [here](#) for more.

MIRAMAR EVENTS

Promotional Opportunity for Members

Promote products and services, acquire new customers, build relationships, increase brand awareness and derive the benefit and satisfaction of community involvement through participation in the world-famous Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival, to be held October 19th through 20th. For more information, contact CEO Tim Beeman at 650-726-3491 or tim@miramarevents.com.

THRIFTY CAR RENTAL

Deals

Book a premium car for \$32.99/day or \$179.99/week at participating U.S. airport locations, now through September 30th using code 5C07E. Click [here](#) for more deals.

In honor of Margi Grant, who retired from the Bureau in 2007 after more than 26 years of dedicated service, the Bureau created the "Margi Grant Heart of Hospitality Award". The award is given to a person who has gone far beyond the ordinary, selflessly acting to make visitors' experiences extraordinary. A plaque is presented to the winner at the annual meeting each year, and a separate, perpetual plaque is displayed in the Bureau office. **Deadline for applications is November 1, 2013.** (Nominees may nominate themselves or others.) Judging will be done "blindly" by Margi Grant and a group of individuals selected for their impartiality.

"Margi Grant Heart of Hospitality Award" Application

This form is a: ___ Self-Nomination ___ Nomination of another *

Nominee's Name & Organization (if applicable):

Length of time with the organization:

Please describe an "extraordinary", big-hearted thing(s) the nominee has done in the interest of showing outstanding hospitality:

(If more room is needed, simply continue on the reverse side.)

* If nominating another, kindly give us your name(s) and contact info:

Kindly submit no later than November 1, 2013 to carole@smccvb.com

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