



NapaLife

*For those who live in Napa Valley –
and those who wish they did...*

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Oyster fest at Domaine Chandon.
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Bonsai show and sale
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CIA's Worlds of Flavor

This will be a great week for lovers of fresh local produce as the downtown Napa Farmers Market and the farm stands at Oxbow Public Market, as well as St. Helena's Farmers Market all open for the season.

On Friday, the farm stands at Oxbow open and St. Helena's Market starts at Crane Park.

Saturday, the Napa Farmers Market begins in the north parking lot at Copia. It will also be open on Tuesday 8 a.m. to noon. For more info, call 252-7142. New: Copia will now be open on Tuesdays, too.

The farm stands at Oxbow Market will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with local, organic and sustainable produce..

Some of the stands will have discounts for local restaurant and catering chefs and special order case purchases for all.

Obviously, not all vegetables are ripe this early in the season, but emulate our ancestors and eat what's available. Certainly, greens, peas, fava beans, cruciferous vegetables and lots of fruit will be available.

Add bread from Model Bakery and meat from Fatted Calf or Five Dot Farms – as well as the roast meats from Rôtisario – you'll now be able to shop European style for your whole dinner. And don't forget the wine at Folio, Oxbow Wine Merchants, Taste of Napa or Mason – as well as Copia and soon GustavoThrace within half a block.

Though it's not common here, wineries can also sell wine at Farmers Markets, too.

Confirmation on pizzeria in Riverfront

As reported here last Sept. 10, a sister to Emporio Rulli will be one of the riverfront terraces in the complex rising rapidly between Third Street and the Napa Mill.

The casual pizzeria and pasta café has a number of branches in the Bay Area, and gets good marks for its food.

Gary Rulli will be in charge of the pastry and Angelo Aurena from Valentino in Los Angeles will be his partner. Aurena's grandfather was once mayor of Calistoga.