



# NapaLife

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

An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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## Oxbow Public Market rushes toward opening

I've had a preview of the Oxford Public Market, and I'm even more excited about this fabulous development than I was before.

The main part will open Dec. 15 with about 14 vendors, but some of the stalls won't be operating until later; it took 18 months for all the merchants to be in place at the Ferry Building, by the way.

Developer Steve Carlin naturally expects the Market to attract tourists, but he's definitely aiming it at locals. The Market will even offer a membership card for the community that will be good for special deals of all sorts from the merchants, much like the Napa Valley Vintners' Napa Neighbors program.

He's about to announce the long-awaited seafood and fish vendor, the coffee operation – which will roast coffee on site – and a garden shop in the old tin building behind the part of the Market on the west.

That basically fills the operation except for the signature restaurant in the front – Carlin says he's in negotiation with three possibilities – and what was to be Donna Scala's Italian trattoria overlooking the river; she has decided to concentrate on a deal she has with Hilton. She still holds the lease and that space is in play.

I can't believe both of the larger spaces aren't taken; they look like wonderful opportunities for small restaurant operations, but Carlin is being very careful about his vendors. He developed the Ferry Building market, and only one tenant has left there after 18 months.

Even without the two larger spaces, there will be plenty of options.

The emphasis at the market is on take out, though most of the food stalls will have counters with stools and stand-up areas. I personally believe most patrons will come to eat there as well as to pick up items for the future.

There will be a large deck outside on the river for good weather, and since the large front restaurant space isn't yet taken, there may be tables and chairs there for now. The parking area and courtyard between the main building and the Annex can be rented and used for special events.

The Oxbow Wine and Cheese Merchant is sure to be a huge attraction. It occupies a large space behind the courtyard.

It's far more than a wine store, however. It has a huge square tasting and drinking bar, a full cheese shop, rooms for private tastings and dinners, and a full kitchen so it can serve meals, not just snacks.

The cheese shop is being developed by Kate Harding, who established Cowgirl Creamery in Point Reyes Station, and it will be managed by Lassa Skinner, who many know from the local Farmers Markets. It's on the deck overlooking the river, too. Carlin hopes the homeless people who bathe in the river from their camp in the wildlife preserve will move when the complex opens.

It will adjoin the path that now leads to Copia and the Westin and River Terrace inns, but will soon run from Trancas to Kennedy Park and maybe even Vallejo.

The other vendors announced for the main space so far include:

- Pica Pica, serving Venezuelan arepas – grilled corn flour-based flatbreads filled with various options
- Rotisario featuring rotisserie meats, fish and poultry
- Folio Enoteca & Winery, which is placing a tiny winery on site (in 800 sq. ft.), plus wine tasting, sales, and Sarah Scott's deli/café making items from food "foraged" from the other vendors in the market, including the farm stands

- Five Dot Ranch, offering sustainably produced, natural beef products (replacing Long Meadow Ranch, which has decided to focus on its retail operation in Rutherford)
- Whole Spice, which will obviously sell spices, including grinding to order
- The Olive Press, with an olive bar, olive oil and accessories
- Tillerman Teas, serving and selling teas
- Anette's chocolates are legendary, and they're local too
- Three Twins Organic Ice Cream, producing organic ice cream on site.
- Kitchen Library, focusing on cookbooks and periodicals
- Heritage Culinary Artifacts, selling food-related antiques

Fête, offering provisions for the at-home entertainer, including custom place cards and menus.

Outside along the Copia parking lot, 10 seasonal farmstands will provide a daily artisanal producers' market for everything from artichokes to zucchini, trees and wreaths at the holidays, and just-caught fish and shellfish.

The adjoining old tire store on the west will house Taylor's Refresher, the Fatted Calf Charcuterie and Model Bakery. The Fatted Calf and Taylor's should open in late December and the Model Bakery will likely open in January.

Taylor's will be a cross between the one in St. Helena and the one at the Ferry Building in San Francisco, with retro booths inside, a counter and lots of seating outside with heaters and shading.

They're taking down the old Michelin sign (I suggested leaving it with three stars added...) and will feature much retro neon.

The Fatted Calf will be a full butcher shop that will feature pork products, notably sausages, as well as other meat, but ironically in spite of the name, not beef (That will come from the Five Dot Ranch inside the main market).

They'll be making and aging the charcuterie and salumi at the store – the whole complex will be full of food production as well as sales.

Model Bakery will move all its baking out of St. Helena to the new location. That bakery has abandoned its antique gas-fired brick oven, by the

way, and the new location will have a less romantic but easier oven, like that used at Bouchon.

The main hall is open with a high ceiling, and there aren't many walls separating the vendors. They include many types of food as well as food-oriented antique cookware, books and other items.

I suspect we'll all enjoy visiting the Market as additional vendors open, and to see the inevitable tweaking of the offerings. By the time spring arrives, the entire Market should be operating and helping both Copia and the Napa Farmers Market attract visitors as they do to the Market.

Though still dealing with last-minute issues, Carlin is already looking at other locations for similar Markets, including Seattle and Portland.

By the way, if you're a member of Copia, you can attend a preview of the Oxbow Public Market Saturday, Dec. 8 as a benefit for Copia's Edible Gardens and *Food & Wine Magazine's* Grow For Good Campaign, supporting sustainable solutions to environmental challenges.

The cost is \$20 and you must RSVP to 265-5938 or [membership@copia.org](mailto:membership@copia.org).

Otherwise, plan on visiting Dec. 15.

### **Compadres Rio Grille opens today**

Speaking of exciting openings, Compadres Rio Grille opens today at the old River City site at Lincoln and the river. Compadres was extremely popular when it was in Yountville, but this new site on the river with its large deck is be even better. And kid friendly, too.

At a preview yesterday, listening to the steel drum music on the deck overlooking the river, I could almost imagine that I was back on Antigua, where I once lived.

Compadres plans all sorts of specials and here are some of them:

Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. will be progressive Margarita happy hours. The Margaritas are \$1 each, \$10 for pitchers from 3 to 4 p.m., \$3, \$15 for pitchers from 4 to 5 p.m. and \$5, \$20 for pitchers from 5 to 6 p.m. That may wean me from overpriced glasses of wine!

In addition, Monday Night Football features 50-cent wings and \$3 chipotle beer dawgs; "Taco Tuesday" includes \$ 1 "Ball Park" Tacos Americanos– ground beef or roasted chicken and \$ 3 Tecate 22-ounce) Big Cans from 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursday Night "live" features guitarist/vocalist Doug Howser from 8 to 11 p.m.

Aloha Friday has \$3 Mai Tais, \$3 teriyaki-chipotle meat skewers and complimentary Maui-style potato chip nachos from 3 to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Bloody Marys are \$3.

### **Bounty Hunter re-opening**

After extensive renovation of the old building, the Bounty Hunter should re-open this week with its great selection of wines to drink and buy and its light meals, too.

### **Hundreds of snowmen converge on Sonoma**

Roughly 300 snowmen decorate Cornerstone Gardens in one of the more offbeat holiday traditions in wine country.

Choreographed by noted designer David Allen (owner of Artefact Design & Salvage), the Three Hundred Snowmen installation first appeared in the winter of 2004. The concept has since been embraced by the entire region, and the "Sonoman" Festival now extends to lawns and windows throughout Sonoma.

Allen oversees the "arrival" and staging of the largest gathering of holiday lawn ornaments in the U.S. Roughly 40 inches tall, made of molded plastic and able to light up when plugged in, the snowmen are visible from Highway 121. Sightings begin this week, and Allen flips the switch at dusk on Saturday, Dec. 1 as the highlight of a day-long Illumination Celebration.

Special activities planned include a demonstration by Master Potter John Scott; blue chair photo opportunities; seasonal holiday food and drink; children's activities; and shopping, inspirational holiday decorating ideas and an opportunity to taste some small-production wines.

The celebration continues through the month of December.

For more information, log on to [www.cornerstoneplace.com](http://www.cornerstoneplace.com) or call 933.3010.

### **Get a tree for your furry friends**

Whiskers, Tails and Ferals animal care group is sponsoring its second annual Christmas tree lot. It will be operating until Dec. 17 at the Napa Petco parking lot, 3284 Jefferson St., from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 8 p.m. on weekends.

The tree lot features freshly cut noble fir and Douglas fir trees, garlands and wreathes.

The proceeds support the spay/neuter and adoption program in Napa County.

### **Napa Valley Wine Taster's Dream**

Here's a great place for your out-of-town guests (instead of your spare room!).

Silverado Resort's "Wine Taster's Dream" package is \$139 per night Nov. 18 through Feb. 29 (including weekends) and comes with more than \$100 in added value including a picnic lunch for two at V. Sattui Winery and wine tastings at four other area wineries (William Hill, Mumm, Artesa and Conn Creek).

Standard room accommodations are included; however, upgrades are available starting with a junior suite for \$40 more and a one-bedroom suite for \$70 more. Call 800-532-0500 or [www.silveradoresort.com](http://www.silveradoresort.com).

### **Ceja introduces dessert wine**

Ceja Vineyards has produced its first dessert wine, the Napa Valley Dulce Beso ("sweet kiss"). This viscous Chardonnay/Sauvignon Blanc blend costs \$45 for a 375-ml bottle.

Get more information at [www.cejavineyards.com](http://www.cejavineyards.com) or call 255-3954.

### **Secret Corners of the Mind at Napa library**

The Art in the Library Program at Napa City-County Library features *Secret Corners of the Mind*, a mixed media painting exhibit by artist Sanda Manuila, Dec. 1 through 29.

On canvas or board, Manuila constructs meaning, layer after layer with casein paints, sponging, rolling, brushing, distressing with cheesecloth or her fingers, adding collages and drawings. The application of eight to ten coats of varnish completes the work, giving it a sense of integration, making the collages disappear into the paint.

The Napa City County Library is at 580 Coombs St. in Napa. For more information, contact Sanda Manuila at [sandaman@napanet.net](mailto:sandaman@napanet.net) or phone 963-4780 You can also go to [www.sandamanuila.com](http://www.sandamanuila.com).

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## **Best bets this week**

### **Tarabinis return to Piccolino's**

After a two-week tour of Lugano, Switzerland, Lake Como and Milan, Al and Gloria Tarabini and their entire group will be back at Piccolino's on Thursday, Nov. 29, and again on Thursday, Dec. 6. from 6 to 9 p.m.

They will be presenting their new show, "a journey down the classic jazz road."

Piccolino's is at 1385 Napa Town Center, downtown Napa. For reservations, call 251-0100.

### **Special member event at Copia**

Copia will hold its annual members' holiday party and shopping night Friday, Nov. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Enjoy a festive night of light nibbles and heavy shopping at the biggest and best members' holiday party yet. Copia's halls will be decked in the season's finest, and Cornucopia will offer a wide selection of gifts — all 20 percent off. Gift wrapping will be available.

If you miss the exclusive shopping night, be sure to stop by over the weekend Friday, Nov. 30 through Monday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 20-percent member discount still applies.

### **Jessel Gallery holiday show and preview**

Jessel Gallery will have a holiday show & sale preview party Friday, Nov. 30 from

5 to 8 p.m. and a weekend celebration Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It will feature handmade holiday treasures and food from Pica Pica maize kitchen, authentic flavors of Venezuelan cuisine opening soon at the Oxbow Public Market.

Next door is the Nest, offering handmade imaginative gifts that celebrate color, design and originality.

Jessel Gallery is at 1019 Atlas Peak Rd. in Napa Call 257-2350.

### **Contra dance at the Tucker Farm Center**

Tucker Farm Center resounds to contra dance the first Saturday of each month (Dec. 1 is next). Contra Dance is New England-style folk dancing, similar to Square Dancing. It is set partner dancing — not line dance. All dances are taught and called and no partner or experience is necessary.

Come at 7:15 p.m. for a beginner's lesson. The dance starts promptly at 7:30 and runs till 10:30 p.m.

The live music is provided for this dance by Judy Stavely (fiddle) and Dan Warrick (guitar) and the dances are called by Celia Ramsay.

The cost is \$10, and supervised children are welcome for \$5.

For further information or directions, call Celia Ramsay at 963-5667

### **Rutherford wineries hold first public event**

Rutherford Appellation Wineries will hold their first annual Passport Weekend Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday Dec. 2.

The public will be able to experience the wineries of the Rutherford Appellation as never before, with special pourings, tastings and entertainment, all for the two-day price of \$50.

Each winery is organizing unique offerings, including special items such as Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon from the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s at Beaulieu Vineyard; exclusive access to Alpha Omega's state-of-the-art tank room, where you will taste wines directly from the tank alongside their signature wines; artisan cheese and antipasto with your handcrafted wine at Honig Vineyard & Winery, and much more.

Profits from the event will be donated to the Rutherford Dust Restoration Team, a group of vintners and growers who are working to improve the health of the Napa River as it passes through Rutherford.

Passports may be purchased online and will be available for pick-up at a pre-selected winery.

To purchase a passport and see a complete list of participating wineries please visit [www.rutherford-appellation-wineries.com](http://www.rutherford-appellation-wineries.com).

### **Sonoma Valley Olive Festival**

The Sonoma Valley Olive Festival presents Blessing of the Olives this weekend.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 Father Kelly will give the traditional Blessing of the Olives at the historic Mission San Francisco Solano de Sonoma, which marks the beginning of the three-month Sonoma Valley Olive Festival.

Additional weekend activities include a book signing and olive oil tasting at The Olive Press with Carol Firenze, author of *The Passionate Olive - 101 Things to Do with Olive Oil*. It's at 24724 Arnold Dr., Sonoma (free, 939-8900) and near Cornerstone Place, well worth visiting.

Also, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, join Frank Figone of Figone Olive Oil Company and Chefs Paul and

Romano Della Santina for an olive oil and food pairing. The address is 14301 Arnold Drive, Glen Ellen (\$20, advance reservation required, 938.3164) presentation in Glen Ellen.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, attend an open house and tastings at The Olive Press from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,

To purchase tickets or for additional information, contact the Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau at 996-1090 or visit [www.olivefestival.com](http://www.olivefestival.com).

### **Historical Society sale and holiday program**

Since the move back into the Goodman Library, the Napa County Historical Society has continued to weed through its vast collections in order to make room for additions to its Research Library and clear out the non-Napa County related items. These odds and ends are all going into a Sidewalk Sale scheduled for Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Goodman Library, 1219 First St.

All sales help underwrite the Society's operating expenses. The Society is also accepting used books. If you would like to donate your old books to the Society's sale, Sheppard said they can be dropped off at the Goodman Library Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m., the public is invited to join in a holiday celebration at the Goodman Library. Charlie Toledo, Suscol Inter-Tribal Council, will recount tales of Native American traditions. This program is free to the public and holiday treats will be served.

### **Fight lymphoma in Norm deLeuze's memory**

Join three generations of the deLeuze Family, Dr. Joseph Tuscano of the UC Davis Cancer Center and Tamas Torok of Seasons Restaurant, Davis, at the winery in Rutherford for an EpiCUREan Celebration that will kick-off the winery's December donation to fight lymphoma.

The open house Saturday, Dec. 1 from 12 to 4 p.m. will include wine and food pairing with ZD's new 2004 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

The event benefits the UC Davis Cancer Center for the "The deLeuze Family Endowment for a Non-Toxic Cure for Lymphoma." The cost is \$25 per person.

Norman deLeuze, founder of ZD Wines, battled Lymphoma for the past four years, passing away Oct. 26. His tireless efforts have led him to try a number of alternative treatments but often without scientific research to credit or discredit their individual worth. In December of 2006, the deLeuze Family created

"The deLeuze Family Endowment Fund for a Non-toxic Cure for Lymphoma."

ZD Wines is donating 50 percent of the winery's retail proceeds from Dec. 1 through 28 to the foundation.

ZD Wines is at 8383 Silverado Trail, Rutherford,

### **WinterSong retreat**

Jennifer Berezan will hold a workshop and intimate living room concert Saturday, Dec. 1 for women and men.

The: Wintersong Retreat workshop is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and costs \$100.

An intimate house concert will be at 7 p.m. and costs \$25. For information and reservations, contact Janna Waldinger at 257-1166 or e-mail [jannamazel@aol.com](mailto:jannamazel@aol.com).

### **Raymond Vineyards open house for locals**

Raymond Vineyards will host its annual holiday open house and warehouse sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and local friends and family can attend a day early for the best selection.

On Friday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sample specially chosen wines for your upcoming entertaining and gift giving needs as well as a selection of artisanal cheeses from cheese monger John Raymond.

Raymond will also have large format bottles perfect for holiday entertaining for sale that day. The festive mood will be enhanced by Dickens Carolers.

The event is free; the wine isn't.

Raymond Vineyards is at 849 Zinfandel Lane in St. Helena. Call (800) 525-2659 or go to [www.raymondvineyards.com](http://www.raymondvineyards.com).

### **Jewelry salon at I. Wolk**

The I. Wolk Gallery will present nine of America's top contemporary studio jewelers in a two-day salon on Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec 2, 2007.

This show will be held in both the gallery at 1354 Main St. in St. Helena and the gallery at Auberge du Soleil, 180 Rutherford Hill Rd. in Rutherford.

The jewelry salon was curated by jewelry designer April Higashi.

Her work will be shown along with creations of Elsa Bongfeldt, Petra Class, Julia Turner, Karen Gilbert, Heidi Nahser Fink, Brigid O'Hanrahan, Cheryl Rydmark and Susan Chin. All of these award-winning designers are shown in museums and

galleries in the US and Europe. They represent the finest in the field of wearable art today.

Call 963-9922 for more information, or visit [www.iwolkgallery.com](http://www.iwolkgallery.com).

### **Napa B&B tour**

The Bed and Breakfast Inns of Napa will host their third annual Napa Holiday tour Saturday, Dec. 1 from 2 to 7 p.m.

This popular tour includes 13 of Napa's inns with tastes of some of Napa's best restaurants and wineries.

The tour price of \$45 includes a shuttle to each inn and a Passport Savings Book with half-price tasting cards from the Napa Downtown Merchants and Professional Association.

Guests should park at Copia's south parking lot and may visit Copia at a discount thanks to the Passport Savings Book.

Only 300 tickets will be sold for and this always sells out event. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Visit [napaholidaytour.com](http://napaholidaytour.com) to buy tickets or learn more or call 257-1444.

### **St. Helena home tour**

Five homes including the 125-year-old Spottswode estate will be featured during this year's St. Helena Holiday Home Tour. It will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The homes include a French country estate, a farmhouse dating to the early 1900s, a craftsman cottage, a century-old Victorian home and Spottswode.

The self-guided tour is a fund-raiser for the St. Helena Primary and Elementary schools' combined Parent-Teacher Groups.

The homes will be decorated for the holidays by noted Napa Valley designers.

In addition, there will be a holiday boutique at the restored Vintage Hall of the high school, 436 Main St., featuring art and crafts from local artists and craftspeople.

Admission to the boutique is free, while the tour costs \$40.

You can buy tickets at Whiting Nursery and Vintage Home in St. Helena.

Get more information at 967-2717 or [www.sthelenaholidayhometours.com](http://www.sthelenaholidayhometours.com).

### **Symphony presents New York Voices**

The Napa Valley Symphony continues its 75th season by presenting a holiday concert featuring jazz-inspired renditions of holiday classics by New York Voices on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.

This concert — one that the entire family will enjoy — will be held at Lincoln Theater in Yountville.

Tickets are \$50 at 226-8742 or [napavalleysymphony.org](http://napavalleysymphony.org).

### **Benefit for Roots of Peace**

Roots of Peace and Copia celebrate A Harvest for Hope with a black tie grand reception and fundraiser with a special Mines To Vines global toast to peace. Enjoy a cornucopia of fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables harvested from former minefields.

The event will be Sunday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. with a reception followed by dinner. The cost is \$250.

Roots of Peace is a nonprofit organization with a vision of transforming Mines to Vines—replacing landmines with grapevines and other crops.

Get details at [www.rootsofpeace.org](http://www.rootsofpeace.org).

### **Paper art workshop at Napa Valley Museum**

The Napa Valley Museum presents “In a Holiday Mood - Art on Paper Workshop” with local artist Kit Croucher, Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

After an overview of the creative process of building art out of paper, you'll learn more about paper arts through folding, cutting, and adding color with markers and soft lead pencils.

You can create one-of-a-kind works of art for unique gifts or perhaps make art suitable for photocopy and multiples.

If you wish to incorporate likenesses of family, pets, or favorite places, bring copies of those photos on paper.

The program is for adults and children over eight. It costs \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and some materials are provided.

The Napa Valley Museum is in Yountville. For additional information, visit [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org) or call 944-0500.

### **Holiday Harmony Choral Concert**

A Holiday Harmony featuring the Women's and College Chorale will be presented Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. at Napa Valley College Theater.

The cost is \$12 and you can get tickets at 259-8077.

### **Kelley hosting first winemaker dinner**

Kelley's No Bad Days will be hosting its first winemaker dinner on Sunday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m.

It will be featuring...can you guess? Spottswoode wines from Kelley's family, the Novaks.

The wines are the '06 Sauvignon Blanc; the '04 Lydenhurst Cabernet plus one other vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Price for the dinner with wines is \$125. Seating will be limited.

Call for reservations.

### **"Jungle Jack" Hanna at Opera House**

One of the most visible and respected ambassadors between the human and animal worlds, animal expert "Jungle Jack" Hanna brings his favorite furry, feathered and scaly friends to the Napa Valley Opera House on Sunday, Dec. 2 for shows at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

His hands-on approach has won him widespread acclaim as Director Emeritus of the Columbus Zoo, conservationist, author, television personality and lifelong adventurer.

Tickets are \$30 and \$25.

The Napa Valley Opera House is at 1000 Main Street, Napa. Call 226-7372 or go to [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org) for more information.

### **Future events**

#### **Mike Thompson's Holiday Celebration**

Congressman Mike Thompson is having his annual holiday celebration this year on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Culinary Institute of America.

It will include holiday music, a silent auction, light buffet, sweets and great Napa Valley wines.

This event is always well attended, so if you want to attend, I suggest you sign up soon.

The cost is \$65 per person and sponsors who donate more are invited to a VIP reception.

Phone 226-8989 to get your tickets.

#### **Supervisor Dodd event benefits ParentsCAN**

Supervisor Bill Dodd's eighth annual Christmas Party will be a benefit for ParentsCAN, which helps families of children with disabilities.

The event will be held Monday, Dec. 17 at Silverado Resort from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The basic cost is \$62. Get information or sign up at [www.parentscan.org](http://www.parentscan.org), or call 253-7444.

### **Premiere Napa Valley 2008**

The Napa Valley Vintners' Premiere Napa Valley 2008 will be held Feb. 23 with a preview Friday, Feb. 22. This barrel auction highlights special blends and wines from Napa Valley, and proceeds from the auction support the vintners' marketing and protection programs, unlike the consumer-oriented Auction Napa Valley in June, which supports local health, education, youth and housing causes.

Premiere Napa Valley is for the trade only, and always sells out. Get information at [www.napavintners.com](http://www.napavintners.com).

### **Napa Valley Academy Awards parties**

The Napa Valley Academy Awards Gala Black Tie and Black T-Shirt Parties will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 at Sterling Vineyards in Calistoga. They're sponsored by Napa Valley Unity League and benefits Care Network at the Queen of the Valley Hospital's AIDS Outreach and Prevention Programs.

The events will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. Tickets to the gala are \$150 in advance and tickets to the Black T-Shirt Party are \$4 (but you have to buy tickets for food and drinks in addition). Go to [www.napavalleyacademyawards.org](http://www.napavalleyacademyawards.org) for details.

### **UC Davis Wine Executive Program**

UC Davis presents its annual Wine Executive Program in Sacramento, March 9 through 13.

It's a joint venture of the Graduate School of Management and the Department of Viticulture and Enology, and everyone I know who's attended has found it well worthwhile.

It's designed for winemakers and viticulturists moving into management, and managers from other fields getting into wine.

Early bird registration fees that include accommodations and meals are \$3,800 for three-day program and \$4,800 for the full, four-day program.

Get more information from [info@wineexecutiveprogram.com](mailto:info@wineexecutiveprogram.com), call (530) 754-6450 or go to [www.wineexecutiveprogram.com](http://www.wineexecutiveprogram.com).

### **Pebble Beach Food & Wine to debut**

The Pebble Beach Food & Wine festival will debut March 27 to 30. It's the spiritual successor to the former Masters of Food & Wine at the Highlands Inn Park Hyatt in Carmel.

To buy tickets or for more information, visit [www.pebblebeachfoodandwine.com](http://www.pebblebeachfoodandwine.com) or call 1-866-907-FOOD (3663).

## NapaLife's events for the next year

All telephone numbers are in area 707 unless otherwise indicated.

Often, children's and members' tickets are available.

Copia is at 500 First St. in Napa. 259-1600. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).

### ON-GOING PROGRAMS

Daily Winetasting 101: Know Before You Go. 10:15-10:45 am. Receive Wine Country Passport—free \$15. Copia.

Daily. 11-11:30 am & Fri/Sat/Sun 3-3:30 pm. Included with admission. Copia.

Daily Wine Spectator Tasting Table. 11:30 am-4:30 pm. Prices vary. Copia.

Daily 12-12:30 pm & Mon/Wed/Thurs 3-3:30 pm Introduction to Wine and Food Pairing. \$15 (includes admission). Copia.

Daily Winetasting 102: Taste, Quality & Price. 1-3 pm. Wine Country Passport free. \$15 (includes admission). Copia.

Tuesday Napa Farmers Market . 7:30 am-noon. Copia. 252-7142.

Fri/Sat/Sun Wine Blending Workshop 2:45-4 pm. Talk, demonstration and hands-on activity. \$60 includes admission/\$10 extra person. Reservations required 24 hours in advance at 259-1600 or [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org). Copia.

Friday Night Flicks. Come early and enjoy a complimentary taste of wine from 7:15 - 7:45 pm. Jump-start your weekend with a prix-fixe Dinner and a Movie with a glass of wine in Julia's Kitchen for \$29; \$7 for the movie at 8 pm.

**Friday Taste of Copia Lunch.**  
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Friday-Monday. Cooking demos at the Culinary Institute of America. 1:30 and 3:30 pm Fri. & Mon. plus 10:30 am Sat. & Sun. \$15. 2555 Main St., St. Helena. [www.ciachef.edu](http://www.ciachef.edu). 967-2320.

Friday Vista Dome Car Napa Valley Vintners Luncheons. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.wine-train.com](http://www.wine-train.com).

Saturday Napa Farmers Markets. 8 am-noon. Copia. 252-7142.

First Tuesday of each month. Open forum at CIA. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 967-2320. [www.ciachef.edu](http://www.ciachef.edu).

First Friday of every month. Art and wine party. 5-7:30 pm. Folio Wine-makers Studio. 256-2731. [www.foliowine.com](http://www.foliowine.com).

Daily Winery of the Week. 10 am-4 pm. Tasting Copia.

Saturdays Daily Winery of the Week. 12-2 pm Meet the winemaker. Free winetasting. Copia.

Daily Napa Harvest Trails. 2-2:30 pm. Included with admission. Copia.

### CONTINUING ART EXHIBITS

Tears and Desires of Tarot. G Studio.

Through Dec. 6 *Recent Paintings* by Susan Goldsmith. Robert Mondavi Winery. 10 am-5 pm. 968-2203. [www.robertmondaviwinery.com](http://www.robertmondaviwinery.com).

Through Dec. 8 Through the Green Fuse. Photographer Robert Buelteman. I. Wolk Gallery, 1354 Main St., St. Helena. 10-5:30 pm. 963-8800. [iwolkgallery.com](http://iwolkgallery.com).

Through Jan. 5 Gay Outlaw: Recent Works. diRosa Preserve. 226-5991. [www.dirosapreserve.org](http://www.dirosapreserve.org).

Through Jan. 30 Photographs with encaustic. Thea Schrack. Gallery at Cliff Lede Vineyards managed by I. Wolk, 1473 Yountville Crossroad, Yountville. 10 am-4:30 pm. 963-8800. [iwolkgallery.com](http://iwolkgallery.com).

Through February 10 The Heart & Art of Collecting. Napa Valley Museum. Yountville. 944-0500. [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org).

Through March 17. New Directions exhibit. Mumm Napa Fine Art Photography Gallery. Rutherford. 967-7700. [www.mummnapa.com](http://www.mummnapa.com).

Through June Wine Across America: A Photographic Road Trip. Copia.

### CONTINUING MUSIC

Every night. Live jazz, blues or Latin music on the patio. 6:30-9:30 pm. Calistoga Inn Restaurant & Brewery. Calistoga.

Monday-Friday Happy Hour. 4-6:30 pm. Pacifico Restaurante. Calistoga.

Friday Live Mariachi music. Pacifico Restaurante. Calistoga.

Wednesday Philip Smith and The Gentlemen of Jazz - big band/jazz. 6:30-9:30 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).

Thursday Alternating between Leo Cavanagh Trio and McShade - acoustic guitars and bass. 6:30-9:30 pm Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).

Friday & Saturday Dancing in the Pub to blues, rhythm & blues and rock bands from 9-midnight.

Friday-Sunday featuring Herb Gibson on vibes. Brannan's Restaurant. Calistoga.

Friday-Saturday. Live music from rock to blues to swing 9 pm-1 am. Hydro Bar & Grill. Calistoga.

Friday Pianist Don McCarroll - jazz. 5:15-8:15 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).

Friday Philip Smith and The Gentlemen of Jazz big band/jazz. 8:30-11:30 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255-6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).

Sunday Mimi Fox jazz. 6:30-9 pm. Uva Trattoria. 1040 Clinton St. Napa. 255-6646. [uvatrattoria.com](http://uvatrattoria.com).

Sunday Swing & Dixieland 7-10 pm. Hydro Bar & Grill. Calistoga.

### NOVEMBER

29 Brother Timothy Gala Celebration. Julia Morgan Ballroom, Merchants Exchange Building, 465 California St., San Francisco. \$500. 415-835-5969. .

30 *White Christmas* with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye. Friday Night Flicks. Copia. 259-1600 [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).

30-Dec. 2 Festival of Trees Benefit for Napa Valley Symphony. Meritage Resort.

30 - Dec. 3 Members' Holiday Sale—20% off. 10 am-5 pm. Cornucopia. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).

### DECEMBER

1 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Napa Holiday Tour to 13 Bed and Breakfast Inns of Napa. 2 to 7 p.m. Wine and food. Shuttle

- and Passport Savings Book. Park at Copia. \$45. Benefits Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. [napaholidaytour.com](http://napaholidaytour.com). 257-1444.
- 1 Holiday Harmony Concert. Napa Valley College.
- 1 Calistoga Tractor Parade. 6 pm. Lincoln Ave. 942-6333. [www.calistogachamber.com](http://www.calistogachamber.com).
- 1 *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. 11 am. \$10. Lincoln Theater.
- 1 *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. [www.lincolntheater.org](http://www.lincolntheater.org).
- 1 Release party. 12-4 pm. \$25. Cliff Lede Vineyards, 1473 Yountville Cross Rd., Yountville. 944-8642. [www.CliffLedeVineyards.com](http://www.CliffLedeVineyards.com)
- 1 *The Second City – Improv Master Class*. 1-3 pm. \$50, limited to 16 students. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. [www.lincolntheater.org](http://www.lincolntheater.org).
- 1 *The Second City – Dysfunctional Holiday Revue*. 7 pm. \$25-\$55. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. [www.lincolntheater.org](http://www.lincolntheater.org).
- 1 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 1 Early Second Saturday at Cartlidge & Browne Winery. Holiday art show. Free. 10 am - 4 pm. 205 Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon. 552-5199. [www.cartlidgeand-browne.com](http://www.cartlidgeand-browne.com).
- 1 EpiCUREan Celebration. 12-4 pm. \$25. ZD Winery. 8383 Silverado Trail, Rutherford.
- 1 & 2 Holiday Harmony. Napa Valley College Women's and College Chorale Saturday 8 pm, Sunday, 3 pm. Napa Valley College Theater. \$12. 259-8077.
- 1 Giant Christmas Cookie Sale. 10 am - 12 pm. Included with admission; cookies sold by the pound. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 1 Decorate Your Very Own Gingerbread House. Hands-on activity. 12 - 2 pm. One person decorating one house \$35. Each extra house \$25. Each additional child or adult \$10. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 1 & 2. Sugarplum Tea. 3 - 4:30 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 2 Spottswode winemaker dinner. Kelley's No Bad Days. 5:30 pm. \$125. 258-9666. 976 Pearl, Napa.
- 2 Share Chandon. Tastemaker Dinner. \$65/\$95 with wine. Sparkling Winemaker Tom Tiburzi. *étoile* at Domaine Chandon. [www.Chandon.com](http://www.Chandon.com). 204-7529.
- 2 Napa Valley Symphony with New York Voices. Lincoln Theater. Yountville.
- 2 Jungle Jack Hanna, 2 PM & 5 PM. \$30/\$25. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 2 A Harvest for Hope for Mines To Vines. Roots of Peace. 5:30 pm. Copia. \$250. [www.rootsof-peace.org](http://www.rootsof-peace.org).
- 2 In a Holiday Mood - artist Kit Croucher. Adults and children over eight. 1-4:30 pm. \$20. Napa Valley Museum. Yountville. [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org). 944-0500.
- 2 Secrets of Sparkling Wine with Hugh Davies of Schramsberg Vineyards. Talk and winetasting. 1 - 2:30 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 4 Childbirth Choices. 12-2 pm. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 5 Hanukkah begins
- 5 Prescription alternatives toward hormone balance. 10-11 am. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 7 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 7 Taste of Copia Lunch Holiday Indulgences. Interactive cooking demo, garden talk and lunch with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 7 Should I take hormones? 5:30-6:30 pm. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 7 *Best of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition.*, 8 p.m. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 8 The Art of Scanning. Ron Rogers, former chair of Napa Valley College Photography Department. 2-4 pm. Free with admission. Napa Valley Museum. Yountville. [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org). 944-0500.
- 8 Downtown Napa Holiday Candlelight Tour. Napa County Landmarks. 3-8 pm. \$40. [www.napa-countylandmarks.org](http://www.napa-countylandmarks.org). 255-1836.
- 8 Holiday Dinner with the Sonoma Chapter. La Chaine des Rotisseur. Hotel Healdsburg. Joyce Stavert. 479-3278.
- 8 Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 8 Chava Alberstein, 8 pm. \$35/\$30. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 8 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 8 Emotions, Stress & Disease. 11 am-12 pm. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 8 & 9 Hess Collection Cellar Door Red Weekend
- 8 & 9 Children's Tea with Mrs. Claus. 1 - 2:30 pm. \$35 per adult, \$20 per child. 259-1600. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 8 & 9 VOENA (Voices of Eve & Angels) Holiday Concerts. 3 pm. \$25). 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 9 The Oak Ridge Boys – Christmas Cookies Holiday Show. 5 pm. \$50-\$75. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300. [www.lincolntheater.org](http://www.lincolntheater.org)
- 9 Lotsa Latkes Luncheon. Celebrate Hanukkah. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 10 The Smokin' Jaze featuring Joseph Herrschaft 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 11 Modern Integrative Chinese Medicine. 7-8 pm. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 11-15 *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. 7 pm. \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 12 Hanukkah ends

- 12 Holiday Dinner. Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau. 5:30 pm. Meritage Resort. \$85. [partnership@napavalley.org](mailto:partnership@napavalley.org). 226-5813 x 104.
- 12 Taste of Copia Winemaker Dinner with Bonny Doon's Randall Grahm. 6:30 pm. 259-1600. \$75. Copia. [copia.org/winemaker](http://copia.org/winemaker). 12 Natural Treatments for a Healthy Memory. 1-2 pm. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy. Bel Aire Plaza, Napa. 253-0970.
- 14 Holiday Open House. Mezzo-soprano Meghan Scheibal, tenor Nick D'Avila and soprano Naomi Silva. Free with admission. 6-7:30 pm. Napa Valley Museum. Yountville. 944-0500. [www.napavalleymuseum.org](http://www.napavalleymuseum.org).
- 14 Bring Your Favorite Bottle Night, Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. [www.backroomwines.com](http://www.backroomwines.com).
- 14 Stags Leap Appellation Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 14 & 15 Taste of Copia Lunch Holiday Indulgences. Interactive cooking demo, garden talk and lunch with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 15 The Herbs of Christmas. Talk, tasting, garden tour and demonstration. 2:30 - 4 pm. \$20. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 15 Slow Food Sojourn. Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 15 Mimi Fox Trio 9 -12 pm. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [uvatrattoria.com](http://uvatrattoria.com).
- 15 & 16 Sugarplum Tea. 3 - 4:30 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 16 Family Fun Excursions Dinner Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 16 *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. 1 pm . \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 17 Mimi Fox Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 17 Supervisor Bill Dodd's Christmas Party for ParentsCAN. Silverado Resort. 5:30-8:30 pm. \$62. [www.parents-can.org](http://www.parents-can.org). 253-7444.
- 18-22 *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. 7 pm . \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 20 The Kinsey Sicks: Oy Vey in a Manger. America's Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet in concert. 8 pm. \$25. Not for children. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 21 Gluwein! \$3/glass. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa, 226-1378. [www.backroomwines.com](http://www.backroomwines.com).
- 21 Murder On The Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 21 Taste of Copia Lunch Holiday Indulgences. Interactive cooking demo, garden talk and lunch with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 22 Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).
- 22 [Leo Cavanagh Quartet](http://www.leocavanaghquartet.com) 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 23 *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. 1 pm . \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 24 Christmas Eve at Julia's Kitchen. Two seatings: 5:30 - 6 pm and 7 - 7:30 pm. Five-course prix fixe dinner. [www.juliaskitchen.org](http://www.juliaskitchen.org). 265.5700 or [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).
- 24 Jackie King Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 24 Christmas Eve At Julia's Kitchen. [www.juliaskitchen.org](http://www.juliaskitchen.org). 265-5700.
- 28 Taste of Copia Lunch Holiday Indulgences. Interactive cooking demo, garden talk and lunch with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. 259-1600. Copia. [www.copia.org](http://www.copia.org).
- 29 Don McCarroll Trio 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa. 255 6646. [www.uvatrattoria.com](http://www.uvatrattoria.com).
- 31 New Year's Eve at Julia's Kitchen. Three seatings beginning at 5:30 pm. Seven-course prix fixe dinner. Live jazz and champagne toast. [www.juliaskitchen.org](http://www.juliaskitchen.org). 265.5700 or [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).
- 31 New Year's Eve Celebration! Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2111. [www.winetrain.com](http://www.winetrain.com).

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### JANUARY

- 11 *The Nigerian Spam Scam Scam* by Dean Cameron. Café Theatre. 8 pm . \$25. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 18 Wine Market Council Research Conference. 9 a.m. - noon. Copia. 500 First St., Napa. \$90. [www.winemarketcouncil.com](http://www.winemarketcouncil.com).
- 18 BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet. 8 pm . \$30. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 19 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Competition Rounds. 8 pm . \$15. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 19 Naked Vine. St. Helena Kiwanis Club. St. Supéry. Rutherford. \$50. 6:30 pm. 963-1123.
- 23-26 17th Annual ZAP Zinfandel Advocates & Producers Festival. San Francisco. [zinfandel.org](http://zinfandel.org).
- 25 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Competition Rounds. \$15. 8 pm . Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 26 Los Lobos. 8 pm . \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.

### FEBRUARY

- 1 *The Clown Princes*: Film Excerpts of Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton & Harold Lloyd with original scores performed live by Rick Benjamin's Paragon Ragtime Orchestra. 8 pm . \$30. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 2 *Best Of The San Francisco Comedy Competition*. 8 pm . \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.

- 2 Mustard Magic. Culinary Institute of America. \$125 now. St. Helena. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org). 938-1133.
- 9 Reception for A Weekend of Fine Art. 5-7 pm. St. Supéry Vineyards and Winery.
- 9 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Competition Rounds. \$15. 8 pm . \$15. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 9 to April 2 Napa Valley Mustard Festival Visual Art Competition ongoing exhibition. St. Supéry Vineyards and Winery.
- 10 A Weekend of Fine Art. Galleries throughout Napa Valley and Napa Valley Museum.
- 11-28 South Ameri-Zin. Oceania Insignia. ZAP. [www.zinfandel.org](http://www.zinfandel.org).
- 16 Eroica Trio. 8 pm . \$30. [www.eroicatrio.com](http://www.eroicatrio.com). Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 16 Fundraising concert. Napa Valley Youth Symphony. 7:30-9:30 pm. Lincoln Theater, Yountville. 944-1300 or (415) 731-5539.
- 19 Pat Metheny Trio with Christian McBride and Antonio Sanchez . 8 pm . \$55. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 22 Le Grand Dîner. Étoile at Domaine Chandon. \$350. 938-1133. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org).
- 23 Premiere Napa Valley. Napa Valley Vintners. **Culinary Institute of America. St. Helena**, [www.napavintners.com](http://www.napavintners.com)
- 23 *Aesop's Fables II* puppets starring Jim West. 2 pm . \$25. For young audiences Pre-K to third grade. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 23 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Competition Rounds. \$15. 8 pm . \$15. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 23 Yountville Elementary School's 15th Annual "Red and White Affair" 6-10 pm. Silverado Vineyards. Tickets on sale mid-January \$50 advance 944-0996. [www.yes.nvusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.yes.nvusd.k12.ca.us).
- 23 St. Helena Cooperative Nursery School Auction. David Reynolds auctioneer. Rubicon Estates.
- 24 Pocket Opera and NVOH present *Orpheus in the Underworld* by Jacques Offenbach. 2 pm . \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 24 Napa Valley Academy Awards Gala Black Tie and Black T-Shirt Parties. Napa Valley Unity League and Michael Holmes. 5-11 pm. Sterling Vineyards, Calistoga. Gala \$150. Black T-Shirt \$40. [napavalleyacademyawards.org](http://napavalleyacademyawards.org).
- 29 Turtle Island Quartet tribute to John Coltrane. 8 pm . Pre-show talk with TIQ, 7 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- MARCH**
- 1 Ladysmith Black Mambazo. 8 pm. \$45. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 1 50th Anniversary Gala. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.
- 2 Belly Dance Superstars. 3 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 7 & 8 Capitol Steps. 8 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 8 Capitol Steps. 2 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 9 & 10 Mustard, Mud and Music. Calistoga. 938-1133. [www.CalistogaChamber.com](http://www.CalistogaChamber.com)
- 9-13 UC Davis Wine Executive Program. Sacramento. [info@wineexecutiveprogram.com](mailto:info@wineexecutiveprogram.com), [www.wineexecutiveprogram.com](http://www.wineexecutiveprogram.com). (530) 754-6450.
- 14 Barrage fiddle-fest. 8 pm. \$45. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 14 The Awards ~ A Spicy Soirée! \$100 now. Black Stallion Winery. 7-10 pm. 938-1133. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org).
- 15 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Competition Rounds. 8 pm . \$15. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 15 & 16 Marketplace. \$30 now. Copia. 938-1133. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org).
- 22 Taste of Yountville. 938-1133. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org).
- 22 Scottish fiddler Alasdair Fraser and cellist Natalie Haas. 8 pm. \$25. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 28 Don Vappie and The Creole Jazz Serenaders. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 29 *Idol Instrumental 2008!* Final Round. \$25. 8 pm . For information and entry forms, visit [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. 226-7372.
- 29 Mumm Napa Photo Finish. 7-10 pm. \$95 in advance. 938-1133. [mustardfestival.org](http://mustardfestival.org).
- 29 to May 1 Mustard Festival Photography Contest Exhibit at Mumm Napa 10 am to 5 pm,
- APRIL**
- 1 Circle of Friends Dinner. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.
- 5 *Rhythm In Shoes*. Banjo Dance: A Celebration of American Spirit. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 10 Asleep At The Wheel. 8 pm. \$35. Dance in the Café Theatre. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 11 Arlo Guthrie: Solo Reunion Tour- Together At Last. 8 pm. \$45. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 13 Pocket Opera and NVOH present *Così fan tutte* By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. 2 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 17 The Waifs. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.

- 26 Reach for the Stars. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.
- 26 TheatreworksUSA in *Winnie the Pooh*. 2 pm. \$25. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 29 Dave Brubeck with Chris and Daniel Brubeck. 8 pm. \$65. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.

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- 3 TheatreworksUSA in *Henry & Mudge*. 2 pm. \$25. Ages four to eight. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 3 Best Of The San Francisco Comedy Competition. 8 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 10 Lamplighters Music Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan, *Straight Up, With A Twist!* 8 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.

- 11 Lamplighters Music Theatre presents Gilbert & Sullivan, *Straight Up, With A Twist!* 2 pm. \$40. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 17 Jay Johnson: *The Two And Only!* 2 pm & 7 pm. \$30. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 21 50th Anniversary Mass. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.
- 28 Hall of Honor Reception. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.

**JUNE**

- 8 Pocket Opera and NVOH present *Don Pasquale* by Gaetano Donizetti. 2 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 14 Queen's Birthday Party. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.
- 21 A Midsummer's Night. Gala benefiting Hospice and Adult Day Ser-

vices of Napa Valley. Castello di Amorosa. \$375. 258-9080.

- 29 Wine, Women and Shoes, a fashion show, wine tasting, and food tasting event to support Planned Parenthood. St. Supéry Winery.

**JULY**

- 12 Pocket Opera and NVOH present *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini. 2 pm. \$35. Napa Valley Opera House. 1030 Main St., Napa. [www.nvoh.org](http://www.nvoh.org). 226-7372.
- 17-19 Taste3. Robert Mondavi Winery and Copia. [www.taste3.com](http://www.taste3.com). 967-6361.
- 22 Day for the Queen. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.

**AUGUST**

**SEPTEMBER**

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- 13 Annual Dinner. Queen of the Valley Medical Center Foundation. 251-1882.

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