

# Events, Meetings, Items of Interest, etc.

## PEACE VIGIL

Remembering lives lost  
In the Iraq War

FRIDAY EVENINGS, 6:30PM

Forestville United Methodist Church  
6550 Covey Road, Forestville  
Info: Katherine Best-Smith 887-2020

## Our Bells Toll Peace

### Wednesdays at Hospice House

Food for you mind, body & spirit! An evening of conversation and information. Weekly speakers. 7 - 9pm. Hospice of Petaluma, 416 Payran St., Petaluma. Info: 778-6242

### Host an Interning Winemaker:

Collect a few months' rent & host an interning winemaker this harvest season? They are young & interesting & come from all over the world. Contact Dan Tallman c/o Betsy Livingstone, betsl@sonic.net.

**YARD SALE** - Friends of Forestville School Education Foundation. Forestville School Audi Front parking lot!

September 22nd 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 23rd 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
You can bring your donations to Forestville School starting August 29 between 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. 887-2279

### August 18 - Fundraiser for Peace in

**Medicine**-An Evening with Assemblyman Mark Leno and Robert Raich, Esq. Sebastopol Veterans Memorial Auditorium 282 S. High Street, Sebastopol, CA

Wine and hors d'oeuvres, reception and silent auction...Music. Join us for this pioneering effort! All proceeds will go to fund the build-out and operational center of the new Peace in Medicine healing center. Peace in Medicine is a grassroots, community-based California non-profit with a new vision for the future of Medicinal Cannabis.

Tickets are \$100.00 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. www.peaceinmedicine.org.

### August 19 - Bodega Volunteer Fire Department's Big Event.

It's that time of year for the annual "Big Event" Parade and BBQ that benefits the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department. Come enjoy some good old family fun Sunday August 19 from 10 am to 5 pm at the McCaughey Fire Hall (17184 Bodega Highway) - Downtown Bodega! Sonoma County's shortest parade begins at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by a day filled with live music, local beer and wine, delicious tri-tip and chicken BBQ, a crafts faire, a raffle with great prizes, kids games, ice cream, homemade desserts and more! Don't miss the chance to participate in the "Tour de Tatar" race or get wet in "The Cosmic Commode" - and all for the sake of our community's safety! For more information, call 874-1217 or visit www.bodegafire.org

### August 18 & 19 - World's Premier Hand-Made Acoustic Guitar

Exhibition Begins Second Decade!

Exhibit and sale of the custom built guitars of 130 of the world's finest luthiers. Festival

also features 24 workshops for guitar players, and concerts day and night. The premier exposition of custom-made acoustic guitars. Featured are more than 130 of the world's finest luthiers (hand-crafted guitar makers) showing, selling, and talking about their magnificent instruments. Main Exhibit / Daily from 11am to 6pm. Admission: \$12/day; \$22 entire weekend Player Workshops - Daily at varied times including 24, 1.5 hour classes, \$35 each. The Healdsburg Guitar festival is sponsored by Luthiers Mercantile International, Inc., Acoustic Guitar Magazine, and Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. All festival activities and concerts are held at 50 Mark West Springs Road in Santa Rosa. www.festivalofguitars.com or call 800-477-4437 for full festival schedule and to purchase tickets for classes and workshops.

### August 22 - Climate Protection

**Expo!** 5:00 to 8:30 at the Santa Rosa Downtown Market. Admission is free. Live music, demonstrations, raffle prizes, and educational exhibits. Bring an old incandescent light bulb to exchange for a new energy efficient bulb provided by Friedman's Home Improvement. At the Expo you can learn about Sonoma County's first solar powered community (Bridge Trail at The North Village www.thenorthvillage.com), find out how easy it is to compost your veggies, and learn ways to help your business and community to save energy, drive less and support local products. www.climateprotectioncampaign.org.

### August 25 & 26 - 3th annual Bodega

**Seafood, Art & Wine Festival.** 10 - 6 Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday WATTS RANCH IN THE TOWN OF BODEGA \$12 adults \$10 seniors over 60 \$8 12 - 16 under 12 free. The festival showcases the best of California's wineries and breweries, artists and crafts-people, as well as featuring outstanding entertainment, and a delicious selection of seafood also has wonderful activities for kids, environmental exhibits, a newly added chowder cook-off, a sea-themed costume competition and lots more. The festival benefits two worthy organizations: Stewards of the Coasts and Redwoods, the non-profit arm of the California State Parks, and the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department, with proceeds going towards their new firehouse. www.winecountryfestivals.com

### Aug 25 & Sept 22 - Shed light on your

**dreams and operate smoothly.** Free workshop at 1710 Mendo Ave. coffehouse, Santa Rosa 3-4pm Hosted by Eckankar. Info: Geff Popejoy 707-849-3055

### September 11 - Connections 3rd

**Annual Gala Harvest Fundraiser** will be held September 11th at the The French Garden in Sebastopol. Fundraiser benefits Circle of Sisters and Santa Rosa Emergency Women's Shelter. Everyone is Welcome! Celebrity Servers will check you in, serve wine, & sell raffle tickets. Dinner Service from 5:30-8:30 pm. Nancy Tierney and the Boys will delight and entertain you at 7:30 pm. Not So Silent Auction at 8:00 pm followed by a Raffle with fabulous items donated by Connections members and local business owners. Cost for Members and Guests: \$40.00 dinner includes a main entree from a buffet with a vegan polenta or risotto, duck and steak or tri-tip. Purchase wine separately at \$5.00 a glass.

Helps Connections get the word out and tell all your friends and family to come join in the fun. Visit www.connectionsca.com to download a registration form. Or call 707-522-9399 and request a form.

### September 12 - Grand Opening of the

**Russian River Empowerment Center,** a project of West County Community Services, on September 12th from 4-6 PM. The Empowerment Center is a drop in self help center for people with mental illnesses. Come experience our comfy environment and learn more about us. We will be serving light refreshments. We are located at 16229 Third Street, off of Armstrong Woods Rd, in Guerneville. 604-7264 Info.

### September 13 - Sonoma County

**Asthma Coalition** presents: GREEN PURCHASING: Environmentally healthy cleaning and maintenance products for your school, agency, institution or business 12:00-2:00 PM

CAP Sonoma, 1300 N. Dutton St. Santa Rosa LUNCH PROVIDED! With Trainer Alicia Culver from the Green Purchasing Institute. RSVP to: Shan Magnuson 707-527-5864 smagnuson@alac.org www.sonomaasthma.org

### September 19 - National ADD

**Awareness Day.** "THE CHALLENGES AND GIFTS OF LIVING WITH ADD" By Pauline Laurent and Santa Rosa CHADD Support Group at the Santa Rosa Public Library 6:30-8:30 p.m., Third & E Streets Santa Rosa. FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

## MEETINGS:

### Monthly: Forestville Historical Society

meets the third Wednesday of every Month, 7:00 PM at the Forestville Elementary School Library. Call Ron Davis 823-2921 for information or visit our website www.sonic.net/forestville. One of our projects is to maintain and improve the Forestville Cemetery. If you would like to be part of preserving the history and maintaining the cemetery, please come and join us. Membership is only \$10 for person and \$20 for a family. **August Mtg: August 15**

### Russian River Historical Society

- The Russian River Historical Society is a non-profit organization that relies on membership dues and fundraising. There are public events held 4 times a year targeting different historical events in the area. Contact us for meeting schedules at info@russianriverhistory.org

**Interested in joining?** Send a check for \$10 to PO Box 484, Monte Rio, CA 9546

### MONTHLY: Forestville Chamber of

**Commerce.** Anyone interested in helping us promote local businesses is welcome to join. We could use all the help we can get! We are 100% VOLUNTEER! And as you know - there is no one busier than a self-employed business person! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at the Food for Thought meeting Room on Railroad Avenue in Downtown Forestville. **August Meeting: August 1 - Come to our Town Social and Business Expo on August 23rd - downtown Forestville starts at 5pm** www.forestvillechamber.org for info.

**Al-Anon** (Friends and families of alcoholics) We have two on-going and well-established meetings in Guerneville. We provide a support to people dealing with the problems of alcohol abuse.

**Meeting dates and times for Al-Anon:**

**Monday 7:30p.m.** - Russian River Senior Center - back room

**Saturday 9:15 a.m.** - Russian River Senior Center - back room  
Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville

### WOMEN'S Alcoholics Anonymous

in Guerneville - meets that the Russian River Seniro Center, Mondays at 7:30pm  
Russian River Senior Center  
15010 Armstrong Woods Road  
Guerneville, CA 95446 707-869-0618

## SENIORS:

### The Prime Timers of Forestville has socials &

**luncheons** Thursdays at noon. Suggested donation \$3.50. Good lunch, fun and prizes await you this month at the United Methodist Church in Forestville. 11am - Raffle prizes! Special presentaitons! 887-1070 or 525-0383

### Join Us For Lunch

**The Occidental Senior Luncheon Program** is looking for people, good with knife and fork. Requirements: Able to join in with a friendly group, who dine at 12 noon each Monday and Wednesday at St Phillips Community Center. A \$3.50 donation is requested. Drop in, or better yet, make a reservation by calling The Council On Aging, 525-0143 ext 135.

### SEBASTOPOL SENIOR CTR.

The Sebastopol Area Senior Center is located at 167 North High Street, Sebastopol. For further information, or directions, please contact the Senior Center at 707-829-2440, or email iris@sebastopolseniorcenter.org

### Improve your memory!

An enjoyable series of interactions to keep minds happy and memories in tact. Presented by educator and author Chance Massaro. Fee: \$6.00 per session. Thursday, August 9th, 12:30-1:45 Topic: Synthetic Thinking. Thursday, **August 23rd**, 12:30-1:45. Topic: Realistic Thinking.

**Vision Loss** Presented by the Earle Baum Center who has begun a free information and referral program for people who are experiencing vision loss from 10:00 - 12:00 on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning **August 23rd**. This pilot program is designed to make it convenient and comfortable to ask questions and discuss vision concerns in a familiar environment. Information is also available to assist friends and family of people who are visually impaired. No appointment necessary.