



Film & Theater

Through April 20 - ECOCENTRIC is an international representation of video shorts, ranging from poetic to humorous to narrative, addressing environmental issues such as climate change, over consumption, and survival. Video is an affordable tool for artists to document activities that engage a limited audience. This exhibition explores how artists are employing technology to communicate, on a broader scale, ecological concepts that inspire and provoke new ways of seeing. Admission is \$5 general; \$2 students & seniors; free for Members & children under 12. Wednesday-Sunday, 11:00 am-5:00 pm. Sonoma County Museum, 425 Seventh Street, Santa Rosa ~ 707-579-1500 ~ www.sonomacountymuseum.org

February 14-17 - Little Shop of Horrors - A nerdy flower shop worker gets assistance in love when he tends to a blood-thirsty plant in this black musical-comedy. This cult classic features tunes in style of 1960's doo-wop, early Motown and rock n' roll with show-stoppers "Skid Row (Downtown)," "Somewhere That's Green," and "Suddenly Seymour." Music by Alan Menken & Lyrics by Howard Ashman. 8 pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; 2 pm matinee Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$14 to \$30. Order by telephone, online or purchase at the door. 6th Street Playhouse, G.K. Hardt Theatre, 52 West 6th Street, Santa Rosa ~ 707-523-4185 ~ www.6thstreetplayhouse.com

February 21 - Film: Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Prices - Join Sonoma County Conservation Action (SCCA) for GE-Free popcorn while watching this informative documentary. "The film features the deeply personal stories and every day lives of families and communities struggling to survive in a Wal-Mart world. The film has been seen by millions worldwide. See the film, share it, and become part of the movement forcing companies to act responsibly." 7:00pm, \$5-10 suggested donation. SCCA, 540 Pacific Ave, Santa Rosa ~ 707-571-8868 ~ www.conservationaction.org

February 23 - Shadow of a MURDER - Welcome to "Your Small Town," USA, circa 1943, for a deadly family gathering in Hitchcock style! The Gibson House Mystery Performers (www.GibsonHouse.com) present an audience-participation Murder-Mystery Play. 1940's attire welcome! Seating begins at 6:30pm. Choose your three-course gourmet meal and enjoy the performance, all for \$59 each, tax & gratuity included. Special Room/Mystery Package available. Flamingo Terrace Grille, 2777 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa, ~ Reservations required (707) 523-4745 ~ www.FlamingoResort.com

February 23 to March 22 - A Perfect Ganesh - Two upper middle class suburban housewives from Connecticut travel to India, taking with them ghosts of former tragedies. Their journey, a search for healing in the guise of vacation away from family, is guided by the elephant god, Ganesha. From lepers in the streets of Bombay, to a disturbing trip in a skiff on the sacred Ganges River, to the drop dead majesty and lavish beauty of the Taj Mahal, India entrances them, and leads them into fantasies that challenge their propensities for denial. On February 23, our gala night, we will serve Indian food cooked by Tom Lowry, and champagne, all for

\$35. Evening performances each Thursday through Saturday at 8 pm, and matinees at 2 pm each Sunday. The theater always opens thirty minutes before curtain. Pegasus Theater Group, 20347 Hwy 116, Monte Rio ~ 522-9043 ~ www.pegasustheater.com

March 1, 2 - Pinocchio - The timeless tale of a wooden puppet brought to life, who must somehow find the way to become a real little boy! Meet Pinocchio, Gepetto, the Blue Fairy and other classic characters in this delightful adaptation written and directed by Tim Hayes. Featuring Trishia Davis and Libby Lee! A play for children of all ages presented by theater4. Visit www.theater4.com for information about bringing live theater into your school! Saturday March 1 @ 11:00 am, Sunday March 2 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm. Kids \$6/Adults \$8. Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol ~ (707) 829-4797 ~ www.sebartarts.org



March 7 to March 30 - Boston Marriage by David Mamet - A deliciously seductive, sophisticated and witty comedy about two unmarried women living on the threshold of upper-class Victorian society. Mamet highlights his female lust fest with parlor repartee and twists the obvious when financial security rivals romantic intentions. Directed by Sheri Lee Miller and featuring Bronwen Shears of Sebastopol. Recommended for mature audiences (14+ yrs). Tickets \$14 to \$26, order by telephone, online or purchase at the door. Shows at 8 pm Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 2 pm Sunday matinees. 6th Street Playhouse G.K. Hardt Theatre, 52 West 6th Street, Santa Rosa (in historic Railroad Square) ~ 707-523-4185 ~ www.6thstreetplayhouse.com

March 8 - "Truth Be Told" Salon: Mark Growden & Friends - Mark Growden is a composer, multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter who has recently moved to the area. Here is what the press has to say: "Part bluesman, part avant-gardist, he's an avatar of Bohemian weirdness." -Fort Worth Weekly. "Fiery, earthy and sublimely sensual." Comet Mag. "A SIGHT AND SOUND YOU DONT WANT TO MISS." - S.F. Bay Guardian. Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol ~ (707) 829-4797 ~ www.sebartarts.org

March 21 to April 12 - Oleanna by David Mamet - A female university student accuses her male professor of sexual harassment in this controversial, two-person play by David Mamet. Inspired by the Anita Hill - Clarence Thomas hearings, the play asks audiences to examine society's interpretation of sexual harassment, consider its ambiguity and how it can be exaggerated and distorted. Directed by Linda Reid. Recommended for mature audiences (14+ yrs). Tickets \$12 to \$18, order by telephone, online or purchase at the door. Shows at 8 pm Fridays & Saturdays; 2 pm Sunday matinees. 6th Street Playhouse Studio Theatre, 52 West 6th Street, Santa Rosa (in historic Railroad Square) ~ 707-523-4185 ~ www.6thstreetplayhouse.com



NATURE FUN LEARNING

Sonoma County Regional Parks Camping Reservations On-Line! www.sonoma-county.org/camping. For assistance with the website, call the Regional Parks office at (707) 565-2041, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

February 19 - Basketry and Other Traditional Uses of Plants - The California Native Plant Society presents a slide presentation by Charles Kennard, photographer, historian and naturalist, on North Bay native and introduced plants and their uses for food, medicine, baskets, cordage, and boat-building. He will show a wide variety of plants in their natural habitats, and discuss the gathering, preparation, and uses of them. California Indian practices are featured, but he will also include some European techniques. Most artifacts depicted will be his handiwork. Free and open to the public. 7:30pm, with Plant ID Hour at 6:30 preceding the presentation. Refreshments will be provided. Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, 2050 Yulupa Ave. (south of Hoen), Santa Rosa ~ www.cnpsmb.org

February 20 - Lunar Eclipse Outing - What's more fun than a full moon hike? A hike to see the full moon in total eclipse! Sign up today... the next full lunar eclipse viewable from North America won't occur until Dec 21, 2010. Call the Regional Parks Event Hotline at (707) 565-2730 to RSVP. Inclement weather will cancel this outing. Call the event hotline after 3pm on Feb 20th to see if this outing has been cancelled. Participants will meet at the Oxford Court entrance to the Helen Putnam Regional Park in Petaluma at 6:30pm. For more information and directions, visit www.sonoma-county.org/parks or call (707) 565-2041.

February 24, March 8 & 30 - Cotati Critters Community Planting Days - The Cotati Creek Critters continue to plant native trees, shrubs, sedges and grasses along the Laguna. Other tasks include weeding and mulching to maintain existing plants, plant propagation and tasks in the nursery. Saturdays 9am-12pm, Sundays 10am-1pm. Location: "Ladybug Lot" Cotati City well lot #2 on Lakewood Avenue. Please check www.CotatiCreekCritters.info for directions. Contact: Jenny Blaker at 792-4422 or jenny@cotati.creeks.cotati.info

Guided Hikes at Toley Lake Regional Park - Sonoma County Regional Parks invites you to take a guided hike of the future Toley Lake Regional Park on the following dates:

March 8 - RSVP by March 5. 3-hour hikes from 9 - Noon

March 16 - RSVP by March 12. 2-hour hikes from 9am - 11am

Reserve your space today! Please call the Regional Parks Special Events Hotline at (707) 565-2730 to make a reservation, and leave a message with your name, phone number, email address, and number of people in your vehicle. After requesting the reservation, you will receive a confirmation, which will include more detailed information. Tours fill quickly. If you cannot reserve a place on your date of choice, add your name to our waitlist for notification of future tour dates. A message with information regarding the current status of the tour (to go on as scheduled or not) will be available on the Regional Parks Special Events Hotline (707) 565-2730 by 7:00am the morning of the tour. Check our website at www.sonoma-county.org/parks/pk_toley.htm

March 9 - Guided Beginners' Bird Walk - Kick off Daylight Saving Time on a beginner's bird walk at Spring Lake Regional Park in Santa Rosa. This 2-hour outing, led by members of the local Madrone Chapter of the Audubon Society, will begin at 9:00am. The two-mile, easy walk is suitable for all ages and abilities. Participants will meet in the parking lot between the Oak Knolls picnic area and the Children's Memorial Grove - enter off Newanga Ave. and turn right at the dam. Bring snacks, liquids, and wear layered clothing. Also bring binoculars if you have them. Rain cancels. This event is free of charge. Parking at Spring Lake is \$5/car or free with an annual park pass. For more information, visit www.sonoma-county.org/parks or call 565-2041.

March 10 - Laguna de Santa Rosa Docent Training - Laguna Docents are volunteers who are trained in the natural and cultural history of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Experts in biology, hydrology, natural history and environmental education train docents in 10 lively sessions held on Monday afternoons beginning in March and running through the end of May. The classes are held at the City of Santa Rosa's wastewater treatment plant classroom on Llano Road. The 10-week training course prepares volunteers to present Learning Laguna, the Foundation's wetlands education program. information and applications available on the Laguna Foundation website, www.lagunafoundation.org, click "Become a Docent" or contact Christine at 527-9277x102 or christine@lagunafoundation.org. Orientation on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the Santa Rosa Central Library.

March 15 - Laguna Learning Adventure - The Laguna, its uplands and the Santa Rosa Plain are biologically rich and diverse and we are continually increasing our knowledge about the significance of this natural gem. There are over 25 creeks that feed the Laguna and within its watershed there are significant numbers of endangered plants and animals, plus a wide variety of mammals, and over 200 species of nesting and migrating birds. Join Laguna Foundation staff for an introduction to the natural history of the Laguna, including restoration and scientific research currently underway. We will start in the classroom then continue our learning in the field as the afternoon light fades into evening. 2-6pm, \$25 per person. Contact: Christine at 527-9277x102 or christine@lagunafoundation.org

March 18 - A Hardy Californian - Lester G. E. Rowntree (1879-1979), free-spirited adventurer and pioneering botanist, was fifty-two when she traded a comfortable home for the life of a peripatetic traveler in the California mountains, deserts, and forests. First published in 1936, "Hardy Californians" is Rowntree's poetic sketch of California and its plant life. In charming prose, she takes us along on her annual seed-collecting journey through the state and gives a concise introduction to the complexities of California flora, climate, and geography. The book also gives information on the suitability of many native California plants for the garden. The California Native Plant Society is fortunate to host her grandson, Dr. Lester B. Rowntree, who has produced a new edition of Hardy Californians, and will share stories of his remarkable grandmother. This new edition includes a comprehensive biographical essay, a chapter on Rowntree's