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

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An Insider's Look at Napa Valley

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The *Wine Spectator* Greystone Restaurant at the Culinary Institute of America has closed after 20 years. The restaurant will become classroom space and a student dining commons.

The Wine Spectator donated \$1 million to funding the restaurant. It had no involvement in its operation.

However, the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone has opened Gatehouse Restaurant.

The new restaurant is at the Williams Center for Flavor Discovery, the former location of The Conservatory Restaurant and Greystone Cellars' original gatehouse, and it offers a table d'hôte-style menu and service.

Both lunch and dinner offer guests a prix-fixe menu with a variety of options for each course.

Gatehouse Restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and dinner. Lunch is \$32 (three courses) or \$42 (four courses), and dinner is \$39 (three courses) or \$49 (four courses).

Make reservations at 967-2300 or www.ciagatehouserestaurant.com.

Lucky Penny announces next season

Lucky Penny Productions' 2017-2018 season will offer an ambitious mix of classics and recent works, headlined by the musical *Chicago* as its season opener.

In addition to the Kander and Ebb musical, famous for its score and the choreography of Bob Fosse, Lucky Penny will present four other musicals and three plays from September through June 2018. The lineup includes:

Chicago Music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, book by Bob Fosse and Fred Ebb Sept. 8-24

Set in the roaring "jazz hot" 1920s, *Chicago* tells the story of Velma and Roxie, two rival

murderesses locked up in Cook County Jail. Velma enlists the help of prison matron Mama Morton and slick lawyer Billy Flynn, who turn Velma's incarceration into a murder-of-the-week media frenzy, preparing the world for a splashy showbiz comeback. But Roxie's got some of her own tricks up her sleeve.

Revolutionary in its original 1975 production, *Chicago* was revived in 1997 and won six Tony Awards, and continues today as the longest running American musical in Broadway history.

The Crucible by Arthur Miller Oct. 20-Nov. 5

In 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts, Abigail, niece to the minister, accuses several local women of witchcraft. What follows reveals a tangled web of lies, deceit and ulterior motives. The compelling classic, the 1953 Tony Award winner for Best Play, remains as current today as when written as a response to the Communist "witch hunts" of the 1950s, exploring "mass hysteria" and the darker, and nobler, sides of human nature.

Annie Music by Charles Strauss, lyrics by Martin Charnin, book by Thomas Meehan Dec. 1-23

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, *Annie* was the winner of seven Tony Awards including best musical and became a worldwide phenomenon.

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Escaping the orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan, Annie finds fun-filled adventures galore and finds a new home and family with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

It's a special musical for the whole family at Christmas time.

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Lucky Penny schedule continued

8 X 10: A Festival of 10 Minute Plays Jan. 1–
Feb. 4, 2018

Lucky Penny's sixth annual short play festival will bring eight new and original works to the stage. The plays will be chosen from works submitted by playwrights from all over the country. The 8 x 10 has become a local tradition and a fan favorite.

Tenderly: The Rosemary Clooney Musical Book and compilation by Mary Yates Vogt and Mark Friedman Feb. 23–March 11, 2018

In *Tenderly*, Rosemary Clooney's journey starts with her simple Maysville, Kentucky childhood and continues with her rise to Hollywood stardom. With her signature songs woven in and out, we learn the story of her successes and struggles – a star on film, radio, and TV, with continual troubles in her personal life. We see Rosie's rise alongside stars like Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, her rocky marriage to Jose Ferrer, and her career fading during the rise of rock-and-roll as she battles addiction and depression – troubles she overcomes as she returns to music and finds a new kind of success. Starring Lucky Penny's artistic director Taylor Bartolucci as Rosemary Clooney, *Tenderly* is sure to be an inspiring musical treat.

Scream Queens Book, music and lyrics by Scott Martin March 29–April 8, 2018

Set at a ComicCon Convention in a hotel ballroom, six voluptuous B-movie "Scream Queens" try to revive their fading acting careers by presenting a musical revue for their fans. The Queens take the audience into the world of no-budget movies with awful scripts, fake monsters and gooey special effects, involving the audience in a screaming contest and zombie talent search. *Scream Queens* is sure to be an outrageously laugh-out-loud good time.

The Miss Firecracker Contest by Beth Henley
April 27–May 13, 2018

In the small town of Brookhaven, Mississippi, Carnelle Scott is furiously rehearsing for the Miss Firecracker Contest—hoping that a victory will salvage her tarnished reputation as "Miss Hot Tamale" and allow her to leave town in a blaze of glory. The unexpected arrival of her cousin Elain, and the threat of Elain's eccentric brother, Delmount, to sell the family homestead, complicate her plans. But, aided by a touchingly awkward seamstress named Popeye, Carnelle perseveres, leading to a conclusion filled with unparalleled hilarity, compassion and moving lyricism. Author Beth Henley explores issues of beauty, self-image and acceptance in this revealing play that ran off-Broadway for more than in year in the mid-1980s.

Hands on a Hardbody Book by Doug Wright,
lyrics by Amanda Green, music by Trey
Anastasio and Amanda Green June 1-17, 2018

Based on the true events depicted in a 1997 film documentary, *Hands on a Hardbody* takes place at a Nissan dealership in Longview, Texas. One of 10 contestants will win a brand-new truck by outlasting the others as they try keep a hand on the truck at all times.

Every character needs the truck to help change their lives for the better, to win their American dream—and we watch them struggle through the heat and exhaustion with humor, ambition and hope until a winner is declared. *Hands on a Hardbody* debuted at La Jolla Playhouse in 2012 before a run on Broadway in 2013 that garnered six Tony nominations.

Season tickets are on sale for returning subscribers.

They go on sale to the public on Wednesday, Feb. 8. All shows are at the Lucky Penny Community Arts Center, 1758 Industrial Way in Napa.

General auditions will be held on March 5, 6 and 7 for interested actors.

For more information and tickets visit www.luckypennynapa.com, call 226-6305, or email info@luckypennynapa.com.

Festival Napa Valley line-up tomorrow

Festival Napa Valley will announce the artists for this year's 12th festival tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 7 and tickets will also go on sale then.

That includes \$39 early bird pricing for some shows.

The festival will be held July 14-23 all over Napa Valley. Get details and tickets at www.festivalnapavalley.org.

Napa Valley Film Festival calls for entries

The seventh annual Napa Valley Film Festival Nov. 8-12 is now accepting film submissions.

The festival welcomes submissions of any genre.

Programmers will select approximately 100 new independent films to be screened alongside award- season contending films.

Submission categories include narrative features and shorts, documentary features and shorts, and short features (films between 20 and 50 minutes).

Organizers are looking for films that will best entertain, inspire, educate and intrigue audiences.

Feature-length films (50 minutes or longer) can be programmed in one of the following sections: Narrative or Documentary Features Competition (U.S. productions only), The Lounge (foreign and domestic productions), or Special Presentations (foreign and domestic productions).

Short films (under 20 minutes of running time) are programmed in curated content-centric collections.

Filmmakers can submit projects through FilmFreeway or Withoutabox.

The early bird deadline is March 3 and the final opportunity to submit a film is June 30.

Visit www.napavalleyfilmfest.org for full details or call 226-7500.

Film Festival student film competition

The Napa Valley Film Festival is partnering with NapaLearns and the Napa County Office of Education for the first Napa County Student Short Film Competition.

The competition will both showcase the films at the Napa Valley Film Festival Nov. 8-12 and give student entrants a chance to hone their storytelling and technical skills at a series of free workshops led by film industry veterans.

There are no fees to submit, and the submission deadline ends June 2, 2017. Winners will be announced in July.

Selected winners will be screened as a Student Film track at the 2017 Napa Valley Film Festival.

Get details at www.nvff.org/education-programs.

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Gundlach Bundschu winter concerts

Vetiver Friday, Feb. 24 With Alex Bleeker and Friends, Kacy & Clayton and Jeff Manson

Formed in San Francisco in 2002, Vetiver is an indie folk band headed by songwriter Andy Cabic. They released their self-titled debut album in 2004 and since the album's release, Vetiver has toured extensively, opening for with artists such as Devendra Banhart and Joanna Newsom.

Over the years, Vetiver has toured with other bands such as Fleet Foxes, Fruit Bats and Wilco.

Black Mountain Wednesday, March 15

Black Mountain is a grit and blues-influenced Canadian psychedelic rock band from Vancouver, British Columbia.

They've released numerous singles, two EPs and four LPs including the most recent, IV. Similar artists include The Muggs, Soft Canyon and Queens of the Stoneage.

Thao Thursday, March 16

That Nguyen, also known as Thao, is an American singer-songwriter currently based in San Francisco.

She is the lead musician of the band Thao & The Get Down Stay Down, and has collaborated with artists such as Joanna Newsom, The Portland Cello Project and Andrew Bird.

Musically influenced by folk, country and hip hop, her lyrics deal with relationships, childhood and "We the Common" political themes, including the Occupy movement.

Gundlach Bundschu Winery is at 2000 Denmark St. in Sonoma.

Trivia Night Tuesday at Carpe Diem

Carpe Diem has announced Trivia Night Tuesday, every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Happy Hour Drink Specials will be extended all night.

Jona Mendoza Fabiani will be hosting on the first Tuesday every month and Kristin Michelle Miller will host the third Tuesday every month. Special guests will be featured as well.

There will not be a trivia night on Feb. 14 due to Valentine's Day.

See www.carpediemwinebar.com or call 224-0800 for more information.

Carpe Diem is at 1001 Second St. in Napa.

Kids eat free at Heritage Eats

Heritage Eats will offer a free kids' meal with the purchase of an adult meal on Monday Night's at Heritage Eats from 4 p.m. to close. The offer is valid in-store every Monday through March 31.

See www.heritageeats.com or call 226-3287 for more information.

Heritage Eats is at 3824 Bel Aire Plaza in Napa.

Sushi Mambo update

I finally made it to Sushi Mambo in Calistoga the first time since it moved after the earthquake.

It's as good and reasonable as ever, though I go for simple items like the \$16 sushi bowl (chirashi sushi, really sashimi on a pile of rice) not the elaborate and, to me, muddled concoctions that most patrons seem to love.

José, who speaks Japanese and studied under a Japanese master, said that the compact restaurant across from Indian Springs has developed a local following, as well as patrons from Middletown.

He also said some Napers even travel up to eat there and, as if by arrangement, a friend from Napa appeared.

I guess I was in a Japanese mood last week, for I also ate at Morimoto, again simple food like the \$8 salmon skin roll, and at Eiko's downtown. Sad to say, the tempura in the lunch bento box at Eiko's had a thick, greasy shell, though the inevitable California roll was as okay as any.

A surprise party at JCB

On the way back from Calistoga, a friend wanted to stop by the JCB tasting room in Yountville where I discovered a wine club party in progress.

I talked our way in and encountered JCB himself. Jean-Charles Boisset was as ebullient (I've always wanted to use that word) as ever and introduced me to about 50 people, knowing all their names.

Needless to say, the newly introduced wines were excellent. They included a new rosé sparkler (No. 13) from Burgundy as well as Napa Valley wines including a Malbec and Cabernet Franc, my favorite.

The charming tasting room manager Ashley Amaral convinced me to buy a half case of the \$25 JCB No. 69 sparkling rosé (with one bottle of No. 21 blanc de blancs), though I warned

Jean-Charles that he was going to get into trouble if he only hired attractive women ☺

Note that they do offer a nice discount for those in the industry, bringing the cost of a bottle to little more than a glass costs in restaurants, though I'm sure they would have been happy if I had bought some of their more expensive wines.

Having said that, I should point out that I also love the bubbly from Schramsberg, Chandon, Mumm, Domaine Carneros and Gloria Ferrer, and buy cases of those once in a while, too.

Victor Scargle, one of the valley's best chefs, was there, and told me that he's now working with Boisset.

Scargle was at Julia's Kitchen at Copia when it closed, then was at Bardessono before teaching at the CIA and a short stint before the new restaurant at Copia opened.

More details on Scargle's mission soon.

Masters winemaker dinners

The Meritage Resort and Spa has announced its 2017 Masters Winemaker Dinner Series.

Each event features a multicourse dinner paired with the best in Napa Valley wines in the Estate Cave or other locations like the Vineyard Deck and outdoor terraces.

Every dinner begins with a reception featuring wine and a variety of appetizers followed by a dinner that offers hard-to-find, winery exclusive or first-release wines.

2017 Master Winemaker Dinner and Special Event Series:

- March 10 –Dinner with Quintessa, Flowers, Illumination and Faust
- May 12-14 – Mother's Day weekend with Veuve Clicquot (includes Winemaker dinner and brunch)
- June 2 –Dinner with Peter Michael Winery
- July 21 –Dinner with Paul Hobbs Winery
- Aug. 25 –Dinner with Schramsberg Vineyards and J. Davies Estate
- Sept. 22 –Dinner with Staglin Family Vineyard
- Oct. 21 –Dinner Series with Silver Oak and Twomey Cellars
- Nov. 18 –Dinner with Palmaz Vineyards

- Dec. 31 –New Year's dinner with Trinitas Cellars and a ballroom dinner, both followed by an after-party)

Buy tickets at www.MeritageResort.com. Prices are \$99 to \$349.

Realistic Eating and Activity for Life

Need help keeping your new year's resolution? During this six-week fitness and nutritional program at Synergy you will spend 45 minutes with a registered dietitian and 45 minutes with personal trainers. Weights, measurements, and bioelectrical impedance will be taken at the beginning and end of the program to show your progress.

The classes will be held every Thursday from Feb. 9 to March 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.:

- Feb. 9 Introduction and goal setting/exercise success
- Feb. 16 Nutrition 101/flexibility and aerobic training
- Feb. 23 Emotional freedom techniques / strength training program
- March 2 Nutrition and behavior change/High Intensity Interval Training

March 9 Meal planning and grocery shopping/circuit training

March 16 Eating out & where to go from here/bodyweight exercise program

The cost is \$250 for Synergy members and \$300 for others. Nonmembers receive 12 free passes to use the gym.

Email questions to Ruby.Schuler@stjoe.org or call 251-1395 option 2.

It will be held at Synergy Medical Fitness Center, at 3421 Villa Lane in Napa.

Napa Valley Culinary Training Academy

The Napa Salvation Army and its advisory board have launched the Napa Valley Culinary Training Academy to teach employable skills to adults engaged in recovery from addiction, trauma or homelessness.

It should also help local restaurants and resorts find qualified local job candidates.

The curriculum was created by associate professor Rebecca Peizer at the Culinary Institute of America.

Local chef Paul Fields will provide the daily instruction. Fields has more than 25 years in the culinary industry in Napa Valley and elsewhere.

The course is a rigorous four-month program followed by a two-month internship.

Two terms will be offered this year, with each able to accommodate 10-20 students who will attend courses of 6-7 hours per day, five days a week.

Included are lectures, meal preparation, labs, group activities and field trips.

The Napa Salvation Army will provide facilities and supplies, support and oversight.

Students are required to meet course benchmarks, dress and behavior standards.

Mentis, Napa County's longest operating mental health provider, will provide ongoing counseling and case management.

Applicants must complete an application and interview and maintain sobriety and adhere to standards.

Please contact Kevin Hanson at The Salvation Army at 226-8150 or kevin.hanson@usw.salvationarmy.org.

News for wine community

Naples Wine Festival raises \$15 million

The 2017 Naples Winter Wine Festival's live auction in Naples, Florida, raised \$15 million, with other funds still coming in, bringing the total amount raised since its inception in 2001 to over \$161 million.

Many Napa vintners are big supporters of the auction.

Among the lots: \$450,000 was raised for a live performance by country singer Darius Rucker, plus a private dinner prepared by Silver Oak Chef Dominic Orsini and a custom guitar signed by Darius Rucker and David Duncan of Silver Oak.

The weekend began with a vertical tasting of 10 vintages of Harlan Estate and lunch overseen by Bill Harlan, and his son Will Harlan, along with estate director Don Weaver and winemaker Cory Empting.

Local vintner Jeff Gargiulo was festival co-chair.

For more information, visit www.napleswinefestival.com.

Bota Box reaches 5 million cases

Delicato Family Vineyards sold 5 million cases of Bota Box wines in 2016.

Delicato CEO Chris Indelicato is based in Napa.

Bota Box 3 liter is the #15 overall wine brand in the US, and is the largest contributor to table wine growth.

The Bota Box brand is up by 28 percent, growing seven times as fast as the total table wine category.

Made at Delicato's certified sustainable winery in California, each 3L box contains the equivalent of four bottles of wine and lasts four weeks.

For more information, visit www.botabox.com.

Winegrape Research at UC Davis

The Current Wine and Winegrape Research conference will be held on Monday, Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the UC Davis Conference Center at 550 Alumni Lane in Davis.

The conference features:

“New Insights in Micro-Oxygenation” Dr. Andrew L. Waterhouse, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis

“Characterization of Aroma Volatiles And Their Glycosidic Precursors in Grapes And Wines” Dr. Susan Ebeler, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis

“Rootstock Breeding Update” Dr. Andy Walker, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis

“Fungicide Timing and Selection for Managing Grape Powdery Mildew” Dr. Walt Mahaffee, USDA-ARS Horticulture Crops Research Unit

“Production Systems and Applied Water in the Hot Climate” Dr. Kaan Kurtural, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis

“Crop Load Management of Young Pinot Gris” George Zhuang, UCCE Fresno

“Developing the Next Generation of Vineyard Modeling, Data Visualization, and Decision-Support Tools” Dr. Brian Bailey, Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis

“Quantification of Rot in San Joaquin Valley Wine Grapes by FTIR Spectroscopy” Dr. Roy Thornton (presenting) and Dr. Susan Rodriguez, Department of Viticulture and Enology, CSU Fresno

“Selecting Wine Grape Varieties for Warm Climates” Lindsay Jordan, UCCE Madera, Merced, And Mariposa

“Updates on Grapevine Pinot Gris Virus” Dr. Maher Al Rwahnih, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

“Monitoring and Molecular Characterization of the Genetic Basis of Fungicide Resistance in Grapevine Powdery Mildew”

Dr. Ioannis Stergiopoulos, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

Session 4: Moderator - Maher Al Rwahnih
“Grape Virus Management”

Dr. Kari Arnold, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

“Next Generation Trunk Disease Diagnostics”
Dr. Dario Cantu, Department of Viticulture and Enology, UC Davis

“Dealing with the Uncertainty Hump – Why We Don’t Like New Problems and Consistent Information Matters”

Dr. Neil McRoberts, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

“Toward an Understanding of the Function of Grapevine Red Blotch Virus (GRBAV) Genes”

Dr. Robert L. Gilberston, Department of Plant Pathology, UC Davis

Enroll at extension.ucdavis.edu/section/current-wine-and-winegrape-research.

The conference is \$49 which includes lunch and wine reception and course materials.

Wine Flavor 101 workshop

The second Wine Flavor 101 workshop for the 2016-17 series will focus on everything oak-related.

It will be a day of discussion featuring presentations from researchers as well as winemakers and industry representatives to impart their knowledge regarding the use of barrels as well as oak alternatives. Wines from different oak trials will be presented to strengthen discussions and enable you to decide what may or may not work for your own unique situation.

The workshop is on Friday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the UC Davis Conference Center at 550 Alumni Lane in Davis.

The course features:

Composition of untoasted oak and modifications during the toasting process – Tom Collins, Professor, Washington State University, Wine Science Center

Tasting: Evaluation of oak aromas – Linda Bisson, Professor, Viticulture & Enology, UC Davis

Chardonnay: Barrels, stainless and their effects on fermentation and aging - Chik Brenneman, winemaker and facility manager, Teaching & Research Winery, UC Davis plus TASTING: Oak trials

Oak industry panel: Steve Burch, Tonnellerie Radoux; Marcy Malletto, Laffort; TBD, Cooperages 1912; TBD, Tonnellerie O; Eglantine Chaffour, Enartis USA; Cecilia Cunningham, Vivelys.

Barrel care and management: Phil Burton, Barrel Builders

Oak alternatives: What does the research show? – Anita Oberholster

Winemaker panel: Tom Stutz, LaRoche Wines; Nate Weis, Silver Oak Cellars; Kristin Belair, Honig Vineyards and Winery; Ryan Pritchard, Three Sticks; Charles de Pottère, Jackson Family Wines.

The cost of the workshop is \$200, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and handouts.

Register at www.ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=19896.

This week in Napa Valley

This week at Cameo Cinema

Monday, Feb 6

Hidden Figures 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb 7

International Films + Film Class: *Le Concert* 1 p.m. \$100 for film class series, \$10 drop-in
Hidden Figures 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb 8

Hidden Figures 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 9

Hidden Figures 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb 10

La La Land 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb 11

La La Land 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Sunday Feb 12

La La Land 3, 5:45 and 8:30 p.m.

Due to occasional changes in film availability and licensing, all movies and show times are subject to change.

Check the website or the Cameo movie line for up-to-date scheduling.

Phone 963-9779 or visit cameocinema.com.

The Cameo Cinema is at 1340 Main St. in St. Helena.

Guest bartender Prime Solum at Cadet

Forty-year wine veteran Bill Hill and family will present their selection of California wines, from Napa Valley to the Santa Rita Hills, at Cadet Wine bar on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

See www.cadetbeerandwinebar.com or call 224-4400 for information.

Cadet Wine and Beer Bar is at 930 Franklin St. in Napa.

Up Valley Campus offers new free classes

Napa Valley College's Up Valley campus will offer new free classes Feb. 7 through May 18, at 1-3 p.m. and 3:30-6:15 p.m. The classes are as follows:

Wellness: Nutrition

This comprehensive 8-day short course provides an in-depth examination of contemporary nutritional topics such as meal plan analysis, functional food implementation, antioxidants, public nutrition, sports nutrition, vitamin supplementation and weight management.

Farm to Table Gardening

The course will cover a basic to intermediate level of gardening and introduce topics such as; plant recognition, soil management, pest control, pollinators, basic planting and harvesting, chicken care, and composting. No previous experience in the natural sciences, horticulture, ecology, landscape design, farming, gardening or other subject area is required.

See www.napavalley.edu for more information.

The Up Valley Campus is at 1088 College Ave. in St. Helena.

Arts & Culture Grants Information

To support the Napa County Tourism and Capacity Building granting program, a free information session is available on grant guidelines, applying and questions on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Calistoga Art Center at 1435 North Oak St. in Calistoga.

About \$95,000 in Capacity Building and \$115,000 in Visitor Management programs is available for this round of grant funding.

Applicants will be able to apply for funds. Completed applications must be received by Friday, March 2. Only registered 501(c)3 organizations working in Napa County's arts and culture sector are eligible.

For information, visit www.countyofnapa.org/ceo/arts.

Poetry Out Loud

The Napa County finals for Poetry Out Loud: National Recitation Contest will be on Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Lucky Penny Community Arts Center.

Ten high school students from five Napa County high schools will participate in the Napa County finals at Lucky Penny Community Arts Center.

The competition, presented by Arts Council Napa Valley with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition.

The winner will receive a \$200 scholarship and the runner-up will receive a \$100 scholarship.

The student that takes first place in the Napa County competition will go on to the California State Finals and will have a chance to compete in the National Finals in Washington DC in May.

Schools that are participating include American Canyon High School, New Tech High School, St. Helena High School, Napa High School and Justin-Siena High School.

Attendance is free and open to the public.

For information about the contest, contact Collette Schow at colette@artscouncilnv.org or 257-2117 Ext. 1.

Lucky Penny Community Arts Center is at 1758 Industrial Way in Napa.



The essential pillars of novel structure

Napa Valley Writers will host C.S. Lakin, author of 18 novels of various genres, nine with traditional publishers and nine self-published, on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.

She works professionally as a copyeditor and writing coach, guest blogs on writing blogs such as Writers' Digest and Grammarly and teaches workshops around the country.

Her award-winning blog, Live Write Thrive, provides year-long instruction for writers. She also has six writing craft books in The Writer's Toolbox Series aimed at helping novelists write strong, structured stories.

Lakin specializes in manuscript critiques, doing more than 200 a year for authors, agents and publishers. Learn more about her at www.livewritethrive.com and check out her video courses at www.cslakin.teachable.com.

Didi Balle will be February's NVW member reader. Balle, once an editor for *The New York Times*, also has credits as a playwright and stage director. Her shows have been produced and performed by orchestras from the Baltimore Symphony and the New York City Opera.

Napa Valley Writers, a branch of the California Writers Club, meets at Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists Church, 1625 Salvador Ave. in Napa. The cost at the door is \$8 for guests, \$5 for CWC members. Students with ID are free.

For more information, email publicity_nvw@outlook.com or see napavalleywriters.net.



Lavay Smith and Her Skillet Lickers

Blue Note Napa presents Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers are internationally recognized as one of the top bands in the world performing classic American jazz, swing, blues and R&B music from the mid-twentieth century.

Tickets are \$15 to \$25 at www.bluenotenapa.com.

Music at Uva Trattoria

- Wednesday, Feb. 8 Justin Diaz (Americana)
- Thursday, Feb.9 Duo Gadjo (Parisian Swing-New Orleans Blues)
- Friday, Feb.10 Nicky Depaola (R&B-Jazz)
- Saturday, Feb.11 Jackie & Friends (R&B-Jazz)
- Sunday, Feb.12 Tom Duarte (Americana-Jazz)

The Great Grape Study of Chardonnay

Back Room Wines' "Great Grape Study" tasting event focuses on Chardonnay on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m.:

- Domaine Barat Chablis A.C. 2015 \$22
- Domaine Cornu-Camus Pernand-Vergelesses "Les Vignes Blanches" 2014 \$28
- Big Table Farm Chardonnay Willamette Valley 2014 \$48
- Varner Chardonnay "Spring Ridge Vineyard-Home Block" Santa Cruz Mountains \$49
- Forman Chardonnay Napa Valley 2014 \$48

The tasting fee is \$15.



Blue Note presents Foreign Frontiers

Blue Note Napa presents Foreign Frontiers acoustic on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 and 9 :30 p.m.

Foreign Frontiers is an indie rock duo that started in Benicia.

Phinehas Spielman and Byron Mayhew having been writing and playing music together in different projects since middle school.

The writing duo, draws inspiration from bands such as Kings of Leon, Young the Giant, Hippo Campus and other indie rock powerhouses.

Currently the band is the recording studio working on its newest full length EP, "Stubborn" coming soon.

Tickets are \$10 and \$20 at www.bluenotenapa.com.

Silverado Grill Lamb and Zin Dinner

Enjoy a lamb shank dinner with a glass of Frank Family Zinfandel at Silverado Grill on Thursday, Feb. 9, and following Thursdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$38.

Call 257-5400 or use Open Table for reservations.

Silverado Grill is in Silverado Resort and Spa at 1600 Atlas Peak Rd. in Napa.

Classical Arts Film Festival at Jarvis

The second annual Classical Arts Film Festival at the Jarvis Conservatory runs Feb. 9-11.

Here's the schedule:

Opening night Thursday, Feb. 9

Concerto directed by Cristina Cassidy. 7 p.m.

Concerto follows the lives of Charles and Christopher Rex, from their childhood days in Orlando, Florida, to their prestigious careers as top symphony musicians. The common thread throughout the film is their conflicted relationship with their father, Charles Gordon Rex, a brilliant but tortured man who longed to be a composer but whose demons thwarted his success. Stricken with polio at age 3 that left him a paraplegic, their father suffered physically and mentally throughout his life.

He pushed the boys abusively to reach the heights of fame that he felt he could never attain. Over the years, the brothers, plagued by their father's abuse, and at the same time influenced by his musicality, came to terms with their past.

At the end of the film, they perform a double concerto written for them by the late American composer Stephen Paulus, with the South Dakota Symphony. An orchestral piece by their father is premiered on the same program,

Dali's Last Masterpiece directed by David Pujol

This film examines Dalí, his artwork, his philosophy and his persona, as well as his last creation, the Dalí Theatre-Museum, where he transferred his universe and projected his imagination and his dreams and visions, and condensed a life devoted to art.

A gala celebration will be held during the intermission between the two films.

Complimentary appetizers will be served as well as live chamber music to add to the celebration.

Composer and music instructor, Mazdak Khamda, will be the host/raconteur for the event. He will lead the discussion with the filmmakers after the screening.

Tickets are \$10

Classical arts in-depth Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

Written by Mrs. Bach: Silence Broken directed by Alex McCall

Using forensic document examination and professional testimony, this film sets out to prove that Anna Magdalena Bach, the second wife of Johann Sebastian Bach, was the composer, or joint composer, of some of his most famous works. Tickets are \$10

Composer spotlight Feb. 10, 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10

Prelude: Samuel Barber: Adagio for Strings live quartet performance

A quartet plays the masterpiece by Samuel Barber in its original form, from the second movement of the composer's String Quartet Op. 11. The ensemble is Rachel Patrick and Kashi Elliott, violins; Paula Karolak, viola and James Jaffe, cello.

Samuel Barber: Absolute Beauty directed by H. Paul Moon

Known for his mournful "Adagio for Strings," composer Samuel Barber was never quite fashionable. *Absolute Beauty* is a probing exploration of his music and melancholia.

Classical Arts Short Films Feb. 11, 2 p.m.

Parade de Satie directed by Koji Yamamura

A Parade for Three Managers and Four Performers. Mixing quotes from French composer Erik Satie's essays with the music Parade, this is an animated re-creation of realist ballet images going beyond reality.

Invisible Point directed by Tanin Torabi

Dance is prohibited in Iran. It is considered a sin, yet many are dancing with passion who have not been seen; they bear the restrictions and still dance.

Full Measures directed by Xuejing Xu

A pianist struggles to overcome writer's block before his deadline. When monsters and fairies interfere, will he complete his goal in time?

Last Beat directed by Paul D. Bestolarides

A soldier attempts to investigate a memory of a fallen comrade in order to complete a musical composition.

Kanon Rock directed by Nicholas Dobkin

A young conductor journeys toward artistic maturity by infusing the timeless music of Pachelbel's Canon in D with the modern spirit of rock.

Ramble directed by Andreas Ramm

Based on Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's "Osterspaziergang," *Ramble* takes us on a romantic journey through nature — but sometimes we crave paradise so much that we lose track of reality.

The Great Accountant directed by Michael Quigley

After years of resentful marriage, the return of Ari, a successful concert violinist, reignites a bitter jealousy in Eunice's husband Oren, a struggling composer. Unwilling to appear threatened, Oren contrives a pretense for the two former lovers to be alone together. In doing so he humiliates and enrages Eunice, hastening their mutual downfall and ultimate reconciliation. Their pettiness is tallied from above by an omniscient Accountant who tries to square the contradictions of the relationship.

The World of Dennis John Patton directed by S. Kramer Herzog

After 30 years of driving by a 30-foot sculpture of "Sir Francis Drake" on the

Marin County bay in northern California, multi-award winning film maker S. Kramer Herzog decided to find out who was the mystery artist with "out-of-this-world talent."

Question asked and answered, a gem was found, one year in the film making.

Tickets are \$10

Ballet on film Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Swan Lake by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky from the Paris Opera Ballet

Choreography by Rudolf Nureyev after Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov

Conductor Vello Pähn

Étoiles, premiers danseurs and corps de ballet of Paris Opera Orchestra

Tickets are \$15

See www.jarvisconservatory.com or call 255-5445 for more information. The

Jarvis Conservatory is at 1711 Main St. in Napa.

St. Helena Catholic School seafood feed

St. Helena Catholic School presents a seafood extravaganza with abundant seafood and no-host bar plus a silent auction with mobile bidding on Friday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$65 and all proceeds benefit St. Helena Catholic School.

See www.sthelenacatholicschool.org or call 963-4677 for more information.

The event will be in the St. Helena Catholic School Gym at 1255 Oak Ave. in St. Helena.



Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*

Lucky Penny Productions opens the second half of its 2016-17 season with Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical *A Little Night Music* through Feb. 12 at Lucky Penny Community Arts Center.

James Sasser is the production's director and plays the role of Fredrik.

Dyan McBride is Desirée Armfeldt. The cast also includes Katie Motter as Anne, and Phillip Percy Williams as Count Carl Magnus.

Also featured in the cast are Ellen Brooks, Jenny Veilleux, Robert Francis, Brittany Law, Charlotte Kearns, Amber Marsh, Thom Hinesley, Jessica Gerson, Charles Jaeger, Danny Quezada and Kathi Brotemarkle.

Musical direction is by Craig Burdette, with choreography by Staci Arriaga.

Set in Sweden in the early 20th century, *A Little Night Music* explores a tangled web of affairs involving actress Desirée Armfeldt and the men who love her: Fredrik, a lawyer, and Count Carl Magnus.

Both men – as well as their jealous wives – agree to join Desirée and her family for a weekend in the country at Desirée's mother's estate. With everyone in one place, possibilities of new romances and second chances bring surprises.

Based on Ingmar Bergman's comedy of manners, *Smiles of a Summer Night*, it's a witty and elegant musical that won four Tony Awards, and

features Sondheim's popular song, "Send in the Clowns."

Buy tickets at www.luckypennynapa.com or at 266-6305. The Lucky Penny Community Arts Center at 1758 Industrial Way in Napa.

Sweetheart's dinner at Chimney Rock

Treat your special someone to a romantic evening set in the transformed Barrel Room at Chimney Rock Winery on Friday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner features select wines and a multi-course meal prepared by Pascaline Fine Catering.

Dance with your valentine to the sounds of The Dan Daniels Trio featuring Jack Pollard.

Tickets are \$250. See www.chimneyrock.com or call 279-4637.

Chimney Rock is at 5350 Silverado Trail in Napa.

Taste Tour of Spain at Back Room Wines

Back Room Wines takes you on a vinous journey of Spain on Friday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.

They will cover six of key wine regions of Spain:

- Bohigas Cava Brut "Reserva" \$15
- Granbazán Albariño "Etiqueta Ambar" Rías Baixas 2015 \$24
- Lopez De Heredia Rioja "Viña Tondonia" Reserva 2004 \$47
- Flor de Brezo Mencía Bierzo 2014 \$26
- Monteabellón Ribera Del Duero "14 Meses en Barrica" 2012 \$24
- Mas Martinet Priorat "Martinet Bru" 2012 \$33

The tasting is \$15.

Back Room Wines is at First and Main in downtown Napa.

Benefit for St. Helena Historical Society

History becomes art at a fundraiser for St Helena Historical Society on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Rosgal Gallery at Brasswood Estate.

It will feature artisan hors d'oeuvres, Brasswood Estate wines, an original art auction with Fritz Hatton and live music.

See www.shstory.org for more information.

Brasswood Estate is at 3111 St. Helena Hwy. N. in St. Helena.

Napa Cigars

Napa Cigars will host an event featuring Oliva Cigars paired with Einstök Wee Heavy Scotch Ale, brewed with Iceland's native Angelica root on Friday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring music by local musician Smorgy.

For more information, contact Eric at 251-1513 or eric@napacigars.net.

Napa Cigars is at 1147 First St. in Napa.

Antonio Galloni at Bottega

Join Antonio Galloni and Alessandro Masnaghetti of Vinous at Michael Chiarello's Bottega Feb. 11 in Yountville at 6:30 p.m. for an exclusive dinner.

Tickets are \$160 and include one Napa Valley Vineyard map from Vinous on premium quality paper, rolled for framing. Additional maps are \$50 each.

Bring a Napa treasure from your wine cellar to share. RSVP with Bottega's wine "Maestro" Massi at massi@gruppochiarell.com or katie@chiarellovineyards.com, or call 945-1050.

Bottega Napa Valley is at 6525 Washington St. in Yountville.



Royal Jelly Jive at the Blue Note

Royal Jelly Jive plays the Blue Note Friday Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 with shows at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Few bands have the ability to evoke an old-school throwback vibe and yet sound entirely fresh and new at the same time. Royal Jelly is one of those bands. Combining elements of Soul, Rock, Swing and Hip-Hop, Royal Jelly shakes up any dance-party and grooves harder than your typical rock n' roll band dares to go.

Fronted by the enigmatic singer Lauren Bjelde, who brings a one-of-a-kind sultry voice to her magnetic stage presence, Royal Jelly leans on the sounds of swingin' horns, gritty keys and a bumpin' rhythm section to carry a crowd into bliss... creating an unforgettable live experience that will leave you wanting more.

Tickets are \$10 and \$20 at www.bluenotenapa.com.

Comedy Show starring Brad Upton

The Empress Theatre will feature a Comedy Show starring Brad Upton and featuring Ellis Rodriguez, hosted by Emily Epstein White on Friday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the show. See www.empresstheatre.org or call 552-2400 for more information.

Empress Theatre is at 330 Virginia St. in Vallejo.

Music at Ca' Momi

Ca' Momi features the Nate Lopez Duo play on Friday, Feb. 10 from 10 p.m. to bedtime, with funk, jazz, and soul from the 8-string wunderkind.

The Brothers Reed will play on Saturday, Feb. 11 with indie rock from the Pacific Northwest.

There's no cover charge. See www.camomiosteria.com.

Lobster and rosé at Lava Vine Winery

Lava Vine will host a lobster party to celebrate the release of its 2016 Rosé of Grenache on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 12 to 3 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day a little early with catering by Cousins Maine Lobster Truck.

Enjoy a tasting of the current release wines in the newly renovated tasting room.

Tickets are \$50. Wines will be available by the glass or bottle.

Contact kerry@lavavine.com.

Lava Vine Winery is at 965 Silverado Trail in Calistoga.

Pay what you wish family fun activity

Enjoy the popular annual valentine card-making program at Napa Valley Museum on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Participants will be creating a variety of cards and crafts. You can create personalized photo

valentines by bringing photocopies or pictures of your favorite loved ones.

The museum will supply paper, ribbons, instructions and other supplies.

See www.napa.valleymuseum.org for more information.

The Napa Valley Museum is at 55 President's Circle in Yountville.



Bottled Poetry with Silvi at St. Supéry

St. Supéry celebrates love, the art of poetry and the pairing of small bites with single-vineyard estate-grown wines on Feb. 11, 12 and 18.

After you enjoy a paired tasting, experience the poetry of Silvi, who will type you a poem on the subject of your choosing in three minutes or less.

Her poetry lives in the moment two strangers meet over her red Royal typewriter – the anonymity an invitation to speak, the typewriter keys a willing listener.

Email reservations@stsupery.com or call 302-3448 or for more information or to make an appointment.

Provenance dinner at Meadowood

Provenance Vineyards will host a dinner to celebrate the release of the 2013 Fortitude Cabernet Sauvignon at Meadowood on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy dinner in the Woodside Room prepared by the Meadowood Estate events team featuring winemaker Trevor Durling and the 2013 Provenance single-vineyard Cabernets culminating in the inaugural vintage of Fortitude.

Tickets are \$200. RSVP to 968-3633 or provenance.info@provenancevineyards.com.



Meadowood is at 900 Meadowood Lane in St. Helena.

Valentine's Day at the White Barn

Music and song will give you a head start in wooing your Valentine at the White Barn on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

The evening will feature the Napa Valley Duo of pianist Terry Winn and cellist Jeffrey McFarland-Johnson along with soprano Cynthia Ermshar. These local musicians will fill the barn with classic love songs and ballads from the Broadway stage as well as the American songbook including medleys of Rodgers and Hammerstein, George and Ira Gershwin, Irving Berlin and others.

They will serve refreshments at intermission, including Tcho confections and chocolate-covered strawberries. Seats are \$35 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2795375 or 987-8225. Part of the proceeds will help support local charities.

The White Barn is at 2727 Sulphur Springs Ave. in St. Helena.

Napa High Athletic Boosters crab feed

The Blue for Gold crab feed and auction for Napa High School Athletic Boosters will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Springhill Suites Napa Valley, 101 Gateway Rd. East in Napa.

See www.nhsathleticboosters.org or telephone 253-3731.

A Taste of Hall: Be My Valentine

A Taste of Hall is a monthly food and wine workshop that aims at inspiring and educating while channeling one's inner chef. The workshops will feature a different, seasonal theme and guest chef each month. The workshop on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 12 p.m. features chef Victor Scargle and 2014 Hall 1873 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Additionally, luxury stemware brand Riedel has joined the series of events as its title sponsor. Guests will learn how to select appropriate stemware for various varietals, and leave the workshop with A Taste of Hall wine glass etched by Riedel.

The cost is \$150. Register at www.cellarpass.com. See www.hallwines.com or 967-2626 for more information.

Hall is at 401 St. Helena Hwy in St. Helena.

A Musical Banquet of Baroque Delicacies

Enjoy a glass of wine, cheese and charcuterie while you hear a musical collaboration by two chamber ensembles, Les Violettes and Ensemble Vermillian, at Grgich Hills Estate on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m.

This program of gorgeous music from the 17th and 18th centuries includes pieces by Handel, Purcell, Buxtehude & Bach.

Les Violettes: Corey Carleton, voice; David Wilson, violin; Colin Shipman, viola da gamba; Violet Grgich, harpsichord

Ensemble Vermillian: Frances Blaker, recorders; Barbara Blaker Krumdieck, cello; David Wilson, violin

The cost is \$40. For tickets, visit www.vinovisit.com/partners/grgich-hills-estate/events/37327-les-violettes-concert or email hospitality@grgich.com or call (800) 532-3057.

Grgich Hills Estate is at 1829 St. Helena Highway in Rutherford.

Gary Lieberstein's retirement party

District Attorney Gary Lieberstein's retirement celebration will be on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Craig and Kathy Hall's home in Rutherford.

It will benefit the Family Justice Center he is helping create for Napa County.

Its mission is "to improve social justice in our community through compassionate services provided by collaborative partners in a safe dedicated environment offering hope and healing to individuals impacted by family violence."

Core partners include NEWS, Mentis, Aldea, Ole Health, North Bay Legal Services, Napa Police Department, Napa County Health and Human Services, Napa County Sheriff, Napa County Probation, Napa County Victim Services and Napa County DA. The Gasser Foundation underwrote the study tour and strategic planning.

The suggested donation is \$100. NEWS is handling ticket sales. Visit www.napanews.org.



Masters of Hawaiian Music

Blue Note Napa presents Masters of Hawaiian Music: George Kahumoku Jr, Nathan Aweau and Kawika Kahiapo on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Four-time Grammy-winner, master slack key guitarist George Kahumoku Jr., known as "Hawai'i's Renaissance Man", is a multiple Na Hōkū Hanohano (Hawaiian Grammy) Award winner, a vocalist, storyteller, songwriter and author, teacher, sculptor, farmer, and chef.

A talented multi-instrumentalist, Nathan Aweau has been part of such award-winning groups as Hapa, Ka'eo, and The Ali'i. His seven solo CDs have won him multiple Na Hoku Awards, including Male Vocalist of the Year (the only

person to have won 3 times), Song of the Year (twice), and Island Album of the Year.

Slack key guitarist David “Kawika” Kahiapo most recently won two 2015 Na Hoku Awards for his 2 newest releases, one for Slack Key Guitar Album of the Year, the other for Island Album. A regular at Jack Johnson’s Kokua Fests, his slack key roots and commitment to Hawaiian culture run deep.

Tickets are \$20 to \$35 at bluenotenapa.com.

Youth Symphony competition winners

The Napa Valley Youth Symphony will hold a concert featuring the 2017 concerto competition winners will be on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m.

Violinist Justin Row will perform the first movement of Bruch’s brooding first violin concerto, flautist Sydney Cliff will perform Mozart’s ebullient D major flute concerto and violinist Beatrice Pang will perform the quirky and playful first movement of Kabalevsky’s violin concerto.

All three are high school students in Napa and competed against their peers for the opportunity to solo in front of the orchestra.

The concert will also feature Sinfonia, Napa Valley Youth Symphony’s training ensemble.

Reserve tickets at www.lincolntheater.org or 944-9900.

Napa Valley Performing Arts Center is at 100 California Dr. in Yountville.

Future events

Valentine’s Day dinners

Most restaurants in Napa Valley will feature special meals on Valentine’s Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, but many are already sold out. Needless to say, a reservation is vital.

Here are the restaurants that told us about their dinners.

Napa

1313 Main

1313 Main will feature a five-course menu for \$120 with wine pairings available for an additional \$70 from Friday, Feb. 10 to Sunday, Feb. 12 plus Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Amuse bouche

Louis Roederer Premier Brut Champagne, France

Chilled Maine lobster, winter citrus garden carrots and avocado

2011 Schlossgut Diel Riesling Kabinett Nahe Germany

Truffle poached egg, potato mousse, black truffle, pickled red onion, Parker House roll

2011 Borgo di Tiglio Friulano Veneto, Italy

Roasted and smoked beef bavette, crimson beetroot, red onion petals, pink peppercorn jus

Add seared foie gras \$13 supplement

2011 Alban “Patrina” Syrah Edna Valley, California

Raspberry sorbet, vanilla mascarpone, lavender meringue, candied rose petals

2015 Elio Perrone “Bigaro” Moscato, Bruchetto Piedmont, Italy

Valrhona Chocolate Bombe

Dark chocolate cake, milk chocolate mousse, with white chocolate crumble, salted caramel

2008 Philip Togni “Ca’togni” Black Hamburg Napa Valley, California

Mignardises

Call 258-1313 to reserve. 1313 Main is at 1313 Main St., Napa.

Ca’ Momi Osteria

Ca’ Momi Osteria will kick off the evening with Spritz or a glass of Ca’ Momi wine accompanied by a salumi spread or decadent burrata and roasted vegetables plate before splitting a pizza and regional pasta specialties. Dessert is Millefoglie and tiramisu. Singer-songwriter Kristen Van Dyke will perform from 6 to 9 p.m.

Reservations are recommended to camomiosteria.com.

Ca’ Momi is at 1141 First St., Napa.

Carpe Diem

Amuse bouche

Wild mushroom duxelle tartlets

First course

Roasted beet salad mâche, frisée, arugula, goat cheese, toasted walnuts and chives

Sweet corn bisque served with crab salad

Main course (choice)

Steak au poivre sauce

Grilled shrimp, roasted red mash potatoes, pearl onion petals and snap peas

Desserts (choice)

Red velvet doughnuts cream cheese glaze

Deconstructed hibiscus ginger tart hibiscus curd, candied ginger, lime meringue

Chocolate roulade dark chocolate cake, chocolate mousse, cacao nib caramel corn

The cost is \$85, \$38 for wine pairing. Phone 224-0800.

Carpe Diem is at 1001 Second St., Napa.

CIA Copia

Classes in the Napa Valley Vintners Theater:

3:30 p.m. - Savvy chef: chocolate secrets

6 p.m. - Bubbles for every occasion

Dinner at The Restaurant at CIA Copia

The Restaurant at CIA Copia will serve a special four-course dinner that will incorporate dishes served tableside on trays and carts, as well as a choice of entrée for the main event. It costs \$85 with \$45 for wine pairing of four wines. See www.ciachef.edu.

The CIA at Copia is at 500 First St., Napa.

Farm at Carneros

Farm at Carneros will host a romantic Valentine's dinner for couples on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Chef Aaron Meneghelli has designed a seven-course tasting menu (\$175) that features California squab, diver scallops, Périgord truffles and local caviar. The a la carte menu is also available. Reservations are strongly recommended to 299-4880 or visiting farmatcarneros.com. Farm is at 4040 Sonoma Highway, Napa.

The Grill at Silverado

Enjoy a romantic and delicious four-course prix fixe dinner with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine and a Valentine rose for \$80.

Call 257-5400 or see Open Table for reservations.

Kitchen Collective

Vintner's Collective Valentine's Day dinner with chef Michel Cornu

Join them on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. for an interactive four-course Valentine's Day dinner with chef Michel Cornu paired with Vintner's

Collective wines from On Q, Vinoce, Tela and Las Bonitas:

Butternut squash bisque

Lobster and truffle baby green salad with winter beet dressing

Aged Angus tenderloin with Cabernet sauce, potato pie and cauliflower florets

Chocolate heart valentine with Kahlua sauce

The cost is \$125 per person. Email Erick@vcnv.com by Feb. 5.

Kitchen Collective is at 1650 Soscol Ave. in Napa.

La Toque Valentine's Day

La Toque will serve a decadent five-course meal.

A pair of crumpets to share, one with caviar, one with truffle, paired with Champagne Veuve Clicquot, Rosé, Réserve Cuvée, Brut

Chef's garden salad with coraline endive, Meyer lemon crème fraîche and seasonal citrus and 2013 Sauvignon Blanc, Happy Canyon, Fiddlehead Cellars, Santa Ynez Valley

Truffle-infused sunchoke soup with shaved foie gras and 2013 Hárslevelü, Apátsági, Nagy-Somló

Second course (choice)

New England black bass with winter vegetables barigoule and 2013 Meursault, Les Luchets, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine des Terres de Velle

Warm Dungeness crab with apple and sauce Maltaise and 2014 Chardonnay, Paul Hobbs, Russian River Valley

Third course (choice)

Petaluma chicken ballotine with chanterelles with 2013 Pinot Noir, DuMOL, Russian River Valley

Rancho Gordo Corona bean tortellini in a savory Parmesan broth with 2009 Barbaresco, San Stunet, Piero Busso

Fourth course (choice)

Roasted beef tenderloin with winter vegetables and celery root mousseline with 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, La Jota, Estate, Howell Mountain

Skuna Bay salmon with candied cipolline, roasted cauliflower and red wine with 2009 GSM Blend, "L'Autre," Terre Rouge, Sierra Foothills

Dessert (choice)

Chocolate caramelia pot de crème with hazelnut dacquoise, milk chocolate praline crunch and salted butter caramel ice cream

Raspberry vanilla mousse on a vanilla biscuit with lychee rose sorbet

The prix fixe price is \$150, with wine pairing \$80. Call 257-5157.

La Toque is at 1314 McKinstry St., Napa

Yountville

Hurley's

Enjoy a romantic three course prix fixe dinner created by chef Bob Hurley for \$85 per person.

Mustards

Dungeness crab chowder \$10.75

Soter Brut Rose, "Mineral Springs," Yamhill, Oregon 2010 \$13/26

Lobster, leek and asparagus carbonara \$39.95

Ramey Chardonnay, Platt Vineyard, Sonoma Coast 2011 \$14/28

Butter-poached scallops \$32.95

Domaine Des Malandes, Premier Cru Chablis 2014 \$7/14

Black pepper filet mignon leek mashed potatoes, early spring vegetables, \$49.95

Prime Solum Cabernet Sauvignon, Brokenrock Vineyard, Napa Valley 2009 \$12/24

Strawberry-Rhubarb Buckle buttermilk ice cream \$10.75

Novy "Ole" Sweet Viognier, Russian River Valley 2012 \$7/14

Phone 944-2424 or visit mustardsgrill.com. Mustards Grill is at 7399 St Helena Hwy., Yountville.

St. Helena

Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen

Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen will serve special a la carte dinner selections:

Shigoku oysters on the half shell ginger lime mignonette \$6 each

Hamachi Tiradito with passion fruit, red chilies and winter citrus \$18.95

Uovo in raviolo spinaci with wild mushrooms and prosciutto \$21.95

Crispy red snapper for two with sweet chili sauce, baby bok choy, pickled lotus root and steamed rice \$64.95

Wood oven-braised beef short rib, house-made mole colorado, braised greens and a sweet corn-cheese tamal \$35.95

Coeur à la crème candied orange peel and Grand Marnier sauce \$10.95

Call 963-1200 or visit cindysbackstreetkitchen.com. Cindy's Backstreet Kitchen is at 27 Railroad Ave., St. Helena.

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch

Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch will be offering Cabernet-braised beef shank with shaved black truffles for two and a Dungeness crab cake starter.

Farmstead is at 738 Main St. in St. Helena. Call 963-4555 or visit longmeadowranch.com.

Goose & Gander

Goose & Gander will serve a special four-course dinner on Valentine's Day.

First course (choice)

Marin Miyagi oysters with lemon and shallot mignonette, rose petal

Smoked Passmore Ranch sturgeon with celery, sieved egg, beet, potato

Second course (choice)

Baby lettuces with apple, radish, nori, avocado, golden balsamic

Artichoke risotto "Barigoule"

Seared foie gras (\$14 supplement or \$21 addition)

Third course (choice)

Grilled Mahi Mahi with arugula, fennel bubble and squeak, Meyer lemon

Red wine-braised prime beef short rib, roasted root vegetables, Tuscan kale

Snake River Farms American Wagyu New York Steak with Parmesan and turnip fondue, watercress, smashed fingerlings, Bordelaise (\$20 supplement)

Fourth course (choice)

Basque cake, salted caramel, pecan graham crumble, vanilla ice cream

Chocolate cake, red wine spiced pear sorbet, cream cheese frosting, meringue

The cost is \$95 with wine pairing \$55. Reserve at 967-8779. Goose & Gander is at 1245 Spring St., St. Helena.

Harvest Table by Charlie Palmer

Cozy up with your special someone over Chef Levi Mezick's four-course Valentine's Day dinner at Harvest Table at Harvest Inn by Charlie Palmer.

First course

Roasted Endive Salad, ginger date puree, rocket arugula, toasted cashews

Taittinger "Brut Rose," Reims, Champagne, MV

Second course

Spaghetti nero, Monterey squid, roasted fennel, Manila clams

Grieve Sauvignon Blanc, Napa Valley, 2013

Third course

Grilled beef sirloin, truffle mashed potato, braised Swiss chard, hen of the woods mushrooms

Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, 2000

Dessert

Guava + chocolates dark chocolate cake, white chocolate cremeux, guava sorbet

Taylor-Fladgate "Late-Bottled Vintage" Oporto, 2011

The cost is \$85, \$45 for wine pairings.

Harvest Table at Harvest Inn is at One Main Street in St. Helena.

Visit www.harvesttablenapa.com for reservations.

Market

First course

Porcini mushroom soup with truffle oil and chives

Second course

Seafood risotto with King salmon, Maine lobster, scallops and a lemon verbena foam

Third course

American Wagyu beef rib-eye, crispy potato cake, roasted asparagus, melted blue cheese, Zinfandel pepper butter and Bordelaise sauce

Dessert

Dark chocolate torte, huckleberry glaze, mint mascarpone and French Vanilla ice cream

Call 963-3799 or visit www.marketsthehena.com.

Market is at 1347 Main St., St. Helena.

Two Birds One Stone

Two Birds One Stone restaurant in St. Helena will be celebrating the Valentine holiday with a four-day special, Oysters + Champagne for Two, running from Saturday, Feb. 11 through Tuesday, Feb. 14.

It includes two glasses of 2004 Pol Roger Rosé Extra Cuvee de Reserve and four Miyagi Oysters paired with blood orange, pickled daikon pearls and red veined sorrel for \$75.

Bring arts education back to local schools

Humanitas Wines, The Wine Foundry & Blue Note Napa are partnering to help bring arts education back to local schools

Humanitas Wines, The Wine Foundry, Passport Approved Tour, Blue Note Napa, Heritage Eats and Hampton Inn & Suites have joined together to host a night of music, food and wine as a kickoff fundraiser for the Arts Council Napa Valley Education Alliance.

It features the Passport Approved Radio Tour at Blue Note on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. featuring rock 'n' roll international discovery artists Katéa (Finland), Ben Hazlewood (New Zealand), Speaker First (Indonesia) with opener Madyx (USA).

Blue Note Napa Chef Jessica Sedlacek will create a series of four small plate dishes inspired by each artist's country of origin to pair with Humanitas and Foundry Wines.

Napa Valley Unified School District is making an effort to reintegrate arts education back into its schools after losing state and federal funding decades ago.

Bar area admission is \$25 and includes show only. All-inclusive wine and dinner show tickets are \$150 each. For Group Donor Seating, email Cynthia@bluenotenapa.com.

Buy tickets at www.bluenotenapa.com, 880-2300 or the box office. Blue Note Napa is at 1030 Main St. Napa in the historic Opera House.

Appellation St. Helena bASH

Appellation St. Helena is hosting the annual wine and food pairing event, bASH on Saturday, April 1 at CIA Greystone from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The party provides guests an opportunity to taste wines from more than 30 ASH wineries and culinary team and vote for their favorites.

ASH presents bASH with the Culinary Institute of America, Sunshine Foods Market and the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$125 at appellationsthehena.com.

Stags Leap Vineyard to Vintner weekend

The Stags Leap District Vineyard to Vintner weekend will take place April 28-30.

Tickets for the popular event go on sale Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 9 a.m.

Each year, member wineries of the Stags Leap District Winegrowers open their doors for this one weekend, giving visitors exclusive access to the wines, vineyards and people behind this wine region.

Visitors receive personal, backstage access to vintner homes and historic wineries, with private tours, barrel tastings and food pairings among the vineyards and towering Palisades of the Stags Leap District.

This year's hosting wineries include Baldacci Family Vineyards, Chimney Rock Winery, Cliff Lede Vineyards, Clos Du Val, Ilsley Vineyards, Lindstrom Wines, Malk Family Vineyards, Odette Estate, Pine Ridge Vineyards, Quixote Winery, Regusci Winery, Shafer Vineyards, Silverado Vineyards, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Stags' Leap Winery, Steltzner Vineyards and Taylor Family Vineyards.

The Vineyard to Vintner weekend includes:

- Vintner-Hosted Library Wine Dinners at Cliff Lede Vineyards, Clos Du Val, Silverado Vineyards and Stags' Leap Winery: Friday, April 28 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Vineyard to Vintner begins Friday night with four distinct dinners.
- Back-Stage Open Houses: Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Vintner-Hosted Lunch and Appellation Collection Tasting at Regusci Winery: Sunday, April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The vintners also create a special collection of member wines.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 14.

Find more information and buy tickets at www.stagsleapdistrict.com.

Prices range from \$195 for a Saturday single-day pass to \$690 for a three-day pass.

Festival Napa Valley

Festival Napa Valley has announced the lineup for its 12th season July 14–23.

The 2017 season continues the tradition of staging performances by the world's finest artists in iconic wine country settings. With nearly 60 events at 30 venues over 10 days, Festival Napa Valley provides entertainment and food and wine events to suit every taste and budget.

Here are the highlights of Festival Napa Valley. Visit www.FestivalNapaValley.org to view the full schedule and descriptions of each event.

- Opening night gala at Meadowood Napa Valley with opera stars Danielle de Niese and Lucas Meachem and dinner paired with Napa Valley's fine wines.
- Taste of Napa that showcases 80 of the region's wineries, restaurants, chefs and food artisans.
- Joshua Bell leads the Havana Chamber Orchestra, pianist Aldo López-Gavilán, and other special guests in Seasons of Cuba, a special evening under the stars at Far Niente.
- Sunday at the Symphony, a multimedia concert at Lincoln Theater, and a performance at Napa Valley College by the Napa Regional Dance Company, both admission-free.
- Seven-time Grammy Award winner Gloria Estefan headlines the Arts for All Gala at Hall St. Helena benefiting Napa County public school arts education and the festival's free and affordable community programming.
- Stéphane Denève conducts musicians from the Napafest Academy Orchestra in a special program at Bouchaine Vineyards.
- Hot Havana Nights, an evening of Cuban jazz, food and wine at Blue Note Napa featuring Aldo López-Gavilán and friends.
- Pianist André Watts headlines an all-American concert featuring music from *Bernstein's on the Town* and the Napa premiere of Gordon Getty's *Young America*, with Festival Orchestra Napa and Volti Chorus under conductor Joel Revzen.
- Jarvis Conservatory hosts the admission-free Bouchaine Young Artist Series, with concerts by the Havana Chamber Orchestra, guitarist Jiji and pianist Nikolay Khozyainov.

- Actor Bill Murray joins cellist Jan Vogler and friends for the U. S. premiere of *New Worlds* – a fascinating encounter between great music and great literature – at the Lincoln Theater.
- The San Francisco Ballet returns to perform a rich mix of contemporary and classic works in the annual Dance Gala.
- Lester Lynch and Angel Blue sing highlights from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* accompanied by Festival Orchestra Napa under the baton of Joel Revzen.
- Festival Orchestra Napa, an ensemble comprising musicians from New York's Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, Los Angeles Philharmonic, and other top orchestras, back for a second season.

Festival Napa Valley 2017 Event Hosts include Alpha Omega, Auberge du Soleil, B Cellars, Blue Note Napa, Bouchaine Vineyards, Castellucci, Calistoga Ranch, CIA at Copia, Darioush, Far Niente, Green Music Center, Hall St. Helena, Jarvis Conservatory, Lincoln Theater, Meadowood Napa Valley, Napa Valley College, Promontory, Quintessa, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, St. Supéry Estate Vineyards and Winery, Swanson Family Estate, Trefethen Family Vineyards and Zakin Family Estate

Festival Napa Valley 2017 Passes:

Taste of Napa: Grand Tasting \$99. Reserve Tasting Salon \$225.

5K & 10K SunRun: Individual registration \$35. Team registration starts at \$250.

Free performance pass: Enjoy admission-free access to five performances - Sunday at the Symphony, the Community Concert featuring Napa Regional Dance Company and the Bouchaine Young Artist Series at Jarvis Conservatory. Reservations required.

Lincoln Theater Concert Pass: Watch the world's leading classical, opera, jazz and dance artists perform at Lincoln Theater. Passes start at \$45.

Allegro Pass for young professionals and the young at heart. Experience an evening of music paired with Napa Valley hospitality.

The Allegro Pass includes premium concert seating and Allegro Lounge access, and After Parties at Napa Valley settings.

Solo Allegro Pass (a la carte Lincoln Theater evenings) \$169. Quattro Allegro Pass (all four Lincoln Theater evenings), \$549.

Patron Pass holders enjoy vintner's luncheons, winery dinners and other exclusive events. Additional benefits include prime concert seating, valet parking and concierge services. All Patron Passes include a tax-deductible donation. Evening Patron Pass from \$850. All day Patron Pass from \$1,000. Opening or closing weekend Patron Pass \$3,000. Five day SuperPass \$5,500. All-Access Festival Passport \$10,000.

Early bird specials.

All seats for the four shows at Lincoln Theater are only \$39 during the early bird special. regular prices for front orchestra are \$89.

They will also have two free community concerts plus the free Bouchaine Young Artist concerts.

Lincoln Theater concert information

Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. American Masters: Watts, Bernstein and Getty - Legendary pianist André Watts headlines an all-American concert featuring music from Bernstein's *On the Town* and the Napa premiere of Gordon Getty's *Young America*, with Festival Orchestra Napa and Volti Chorus under conductor Joel Revzen.

Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Bill Murray, Jan Vogler & Friends - *New Worlds* - Actor Bill Murray joins cellist Jan Vogler and friends for the U. S. premiere of *New Worlds* – a fascinating encounter between great music and great literature – at the Lincoln Theater.

Friday, July 21 at 6 p.m. Dance Gala: San Francisco Ballet - The San Francisco Ballet returns to perform a rich mix of contemporary and classic works in the annual Dance Gala.

Saturday, July 22 at 5:30 p.m. *Porgy & Bess* in Concert - Lester Lynch and Angel Blue sing highlights from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* accompanied by Festival Orchestra NAPA under the baton of Joel Revzen.

Buy tickets at www.festivalnapavalley.org, call (888) 337-6272 or visit the box office in downtown Napa.

The Festival Box Office at 1850 Soscol Ave., Suite 205 in Napa is open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.



Late addition:

Capp Heritage presents Leigh Guest

Music at Capp Heritage Vineyard's Deco Lounge this week will be on Friday night, instead of Saturday night (as they'll be closed for a private party Saturday).

It will feature the "Sweetheart of the Rodeo" herself, Leigh Guest from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

There's no cover charge. Email gary@cappheritage.com or call 254-1922.

Capp Heritage is at 1245 First St. in downtown Napa