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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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Oxbow Public Market breaks ground, announces new tenants

It's officially underway.

The exciting Oxbow Public Market held a groundbreaking Thursday afternoon next to Copia in the nascent Oxbow district. It also announced a number of new tenants on the long-anticipated project that should open in the fall of 2007.

The big news for most Napers is that popular Taylor's Automatic Refresher in St. Helena – and the San Francisco Ferry Building – will be occupying the Valley Tire store site next door at First and McKinstrey Streets. It's an inspired pairing, for the building looks as if it were designed to be a drive-in. I can also visualize the car hops, though I doubt that plans anticipate any.

Steve Carlin, the brains behind the Oxbow Public Market, also announced four other new occupants to join the five previously disclosed.

The new tenants also include Anette's Chocolate Factory, Venezuelan restaurant Pica Pica and culinary antique vendor Utensil.

Previously announced tenants are Frasca, a new dining venture by popular Napa Valley chefs, Donna Scala and Scott Warner of Bistro Don Giovanni; organic wine, beef and olive oil purveyor Long Meadow Ranch of St. Helena; The Oxbow Wine Merchant and Wine Bar from the Ferry Building Wine Merchants, which will also sell cheese; Roli Roti, a fine European rotisserie; and The Fatted Calf, an artisanal charcuterie and butcher shop.

Carlin previously ran the Oakville Grocery, then shepherded the San Francisco Ferry Market to its present rousing success. Bart Rhoades and Rob Mann are his partners in the venture.

Carlin says the Oxbow project is now 75 percent committed including the Valley Tire space just added to the project.

Unofficially, however, only one space remains uncommitted, though not all the contracts have been

signed. A number of high-profile tenants including the Hog Island Oyster Company and Sally Gordon's coffee shop are expected to sign soon.

The last space is reportedly slated for an ethnic restaurant.

Though the founders had a little trouble getting a spade into the compacted dirt for the groundbreaking, they didn't have any trouble finding space.

In the day before, the buildings that were on the site were leveled and carted away, leaving only piles of dirt to build up the foundation above flood level.

Anette's is owned by Anette Madsen and her brother Brent. It has become synonymous for outstanding chocolates and other quality confections. This location will be a satellite of the existing store a few blocks away on First Street.

Utensil will sell heirloom table-top items. It's owned by Lisa Manucci, well known in the wine industry.

Pica Pica (peeka-peeka) will be a rare Venezuelan restaurant and will feature the country's national dish, arepas--corn-flour-based flat rolls,crispy on the outside and moist on the inside. Arepas are grilled, split open, buttered and filled with savory mixtures. The menu will also feature Tequeños, Cachapas, Empanadas, Polvorosa de Pollo (Venezuelan chicken pot pie) and ceviches.

Pica Pica's proprietors, Lopez Gil, Adriana Lopez Vermut and Carlos Walter, have restaurants back home and in Boston.

Brothers Joel and Duncan Gott will bring their hugely successful Taylor's Refresher to downtown Napa, saving many of us long drives to satisfy a big craving. In September, 1999, having rebuilt an old drive-in restaurant, they opened Taylor's Automatic Refresher in St. Helena. The menu included fish

tacos, seared ahi burgers, fabulous milkshakes and local wines by the glass, in addition to a collection of chicken sandwiches and burgers created by the Gott brothers.

Taylor's has received high honors from food and wine writers, and great support from both Napa Valley locals and tourists. Noted wine critic Robert Parker declared the Taylor's double cheeseburger his "most memorable meal of 1999."

They opened their popular second location inside San Francisco's Ferry Building Marketplace in February 2004.

The Oxbow Public Market is poised to become the local gathering place for great food and wine in the Napa Valley and downtown Napa. The 40,000 square foot marketplace, which includes a scenic outdoor deck with seating along the Napa River, will feature a diverse tenant mixture of local food vendors, artisan cafes and organic farm stands.

For further information, please contact Steve Carlin at 963_1345 or visit the website at www.oxbowpublicmarket.com.

Announced Oxbow Public Market Tenants

- Anette's Chocolate Factory
- Fatted Calf charcuterie and butcher shop.
- Frasca enoteca and small plates
- Long Meadow Ranch organic produce
- Oxbow Wine Merchant and Wine Bar and cheese shop
- Pica Pica Venezuelan restaurant
- Roli Roti roasted meats
- Taylor's Refresher
- Utensil culinary antique vendor

Hess Collection turns back time

On Saturday, Oct. 14 and Sunday, Oct. 15, The Hess Collection Winery will open the doors of its original barrel chai on Redwood Road, and the public is invited to fill commemorative jugs with a blended red wine from the winery's Mount Veeder vineyards between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the winery's first Cellar Door Red Weekend.

Purchasers of the historic 2.5 liter bottles are invited to return to refill their bottles at a reduced price on the second weekend of each month.

The new weekend tradition recalls the 19th century origins of the winery as an exotic mountain resort in "The Napa Redwoods." Mount Veeder was then the

place where well-heeled San Franciscans came to holiday, and H. Hudeman, who established the popular botanical garden estate in the wilderness, built a winery in the 1860s to provide wine for his many guests. The modern stone reflecting pool with water lilies in front of the old barrel chai is a nod to one of the pastimes of Victorians—boating on a pond filled with Egyptian lotus.

The initial purchase of bottle and wine is \$18, and refills will be \$15. Converting this to conventional wine bottle size, that's the equivalent of \$7.20 per bottle for the initial purchase.

Copperfield's party for Bay Area Michelin Guide

Copperfield's Books plans a festive evening for the debut of the Michelin Guide San Francisco, Bay Area and Wine Country 2007 Friday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at its store in the Belaire Plaza in Napa.

The reception will include a talk and book signing with Jean-Luc Naret, director and editor of the Michelin Guides, as well as local wines and appetizers created especially for this event.

First published in Europe in 1900, Michelin Guides introduced the "star system" for outstanding restaurants and hotels-- setting the standard for all other guidebooks to come.

Today, Michelin is one of the most respected world-wide arbiters of fine dining and hospitality. The company publishes close to 19 million maps, atlases, travel guides and restaurant and hotel guides in more than 90 countries every year.

As part of its meticulous and highly confidential evaluation process, Michelin inspectors--both European and American-- conducted anonymous inspections in San Francisco, Bay Area and Wine Country restaurants and hotels. Their results and this guidebook will likely have a big impact on the food and hospitality industry in this region.

The Michelin Guide San Francisco, Bay Area and Wine Country 2007 will be on sale for the first time at Copperfield's Books Wednesday, Oct. 4. You can reserve a copy in advance by calling Copperfield's Books' Napa store at 252-8002.

Copia meets meat in October

Copia is focusing on steaks, chops and Cabernet in its programs for October, a great choice as the weather turns cool.

The daily programs include:

Baking with Olive Oil 11 - 11:25 a.m. and 3:15 - 3:40 p.m. Talk and tasting.

If your use of olive oil is restricted to the sauté pan or the salad bowl, you're missing out! Olive oil has a range of flavors and uses that make it a perfect partner for baking. Included with admission.

Winetasting 101: Know Before You Go 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Is your itinerary packed with stops at local wineries? Before you head out, stop by Copia and attend this morning class. In a 30-minute session, they'll teach you the ABCs of winetasting, explain spit-bucket etiquette and provide an insider list of "can't-miss" wineries. You'll receive the free Wine Country Passport offering special programs and discounts for memorable experiences. \$15.

Winery of the Week: Meet the Cabernet Family 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Tasting.

Meet the winemaker 12 to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Free winetasting.

Each week Copia will feature wines from a different winery. All of the Winery of the Week wines are available for purchase in Cornucopia.

Wine in the Cabernet Gardens 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and 2 - 2:25 p.m. daily. Winetasting plus garden nibbles. Perplexed by the descriptions of vegetables, flowers and herbs that appear on the back of a Cabernet bottle? Tour the Kendall-Jackson Wine Estates Red Wine Garden to discover the connections between Cabernet family wines and the plant-based characteristics often used to describe them. Included with admission

A Taste of Copia Lunch Steakhouse Classics Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Saturday, Oct. 21; and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Lunch program with wine Associate Director of Culinary Programs Jacquelyn Buchanan and Associate Director of Wine Burke Owens explore the steakhouse surf-and-turf paired with hearty red wines. Director of Gardens Colby Eierman answers your garden questions. \$45 (includes admission) The menu includes a classic Caesar salad, steakhouse surf and turf, creamed spinach, roasted Copia tomato with herbed bread crumbs and strawberry cheesecake ice cream.

Get more information at www.copia.org or 259-1600. Copia is at 500 First St., next to the Oxbow Public Market under construction!

Galley 1870 opening

New Gallery 1870 is holding an open house Saturday Oct. 7 from 1 to 6 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 8 from 12 to 4 p.m. The unveiling will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The store will also have a tasting of V Cellar wine and hors d'oeuvres Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.

The gallery is in Vintage 1870 at 6525 Washington St. in Yountville. For information, call 944-9670.

Not your parents' vintners?

Proclaiming, "Who said wine tasting is just for your parents?" the Napa Valley Vintners are partnering with American Express to present Nightlife Napa Valley in San Francisco.

Clearly aimed at young people, even if it's from 8 to 10 p.m. and not later, 60 Napa Valley wineries will be pouring from big bottles in a nightclub setting at LIMN Gallery at 292 Townsend St. Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$20 if you use an American Express Card

Share Napa stories!

Audio Outings seeks compelling stories about Napa businesses and locations for a multimedia tour of the Napa Valley.

Stories behind the creation of public parks, outdoor art, local artists and personalities, hiking trails, conservation projects, ghost stories, town history/founders/landmarks, museums or family-owned businesses in downtown Napa are of particular interest. There is no charge to participate, but not all submissions will be selected.

Submit your stories to napa@audiooutings.com. Include your name and phone number.

If your story is selected, representatives from Audio Outings may follow up with you for an interview.

Take-out dinners from the girl & the fig

I wouldn't generally suggest driving over to Sonoma for take out dinners, but I think it's worth noting those being offered by the girl and the fig's new fig pantry on East Napa Road, just a few minutes from Napa.

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For one thing, the meals are complete menus, not just assorted dishes, and they're well thought out. Two, the restaurant's food is incredible. And they also offer some especially intriguing wines, all using Rhône grapes, the restaurant's passion.

They're available Tuesday through Friday.

Dinners are \$14 per person. Add \$3 for dessert and add wine of the week for only \$15.

Sept. 26–29, the menu is Matt's meat or vegetarian lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and roasted red peppers. The optional dessert is decadent chocolate brownie and the optional wine is Pellegrini Carignane.

Oct. 3–6, it's braised short ribs with celery root purée and Swiss chard. You can add berry berry crisp and Cline Ancient Vines Mourvèdre.

Oct. 10–13. Try Liberty duck cassoulet, which contains white beans, duck confit, lamb, Caggiano sausage, celery, carrots, topped with herbed bread crumbs and an heirloom radish salad. Dessert is pot de crème and the wine is Andrew Murray "Tous les Jours" Syrah.

Oct. 17 – 20 is rainbow trout with lavender butter stuffed with leeks, fennel and tarragon, pearl couscous and broccoli rabe, and the wine is the wonderful Truchard Roussanne.

Finally, on Oct. 23 – 27, it's Really Good Meatloaf – is any meatloaf bad? – with mushroom gravy, wilted beet greens plus pumpkin cheesecake and Roshambo Syrah.

Call the girl and the fig's fig pantry at 933-3000 ext. 15 by noon and pick up your dinner between 5 and 7 p.m. Of course, you can stop into the pantry other times to look over the edible, drinkable and other treats. The fig pantry at 1190 East Napa St. in Sonoma.

Don't forget that Lucy Spangler-Gore also offers excellent take out each Friday evening at her Relish~La Traiteur, and will also offer it after harvest on Thursday. She always sends out her e-mails on Wednesday, too late for NapaLife, but you can get on her list by sending a note to CafeLucy@aol.com. You can also call 227-2355.

Prager port and chocolate

For the holidays, Prager Port Works in St. Helena has created gift sets of its port and Chocolate Drizzle.

Prager's Port Chocolate Drizzle is a blend of 10-year-old tawny port, intense Dutch chocolate, and touches of cream and vanilla. It's a grown-up topping for icecream, cheesecake or chocolate decadence or even pear or strawberry halves spread with goat cheese.

They naturally recommend you serve it with a glass of Prager's Royal Escort Vintage Port, which is included in the gift set.

Made from Petite Sirah from the 2003 harvest, Royal Escort tastes of spiced cherries, boysenberries, cedar and plums.

The Prager family has produced ports on their St. Helena property since 1979. Among their offerings are their popular white Port, Aria, made from Chardonnay grapes, and Tomás Port made from rare Portuguese Touriga and Tinta Cao grapes.

The Prager Chocolate Drizzle and Port gift package is available at the winery (1281 Lewelling Lane in St. Helena), on the website (www.pragerport.com), or by calling 800-969-7678. The gift pack is \$89.95 plus shipping.

MacLeod joins Silver Oak

Kathleen McLeod has joined Silver Oak Cellars as Director of Retail Sales and Hospitality

McLeod brings 15 years of experience and a vast knowledge of the wine industry to her new role at Silver Oak Cellars. Before taking this position she worked with Fosters as the Director of Consumer Marketing for all California properties owned by Fosters.

In her role, McLeod will be responsible for all retail and hospitality functions for both Silver Oak wineries located in Oakville and Geyserville as well as Twomey Cellars in Calistoga. She works closely with General Manager, David Duncan and Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Tim Duncan.

Live jazz and film noir at Copia

Copia is having a film noir festival, and as part of the celebration, entertainment director Richard Miami commissioned Calistoga jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich to write a composition to accompany the first film, *The House on Telegraph Hill*, and play after the other films.

The House on Telegraph Hill will air Friday, Oct. 6. In the 1951 movie, a World War II refugee survives a concentration camp by assuming the identity of someone who dies there, and arrives in San Francisco just as her "son" inherits a great deal of money. After she moves into the mansion on Telegraph Hill, things take a dark and deadly turn.

The world premiere performance of Larry Vuckovich's *San Francisco Impressions Suite* will follow the film.

On Oct. 13, it's the *Kiss of Death* with Richard Widmark's bravura debut as a snickering, psychopathic gangster in the dark movie starring Victor Mature. His infamous encounter with an old woman in a wheelchair deserved the plaudits he received, including his only Academy Award nomination.

Larry Vuckovich will perform the title track from his new CD, *Street Scene*, inspired by the film.

Then there's *Sweet Smell of Success* Oct. 20, a quintessential film noir portraying the quintessential New York City – at least to those of us from elsewhere. A classic of the late 1950s, it looks at the string-pulling action between desperate press agent Sidney Falco (Tony Curtis) willing to do anything to get publicity for his client, and show-biz gossip columnist J.J. Hunsecker (Burt Lancaster), who was based on the odious Walter Winchell. The film features Elmer Bernstein's classic jazz score and drumming legend Chico Hamilton leading a combo in several nightclub scenes. The Larry Vuckovich Quartet, featuring Noel Jewkes on flute, will perform *A Tribute to Chico Hamilton*, inspired by the film.

All the performances are \$6 and start at 8 p.m.

Copia, of course, is at 500 First St. in Napa. The phone number is 259-1600 and web address is copia.org.

Best bets this week

An evening at the garden

Vintage High School's Garden Program celebrates its donation of 10,000 lbs of fresh, organic produce to the Napa Valley Food Bank with its first public event, put together with Vintage High's Culinary Arts Program.

"An Evening at the Garden" on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. will be held at the school garden at the east end of Trower Avenue.

The event is free and open to the public, who can tour the garden and straw bale shed and see pictures of the past three years of its operation.

The VHS Culinary Program will provide appetizers using garden and farmers' market produce.

The event will also feature tables of garden art made by students and other items for sale, plus an auction.

Travis Title runs the garden program; culinary arts classes under Lassa Skinner use the produce to prepare healthy snacks and lunches for faculty and students

For information, contact Title at 253-3601, x.170; ttitle@nvusd.k12.ca.us, or Skinner at 321-8094; lassa@commongreens.com.

Steve Tyrell, Ricky Skaggs, opera at Opera House

An eclectic mix of musical performances kicks off the October calendar at Napa Valley Opera House.

They include standards singer Steve Tyrell on Thursday, Oct. 5, bluegrass great Ricky Skaggs with Kentucky Thunder on Saturday, Oct. 7, and up-and-coming singers from the San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows on Sunday, Oct. 8. Tickets are \$45 and \$40.

2006 is Ricky Skaggs' 35th year as a professional musician, and this eleven-time Grammy Award winner continues to do his part to lead the recent roots revival in music.

Skaggs has brought the genre to greater levels of popularity in the past few years than the father of bluegrass music - the legendary Bill Monroe - could ever have imagined. Tickets are \$45 and \$40.

The best of the best singers from San Francisco Opera's Adler Fellows program will perform at the Opera House, Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$20.

Napa Valley Opera House, 1030 Main Street, Napa, 226-7372, www.nvoh.org

Columbus Day sale at Napa Premium Outlets

Napa Premium Outlets is having a Columbus Day Sale Friday, Oct. 6 through Monday, Oct. 9.

Among the stores participating are

BCBG Max Azria: 75 percent off the original price on select items and 50 percent additional off selected items.

Benetton: Buy one item, get 30 percent off second item

Clarks Bostonian: Entire Store, buy one pair, save 25 percent on the second pair

Cole Haan: Take 40 to 50 percent off lowest ticketed price on many items.

Dana Buchman: Savings of 25 percent - 50 percent off.

DKNY Jeans: Savings of 25 percent - 50 percent off; \$10 off all regular price denim.

Easy Spirit: Buy one get one 50 percent off select styles.

Ellen Tracy: Savings of 25 percent - 50 percent off.

Kenneth Cole: 2 for \$50: Women's sandals, men's select footwear, men's dress shoes, men's belts

Liz Claiborne: Savings of 25 percent - 50 percent off.

Tommy Hilfiger: 30 percent off all fleece and outerwear for men, women and kids.

Domaine Chandon PumpkinFest

To kick off the harvest season in the wine country, Domaine Chandon invites locals and visitors to celebrate the harvest season with PumpkinFest Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Yountville.

The event will include a pumpkin-carving demonstration, festive music, a Magical Moonshine theater puppet show, a hay maze, face painting and caricature artist, animal friends and educational and interactive programs for children on sustainable farming and stewardship of the land.

Children and their families will have the chance to make pumpkin soup with étoile Chef Chris Manning; they also can select a pumpkin from the Domaine Chandon pumpkin patch to decorate at the crafts table or take home for Halloween.

A \$50 donation per family is suggested. It provides support for Acorn Soupe, a nonprofit organization that connects children and the community to nature through hands-on education.

The donation includes pumpkins to take home, sparkling wine and cider and Taste of the Harvest treats by Chef Chris Manning.

Admission will be underwritten by Domaine Chandon for families who would like to attend but can't make the donation. Contact Mary Ann Vangrin for more information.

St. Helena Catholic School wine auction!

The parents and friends of the St. Helena Catholic School will hold their 19th annual benefit wine auction, "Under the Harvest Moon" on Oct. 6 and 7.

The preview Friday will be at Revana Family Vineyards in St. Helena from 5 to 7 p.m.

It will include a private vineyard and winery tour followed by a rare wine and cheese tasting with cheesemonger John Raymond. Tickets for the preview are \$45.

On Saturday, the main event will begin at 6 p.m. at Rutherford Grove Winery. Enjoy a seafood and sparkling wine reception and silent auction followed by a delicious alfresco dinner and live auction.

Auctioneer David Reynolds will once again preside to sell rare and collectable wines from Araujo, Screaming Eagle, Switchback, Caymus, Hourglass, Marcassin, Leflaive, Harlan and Colgin and fabulous dinner and vacation packages in the Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and beyond.

One lot is front row tickets to Billy Joel and the opportunity to meet the music legend!

The evening will conclude with live music and dancing to St. Helena's own "963."

Tickets for the auction and dinner are \$150 from 963-4677. See updates at sthelenacatholic-school.org.

Comedy competition at the Opera House

The final round the 31st Annual San Francisco International Stand Up Comedy Competition will occur at the Napa Valley Opera House Friday, Oct 6 at 8 p.m. Five finalists will perform 15 to 20 minute sets, competing for \$30,000 on the Opera House main stage. Tickets are \$30/\$25. www.nvoh.org.

Raymond Harvest Celebration

Raymond Vineyards is having its harvest celebration, Saturday Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Be the first to taste the 2003 vintages of the Napa Valley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot as well as the newly released 2005 Eloquence Late Harvest Chardonnay.

There will be food paired with these wines along with a behind-the-scenes look at harvest underway at Raymond Vineyards.

This event is \$15. RSVP by calling 1-800-525-2659 x653 or go online to reserve space at www.raymondvineyards.com.

From Persia to Napa: wine, poetry and culture

Whatever our present issues with Iran, Persia has a long history of culture including wonder food – and until recently, wine.

Copia is holding a program about that culture including a conversation with wine, book launch and signing of *From Persia to Napa: Wine at the Persian Table*, which celebrates Persian culture and contains recipes, food and wine pairings, poetry, tidbits of history and a close-up look at Napa's Darioush winery.

Join the authors – Najmieh Batmanglij, Dick Davis and Associate Director of Wine Burke Owens – and vintner/winery owner Darioush Khaledi for a delightful afternoon of discussion and winetasting, featuring Darioush Shiraz and Viognier.

The event is \$35 and will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Grow your own winter garden

Summer's over, and most of the summer vegetable plants are headed for the compost pile. It's time to plant your winter garden, a delight for anyone who loves hearty flavors.

The Copia garden guys are there to help, with the information you need to make your garden productive well into the winter. Enjoy a planting demonstration and learn valuable growing tips, then take home the seeds and plants you need to make it happen.

It's on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50.

Kate Hanni and the Toasted Heads

Kate Hanni and the Toasted Heads (Reed Fromer, Tim Hanni, Artie Wafer, Tony Langford and Michael Budash) raise the roof in a Community Spotlight Concert at Copia Thursday, Oct. 5 from 8 to 10 p.m. You can listen -- or dance in the aisles.

They play R&B, Motown, jazz, funk and rock 'n' roll, and will do some originals from Kate's CD, *Dreams are Forever*. Tickets are \$25 and part of the proceeds will be donated to Napa Valley Victim Services.

For information, go to www.copia.org.

Napa Emergency Women's Services benefit

Napa Emergency Women's Services will host Three Acts, featuring boy soprano Michael Angelo Calfwell, Hall wines and Three Acts, a real-life drama presented by Dreamweavers Theater and NEWS.

It will be held at Hall Winery in St. Helena Friday, Oct. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. It is sponsored by Craig and Kathryn Hall. Tickets are \$50 from 252-3687 or www.napanews.org.

Blessing of the animals

It's time for the annual blessing of the animals in Yountville.

The brainchild of Carol Fink, it occurs Saturday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. on the lawn at Compadres.

The blessing will be performed by Minister Jean Rouas and Lyza Chavez.

Napa Humane Society will be there with its mobile adoption van, too, so you can add a loveable kitten, puppy or bunny to your household.

Chamber music at Churchill Manor

Napa Valley Music Associates presents a concert in its Classic Family Concert Series Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. at the Churchill Manor, 485 Brown St., Napa.

Guest artists are Bonnie Brooks, mezzo-soprano, Adam Pease, clarinet and Peggy Nance, piano.

They'll be playing Poulenc - Sonata - for Clarinet and Piano, Dvorak - Zigeunermelodien - for Mezzo-Soprano and Piano, Grainger - British Folk Songs - for Mezzo-Soprano and Piano, Weber - Grand Duo Concertante - for Clarinet and Piano and Francaix - Variations - for Clarinet and Piano.

Refreshments with the artists. follow the concert
Tickets are \$20. Children 18 and under are free.

Proceeds to benefit the Napa Valley Music Associates Music Conservatory

Programs. Call 252-8671 or 322-8402 for more information and to make reservations.

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ON-GOING PROGRAMS

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Daily: Winery of the Week: Meet the Cabernet Family 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Tasting.

Saturdays 12 to 2 p.m. Meet the winemaker. Free winetasting.

Daily Wine in the Cabernet Gardens 11:45 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. and 2 - 2:25 p.m. Included with admission

First Tuesday of each month. Open forum at CIA. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 967-2320. www.ciachef.edu.

Tuesday through October. Napa Downtown Farmers' Market Copia. 7:30 am - noon. 252-7142. (Copia is closed on Tuesdays, but you can stroll through its Edible Gardens free.)

Tuesday Open Mic. 8-10 pm. Cicero's American Café, 1245 First St., Napa. www.caffecicero.com. 257-1802

Wednesday Night Celebrations. Downtown Vallejo. Farmers' Market - 4 to 8 pm Free live music on two Stages - 6 to 8 pm

Friday morning through October.. Farmer's Market at Crane Park in St. Helena.,

Friday-Monday. Cooking demos. De-Baun theatre at the Culinary Institute of America. 1:30 and 3:30 pm Fri. & Mon. plus 10:30 am Sat. & Sun. \$15. 2555 Main St., St. Helena. www.ciachef.edu. 967-2320.

Saturday through October. Napa Downtown Farmers' Market Copia. 8 am - noon. 252-7142.

CONTINUING ART EXHIBITS

Through Jan. 29, 2007. *Crush, Shoot and Savor: Wine Photography* by Sara Matthews. Copia

CONTINUING MUSIC

Sunday Mimi Fox Jazz 6-9 pm, Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa, 255-6646, www.uvatrattoria.com

Sunday Open mic night from 8 pm until Midnight. Silverado Brewing Co. St. Helena. 967-9876.

Sunday afternoon & evening Layce Baker blues on the patio. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Monday Special event on the Patio. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Monday Jammin' @ Jessel's. Wine and dinner at 7, music at 7:30. Jessel Gallery, 1019 Atlas Peak Rd., Napa, 257-2350

Tuesday New featured jazz trios on the patio. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Wednesday Layce Baker blues on the patio.. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Wednesday Open Mic in the Pub 8:30 pm. to midnight. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Wednesday Philip Smith & The Gentlemen of Jazz Big Band/Jazz. 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Uva Trattoria, 1040 Clinton St., Napa, 255-6646, www.uvatrattoria.com.

Thursday: Larry James - jazz/blues on the patio. 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Calistoga Inn Restaurant and Brewery, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. 942-4101.

Thursday singer/songwriters in the pub. 8 till 11 pm. Calistoga Inn Restaurant and Brewery, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. 942-4101.

Thursday Leo Cavanaugh Trio acoustic guitars and bass. 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Uva Trattoria & Bar, 1040 Clinton St. at Brown in downtown Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Friday Costa Sakellariou nuevo flamenco on the patio.. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Friday & Saturday Dancing in the Pub. 9 pm. to midnight. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

Friday Philip Smith & The Gentlemen of Jazz big band featuring Dave Black. 9 pm - Midnight. Uva Trattoria & Bar, 1040 Clinton St. Napa. 255-6646. www.uvatrattoria.com.

Saturday New featured artists jazz/blues/flamenco on the patio. Calistoga Inn, 1250 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga. www.calistogainn.com. 942-4101.

OCTOBER

5 Kate Hanni & The Toasted Heads in Concert. 8 pm. \$25. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.

5 Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2160. www.winetrain.com.

5 Steve Tyrell 8 pm Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.

6 Let's Get Rhoned. \$15. 5 to 9 pm. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa. 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.

6 Steakhouse Classics. A Taste of Copia Lunch program with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.

6 *The House on Telegraph Hill*. Introduced by Larry Vuckovich, then followed by the world premiere of his San Francisco Impressions Suite. Friday Night Flick. 8 pm. \$6. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.

6 TGIFF (Taste Grapes in Fluid Form). 3-6 pm. Wineries of Napa

- Valley. 1285 Napa Town Center. 253-9450.
- 6 Three Acts Napa Emergency Women's Services benefit. Hall Winery, St. Helena. 6 to 8 pm. \$50. 252-3687. www.napanews.org.
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- 6 31st Annual San Francisco International Stand Up Comedy Competition Final Round. 8 pm. Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.
- 6 Vintner Luncheon Truchard Vineyards. Napa Valley Wine Train. www.winetrain.com. 253-2160.
- 6 Family Fun Night Dinner. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2160. www.winetrain.com.
- 6 Vista Dome Moonlight Escapade. Napa Valley Wine Train. 253-2160. www.winetrain.com.
- 6 Comedian and juggler Mark Nizer. 7 pm. \$15, \$23, \$30. Lincoln Theater Box, 100 California Dr., Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 7 Raymond Harvest Celebration. 11 am to 3pm. \$15. (800) 525-2659. www.raymondvineyards.com.
- 7 Ricky Skaggs. 8 pm. Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.
- 7 A celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Paris Tasting. Grgich Hills Cellar. 963-2784.
- 7 Under the Harvest Moon benefit for St. Helena Catholic School. Rutherford Grove Winery, 6 pm. www.sthelenacatholicschool.org. 963-4677.
- 7 Blessing of the animals. Napa Humane Society mobile adoption van. 4 pm. Compadres Yountville.
- 7 Winemaker Bottle Signing. 4-6 pm. \$10. Wineries of Napa Valley. 1285 Napa Town Center. 253-9450.
- 7 From Persia to Napa: Wine at the Persian Table. Darioush Khaledi. 1-2:30 pm. \$35. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 7 Grow Your Own Winter Garden Saturday, 2:30-4 pm. \$50. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 7 Swing 7. 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria & Bar. 1040 Clinton St. Napa. www.uvatrattoria.com. 255-6646.
- 7-8 Wine & Spirit Education Trust Advanced Certificate Course Two weekends: (First 9/ 8:30 am - 5 pm. Exam: 10/14 - 8:30 - 11 am. \$1095. 265-5884. wset@copia.org.
- 8 Rack of Lamb: Cooking School Secrets for Home Cooks. 1-3:30 pm. \$55. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 8 Zinfandel Food & Wine Pairings. 3-5 pm. \$5. Wineries of Napa Valley. 1285 Napa Town Center. 253-9450.
- 8 An Afternoon With The Adler Fellows. 2 pm Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.
- 8 *Cooking School Secrets for Home Cooks* Linda Carucci, Director of Culinary Programs, Copia. www.copia.org.
- 10 Jimmy Dale Gilmore. 8 pm Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.
- 11 Real estate tax issues. 7-8:20 pm. Free. Coldwell Banker Brokers of the Valley, 1775 Lincoln Ave. 258-5200.
- 13 Vintner Luncheon Trefethen Vineyards. Wine Train. www.winetrain.com. 253-2160.
- 13 Canstruction exhibition opens. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 13 Steakhouse Classics. A Taste of Copia Lunch program with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 13 *Kiss of Death* Friday Night Flick. 8 pm. \$6. Introduced by Larry Vuckovich, and followed by performance of title track from his new CD, *Street Scene*, inspired by the film. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 13 A Taste Tour of Spain \$15. 5 to 9 PM. Back Room Wines, 974 Franklin St., Napa. 226-1378. www.backroomwines.com.
- 13 TGIFF. 3-6 pm. Wineries of Napa Valley. 1285 Napa Town Center. 253-9450.
- 14 Copia's 2006 Wine Awards. Andrea Robinson and Gene Burns of KGO radio. Included with admission. 11:45 am-12:30 pm. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 14 Taste of Copia - Napa. Walk-around winetasting. 12:30-3 pm. \$50. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 14 Dance Party with the Honigs benefiting Planned Parenthood's local chapter. \$150. 7:30-11:30 pm. 850 Rutherford Rd., Rutherford. Elaine@honigwine.com. 479-2055.
- 14 Mariam Larici & Hugo Patyn's Tango & Fire. 8 pm. \$30, \$40, \$50 Lincoln Theater Box, 100 California Dr., Yountville. 944-1300. www.lincolntheater.org.
- 14 Harvest Celebration. Clark-Claudon Vineyards. 11-5. \$25. wine@clarkclaudon.com
- 14 Wine & Spirit Education Trust Advanced Certificate exam 8:30-11 am. 265-5884. wset@copia.org.
- 14 Fall field seminar. Oak Knoll AVA. Napa Valley Wine Library Assn. \$110. 963-5145. www.napavalleywinelibrary.org.
- 14 Lobster dinner benefiting Soroptimist International of Napa. 6 pm. Yountville Community Hall. \$50. 255-4434.
- 14 Donnie Mac Quartet. 9 pm-midnight. Uva Trattoria & Bar. 1040 Clinton St. Napa. www.uvatrattoria.com. 255-66461
- 15 Steakhouse Classics. A Taste of Copia Lunch program with wine. 1-2:15 pm. \$45. Copia. 259-1600. www.copia.org.
- 15 Voena-Voices Of Nations. 2 pm. Napa Valley Opera House 226-7372. www.nvoh.org. 1030 Main St., Napa.
- 15 Kids Cook 1-2-3 Cooking demo and book signing with Rozanne Gold. 3:15-4:15 pm. Included with admission. Copia. 259-1600.
- 15 Chenin Blanc Food & Wine Pairings. 3-5 pm. \$5. Wineries of Napa Valley. 1285 Napa Town Center. 253-9450..