

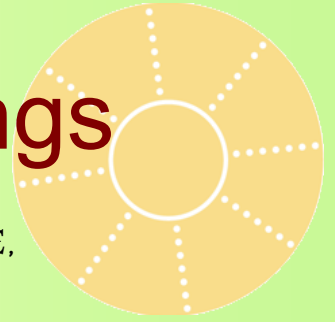


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# MAGC Happenings

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HISTORY AND CONSERVATION



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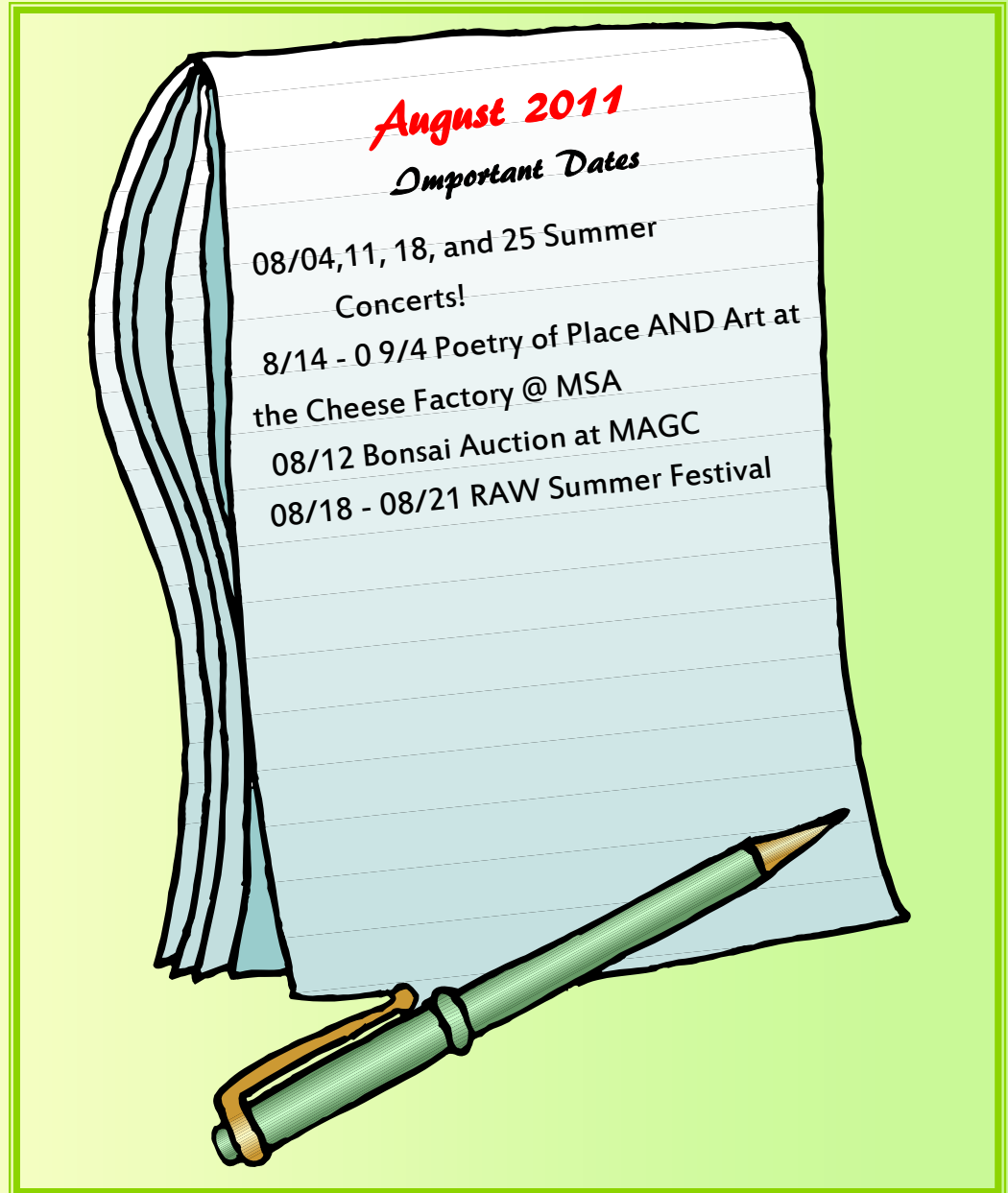
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*Call for Volunteers! MAGC is searching for volunteers at our Summer Concert Series. Duties include beverage sales, member outreach, information clerk and parking management. A great way to meet other members of the community and get involved! Call 415-454-5081 or email [Lauren@magc.org](mailto:Lauren@magc.org) to apply.*

Dear Friends of MAGC,

Summer in the gardens means there are children basking in the warm sun and frolicking about in MAGC's many summer camps. While the youngsters may not have school on their minds, MAGC is gearing up for a whole slate of educational program opportunities scheduled to begin this fall. Children and adults will be able to take advantage of the breadth of opportunity that exists within the Center.

The transition back into school can be an adjustment for children. With our fall programs, your little ones will hardly notice they're back in the rhythm of learning. Consider an **Acrylic Painting in the Gardens** class for grades one to three. In this class, children will have an opportunity to spend time outside, in the fragrant fresh air, while using the gardens for artful inspiration during this six-week workshop. Their work will be featured in our on-site Marin Society of Artists art gallery!

Or perhaps your children might favor our unique **Basket-Weaving Workshops**, which will be offered for ages nine to 12 and another for ages 13 and up. In this class they will use our extensive basketry garden as inspiration for constructing tule and rush baskets in the Native American style, and creating vessels ideal for collecting berries or holding small toys.

For your junior fashion designer we offer a **Green Needlecraft/Fashion Design** class, a 10-week course for children in grades one through five. Skills taught will include sewing, knitting, fabric dyeing, embroidery and felting, and they will use natural and recycled materials.

Perhaps you would like to enjoy quality time with your toddler in our **Stories and Art** class, a six-week workshop for children aged two and a half to four. This "mommy and me"

class will allow children to hear a story and then use their imaginations to create art projects inspired by that story, using paper, pastels, stamps, stickers, fabric paint, beads and more. It will be a truly magical hour in a truly magical setting!

MAGC will also offer several programs for adults. Become a birding expert in **Backyard Birding**, a four-week workshop taught by an expert from the Marin Audubon Society. Learn to identify various types of native birds by their appearance and their call, and bring this artistic, scientific skill back home into your own backyards. Our three-week **Nature Photography** class will offer the basics of landscape and wildlife photography. Local professional **Jim Coda** will share his knowledge about photography equipment, composition, light, and the skills needed for successful outdoor photography. Finally, a one-day **Composting Workshop** will allow participants to learn the use of materials and techniques to optimize home gardens. Best of all, our offerings will allow you to explore nature and everything it has to offer. To register for child and adult programs, please contact Ross Recreation at 415-453-6020 or [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org).

In the meantime, MAGC encourages you to enjoy the spectrum of summertime activities here at the Center. Our **Summer Concert Series** features an eclectic range of music, from bluegrass to jazz to rock and roll, outdoors at our gazebo every Thursday at 5 p.m. through August 25. The **MAGC/Ross Farmers Market** runs concurrently with the concert series on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. in the main parking lot. With the paring of fresh, savory food and live music, MAGC continues to offer the best way to feed your soul this summer!

Our **Summer Nature Camps** are in full swing, offering children a

unique learning experience in our fascinating Butterfly Garden. Children in preschool through first grade can explore the native plants and insects and learn the intricacies of nature in these fun-filled camps. To register for Nature Camps, please contact Ross Recreation at 415-453-6020 or [www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org).

At MAGC, fun and learning go hand in hand. Our educational opportunities this fall will provide outdoor fun for all ages and allow locals to tap into the well of knowledge in our gardens. As always, check our website for details going forward: [www.MAGC.org](http://www.MAGC.org), or simply stop by and take in the natural beauty. You may discover something new while you're here!

Sincerely,  
Diane Doodha

P.S. – MAGC membership is now better than ever! With a new set of membership levels filled to the brim with benefits, being a MAGC member has never been more exciting. Benefits include discounts and free drink tickets to our events, inclusion in members-only events, discounts on rentals and more! You won't want to miss out, so contact the MAGC office to secure your member status today.

### 2011 Summer Concert

*Series.  
Every  
Thursday,  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
August 25<sup>th</sup>.  
5 to 7 p.m.*

*at the Gazebo. Farmers market 3 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a picnic from the farmers market, then grab a seat on the lawn for live music for the entire family! See pages 8 and 9.*



## Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

### **GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN**

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Location: Butterfly Garden\*  
**Thursday August 11,**  
**2011 at 7:30 pm**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

This will be a Members Meeting where members and their guests can talk about what works and what didn't in their garden. This is a great way to learn more and become a better gardener by sharing experiences.



The Garden Society of Marin, a founding member of the Marin Art and Garden Center, has made a history of making gardening enjoyable and interesting. We promote good gardening practices and enrich the botanical knowledge of our members through activities and presentations by gardening and conservation professionals. Our monthly newsletter provides up-to-date information, references and interesting articles while our web site supports all these activities by providing valuable links to a wide-range of gardening resources.

Please visit our website at: [www.gardensocietyofmarin.org](http://www.gardensocietyofmarin.org) for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

### **MARIN BONSAI CLUB**

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Location: Livermore Room\*

For over 50 years, members of the Marin Bonsai Club have been practicing the ancient art of "tree in a pot", which is what bonsai means in Japanese.

Please visit our website at: [www.marinbonsai.org](http://www.marinbonsai.org) for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

**AUGUST 2,**  
**2011:**

### **WORKSHOP DECORATION GUILD, 7PM -**

Senior club members will present a program on Bonsai Basics - what makes a good or bad bonsai specimen, styling tips, what tools are best for working on bonsai, how to choose a complementary pot, care and maintenance tips including soil recommendations, watering and fertilizing. Bring your own trees for comment or to work on as well. This is a great opportunity for new and experienced bonsaists to learn and improve their skills. Free for members, \$10 for non-members.



**AUGUST 16, 2011:**  
**BONSAI AUCTION**

Livermore Pavilion 1&2 - Preview at 7pm, auction begins promptly at 7:30pm. This is a fun and rewarding opportunity to acquire great bonsai material, pots, tools and books and to meet fellow bonsai enthusiasts.

**AUGUST 18, 2011:**  
**BEGINNING WORKSHOP**

Decoration Guild, 7-9pm - Participants will learn the basics of bonsai development from senior

members of the club. Tree material, pots and wire will be provided by the club. Attendance at both sessions is required. Cost for the 2 day workshop is \$70. Reservations are necessary. Please send a check to Marin Bonsai Club, P.O. Box 437, Ross, CA 94957 by August 11 to reserve your place. First come, first served. For further information contact Jeanette Arnold 415-883-2651.

**AUGUST 25, 2011:**  
**BEGINNING WORKSHOP**

Decoration Guild, 7-9pm - (second session) Participants will learn the basics of bonsai development from senior members of the club. Tree material, pots and wire will be provided by the club. Attendance at both sessions is required. Cost for the 2 day workshop is \$70. Reservations are necessary. Please send a check to Marin Bonsai Club, P.O. Box 437, Ross, CA 94957 by August 11 to reserve your place. First come, first served. For further information contact Jeanette Arnold 415-883-2651.

\*Regular location except when noted

## Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

### MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

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The Marin Rose Society developed and maintains a beautiful rose garden at the Center with over 150 varieties of roses, all grown organically, without the use of pesticides. The group holds monthly informational meetings and various special events that are open to the public at MAGC.

Please visit our website at:

[www.marinrose.org](http://www.marinrose.org) for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

### MARIN MASTER GARDENERS

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The Marin Master Gardeners are a dedicated, trained group of volunteers with a shared love of gardening and horticulture. Through community service and educational outreach, they provide home gardeners and community organizations the knowledge and skills to create a healthy environment for Marin County.



### MARIN GARDEN CLUB

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Started in 1931, the Marin Garden Club was a founding member of MAGC. The group promotes interest in gardens and gardening by engaging in educational activities that encourage the conservation of the natural beauties of Marin County.

The Memory Garden at MAGC is maintained by The Marin Garden Club. The Garden Club annually awards The Marin Garden Club Scholarship in memory of Gwen Cooper and Barbara McCune to a high school senior from Marin County for the study of horticulture, landscaping, and/or conservation. The scholarship is in memory of two of our members who were instrumental in developing this award.

Gwen Cooper was a lifelong learner and educator who founded the scholarship to inspire students to pursue further education in horticulture, conservation or environmental studies. Barbara McCune, who also was a college counselor at Sir Francis Drake High School, continued to grow our scholarship program after Gwen's passing. Through her determination to acquaint all of Marin's high schools with this award, the scholarship has attracted students throughout the entire county.

The Marin Garden Club is a long-standing Marin County organization founded in 1931. Its purpose is to promote interest in gardens and gardening, to engage in educational activities with regard to horticulture and to encourage the conservation of the natural beauties of Marin County.

In the interest of encouraging students to pursue studies and/

or careers in areas related to horticulture, landscaping, conservation and/or the environment, the Marin Garden Club established a scholarship in 1994. The number of awards and amount of the scholarship varies year to year, depending on club income. The minimum scholarship award will be \$1000.

## Arts

### ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

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Reputed to be the oldest community theater group west of the Rockies, Ross Valley Players presents six full-length productions a year, running for 30 weeks. The shows are typically a mix of drama, romance, comedy, and sometimes a musical.



What happens at the dining table makes for interesting and humorous fodder when The Ross Valley Players (RVP) presents *Table Manners* as the last installment in its 81st season.



*Funny stuff can happen at dinner and does in the Ross Valley Players production of 'Table Manners.' Left to right, Monique Sims as Annie, Robyn Wiley as Ruth and Joseph Hoeber as Norman ham it up in the dining room. Photo courtesy of Robin Jackson.)*

The play is part of the Alan Ayckbourn comic trilogy *The*

*Norman Conquests*, which follows six characters in a dramatic fashion around a house over the same chaotic weekend with each play centered in one room.

Director Robert Wilson of Kentfield points out that Ayckbourn pulls off one of his “neatest theatrical tricks,” with three plays each providing a satisfying performance that can be seen together or separately. The British family’s dysfunctional weekend comes to life.

According to Wilson, *Table Manners* was chosen because it was written as the first in the trilogy and “it is the best one as it stands on its own.”

“Although the play has a great deal of humor, the playwright’s knowledge of human nature is profound and the characters’ fears and foibles are easily recognizable,” Wilson says.

Ayckbourn is one of the most prolific playwrights having penned some 75 full-length plays as well as other pieces for children. Some of his most popular pieces performed by the RVP have included *Private Fears in Public Places*, *Season’s Greetings* and *Absurd Person Singular*.

The stellar cast includes Pamela Ciochetti of San Francisco as Sarah; Joseph Hoeber of Tiburon as Norman; Chris Hammond of San Rafael as Tom; Robin Schild Albany as Reg; Monique Sims of Tiburon as Annie; and Robyn Wiley of San Rafael as Ruth. The cast members are experienced actors who have appeared locally and around the county in past performances.

Production staff includes: Judy Holmes of Sausalito, Joshua Garcia Cotter of Novato, Michael Berg of Concord, Bruce Vieira of San Rafael and Maureen Scheuenstuhl of Novato.

Set designer David Apple built the charming set — a replica of an aging British country house — in his San Rafael garage.

**WHEN** July 15 through August 14, with Thursday performances at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

**COST** is \$25 with senior (62 and above) and youth (18 and under) tickets at \$20 and Thursday shows \$15 for everyone.

All shows are at the Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Ross.

For tickets, call 415-456-9555 or go to [www.rossvalleyplayers.com](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com).

*(Press preview is on Friday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. with food and beverages. Please contact Shelley Klaner at 415-382-7770 or email KlanerPR at aol.com for reservations. I look forward to meeting some of you there for the first time as I just recently took over the promotion for the Ross Valley Players.)*

## Arts



**RAW**  
**Ross Alternative Works**

THREE NEW SHORT PLAYS IN FULL PRODUCTION

**Thursday-Sunday, Aug 18-21**

Tickets: 415-456-9555 or [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com)  
or [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

The Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center  
Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Lagunitas, Ross



The rawness of new theater meets up with creativity at its core with the debut of three new exciting plays in their infancy at the RAW Summer Festival, set for August 18 to August 21 at the Barn Theatre at the Marin Art and Garden Center at 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Ross.

***In a Pickle*** by **Karen Hartline** and directed by **Alex Kuskulis**, finds a woman tired of her life and ready to end it all, but lacking the guts to follow through. A masked thug threatens to do it for her, but when his identity is revealed the pair concoct a plan that make them both famous. The show features: **Kate Savage, Alma DeLeon and Virginia Handley**.

In ***Come Again, Another Day***, written by **Cary Pepper** and directed by **Hal Geib**, a man comes home from a frustrating day of job hunting to find a killer in his home. Is he a lunatic, a hired killer or is this some strange type of job interview? The cast includes **Burl Lampert** and **Ron Dritz**.

Playwright Lee Brady takes the audience on a comic exploration of four women at a crossroad in ***Janice, Shelley and Jo***. Directed by **Andrea Gordon**, the cast includes: **Amber Crane, Sage Hilton, Erin McCalla, Kate Savage and Patricia Parker**.

“The purpose of RAW is to give playwrights a forum for trying out their new works and to encourage theater-goers to participate in getting new works on their feet,” explained RAW producer **Tinka Ross** of San Rafael. “RAW group plays into a festival format.”

The Ross Valley Players has a long history of supporting original theatrical work. In the 1930s, members submitted scripts for competition with the winners being presented at the annual membership meetings. The 1950s saw staged readings and in the 1980s RAT (Ross Alternative Theatre) presented both readings and full productions of plays by local playwrights. In 2000, the idea of reading new scripts was revived and in 2004, RAW (Ross Alternative Works) was formed.

The RAW Festival premieres on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The Friday and Saturday shows (Aug. 19 and 20) are at 8 p.m., with a special Sunday matinee on Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. A special feedback session with the individual playwrights will follow the Sunday matinee. Tickets for the RAW Summer Festival are \$15 with four tickets for \$45. Reservations can be made by 415-456-9555, Ext. 3 or through Brown Paper Tickets. Go to

[www.rossvalleyplayers.com/raw](http://www.rossvalleyplayers.com/raw) to find out more.

### LAUREL HOUSE GROUP

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Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on items such as jewelry, furniture, lamps, artwork, figurines, and gifts for any occasion. Our Asian Room collectibles have been blended in with our other wonderful items throughout the main shop. With our unique selection of china, silver, and crystal, you are sure to find the perfect gift, or something wonderful for yourself! And remember, the first of the month always has 1/2 OFF selected items in the shop with fantastic surprises and discounted items featured!



Laurel House Antiques is a project of The Northgate Group whose objective is to provide support for the Marin Art and Garden Center. Consignments are accepted on Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 11-4

## Arts and History

### MARIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

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**weekends, Noon to 4 pm,**  
**CLOSED FRIDAYS.**

Marin Society of Artists is a non-profit association with almost 300 members who are dedicated to creating and displaying arts and crafts of the highest quality. Our gallery, The Francis Young Gallery located in the Marin Art and Garden Center, offers a new show every month featuring contemporary and traditional fine arts and fine crafts. Works on display include paintings, sculpture, fiber art, ceramics, photography, jewelry, wood, and other media.

### **August 14th through September 4th**

Marin Society of Artists presents our **POETRY OF PLACE SHOW** from (Member artwork Only) The reception is on Sunday August 14th from 2-4 pm. Also from August 14th through September 4th showing in the upper gallery will be **ART AT THE CHEESE FACTORY - LOOKING AT WATER.** This is an outside show and we will be having their reception also on Sunday, August 14th. Please come and enjoy the "double"

show.

Looking ahead to September, Our Marin Society of Artists will be hosting the California Watercolor Association's National Show. This has been held at the Presidio each year but because of refurbishing, CWA has selected the beautiful Marin Art and Garden Center for their wonderful exhibit. More details as the time gets closer.



### MOYA LIBRARY/ ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The First Friday Forenoon lectures are held in the Livermore Pavilion\* at the Marin Art & Garden Center. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m., and last for about one hour. Following each presentation is an informal "meet the speaker" wine and nibbles reception. A donation of \$5.00 per person is requested unless otherwise noted. Staffed by docents, the Moya Library is open for research Wednesday thru



Friday (11:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm) and Saturdays (1 to 4 pm) from March 1st to the end of December. Visitors are welcome to browse both the library and historical collections.

The Moya Library/Ross Historical Society still has several copies of: **ROSS, CALIFORNIA - THE PEOPLE, THE PLACES, THE HISTORY.** This fine hardbound book is for sale at \$40. Contact the library at (415)-258-9595, Charlotte Levin at (415) 461-4816 or the MAGC office (415)-455-5260 .

### **≈ AUGUST ACTIVITIES ≈**

#### **Summer Nature Camp**

**Under the Oak at Marin Art & Garden Center**  
**Explore, Investigate and Create With the Natural World**

**August 1-5: Hop, Slither & Crawl for incoming K-1**

**August 8-12: Big Bug Nature & Art for preschoolers**

**August 15-19: Big Bug Nature & Art for incoming K-1**

To register contact Ross Recreation  
[www.rossrecreation.org](http://www.rossrecreation.org) or  
415.453.6020

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### **2011 Summer Concert Series Schedule of Performances**

Come enjoy live music at MAGC this summer for the entire family! All performances will take place at the gazebo on Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. The farmers market will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on the same day, in both the main lot and the gazebo lot.

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grupo Falso Baiano	Brazilian Jazz
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	The Funny Farmers	Americana
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Sony Holland	Jazz Vocalist
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Grandpa Banana Band	Bluegrass/Folk
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	John Allair	Rock & Roll
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Miracle Mule	Country/Zydeco
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Continentals	Rockabilly
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Solid Air	Folk-Rock
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	House Party Boogie	Jump Rhythm & Blues
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Swing Fever	Swing
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	The Keepers	Rock
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	The Wranglers	Bluegrass
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jef Labes Trio	Rock/Showtunes

For more information, please contact 415-454-5081 or [Lauren@magc.org](mailto:Lauren@magc.org).

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**PLANT NOW**

**Late-summer to fall color** Choice perennials for late-season color in Northern California's lower elevations include aster, chrysanthemum, coreopsis, daylily, gailardia, gaura, Japanese anemone, lavatera, *Nemesia fruticans*, rudbeckia, Russian sage, sage (such as *Salvia guaranitica*), summer phlox, and verbena.

**Shade trees** For cooling your house, plant a tree on the structure's southwest side, where it will provide the most-needed shade. Use a deciduous tree for summer shade and winter sun. Sunset climate zones 7-9, 14-17: Try Chinese hackberry, Chinese pistachio, flowering pear, Japanese pagoda tree, 'Raywood' ash, and red oak. Zones 1, 2: Good choices include American hornbeam, Eastern redbud, honey locust, Japanese pagoda tree, little-leaf linden, and 'Marshall' seedless green ash.

**Grow bearded irises** for a striking display in spring. Try ruffled pink 'Happenstance', white-and-lavender 'Painted Lady Lavender', purple-black 'Spades', and red-brown 'Valentino'.

**Plant saffron.** This pricey spice comes from easy-to-grow saffron crocus (*Crocus sativus*). Plant corms late this month or next, and then harvest the saffron about five weeks later by plucking the three orangey red stigmas from each lilac-purple flower. If you can't find corms locally, you may have to order them. Check with your local nursery.

**Start root vegetables.** Sow seeds for fall and winter harvest. Be creative and try 'Chioggia', 'Golden', and 'Red Ace' beets; 'Scarlet Nantes' and 'Sugarsnax 54' carrots; and 'Purple Top' turnips OR, early August, start fast-maturing potatoes such as 'French Fingerling' or 'Russian Banana' for a crop by Christmas.

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