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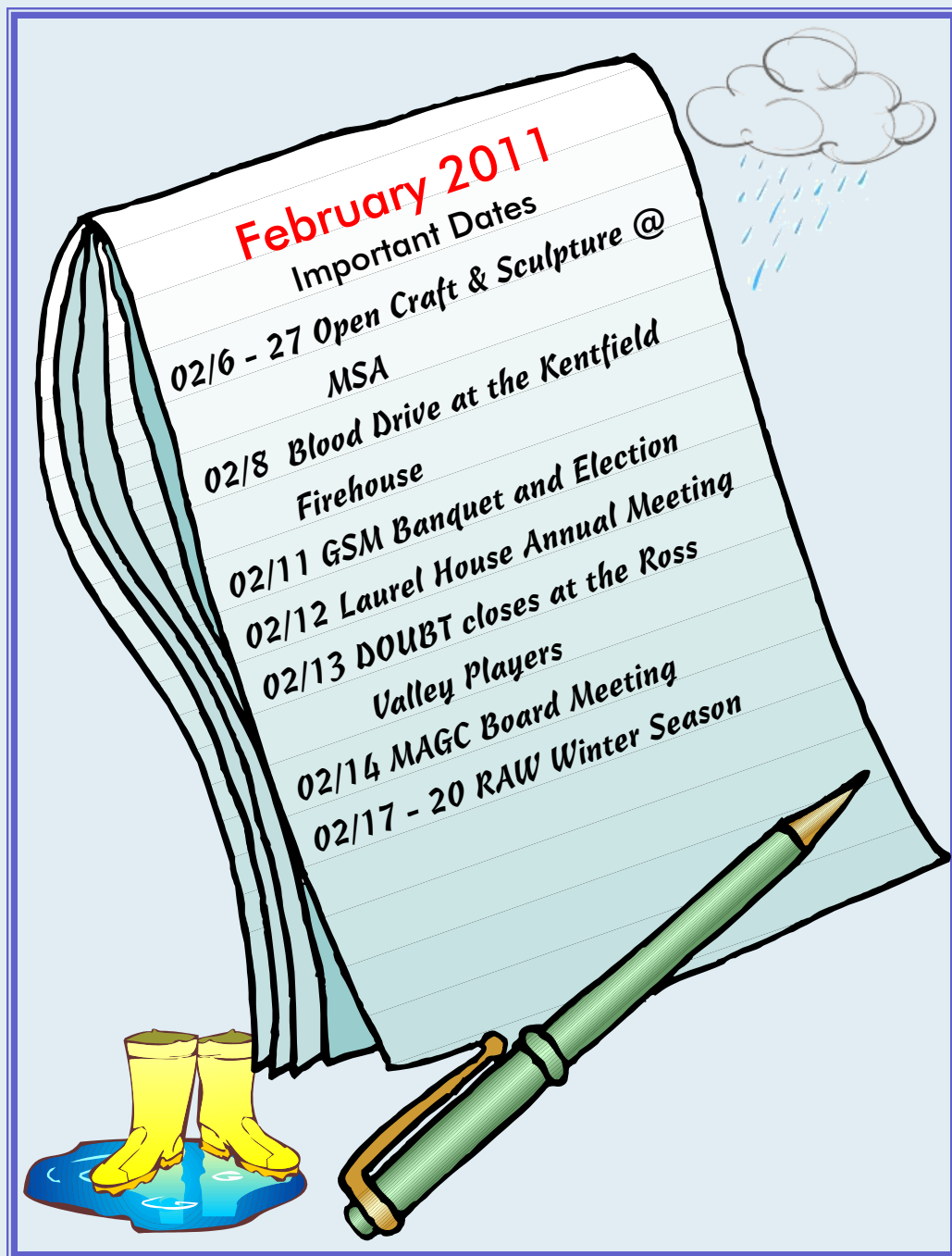
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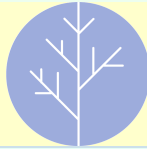
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Happy New Year!

It is with optimism and enthusiasm that I write this column on a beautiful January Day. As we begin 2011 together I thought it might be useful to provide a brief summary of 2010 and a glimpse of what is brewing for 2011

Last year we celebrated 65 years of MAGC with a Founding Families Event that memorialized the work of Caroline Livermore. This year it is our intention to build on the theme of celebrating our beginnings by highlighting the Founding Organizations and all those groups who have become part of the MAGC Family.

Last year MAGC, under the leadership of our President Bobbie Minnick, operated on a balanced budget and ended the year in the black. This was made possible by herculean efforts on the part of the board and staff. You may remember that in 2009 MAGC trimmed expenses and staff to a minimum. Your board of directors then went to work as unpaid staff in all areas of MAGC operations. Board Members put in anywhere from 10 to 30 hours per week overseeing the grounds, space management, administration and fund-raising. The result of that effort bore fruit in 2010. As other non-profits were reeling from the crash of 2009, MAGC was stabilizing. In 2010 MAGC was able to engage an interim part time Executive Director with the goal of hiring a permanent Executive Director in 2011. As of this writing we are close to fulfilling that goal.

MAGC is now poised to look forward and plan for our future. The Board of Directors, together with the staff and Program Partners, and with input from our members and the larger community, is ready to set a direction for the organization that will honor the past and embrace the future while positioning MAGC as a vital member of the Marin Community. I look forward to working with you all as we go down this path together.

Diane Doodha

GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN

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February 11, 2011 at 6:15 pm



ANNUAL BANQUET AND ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS

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 for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

MARIN BONSAI CLUB

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February 1, 2011 7:00 pm
REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Bring your tree in and work on it with **Tim Kong** and **Jay McDonald**. Fee is \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members.

February 15, 2011
REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Bring those root-bound bonsai in and get to work!

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 for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

Horticulture / Environment / Conservation

MARIN ROSE SOCIETY

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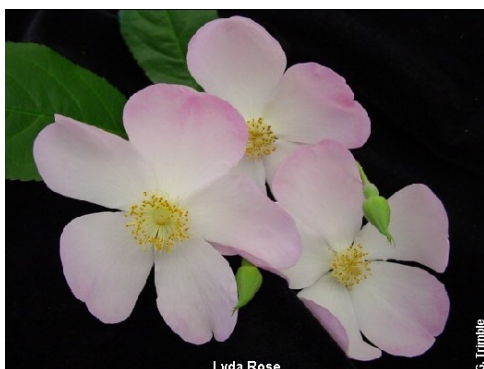
chapman.don@comcast.net

Location: Livermore Room*

February 8, 2011 at 7:30 pm

**JOIN US FOR A PROGRAM ON
WORM COMPOSTING WITH
MASTER GARDENER JOAN IR-
WIN.**

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.



Marin Rose Society, an affiliate of [The American Rose Society](#), meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 p.m. at Marin Art & Garden Center, Ross. Our meetings are open to the public and offer great speakers, mini rose shows, refreshments, raffles, and Consulting Rosarian advice. Members enjoy an award winning newsletter, garden tours, social events, and a great deal of fun!

Please visit our website at:

www.marinrose.org for more information about our club, our history and forthcoming events.

MASTER GARDENERS

Kathryn Reinhardt,
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elleyp@yahoo.com

Location: Livermore Room*

February 3, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**PREPARING FOR SPRING'S
EDIBLE GARDEN WITH
STEPHEN ALBERT**

Stephen Albert, Sonoma Master Gardener and author of "The Kitchen Gardener's Growing Guide" with talk on "Preparing for Spring's Edible Garden." Now is the time to plan.

\$5.00 admission.

February 15, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**ALL ABOUT MUSHROOMS
CLASS**

Master Gardener and author **Sandra Massen** will speak on Mushrooms of the Corte Madera Creek Watershed – how they grow in our environment—are they symbiotic, parasitic, or saprobic—feeding on dead material. Topics will also include mushroom cultivation, and how to make spore prints to identify mushroom species. Additional speakers to be confirmed.

Fee \$25

You can learn more about the Marin Master Gardener programs by visiting:

[http://groups.ucanr.org/
MarinMG/](http://groups.ucanr.org/MarinMG/)

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener and taking the 18-week certification program through the University of California Cooperative Extension applications are available online (www.marinmg.org) in July and August.



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.

They annually award the **Gwen Cooper** Scholarship to a high school senior from Marin County for the study of horticulture, landscaping, and/or conservation. The scholarship was named in honor of Gwen Cooper who lived in Marin County for over 50 years. She was a life-long learner and educator who founded the award to inspire students to pursue further education in horticulture, conservation or environmental studies. The number of awards and amount of the scholarship varies year to year with a minimum award of \$1,000.

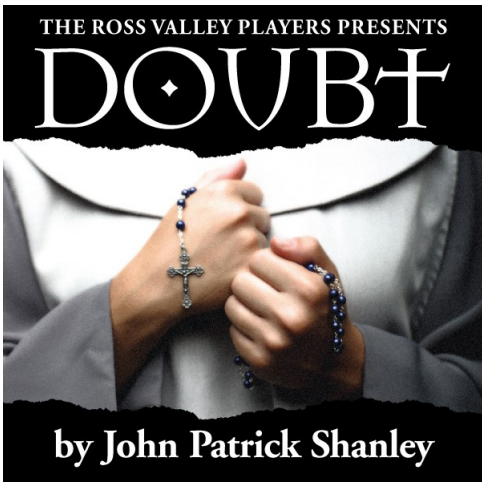
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ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS

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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.



The Ross Valley Players is proud to present the play DOUBT by John Patrick Shanley, in performance through February 13.

The Broadway production of DOUBT received both a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for Best Play.

Set in a Catholic school in 1964, the play concerns the conflict between an older nun, Sister Aloysius, and a younger, more progressive priest, Father Flynn.

The nun has concerns based on slight evidence that the priest may be behaving inappropriately toward the school's first black student. Is his behavior based on compassion and caring? Or something else? How strong is the nun's conviction? The last act actually occurs once the play is finished when audience members must make up their own minds about this tale of moral indecision. Many of the themes addressed in the play still remain in today's headlines.

Directed by **Cris Cassell**
The play DOUBT has been produced all over the world, including the Philippines, Poland and France, where it was directed by Roman Polanski.

WHEN: Through Feb. 13, 2011
8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
Feb. 4, 5, 11 & 12.
2 p.m. Sundays - Feb. 6 & 13.
7:30 p.m. Thursdays - Feb. 3 & 10

WHERE: The Ross Valley Players Barn Theatre, Marin Art & Garden Center
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at Lagunitas Road, Ross, CA.

COST: General: \$25; Senior (62+): \$20; Youth: (18 and under): \$20.
Thursday shows are \$15 for everyone (no additional discounts apply)

TICKETS: Order online through www.brownpapertickets.com; by telephone 1-800-838-3006; or purchase at the door.

PHONE: (415)-456-9555

WEBSITE:
www.rossvalleyplayers.com

CAST: Sister Aloysius Beauvier - **Chris Macomber** of Oakland, Father Brendan Flynn - **Jamie Dawson** of Pt. Reyes Station, Sister James - **Shannon O'Neill Creighton** of San Anselmo, Mrs. Muller - **Clara Kamunde** of Oakland



PORCHLIGHT THEATER COMPANY

Porchlight Theatre Company

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Porchlight Theatre Company is an ensemble inspired by world literature, nature and the human experience. We explore the power of theatre to educate, unite and ignite positive

Arts

THE ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS PRESENTS

RAW


Ross Alternative Works



FOUR NEW SHORT PLAYS IN FULL PRODUCTION
Thursday-Sunday, Feb 17-20

Tickets: 415-456-9555 or rossvalleyplayers.com
or brownpapertickets.com

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



ROSS ALTERNATIVE WORKS

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RAW (Ross Alternative Works) is dedicated to the staging and production of original, provocative and exciting new works by Bay Area playwrights. New plays start with staged readings and then progress to workshops. RAW takes plays to the next level, a full production.

This year's selections include: Hell in the Hand basket by **Robert F. Bradford**; Work in Progress by **John Levine**, Wallace Strikes Out for Heaven by **Stanton Klose** and Lo Mein and Tequila by **Angelina Liongueras-Altimes**. As the plays are still works in progress, at the end of each night, constructive feedback from the audience is encouraged. Past RAW productions have moved on, receiving

additional exposure throughout the country as well as earning numerous awards at the S. F. Fringe Festival.

RAW is in performance at the Barn February 17th through the 20th. Tickets are only \$15 per night, or four tickets for \$45 which can also be used at the RAW Summer Festival.

Come support emerging playwrights in their first complete production. For tickets: 415.456.9555 or www.rossvalleyplayers.com

THE ROSS ALTERNATIVE WORKS WINTER FESTIVAL

February 17 to 20, 2011

LO MEIN AND TEQUILA

by Angelina Llongueras-Altimis

Directed by **Michael Pulizzano**
Two people confront their prejudices, their rootlessness, their limitations and their lacks, becoming able to listen to each other..

CAST:

Edwardo - **Jere Visalli**
Bonnie - **Susan Stein**

WORK IN PROGRESS

by **John Levine**

Directed by **Kim Bromley**
Marriage: is it overrated? A couple debates the pros and cons of matrimony and then confronts a mysterious stranger about what it all means

CAST:

May - **Melissa Claire**
June - **Marianne Shine**
Guy - **Johnny DeBernard**

WALLACE STRIKES OUT FOR HEAVEN

by **Stanton Klose**

Directed by **Ray Morgan**

A Dodgers fan runs a red light on the way to the ballpark and finds himself in heaven. It's not what he expected.

CAST:

Wallace - **Jeffrey Orth**
Sister Gwendolyn - **Robyn Wiley**
Sister Roxanne - **Glenda Vessey**

HELL IN A HANDBASKET

by **Robert F. Bradford**

Directed by **Alex Kuskulis**
Newly-disabled ex-con biker with a suicidal bent and a head full of Nietzsche quotes on a course of nihilism

CAST:

Amanda - **Monique Sims**
Jake - **Joel Roth**
Rick - **Jeffrey Blaze**
George - **Alma Deleon**

LAUREL HOUSE GROUP

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Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on items such as jewelry, furniture, lamps, artwork, figurines, Asian antiques and gifts for any occasion. With our unique selection of china, silver, and crystal, you are sure to find the perfect addition to make your special occasions truly special.



*Regular location except when noted

Arts and History

Laurel House Antiques offers quality consignments on items such as jewelry, furniture, lamps, artwork, figurines, Asian antiques and gifts for any occasion. Our first Patio Sale of the year will be held on March 12th beginning at 10am! Remember, the first of the month always has 1/2 OFF selected items in the shop with fantastic surprises and discounted items featured!

Our Annual Member Meeting and Tea will be held on February 12th at 1:30 pm in the Livermore Pavilion.

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 Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shop Hours:
Monday & Thursday 10-3
Tuesday & Wednesday 11-4
Friday & Saturday 11-4

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.

The philosophy of the Marin Society of Artists (MSA) is to encourage an appreciation of the visual arts. Along with works of art for sale, MSA has one of the finest art rental galleries in Northern California.



FEBRUARY 6TH THROUGH THE 27TH WILL BE IS OUR "OPEN CRAFT AND SCULPTURE SHOW. THE SHOW WILL BE JURIED BY CHARLIE BARBONI

We are pleased to announce that our gallery will be hosting the California Watercolor Society's Annual Show in September, 2011.

See: www.tfaoi.com/aa/3aa/3aa50.htm

The Show has been held at the San Francisco's Presidio in the past, but due to the refurbishing of the Officers Club, they have asked if they could have their show at our gallery. This prestigious show will bring in lots of art lovers from all over the state. We are looking forward to this opportunity to show off our beautiful Marin Art and Garden Center.

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.



MARCH 4 FIRST FRIDAY FORENOON

Historian **Laura Ackley** will take us on a tour of the technological wonders introduced at the **1915 PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.** We'll ride the Aeroscope and listen in on the first transcontinental telephone call before learning the Secrets of Mental Telepathy.

Staffed by docents, the Moya Library is open for research Wednesday thru Friday (11:30 am to 3:00pm) and Saturdays (1 to 4pm) 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 or the MAGC office.

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“The Marin Art and Garden Center wishes to thank its generous donors for their support of garden beautification, upkeep of heritage trees, facilities improvement and development of educational programs. Over \$60,000 was raised. We are so grateful for your support, as our beautiful gardens would not survive without it.”

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BLOOD DRIVE

Kentfield Fire Dept. & Marin Art and Garden Center

**Tuesday, February 8, 2011
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Location: Kentfield Fire Department Firehouse
1004 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Kentfield

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The Way It Was

The Moya Library/Ross Historical Society ably assisted by the members of the President's Council, the Council organizations and the public, is starting on a new and exciting project.

The History of the Marin Art and Garden Center

Long a part of the Marin County community, the Center has never had a written history. We will be conducting interviews, searching old records and collecting old photographs and bits and pieces of ephemera that can be copied and made part of a visual history of the Center.

Everyone can help. If you have old photographs, pictures, programs, posters, anecdotes or memories that you would like to share or if you just want to help, Contact Bob Battersby at (415) 383-2946 or email magchistory@hotmail.com



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GARDEN TIPS

Tool Care

By Nanette Londeree

“The right tool for the right job,” or so the saying goes. Working in the garden can be a whole lot easier with the proper tool. And since you invest good money for those garden helpers, it makes sense to extend their life with proper care. With a few easy steps, your hand-held tools will be in great shape for another gardening season.

First, clean them. Collect all your metal-blade tools, and remove any caked mud or dirt. Fill an old pot or five-gallon bucket with dry coarse sand, and mix in some lubricating oil (vegetable oil works just fine). Plunge your shovels, trowels, hoes, etc into the mix and let them sit – days, weeks, even months, keeping them in a dry place. When you’re ready to use them in the spring, remove each tool from the sandy mix and wipe down the blades

with a dry, coarse cloth.

If your tools have wooden handles, sand out rough spots to avoid splinters, then rub them with linseed oil, lemon oil or some other wood conditioner before immersing in the sand mix. It helps prevent the wood from shrinking and splintering.

Then sharpen them – dull blades make more work for the gardener, and can damage plants. Sharpen only beveled edges and always shape blades to maintain the original shape of the bevel.

Once you have nice clean garden tools, store them in a garage or garden shed when not in use.

