



Prohibition is better than no liquor at all—Will Rogers

**Rafael Film Center**, the two bring an uncontrollable love of all things film to the community through their carefully thought-out and enthusiastic selections of films, educational programs and other events throughout Marin. Both the Rafael Film Center and the Mill Valley Film Festival are under the aegis of the California Film Institute, which offers much more than just the glitz and glamour of the once-a-year festival extravaganza. With several successful outreach and education programs offered at the Smith Rafael Film Center in downtown San Rafael, Blanchard and Heverin look forward to further engaging the community. “We want to reach out further,” says Blanchard, “and engage other communities in Marin that haven’t yet had the light shone on them.”

**Rafael Film Center**  
1118 4th St., San Rafael 454.1222  
cafilm.org/rfc/  
**2ND** Fairfax Theatres, Fairfax  
**3RD** Lark Theater, Larkspur

### BEST MUSIC/CD STORE

Having won four different times for related categories, **Mill Valley Music** is filling the need for vinyl and CDs in Marin. Owner Gary Scheuenstuhl told us that 75 percent of his sales are record purchases, capping a three-year surge in popularity for LPs. The demand for records remains high due to a craving for the premier sound quality of analog technology and the artwork on the cover. Most of the record-buying is by folks in their 30s-50s, as well as a younger group using them for deejay-ing. A CD or MP3 download code generally accompanies each new album so the listener isn’t restricted to a turntable for his or her listening pleasure. Scheuenstuhl is living his dream: “Music is my passion, people are grateful that I’m there.”

**Mill Valley Music**  
320 Miller Ave., Mill Valley 389.9090  
**2ND** Bedrock Music, San Rafael  
**3RD** Red Devil Records, San Rafael

### BEST PLACE FOR A WEDDING

Imagine getting married in a tranquil, historic setting, surrounded by heritage trees and lovely gardens—maybe at a gazebo or by a pond with a fountain—with access on the grounds to commercial kitchens for the caterer, wiring for a sound system. Sounds idyllic, doesn’t it? Well, as long as the guest list doesn’t go much over a couple of hundred—meaning not all those Facebook friends will make the cut—a memorable wedding and reception (or any festivity) can be had at the venerable **Marin Art & Garden Center**. Lauren Duncan, project coordinator, says the history-steeped beautiful property hosts outdoor and indoor celebrations every weekend from April through October—peak season for the various gardens. The Garden and Livermore rooms, which open onto stunning areas, both have a bride’s dressing room and other amenities. Duncan says the center remains very popular among those who grew up in the area and moved away—but want to come back for their wedding. And who can argue with her statement that there “isn’t another place like this in Marin”?

**Marin Art & Garden Center**  
30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross 455.5260  
magc.org  
**2ND** Cavallo Point, Sausalito  
**3RD** Point Reyes Seashore Lodge, Olema

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