

Holiday Open Mic for the Public

Free! People are invited to read from the new Wine, Cheese & Chocolate book just released, or listen to others read, share favorite holiday poems or personal poems and prose, sing, recite, sign up upon arrival. There is a piano for caroling.

Rosebud's will offer delectable tapas and festive beverages for sale and the public can sample the signature recipe featured in the new literary publication. Holiday shopping opportunities will abound at the adjoining Celtic Knot.

Join friends and help celebrate the festive celebration. Writers from several counties are invited for the party, so come meet and greet and get your Wine, Cheese & Chocolate book signed – there will be plenty of copies available to purchase as holiday gifts for the special people in your life.

Rosebud's Café & Celtic Knot – 26 Main Street, Jackson, Friday evening, Dec 19, 6:30PM – 9PM. Sponsors: Rosebud's and Celtic Knot; and Manzanita Writers Press (member of the Calaveras County Arts Council Literary League) Contact: Monika Rose, Manzanita Press Editor, 209-754-0577. Manzanita Writers, RSVP or email mrose209@gmail.com for reservations; recommended, but not required.

Rock Around The Xmas Tree

Gold Country Bowl and Lounge Presents "Rock and Roll XMAS" with Live Music by those Effervescent Elf's of Doo Wop SECOND WIND, Dec 19th, 7-10pm. Burgers, Fries, Holiday treats and Drinks. Hot rods welcome. Secured parking available. At 81 West Ridge Rd., Sutter Creek, 209-223-3334. No Cover Charge.

Fairytale Town will be open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day from 10am to 4pm, weather permitting. Holiday admission is \$5.50 for adults and children, ages 2 and older. Children ages 1 and under are free. www.fairytaletown.org or call (916) 808-7462. Monday, Jan 19, 10am-4pm. Fairytale Town, 3901 Land Park Drive, Sacramento, CA.

Theatre of Lights shows will continue Thursday-Sundays at 6:15 and 7:45 pm, Nov 28rd through Dec 31st. Holiday performances are 6:15 pm on Christmas Eve and 7 and 8:30pm on New Year's Eve. Clement Clarke Moore's classic Christmas poem will come to spectacular life until New Years on the balconies and facades of Old Sacramento at K Street and Front. Dec 11th has been cancelled.

The sixth annual Macy's Theatre of Lights is a free holiday program presented by the Old Sacramento Business Association in cooperation with Downtown Sacramento Foundation (DSF), the City of Sacramento and Old Sacramento merchants and sponsored by Bank of America.

The 20-minute production live-action retelling of Moore's 1823 poem — "A Visit from St. Nicholas," more popularly known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" — is the highlight of the evening. Be a part of the excitement throughout the holiday season! Centrally located at Front and K Streets in Old Sacramento. http://oldsacramento.com/special-events/theatre-of-lights

The Amador Choraliers Bring You Comfort and Joy

In their 52nd holiday concert series, the Amador Choraliers will be presenting a wide range of seasonal tunes. As they sing traditional favorites like "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" and "What Child is This", you will feel the comfort of the season like a visit from old friends.

The Amador Choraliers are a men's and women's chorus that have been entertaining audiences in the Motherlode for half a century. With concerts in December and May, the group sings a wide range of musical styles.

This season features gospel, swing, jazz and more. The first performance will be held at the Cornerstone Church in Ione on Dec 11th at 7:30pm, followed by 2 shows at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Martell on Dec 13th at 7pm and a matinee on Dec 14th at 3pm. Tickets for all performances are \$10 and may be purchased at the Amador Co. Chamber of Commerce in Jackson or by calling 209-223-0350.

Tickets are also available at the door although advanced purchase is recommended. The doors open a half hour before each concert.

Don't miss what has become a holiday tradition for many. You will be sure to find the comfort of home and the joy of music.

info@amadorchoraliers.org

Take your pets to the Feed Barn this Saturday, Dec 13, between 10am and 4pm for pictures with Santa. In addition to the pictures, there will be a bake sale. Come out and stock up on Christmas goodies! 11261 Prospect Drive, Jackson.

Jackson Regal Cinema Blood Drive, Friday, Dec 19th, 1pm to 5pm, 201 Shopping Drive, Jackson. Bloodmobile located in the parking lot. Free movie pass for participants! Info contact: BloodSource, 800-995-4420 x60039. Walk-ins Welome. FREE E-BOOK DOWNLOAD of 'The Hobbit' on NOOK Reading Apps™ with ticket.



8th Annual Parade of Lights

Join us for the 8th Annual "Parade of Lights" on Saturday December 13th. Sutter Creek will come alive in twinkling lights, as everything from cars, mail trucks, school buses, horses, dogs, people, marching bands, baton twirlers, and more, parade down Historic Sutter Creeks' Main Street beneath the moonlight on a crisp December evening.

Everyone is invited to come down and watch this magical "Parade of Lights". Children and adults enjoy this evening of old fashioned hometown fun. Main Street itself is a beautiful sight to behold. All of the wonderful Gold Rush buildings are decked out in Holiday splendor. Bubbles float down from balconies and give the feeling of snowflakes. The storefront windows are wonderfully displayed with all their holiday wares. How can't you not feel like the Christmas season with all of this?

The Mountain Ranch Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec 13th, at 2pm in downtown Mountain Ranch. The parade will start at the beginning of Washington Street (across from the Blunder Inn). It will continue down Washington St. and make a right turn onto Garibaldi St. (in front of Sender's Market) going past the town Christmas tree.

We are excited to have the Calaveras High School Band again this year. We welcome walkers, cars, trucks, animals, or floats all decorated for the holiday season. Parade entrants will gather at the beginning of Washington Street at 1:30pm. Children can greet Santa at the end of the parade by the Christmas tree.

Sending Holiday photos via email?

If your file is too big for your email server send free at www.transferbigfiles.com/ also www.dropsend.com/ you could use Dropbox or googledrive but they may cost. Easier way is to use a Zipfile www.7-zip.org/ which is what I would use. Or use something like gmail which sends larger files.

Sera Fina Cellars is hosting a Holiday Open House December 13 & 14th. We will be offering a delicious fresh veggie platter with bread, cheeses, meats and an assortment of crackers & toasts with lovely toppings to accompany them. We will also have our Hard Apple Ciders available to try as well as our Holiday Sangria. But if that's not enough, this weekend only we will be pouring our savory, yet smooth 2009 Barbera as well as offering 30% off case purchases of Sera Fina wines. Sera Fina Cellars, 17000 Latrobe Road, Plymouth.

The parade starts at 6:30pm; no parking on Main Street after 5:30pm. Come early and enjoy the FREE Horse Drawn Carriage Rides on Main Street! Sutter Creek is small town Americana at its most charming!

Bill Byrd will be announcing the Parade from the Balcony, starting at 6:30pm. Sutter Creek will rekindle the Spirit of Christmas in your heart. www.suttercreek.org

The SantaLand Diaries

(Til Dec 28) A humorous one-man play about a Christmas elf at the Macy's dept store in NYC based on 1992 piece. \$20-\$40. Capital Stage. 2215 J St., Sac 916-995-5464. capstage.org

Weather Updates - If you want updates that the layman can read, go online to www.wunderground.com and type in your city. It will give you a ten day forecast.

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