

Community News



Calaveras Arts Gallery Store is Brimming with Artful Goods

San Andreas Historic Main Street is awakened with holiday shoppers at the Calaveras Arts Council's Gallery Store. The annual Affordable Gifts of Art Holiday Boutique and Sale is open for business until January 9, 2015. For the holidays, Gallery Store hours are on Monday–Thursday, 9am to 7pm and Friday–Sunday, 10am to 3pm. The Gallery Store is located at 22 N. Main Street in San Andreas.

Over 50 artists are participating this year. Artists you know have returned to the Affordable Gifts Holiday Boutique and new artists have joined in. Along the gallery walls we have jewelry, cards, music CD's books, photographs, visual art, fabric art, alpaca wool, gourds, ceramic art, wood art and more. Come shop to your heart's content. Speaking of shopping, Ovarations Tickets make great gifts, too. If you can't decide what to buy, gift certificates are available in any amount you choose.

The Gallery Store is located across the street from the Calaveras Enterprise and next door to the Calaveras Historical Society. Look for the giant paint bush on our roof. The store accepts cash, checks and credit cards for payment. For more information, log onto atwww.calaverasarts.org or call 209-754-1774.

The popular Sacramento Beer Week is brewing up a bevy of sudsy festivities for its return in February. The annual celebration, which was previously handled by its founder Dan Scott, will now be helmed by the Northern California Brewers Guild and its executive director Darrell Amerine, and take place Feb 26 through March 8, 2015. "We want to make [beer week] events bigger and better," says guild president Glynn Phillips, who owns midtown's Rubicon Brewing Company, a stalwart of the local craft beer scene. "We are really looking forward to involving, not only our great [partners] in retail—the grocers and restaurants of the area—but more specifically, promoting all of the great breweries, new and old, in the Sacramento area and the beer that they make."

In keeping with Sacramento Beer Week's goal to celebrate and promote the region's brewing community, area breweries, restaurants, retailers and brewing clubs will be hosting a diverse array of unique events and programs, from food-and-beer pairings to brewing demonstrations to tastings of rare and unusual beers. Event details for the sixth annual affair are still being ironed out, but Phillips says that Rubicon Brewing Company, for instance, is hoping to develop and release a celebratory Sacramento Beer Week brew.

The brewery will also bring back its popular gathering featuring specialty cask-conditioned "firkin" ales from across California. And several signature events from prior years are set to take place once again, such as a kickoff beer-tasting night at the California Automobile Museum on Feb 26th and the sprawling Capitol Beer Fest, which will close out Sacramento Beer Week festi-

vities on March 8th and fill Capitol Mall with offerings from dozens of brewers. "The guild wants to really educate the general public as to what craft beer is, and promote responsible consumption of the great craft beers that are made in our region, and to make it all available [during the event]," says Phillips. "We are looking forward to a great week."

For more information, and a more detailed calendar of events as the event draws closer, visit sacramentobeerweek.com

Old Soles will be playing at the Hotel Leger Whitewater Grill & Saloon, Mokelumne Hill, Friday night, Dec 19, 9pm - 11:30pm. The building is historic, the bar is gorgeous, there's sandwiches or gourmet meals if you're hungry. The mood is moderately rowdy and the music will be humorously harmonic.

This is our first gig at the Leger, so come out and help us celebrate the season with some songs and strong spirits! We're starting to book for the coming year, so if you'd like to add some Harmonies, Hoedowns, and Humor to your event, please contact us now.

Restaurants, wineries, weddings, private parties, festivals, historic events, barn dances, cattle drives, grocery store openings, grocery store closings....In the meantime, here are some videos:

I'm Getting Ready To Go: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLrOAYouMOo>
Roscoe (fiddle and banjo): <http://youtu.be/id2hykc9Wcg>
Pig, Duck, and Bucket (© Old Soles): <http://youtu.be/4XLtUWif2x4>

Sutter Creek Theater

The Lowest Pair - Old time roots Friday, December 12, 8pm; \$17 adv / \$19 day of show. The Lowest Pair is a quirky, old-time roots-influenced duet, featuring the high lonesome harmonies of banjo pickin' songsters Kendl Winter and Palmer T. Lee.

Black Irish Band - Saturday, December 13, 8pm; \$14 adv / \$16 day of show. The concert will feature original and traditional songs, Celtic & Italian music, and their many songs that are historical in nature.

Sourdough Slim's Wild and Woolly Revue - Vintage cowboy, blues, Americana Christmas. Saturday, December 20, 8pm; \$19 adv / \$21 day of show. The Sutter Creek Theater presents its annual Christmas extravaganza featuring popular Gold Country old time music makers, Sourdough Slim & The Saddle Pals, Faux Renwah, and Robert Armstrong. A once-a-year opportunity to catch all these artists in a show together.

At 44 Main St. Sutter Creek, (916) 425-0077. Information at: www.suttercreektheatre.com

Holiday Open House

Discover small-town holiday cheer at Mokelumne Hill's Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec 14th from 2 to 5pm. This quaint, historic, gold rush town comes to life with special activities for the entire family. Have a photo taken with Santa at the Historic Hotel Léger and enjoy a Horse-Drawn Hay Ride down Main Street.

Merchants will be offering special activities such as face painting by Leslie Vasquez at Petroglyphe Gallery where you'll enjoy the Small Treasures Show; Reindeer Games at McHale's Revival; and complimentary holiday food and drink at Moke Hill Nuts and Deborah Marlene's Gallery.

Enjoy shopping for unique holiday gifts of original artworks, jewelry, antiques, and specialty foods in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. You can mail your "wish list" to the North Pole at the local post office or stop by the town library for some holiday storytelling.

Get creative at Ed and Brenda's place where they will be decorating gingerbread houses. Mokelumne Hill's Holiday Open House is a chance for everyone to join in and celebrate the spirit of the season. Feel the warmth of small-town pride and the rich heritage of this historic gold rush community. All activities are FREE.

Historic Mokelumne Hill is located between San Andreas and Jackson, located off Highway 49, just 10 minutes from Jackson, and less than an hour from Sacramento in the heart of the Gold Country. Make it a holiday tradition to be part of the celebration!

For more information on the Holiday Open House, please visit <http://mokehill.org> or contact the Mokelumne Hill Community Historical Trust at (209) 286-1387.

The Nutcracker Ballet

December 12th & 13th at 7 pm, Hutchins Street Square, 209-333-5550. The wonderful holiday delight returns for the season. Clara's dream adventure continues to captivate audiences

Eric Darius & Friends, December 14th, Hutchins Street Square, 209-333-5550. One of the hottest contemporary jazz saxophonist and composers, his music has been described as a combination of Jazz, R&B, Pop and Acid/Hip Hop Jazz. Call for prices and times.

Santa's Very Merry Christmas Brunch, December 21st at 11am or 12:30pm, Wine & Roses Hotel, 209-371-6117. Featuring holiday brunch menu hot chocolate bar, Christmas candy buffet, a holiday cookie dessert bar, and live music! Santa will be available the entire day. Visit Lodi! 25 N. School Street, Lodi, CA 95240

The Small Treasures Show Reception will be on Sunday, December 14, 4-7pm. Enjoy the amazing music of accomplished guitarist Gordon Rowland, visit with the artists and enjoy Ironstone wines and light appetizers.

Find unique gifts from their selection of contemporary fine art and jewelry and free gift wrapping. The show begins during the Mokelumne Hill Holiday Open House event; plan on making Small Treasures part of your holiday outing.

Petroglyphe Gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11:30am to 5:30pm; and Sunday from 11:30am to 4pm. www.gallerypetroglyphe.com or call 209-286-1387 for more information and a preview of the fine art now on display.

Be sure to join their email list for information on all art openings, workshops and other happenings. They are currently booking the 2015 Sunday Fine Art Concert Series with four awesome shows dating from April through September 2015.

Calaveras Arts Council

Announces Ovarations 2015 Schedule and Performing Artists For more than three decades the Calaveras Arts Council has brought a variety of concerts to the rural residents and guests of the Gold Country. Ovarations 2015 Performing Arts Series features five high quality, affordable performances at Dr. Elliott Smart Performing Arts Center located at Bret Harte High School, 323 Highway 49, in Angels Camp.

All of the performances are on Sundays at 3pm. This year's lineup begins with these two: Sunday, Jan 11, 2015 *Tom Rigney and John R. Burr*, power duo on fiddle, violin, and piano. Together they present Americana, folk, blue grass, and a little bit of Louisiana Cajun.

Sunday, January 25, 2015, *Joni Morris*, Nationally acclaimed entertainer, songwriter, and recording artist, Joni Morris has an impeccable reputation for transforming herself into the American county western singer Patsy Cline. Her authentic sound, dazzling costumes from the golden era of the 50s and 60s, comedic instinct, and dynamic charm elevate favorites like *Crazy*, *I Fall to Pieces* and *Sweet Dreams* are not to be missed.

Season tickets are available now for \$100/ea. and individual tickets are available for \$25/ea. www.calaverasarts.org or call (209) 754-1774. The non-profit Calaveras County Arts Council operates The Gallery Store at 22 Main Street in San Andreas. Hours are Mon through Thurs, 9am to 4pm and Fridays and Saturdays, 10am to 3pm. The "The Affordable Gifts of Art" sale runs until January 9th, 2015.

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