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**MARIN COUNTY**

**Great Decisions**

Foreign Policy Association, Dominican and World Affairs Council of Marin offer free lecture and discussion series. Mon at 6. Mar 24, Roger Dong on US-China trade. Dominican College, 50 Acacia Ave, San Rafael. 415.485.3293.

**Health Now Forum**

Panel discussion of health topics followed by Q&A. Mar 19 at 6:30. Free. 142 Throckmorton Theatre, 142 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley. 415.383.9600.

**Marin Green Schools Alliance**

Educator workshop series offers ways to “green” local schools. Mar 20 at 4, “Energy: Bringing Sustainability into the School Plant, Conservation, Audits and Renewables.” RSVP. Mar 20 at 4. Marin Academy High School, 1600 Mission Ave, San Rafael. 415.453.3616, ext 275.

**Bill McKibben**

Environmentalist and author of “The End of Nature” and “Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future” discusses efforts to emerge from environmental destruction and climate change. Benefits West Marin Commons. Mar 23 at 7. \$20. Dance Palace, Fifth and B streets, Pt Reyes Station. 415.663.1075.

**Parent/Child Classes**

Jewish Family and Children’s Services offers family activities and parenting classes. Tues and Thurs, 10 to 11:30, drop-in playtime. \$6; no registration necessary. Mar 19 at 7, estate planning for kids with special needs. \$25. Mar 20-Apr 17, Thurs at 3:30, toddler playtime with observation and discussion for parents. \$100. Mar 25 at 4, playtime for special needs families. \$5; RSVP. Parents Place, 600 Fifth Ave, San Rafael. 415.491.7959.

**Pleasures of the Heart**

Talks on sensual subjects. Mar 24, 7 to 9, face reading with Jean Haner. Pleasures of the Heart, 1310 Fourth St, San Rafael. 415.482.9899.

**REI Corte Madera**

Free talks and events. Mar 20 at 9, Mt Tamalpais restoration project with Marin Municipal Water District. REI Corte Madera, 213 Corte Madera Town Center, Corte Madera. 415.927.1938.

**Shabbat Lunch & Lecture**

Lunch provided or bring your own for weekly talk series. Mar 21, Rabbi Henry Shreibman discusses Purim. Lunch reservation required. Lunch at noon; program at 12:40. Talk only, \$4; with lunch, \$8-\$10. Osher Marin JCC, 200 N San Pedro Rd, San Rafael. 415.444.8000.

**Sleep Solutions**

Edward Bauman shares science of sleep disturbances and natural remedies. Mar 20 at 5:30. Free. Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, 7514 Redwood Blvd, Novato. 415.892.3700.

**Thank God for Evolution**

Minister, author and evolutionary evangelist Michael Dowd and science writer Connie Barlow share “God’s eye view” of everything from microbiology to supernovas. Mar 19 at 7. Free. Sausalito Presbyterian Church, 112 Bulkley, Sausalito. 415.332.3790.

**War Tax Resistance**

Marin Peace and Justice Coalition presents town hall forum and potluck with Northern California War Tax Resistance and Sonoma County Taxes for Peace. Mar 24; potluck at 6; forum at 7:15. First United Methodist Church, 9 Ross Valley Dr, San Rafael. 415.460.1257.

**NAPA COUNTY**

**Disability Law Clinics**

CRI staff attorneys answer disability-related legal questions. First come, first served. Last Tues of every month, 1 to 3. Free. Community Resources for Independence, 1040 Main St, Ste 208, Napa. 707.258.0275.

**Meditation Classes**

Ongoing weekly classes for all levels include guided meditation, teaching and discussion. Wed, 7 to 8:30. \$10 donation. Napa Valley for Spiritual Living, 1249 Coombs St, Napa. 707.795.8791.

**Voices of the Past: Depths of Womanhood**

Women’s History Month celebration with lecture and discussion by Deborah Grenn, DVD clips and hors d’oeuvres. Mar 20 at 6:30. Free. Napa Valley College, 2277 Napa Vallejo Hwy, Napa. 707.253.3060.

*Literary Events*  
**SONOMA COUNTY**

**Copperfield’s Books**

Mar 25 at 7, “Timmy’s in the Well: The Jon Provost Story” with Jon Provost. 2316 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa. 707.578.8938.

**Copperfield’s Books**

Mar 20 at 7, “Uncertain Peril: Genetic Engineering and the Future of Seeds” with Claire Hope Cummings. 138 N Main St, Sebastopol. 707.823.2618.

**Peace and Justice Center**

Mar 20 at 7, “American Methods: Torture and the Logic of Domination” with Kristian Williams. 467 Sebastopol Ave, Santa Rosa. 707.575.8902.

**Readers’ Books**

Mar 25 at 7:30, “The Joy-Filled Body” with Cari Corbett-Owen. 130 E Napa St, Sonoma. 707.939.1779.

**Sebastopol Library**

Mar 22 at 2, “The March Hare’s Literary Tea,” reading by Redwood Branch of California Writers Club. 7140 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol. 707.823.7691.

**The Sitting Room**

Third Wed at 2, Sitting Room book club. 707.823.3477. 170 E Cotati Ave, Cotati.

**Sonoma Community Center**

Mar 20 at 7:30, “Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life” with Michael Krasny (see Lectures). 276 E Napa St, Sonoma. 707.579.ARTS.

**Wells Fargo Center**

Mar 22 at 8, “New Rules: Polite Musings from a Timid Observer” with Bill Maher (see Comedy). 50 Mark West Springs Rd, Santa Rosa. 707.546.3600.

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**Book Passage**

Mar 19 at 7, “Grace (Eventually)” with Anne Lamott. Mar 20 at 7, Ovid’s “Metamorphoses” with Barry Kraft. Mar 24 at 1, “The Bill McKibben Reader” with Bill McKibben; at 7, “On Being Certain” with Robert Burton. Mar 25 at 7, “The Fortune Cookie Chronicles” with Jennifer Lee. 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. 415.927.0960.

**Depot Bookstore & Cafe**

Mar 21 at 7, “Transformity” with local poets and guests. 87 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley. 415.383.2665.

**Habitat Books**

Third Wed at 6:30, poetry reading series. \$5 donation. 205 Second St, Sausalito. 415.331.3344.

**Marin Humane Society**

Mar 22 at 4, “Farm Sanctuary: Changing Hearts and Minds About Animals and Food” with Gene Baur. 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd, Novato. 415.506.6288.

**Northpoint Coffee House**

First and third Wed at 7, Sunset Poetry by the Sea open mic and readings. 1250 Bridgeway, Sausalito. 415.331.0777.

**Point Reyes Books**

Fourth Mon, Spanish book group. 11315 Hwy 1, Pt Reyes Station. 415.663.1542.

**Revolution 9**

Mar 24 at 7, women and lit book club facilitated by Mary Jane Elliott. 14 Bolinas Ave, Fairfax. 415.453.7999.

**Toby’s Feed Barn**

Mar 22 at 7:30, “Gardening at the Dragon’s Gate” with Wendy Johnson. 11250 Hwy 1, Pt Reyes Station. 415.663.1223.

**NAPA COUNTY**

**Copperfield’s Books**

Mar 22 at 3, “Gifts from the Child Within” with Barbara Sinor. 1330 Lincoln Ave, Calistoga. 707.942.1616.

**Copperfield’s Books**

Mar 24 at 7, “Timmy’s in the Well: The Jon Provost Story” with Jon Provost. 3900-A Bel Aire Plaza, Highway 29 and Trancas Street, Napa. 707.252.8002.

**Smoking Cat Cafe**

Thurs at 7, poetry night. 1502 Main St, Napa. 707.255.5174.

*Theater*  
**SONOMA COUNTY**

**Boston Marriage**

David Mamet’s seductive comedy about two single ladies on the threshold of upper-class Victorian society. For mature audiences. Through Mar 30; Thurs-Sat at 8; Sun at 2 (no show Mar 23). \$14-\$26. Sixth Street Playhouse, 52 W Sixth St, Santa Rosa. 707.523.4185.

**Cosi Fan Tutte**

Subtitled “The School for Lovers,” Mozart’s comic opera reminds us of the fragility of love and cost of wisdom. Mar 19 at 7:30; Mar 21 at 8; Mar 23 at 3. \$32-\$35. Cinnabar Theater, 3333 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma. 707.763.8920.

**The Daddy, the Diva & the Detective**

High camp murder-mystery dinner theater with three-course meal. Mar 22 at 6. \$85. Village Inn, 20822 River Blvd, Monte Rio. 707.865.2304.

**The Fairies of Boglewood**

Actors’ Theater for Children presents Max Bush’s fun story of greedy humans who try to steal gold from fairies. Ending Mar 22; Fri at 7:30; Sat at 1 and 3:30; Sun at 2:30. \$5. Steele Lane Community Center. 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa. 707.544.5995.

**Footloose, the Musical**

Sonoma County Repertory’s student company presents award-winning musical adaptation of ‘80s film. Mar 21-22 at 7:30. \$10. Sebastopol Community

Center, 390 Morris St, Sebastopol. 707.823.0177.

**Oleanna**

David Mamet’s response to the Thomas hearings in which sexual harrassment does or does not occur, depending one’s point of view. Mar 21-22, 28-30, Apr 4-6 and 11-12; Fri-Sat at 8; Sun at 2. \$12-\$18. Studio Theatre, Sixth Street Playhouse, 52 W Sixth St, Santa Rosa. 707.523.4185.

**A Perfect Ganes**

Terrence McNally’s story of two suburban housewives’ journey through India. Ending Mar 22; Thurs-Sat at 8; Sun at 2. \$15-\$18. Pegasus Theater Company, 20347 Hwy 116, Monte Rio. 707.522.9043.

**Shirley Valentine**

A beleaguered working class housewife escapes to Greece for fun and romance in one-woman comedy. Mar 21-Apr 27; Thurs-Sat at 8; also Apr 21 and 27 at 2. \$18-\$23; Thurs, pay what you can. Sonoma County Repertory Theater, 104 N Main St, Sebastopol. 707.823.0177.

**The Vagina Monologues**

Pacific Alliance Stage Company presents Eve Ensler’s taboo-breaking tour of female sexuality. Mar 21-Apr 27; Thurs at 7:30; Fri-Sat at 8; Sun at 2:30. \$17-\$20; Thurs, \$15. Spreckels Performing Arts Center, 5409 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. 707.588.3400.

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**A Little Night Music**

Novato Theater Company presents Sondheim’s witty musical following a romantic weekend in the country. Mar 20-Apr 13; Thurs-Sat at 8; Sun at 3. \$10-\$22; Mar 20 preview, \$15. Pacheco Playhouse, 484 Ignacio Blvd, Novato. 415.883.4498.

**The Moustetrap**

Agatha Christie’s murder-mystery and world’s longest running play twists and turns to a surprise ending. Sat show includes dinner. Reservation required. Through Apr 12; Fri at 8; Sat at 7. Fri, \$20; Sat, \$35. Belrose Theatre, 1415 Fifth Ave, San Rafael. 415.454.6422.

**Shadowlands**

Ross Valley Players present William Nicholson’s story of relationship between CS Lewis and Joy Davidman Gresham. Through Apr 20; Fri-Sat at 8; also Mar 27-Apr 20, Thurs at 7:30; Sun at 2. \$16-\$20; Mar 21, 7 to 7:20, pay what you will tickets available. Barn Theatre, Marin Art and Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, Ross. 415.456.9555.

**Tings Dey Happen**

Dan Hoyle’s solo geopolitical story based on his year studying oil politics in Nigeria. Mar 22 at 8. \$25-\$35. 142 Throckmorton Theatre, 142 Throckmorton Ave, Mill Valley. 415.383.9600.

**Yes Theater Festival**

Student-run shows presented by Ross Valley School District kids. Mar 21-23, “Sherlock Holmes” with White Hill Players. Fri-Sat at 7:30; also Sat-Sun at 2. \$7-\$10. Playhouse, 27 Kensington Rd, San Anselmo. 415.721.1555.

The BOHEMIAN’s calendar is produced as a service to the community. If you have an item for the calendar, send it by e-mail to calendar@bohemian.com, or mail it to: NORTH BAY BOHEMIAN, 847 Fifth St, Santa Rosa CA 95404. Please DO NOT SEND e-mail attachments. The BOHEMIAN is not responsible for photos. Events costing more than \$35 may be withheld. Deadline is 2 weeks prior to desired publication date.



**NATURE’S BOUNTY**

*Sonoma’s Bouverie Preserve an Eden*

The roar of the waterfall fed by winter rains slowly receded as the small group made their way down the steep but well-tended trail. They were thirsty from the hike and from the constant sound of water. Their bon vivant host and the owner of the 570-acre property, David Bouverie, the seventh son of the eighth Earl of Radnor, guided them toward a stately oak. Nestled inside its hollow belly, the guests found cold Champagne on ice and crystal glasses, placed there earlier by Bouverie’s servants to quench their thirst.

The British Bouverie was born of landed gentry; his family owned and cared for vast tracts of land for nearly five centuries. Their love of the land was instilled in Bouverie, and on a 1938 trip to California, he found and fell in love with the Sonoma Valley, subsequently building his home and a set of small guest cottages to house such noted guests as actor Joseph Cotton, writer M. F. K. Fisher and poet Maya Angelou.

While Champagne is no longer offered after hikes at the Bouverie Preserve of Audubon Canyon Ranch in the Valley of the Moon, toasts can still be made to Bouverie for his foresight and tenacity in establishing the property in 1979 as an unspoiled site for schoolchildren and adults to learn about Sonoma County’s natural environment and how to protect it.

Rarely open to the public, there is much to protect in this sanctuary known for its diversity of native plants and animals. “Kids love the creek and the red-bellied newts they find there,” says naturalist Jeanne Wirka, who also lives in one of the houses on the property. Both adults and kids are enthralled by the emerging signs of spring, like the multitude of wildflowers and the nesting birds. “All of the birds are in their mating season, so the birdsong is out of control while the males try to attract a mate,” Wirka laughs. Also of note is the pileated woodpeckers’ nest—think Woody with his bushy red head (above)—in a tree at the intersection of two trails, so all hikers have a chance to view it. “What makes this place so unique is how pristine it is,” Wirka says. “With restricted public access, we maintain total preservation but have maximum exposure for kids.”

Guided nature walks are offered for free on Saturdays throughout spring, March 29, April 12, April 19, and May 17 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Hikes are rated easy to moderate so hiking shoes, a hat and sunscreen are advised. Saturday seminars include “Flowers and Pollinators” (April 5) and “Grasses” (May 10); \$25 each. Class size is limited. Contact leslie@egret.org or call 415.868.9244 to register.

*Suzanne Daly*