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The 36th annual 4th of July Street Fair will feature over 300 artist, crafters, musicians, non-profits and food vendors throughout the Downtown Ventura Cultural District. Six stages of all-county entertainers range from Bluegrass music to Hawaiian dancers and include local favorites Pier 101, Benise and the Iron Mountain Boys plus Jill Martini performing from its debut CD.

Assemble at Cemetery Park at 9:30 am for the Pushem Pullem Parade that proceeds to the Street Fair at 10 am with over a 1,000 participants in decorated wagons and costumes representing this year's theme "Celebration of American Music." The Ventura East Rotary Club sponsors and organizes the parade. Free shuttle service from the Ventura County Government Center runs from 10 to 5. Visit www.cityofventura.net/streetfairs for a list of vendors and further information.

The Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St., will be open 11 am to 5 pm during Independence Day with reduced admission – \$2 for adults; \$1 for seniors and children 13-17 years old; free for children 12 years old and younger if accompanied by a paid adult. Active duty military and their immediate families may enter free with proper identification. Enjoy the summer exhibition "Splash!" featuring large-scale installations of ocean-inspired art and a look into Ventura's beach resort past. For more information visit www.venturamuseum.org

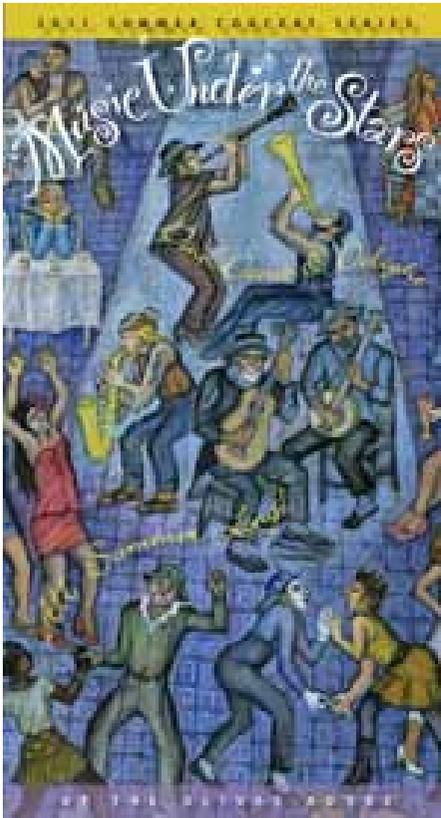
Artists Union Gallery poetry series every Tuesday and final Saturdays

Poets and lovers of poetry are welcome to join host Phil Taggart to hear featured poets and participate during the open mic that follows every Tuesday at 7:30 pm:

July 5-Suzanne Frost, July 12-Barry Spacks and Chryss Yost, July 19-Howard Smith, July 26-Dian Sousa, August 16-Cathryn Andresen, September 13-Mary Natwick, September 20-Alis Soto. Also at the Artists Union Gallery is the "Friday on Saturday" poetry series on the last Saturday of the month at 7:30 pm with host Friday Lubina: July 30-Holly Prado, August 27-TL Cabrera and September 24-Jeanette Clough. Both events are held at 330 South California Street in Ventura. Email ptagga@aol.com to be added to Phil's literary events distribution list.



"Music Under the Stars" Olivas Adobe concert series begins July 9



Dine, dance & be merry all summer long at "Music under the Stars" – Ventura's popular concert series outdoors at the historic Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, near Ventura Harbo – on Saturday evenings from July 9 to September 3. Tickets are \$20. Gates open for dining at 6:30 pm with concert from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Purchase tickets at the door or reserve at 805.658.4726 during regular business hours. Full lineup information follows this release – also available at www.cityofventura.net.

July 9: Louie Cruz Beltran – Latin Jazz

July 16: Barbara Morrison – Jazz and Blues

July 23: Upstream – Reggae & Socca

July 30: Whiskey Dawn – Country Western

August 6: Soul City Survivors – R & B

August 13: Front Street Prophets – R & B Soul & Blues

August 20: Army of Freshmen – Rock

August 27: Lisa Haley & the Zydekats – Zydeco

September 3: Rob Rio & the Revolvers – Boogie Woogie

Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy nine Saturday nights of summer magic "dancing with the stars" on a majestic wooden ballroom floor at Ventura's most historic party site. Listen to top recording artists perform irresistible sets of R&B, Rock, Latin, Jazz, Blues, Zydeco, Boggie Woogie, Country Western and Carib Beats.

Bring your own homemade feast or reserve a catered hot buffet dinner for fine twilight dining with friends within the warm embrace of adobe-baked courtyard walls.

Additional options include reserving a table and 4 chairs for \$10. Additional seating is available on site but patrons not reserving tables may bring their own chairs. Rental "TV" tables are available for rental for non-reserved seating. Patrons may also reserve a catered concert meal. Call 805/650-7559 by Friday noon before each concert to reserve a complete hot buffet dinner by BuenaVentura Catering for \$15 per person. A different menu is served each Saturday 45 minutes prior to the performance.

Series sponsors include: Pier Into the Future, Beverlee's Bartending, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Ventura Breeze, VC Reporter, Ventura County Star, Gold Coast Broadcasting, LLC, Four Points by Sheraton, Ventura Harbor and DSR Audio

For more information contact Georgeanne Lees, Office of Cultural Affairs Supervisor at 658-4720 or glees@cityofventura.net.

Ventura Film Festival July 8-18 in Ventura plus other film series

The 2011 Ventura Film Festival July 8-18 will bring over 100 filmmakers and 200 films to screens at various theaters across the city, including a 50th anniversary screening of "West Side Story" at the Majestic Ventura Theater. Tickets and details at <http://venturafilmfestival.org>

VENTURA FILM FESTIVAL®

The Pacific View Mall food court hosts the Can Film Festival, a ten-event series of free family movie nights to benefit FOOD Share, Ventura County's regional food bank on Wednesdays at 7 pm through August 31. Bring canned food or cash donations if you can for FOOD Share in exchange for a night of free family fun. For more film information, go to www.shoppacificview.com or call 805-642-8537 or visit: www.foodshare.com.

The Ventura Film Society (VFS) offers a year-round series of screenings of quality alternative films called "VSF @ The Museum" every other Tuesday at 7 pm at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St. Next up are Spike Lee's "Crooklyn" (July 5) and Sean & "War Dance" about Uganda's

national music and dance festival (July 19). VSF's Neighborhood Cinemo program mentors local filmmaking projects that encourage aspiring filmmakers to enhance their local voices with global visions. For a complete schedule and tickets visit <http://www.venturafilmsociety.com> or call the information lines at 805/628-2299 or 805-628-2299.

Do you love books, ideas and technology?

Create the Vision:
Ventura's Libraries
& the Community

The Future of
Ventura Libraries

Hosted by:
College Area Community Council

- Wednesday -

July 13, 2011

Museum of Ventura County
100 East Main Street - Downtown Ventura

- 6 pm Refreshments
- 6:30 pm Panel Discussion with Visiting Library Experts
- 7:30 pm Storytelling under the Stars in Museum Courtyard

- Thursday -

July 14, 2011

Fellowship Hall - Trinity Lutheran Church
196 North Ashwood Avenue - Ventura

- 7 pm Presentation & Community Workshop

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Families and children welcome!

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



www.cityofventura.net/libraries
For More Info Call 805.658.4793.

Library lovers can participate in two strategic plan public events July 13 & 14

Lovers of books, ideas and technology are invited to help "Create the Vision: Ventura's Libraries, Families & the Community" on Wednesday, July 13, at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 East Main Street, Downtown Ventura, with refreshments (6 pm), panel discussion with visiting experts (6:30 pm) and storytelling in the museum courtyard (7:30 pm). Or take part in the College Area Community Council's "Future of Ventura Libraries" 7 pm on Thursday, July 14, at the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church, 196 North Ashwood Avenue. Families and children are welcome! More info on the Library Strategic Plan activities at <http://www.cityofventura.net/libraries>

Fox Fine Jewelry exhibits The Ojai Group July 14-September 12

The Ojai Group will display their art in a show titled "Pink Moments" at Fox Fine Jewelry, 210 East Main Street, in Historic Downtown Ventura. from July 14 through September 12, 2011. The Ojai Group is a community of five professional female artists (Patty Van Dyke, Mary-Gail King, Diane Hanley, Barbara Wiles, and Kristy Vantrese) who provide mutual professional, artistic and personal support. Their varied backgrounds and artistic styles contribute to the classes and events they offer, including the Ojai Summer Evening Plein Air sessions (theojaigroup.com). Exhibit hours are Monday-Thursday, 10:30 am-6 pm, Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 am-8 pm. For information on the show, contact Debbie Fox at (805) 652-1800 or Debbie@FoxFineJewelry.com



Re-imagined ArtWalk a Summer Highlight in Ventura July 23-24



The new Westside Artwalk will unite Ventura's vibrant arts community in one weekend of coordinated events. The two-day celebration of the arts will run Saturday, July 23, 2011 from 1 to 9 pm and Sunday, July 24, from 12 to 5 pm. Westside Artwalk is a free, self-guided tour of dozens of galleries, studios and pop-up venues in Ventura's Westside Cultural District and Downtown. A signature event for Ventura for many years which brought in cultural tourists from all over, it is now being run by an all-volunteer group which has added new life to the event. ArtWalk was previously put on by the City of Ventura, but fell victim to budget cuts this year.

Venues include the Bell Arts Factory, Working Artists Ventura, Stoneworks Studio and Gallery, Vita Art Center, Art City, Arts on Main, Red Brick Gallery, San Buenaventura Gallery, Artists' Union Gallery, The Museum of Ventura County, and many more. New temporary galleries will be put together just for the event.

A highlight of this year's event is a showing by Focus on the Masters of some of the area's most well-known artists, along with photographs by FOTM Founder Donna Granata which document their work. The exhibition will be housed in the Erle Stanley Gardner Building ground floor, on the corner of Main and California streets. The exhibition features rare objects from the FOTM archives, including artist's portraits, publications and original artwork by John Nava, Gary Lang, Joe Piasentin and Michael Rohde, among others.

Also new this year is the Bowl Hop. Buy a \$25 limited edition, hand-made ceramic bowl during Westside ArtWalk and your ceramic bowl and punch card can be taken to any or all of the participating restaurants.

Two terrific after-parties will round out the weekend's events. One is Saturday night at the Museum of Ventura County to honor the featured artists. It begins at 7 pm and will feature food and entertainment.

The weekend culminates in an arts auction and party Sunday evening from 5-8 p. at the Erle Stanley Gardner Building that will benefit Focus on the Masters and its arts education programs. The gallery auction highlights include original work by John Nava, Gerd Koch, Cheryl Ann Thomas, Sylvia Torres, and Christine Brennan. Silent auction items will also be available. For more information on the FOTM after party, call (805) 653-2501.

For more information on Westside ArtWalk, including how to be an exhibitor or participating venue, visit www.westsideartwalk.org, email info@westsideartwalk.org, or call (805) 746-2818 or (805) 794-7670.

Local cinemas transmit live Shakespeare and opera performances this July and August



In 2007 the Metropolitan Opera (Met) began high definition (HD) transmissions of operas live to local cinemas on Saturday mornings. Today other performing arts organizations are copying this highly successful format. Visit the Cinemark Stadium 16 in Ventura (2875 Elba St) for the Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series of plays recorded live for broadcast – Henry IV Part 1 (August 1), Henry IV Part 2 (August 18) and Henry VIII (September 15) at 6:30 pm (\$16/\$14) – as well as the Met's summer encore series of Donizetti's La Fille Du Régiment (July 13), Puccini's Tosca (July 20) and Verdi's Don Carlo (July

27). See below to sign up for emails for other live and encore cinema series in Ventura and further a field in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Santa Monica including the 2011-12 Met Opera, LA Phil, San Francisco Opera and other world opera, ballet and London National Theatre – all "coming to a movie theater near you."

Shakespeare's Globe London Cinema Series

<http://www.fathomevents.com>

Metropolitan Opera HD summer series

http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/broadcast/hd_events_template.aspx?id=16270

Metropolitan Opera HD series 2011-12

http://www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/broadcast/hd_events_template.aspx?id=15114

Los Angeles Philharmonic HD broadcasts & special events

<http://www.laphil.com/connect/email-club/index.cfm>

National Theatre Live from London signup

<http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/45760/email-sign-up/nt-live-newsletter.html>

Ballet in Cinema

<http://www.balletincinema.com/contact/>

Opera in Cinema

<http://www.operaincinema.com/contact/>

San Francisco Opera Cinema Series

<http://sfopera.com/Watch-Listen/Grand-Opera-Cinema-Series.aspx>

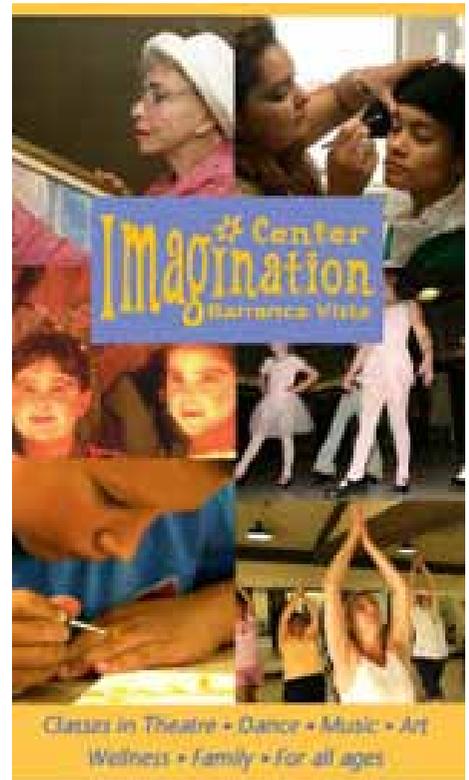
Summer activities at Barranca Vista Center & Park

Fairy Tales in the Park, free performances for families presented by Gypsies in a Trunk, continue Saturdays with "Princess and the Pea" (July 9), "Aladdin" (August 13), and "Rumpelstiltskin" (Sept. 10)

Free "**Family Concerts in the Park**" happen Sundays with the chamber music-to-full orchestra sounds of the "Bible Fellowship Orchestra & Friends" (July 31) and the Gypsy guitar jazz from 1930s Paris sounds of the "Jill Martini Soiree" (August 28). Both series are at 4 pm. Bring a low back lawn chair, blankets and picnic. The park at 7050 Ralston Street also has a great playground for kids.

C.A.T.S. Summer Camps have created memories in Ventura County since 1996 though drama by helping build confidence and self-esteem in youth ages 4-14. Two new half-day camps offered July 18-July 22 are a great way to introduce your child to the magic of theater or to hone skills they already have put into practice. The morning "Drama, Comedy and Improv Sampler" for 8-14 years olds (\$100) gives campers the chance to try out a variety of acting disciplines in preparation of an informal performance on the last day of camp. The afternoon "Time Traveler Camp" (\$125) allows for the creative child to travel back to Colonial times to experience how children lived before and during the American Revolution through games, cooking, crafts, music and a sing songs a journal as if they were a child in the Colonial era.

Dog Agility classes are a great way to train, exercise and bond with your dog as they learn to go over jumps, through tunnels and master agility obstacles. All classes are taught in a fun, positive manner. A new six-week session (\$100) begins August 13. To sign up for these classes contact 658-4726 or www.cityofventura.net/eRecreation.



Nominations due August 1 for the 2011 Art Stars Awards



The Ventura County Arts Council (VCAC) is welcoming nominations of notably generous individuals, organizations, and foundations to be recognized at the Art Stars Awards Sunset Dinner Celebration at the Tower Club, Wednesday, September 21, 2011. This is an opportunity for the countywide arts community to recognize the shareholders and stakeholders who are responsible for our vibrant cultural life. Residents are invited to nominate individuals, organizations, and foundations who have given generous amounts of time, talents or funding in support of the arts community anywhere in Ventura County. The nine categories are: business, public agency, civic organization, nonprofit arts organization, artist in community service, arts philanthropist, arts educator, national recognition and cultural tourism. Nominations are due in the VCAC office by 5 pm on Friday, August 1, 2011. Renowned Ventura County artist John Suttman is designing the award, and

long-time community leader and former editor and publisher of the Ventura County Star Tim Gallagher will serve as Master of Ceremonies. We call on all county residents to bring these arts leaders to our attention so that they can receive proper recognition for their generosity! For complete information and nomination forms visit www.venturacountyartscouncil.org or contact (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartscouncil.org.

Rubicon Youth Summer Theatre to feature "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" August 3-7

Musical Theatre Camp, founded in 2002, has become one of Rubicon's most highly anticipated summer youth programs for ages 14-22. From the first rehearsal to the final performance, students are immersed in the fast-paced, challenging and exciting process of creating an American musical. Under the direction of award-winning actor, Brian McDonald, and a team of highly-skilled theatre artists, participants are strongly encouraged to reach beyond their individual comfort zone and strive to maintain a level of professionalism. This summer's Musical Theatre Camp culminates with public performances on the Rubicon stage of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat": August 3 • 7 pm; August 4 • 8 pm; August 5 • 8 pm; August 6 • 2 pm & 8 pm; August 7 • 2 pm & 7 pm. For tickets visit: <http://rubicontheatre.org>



Arts in the Park at the Ventura Harbor Village on August 20-21



The Ventura Chamber of Commerce hosts the third annual Arts in the Park on August 20, from 10 am to 6 pm and August 21 from 10 am to 5pm at the Ventura Harbor on Spinnaker Drive. This outdoor event features fine arts and crafts and music throughout the day. Ventura artist Jack Halbert – named Artist in the Community at the 2010 Mayor's Arts Awards – is the Featured Artist of Arts in the Park. His work has won numerous awards including top honors at the Ventura County Fair and the prestigious "Barney Dietz Best in Show" award at Ventura College, where his paintings are part of the permanent collection.

Arts in the Park will include "Chalk Art for Charity" as part of the festivities featuring local and Southern California chalk artists, including Chris Brake. To view some of Brake's art, visit his website www.streetchalkartist.com. "Chalk Art for Charity" will raise funds for FOOD Share to help support FOOD Share's mission to alleviate hunger in Ventura County. Funds will be raised through the sponsorship of chalk art squares, which will include the sponsor's name. Sponsorships are still available for companies or individuals: \$100 for Chamber members, \$125 for non-members. Arts in the Park will once again showcase the winners of a student art contest sponsored by Service Master TA Russell. For more information or to sponsor a square, contact the Ventura Chamber of Commerce 805-643-7222.

Marguerite Hardeman centennial exhibit at the Olivas Adobe August 28

The Olivas Adobe Historical Interpreters will display a special exhibit of the murals and paintings of Marguerite Hardeman, commemorating the one-hundredth birthday of the artist on August 28, 11 an-3 pm throughout the courtyard and grounds of the Olivas Adobe. Privately owned paintings by the artist will be displayed in the Olivas Adobe Exhibit Hall. Visitors may view the murals and learn the history they depict from costumed docents during the event. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

Become an Olivas Adobe docent! Visit www.olivasadobe.org for details. The next docent training begins July 10 & 17, 1-3 pm.

California muralist and painter Marguerite Hardeman (1911-1990) was a member of the Realistic Painters Group in Ojai who taught at Ventura College in the 1960s. During that period she painted fifteen large murals—now in the Olivas Adobe art collection—that depict different moments from the founding of the city of Ventura and its early history. The largest, a series of panels measuring 30 feet, shows Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo coming ashore to greet the local Native Americans in 1542. Other pieces reflect California's Rancho Period and Rancho San Miguel, which was the Mexican land grant of the Olivas family. For information contact Gina Reyes at 658.4728 or greyes@cityofventura.net.





Nominations accepted for 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards until September 16

The City of Ventura, on behalf of Mayor Bill Fulton, welcomes nominations for the seventh annual Mayor's Arts Award until September 16 through forms available online at www.cityofventura.net/mayors_arts_awards. This award recognizes city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders for artistic achievements and contributions they have made to our cultural community in six categories: Arts Patron, Artist in the Community, Creative Entrepreneur, Arts Leader, Arts Educator and Emerging Artist.

Mayor Fulton will present the non-monetary awards at a reception in November. Each recipient will receive a limited edition artwork created by artist Lis J. Schwitters entitled "Mark of Excellence". For more information contact Creative Economy Specialist Eric Wallner at 805.677.3911 or ewallner@cityofventura.net.

Kids' Arts Art Barn offers Saturday programs and "The Basics"

This past spring the Kids' Arts Art Barn offered a three-month after-school "sustainable home-ec" program called "The Basics! Cooking, Sewing, Building & Growing" designed for "tweens" (9-14 years old) to learn new and valuable "self-sufficiency" skills that give them courage to look at new challenges as an adventure with the help of teen mentors (ages 15-19). "The Basics" will be offered again this fall or schedule your own session this summer and don't forget its free, ongoing Saturday morning program. Visit www.kidsartsventura.org, contact us at kidsartsventura3@gmail.com or find Kids' Arts on Facebook.



Public Art News



Artist Michael Davis was selected in 2003 to work on the design team to create aesthetic and functional improvements in conjunction with California Street Off Ramp and Pedestrian Improvement projects. The California Street Bridge pedestrian enhancements include new lighting, railings and sidewalk treatments. The bridge serves as the main connector between Ventura's downtown and oceanfront. This bridge is highly utilized by pedestrians, bicyclists and motorized vehicles. The new railings will create a safer environment for those crossing the bridge, and the new lighting will help to visually distinguish the California Street off ramp as the entry to the Downtown. Since January 2010, Davis has been working as part of a city-led design team to develop lighting, seating and railing designs for the Beachfront Promenade. Davis was selected for this project in order to thematically tie the planned improvements for the California Street Bridge to the Beachfront Promenade. More info at <http://www.cityofventura.net/publicart>