WELCOME TO THE 2020 SEASON OF PARTIES FOR THE PARKWAY!

When we mailed out our first Party catalog in 1993, I doubt anyone anticipated that we would still be offering parties 28 years later. But here we are in 2020, with a fantastic slate of events that will tempt your taste buds and provide opportunities to learn, make new friends, and experience the wonderful San Joaquin River.

Over the years we’ve offered a variety of unique experiences for our guests – intimate dinners at houses overlooking the river, nature walks with a picnic, weekend getaways, fashion shows, and tours of local factories. The theme for all of these events is that by working together, we can bring the San Joaquin River Parkway to life.

Today we have many lively spots along the Parkway and more to come in the near future. As we begin the new decade, we invite you to support the San Joaquin River Parkway effort with attendance at one of our 38 parties. They’re a great way to celebrate progress and create a bright future for our community.

Sharon Weaver, Executive Director

RIVER PARKWAY TRUST
OUR MISSION

Preserve and restore San Joaquin River lands of ecological, scenic or historic significance.

Educate the public on the need for stewardship; to research issues affecting the river.

Promote educational, recreational and agricultural uses of the river bottom consistent with protection of the river’s resources.

Photographs by Clary Creager & Betty Wang-Garcia
**KICKOFF PARTY MARCH 7**

The Kickoff Party is your first opportunity to make reservations for the 2020 Parties for the Parkway. The Kickoff Party begins at 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, at Clovis Veterans Memorial District Building. It is listed in this book as Party #1. Reservations for the Kickoff Party can be made online or by phone beginning at 9:00 am, February 4th. The date and time of your Kickoff ticket purchase determines your priority number for making reservations at the Kickoff. After the Kickoff Party, you can make Party reservations online or by phone.

**RESERVATIONS ONLINE OR BY PHONE**

After the Kickoff, party reservations can be made beginning at 9:00 am on Friday, March 13th, online or by phone. If the party you select is full, you may ask to be placed on a waitlist.

You will receive an email reminder with directions and other information for all purchased parties about ten days prior to each event.

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**MEMBERS SAVE ON PARTIES!**

Members receive a discount on all parties. If you’re not yet a River Parkway Trust member, it’s easy to join! Visit www.riverparkway.org or call 559-248-8480.

**REFUND POLICY**

In the event you need to cancel your reservations, refunds can only be offered if a cancellation is made at least 30 days prior to your party date. Your prompt cancellation may allow another person on the waiting list to attend; your courtesy is appreciated. You can choose another party as a replacement as long as the new party has room. You can also make your refund a donation to the River Parkway Trust upon request.

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**ART AUCTION EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION**

**ARTISTS’ RECEPTION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at K-Jewel Art Gallery, 1415 Fulton Street

Join the River Parkway Trust Board of Directors for a reception celebrating the 2020 Parties season’s generous artists. In honor of 28 years of Parties for the Parkway, K-Jewel Art Gallery, at 1415 Fulton St. in downtown Fresno, is hosting a special evening where you can view the donated art, make your starting bids, and mingle with friends of the River Parkway Trust. Art will be displayed throughout the month of February. No RSVP is necessary. Special ‘Buy It Now’ pricing will be available. This is a regular ArtHop night and many other nearby galleries will be open. We hope to see you there!

**KICK OFF PARTY SILENT AUCTION**

Artwork by many of the Fresno area’s most talented artists will be auctioned at the Kickoff Party on March 12th. All art will be on display and open for bids at the K-Jewel Art Gallery, 1415 Fulton St. in downtown Fresno, during the month of February. Special ‘Buy It Now’ pricing will be at both events. Bidding closes at the Kickoff party. Check out photos of all of the artwork at www.riverparkway.org.
KICKOFF PARTY
ART & SILENT AUCTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 12  5:30 pm
CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT BUILDING, LIBERTY BALLROOM

Be among the first to make reservations for the fabulous selection of 2019 Parties for the Parkway. Enjoy live music and tastings from local vintners and breweries. Once again, generous area restaurants and caterers will provide hearty appetizers and delicious desserts. You won’t want to miss your chance to bid on artwork by gifted Valley artists featured in the Parties book. Sign up early for Kickoff starting at 9:00 am on February 4th to get your priority number so you can be among the first to reserve your spaces for the River Parkway Trust’s 28th year of fantastic, imaginative, and exciting parties.

HOSTS
River Parkway Trust

MEMBERS: $45  NON-MEMBERS: $50  GUESTS: 450

PARTY 1

SEATTLE GETAWAY
Donated by Ted Morgan and Alicia Bennett
RETAIL VALUE: $2,500

10 TICKETS TO DISNEYLAND
Donated by Disneyland
RETAIL VALUE: $1,170

4 PREMIER SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS BASEBALL TICKETS
Donated by Woolf Farming
RETAIL VALUE: $500

DINNER ON THE RIVERBANK
Donated by Donna and Leroy Bollinger, Allen and Ginny Hovesepian
RETAIL VALUE: $500

3 NIGHT CONDO STAY AT HUNTINGTON LAKE
Donated by Frances Squire and Ed Wilson
RETAIL VALUE: $600

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Artist: David Hunter
Retail Value: $300  Starting Bid: $135

Artist: Christine Braziel
Retail Value: $100  Starting Bid: $45
10" x 12"
CUSTOM RIVER PARKWAY TRUST QUILT

Donated by Marsha Boone
RETAIL VALUE: $500

PRIVATE WINE CLASS FOR 20

Donated by Total Wine
RETAIL VALUE: $500

FOOD AND BEVERAGE DONORS

FOOD AND DESSERT

Ampersand Ice Cream
Dogg-Out Cookies
Food for Thought
Love and Garlic
Pardini’s Catering
Sam’s Italian Deli & Market
Sinbad Foods
The Painted Table

WINE AND BEER

3 Oaks Vineyards
Idle Hour Winery
LoMac Winery
Mad Duck Craft Restaurants and Brewery
Quady Winery
Riley’s Brewing
The Market
Valley Oak Winery

Get out your dancing boots and come on down to a Hoedown at the River Center Barn. No experience is needed to enjoy folk and line dancing taught by Larry Cusick - a patient, experienced dance caller. This is a great party for the whole family. BBQ Queen food truck will be on hand with yummy grub for purchase. Along with beer, wine, soda and desserts with the proceeds benefitting the Parkway. Y’all should come on down!

MEMBERS: $15  NON-MEMBERS: $20  KIDS: FREE

HOSTS
Debbie Doerksen
Samuel Molina
Carol Moses
Frances Squire

PARTY 2

GUESTS: 150
**HIKE WITH AN EXECUTIVE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11  10:00 am**
**SYCAMORE ISLAND,**
**MADERA COUNTY**

Spend the day along the beautiful river with the San Joaquin River Conservancy Executive Officer, John Shelton. You will start the hike at Sycamore Island and then journey through the Van Buren Unit. For lunch, you will return to Sycamore Island for some well-deserved pizza and beer. Throughout the day you will have the opportunity to discuss the latest plans for the Parkway with John.

**PARTY 4**

**HOSTS**
John Shelton  
Pine & Palm  
Papa Murphy’s

**MEMBERS:** $65  **NON-MEMBERS:** $70  **GUESTS:** 20

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**BREAKFAST AT THE UNDERGROUND GARDENS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4  9:00 am**
**FORESTIERE UNDERGROUND GARDENS,**
**FRESNO**

Lyn Forestiere Kosewski is once again hosting a private tour of her great uncle’s masterpiece, Forestiere Underground Gardens. Baldasare Forestiere devoted 40 years of his life to creating - by hand - one of Fresno’s most famous and unique attractions. Tour the incredible passages, courtyards, and grottos of the underground gardens, then gather for breakfast in the pergola area.

**PARTY 3**

**HOSTS**
Nancy Blankinship  
Samuel Molina  
Julie O’Kane  
Frances Squire

**MEMBERS:** $40  **NON-MEMBERS:** $45  **GUESTS:** 24
“SUNDAY MORNING” ON A WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15   10:00 am
WILLIAM SAROYAN THEATRE, FRESNO

Be a part of a San Joaquin Valley tradition at the William Saroyan Theatre. Town Hall brings nationally renowned, thought-provoking speakers who inform, educate, and entertain. Enjoy morning coffee before a lecture by legendary Today Show and Dateline host, Jane Pauley, now at the helm of CBS’s Sunday Morning Show. After the lecture, lunch will be provided along with the opportunity to participate in a question and answer discussion with the speaker herself.

HOSTS  Larry Balakian  Joyce Kierejczyk  San Joaquin Valley Town Hall

MEMBERS: $80  NON-MEMBERS: $85  GUESTS: 12

PARTY 5

WHIMSICAL WIRE WELDING

SATURDAY, APRIL 18   10:00 am
ZIRUL FIG GARDEN RESIDENCE AND STUDIO, FRESNO

You may have seen the beautiful and whimsical welded wire sculptures and drawings by artist Evany Zirul. Here’s a chance to visit her garden studio and try your hand at art welding. You may discover your own hidden artistic talent and a new hobby. A delicious al fresco lunch will add another treat to this memorable day.

HOSTS  Evany Zirul  Teresa Hurtado, Food for Thought

MEMBERS: $70  NON-MEMBERS: $75  GUESTS: 18

PARTY 6

THE HORSE WHISPERER RIDES AGAIN

SATURDAY, APRIL 18   3:00 pm
GREEN VALLEY TRAINING CENTER, CHOWCHILLA

Leland Decker, with 48 years of experience as a master horse trainer, will amaze you with his skills. This may be your last chance to watch him train a two-year-old, unstarted horse and earn enough trust to place a saddle on its back. His knowledge of horse psychology and patient manner seem magical! After the demo, enjoy a cowboy-style BBQ on the ranch. Rustle up your best western attire and embrace your inner cowboy or cowgirl!

HOSTS  Leland and Debbie Decker  Gordon and Carol Kennedy  Ted Morgan and Alicia Bennett  Ron and Francey Swim

MEMBERS: $75  NON-MEMBERS: $80  GUESTS: 30

PARTY 7
DOWN BY THE RIVER

SUNDAY, APRIL 19   12:00 pm
OWL HOLLOW

Be among the first lucky guests to enjoy the long-awaited improvements made at Owl Hollow, located on the San Joaquin River. Bring your family for the tasty picnic to be served at this idyllic spot. There will be games and activities for the kids and music by Happenstance for your enjoyment. It’s an easy half-mile stroll from the River Center.

MEMBERS: $40   NON-MEMBERS: $45   GUESTS: 100
HOSTS
River Parkway Trust
Pardini’s Catering
Happenstance

COFFEE AND CANNABIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24   10:00 am
RIVER CENTER BARN

A high time at the Parkway? No, it’s a panel discussion. You’ll hear from hemp and cannabis growers, regulators, processors, and dispensers. Learn from those involved in the newly legalized cannabis business about the issues and opportunities of this burgeoning mainstream industry. There will be time for questions from guests. Light refreshments will be served. No Samples or Sales!

MEMBERS: $15   NON-MEMBERS: $20   GUESTS: 100
HOSTS
River Parkway Trust
BRUNCH AND BLOOMS
SATURDAY, MAY 2   9:00 am
MADERA COLLEGE CENTER

Glorious spring blooms await you at the Madera County Master Gardeners’ demonstration garden. Tour and enjoy this delightful setting before choosing colorful blooms and creating your own keepsake floral arrangement. A local florist will demonstrate and offer how-to advice. Your Master Gardener hostesses don’t just dig in the dirt, they also excel in their kitchens to create your delicious brunch!

MEMBERS: $50   NON-MEMBERS: $55   GUESTS: 24
HOSTS
Carol Kennedy
Francey Swim
Candy Talley

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE?
SATURDAY, MAY 2   5:00 pm
OWL HOLLOW

Mark Twain once said, “Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting over!” It’s been the same story in California for almost two centuries. Come hear local author Mark Arax discuss his latest book, ‘The Dreamt Land, Chasing Water and Dust Across California’ with an explanation and history of this important topic. Owl Hollow, near the River Center, is an apt location for this engaging talk and delicious food. It is certain to be an evening along the San Joaquin River to remember!

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 40
HOSTS
Mark Arax

!FOLKS WHO PLAY!
EVA SCOW AND FRIENDS
SUNDAY, MAY 3   2:00 pm
RIVER CENTER BARN

Enjoy an afternoon of Jazz & Soul music with Mandolin/Violinist Eva Scow and talented friends! Local musician, Eva Scow began her musical career at age 4 on piano and soon began studying mandolin and classical violin. Eva views music as a universal language that crosses barriers of geography, culture, and age. Come for a delightful Sunday afternoon concert in the beautiful River Center Barn. Beer, wine and light snacks will be served.

MEMBERS: $25   NON-MEMBERS: $30   GUESTS: 100
HOSTS
Greg and Susan Estep
Bart and Suna Bohn
Julie O’Kane
CINCO DE MAYO

TUESDAY, MAY 5  5:00 pm
HALLOWELL BARN, FRIANT

No time to siesta when there is a fiesta! Join the Hallowells for a Cinco de Mayo party at their charming rustic barn. Enjoy traditional food and drinks from La Kebrada. Don’t forget your dancing shoes for the live music from an incredible band. The spectacular views of the property will contribute to the Mexican themed celebration. Olé!

HOSTS
Debbie Doerksen
James and Coke Hallowell

MEMBERS: $75  NON-MEMBERS: $80  GUESTS: 50

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 9  10:00 am
WOODWARD PARK LIBRARY, FRESNO

Award-winning architects Arthur Dyson and Robert Siegrist have changed the look of the Central Valley with their trend-setting designs. Follow Arthur and Robert on an architectural journey to three of their prominent projects: Woodward Park Library, University High School, and the United Japanese Christian Church. Lunch and entertainment will be enjoyed at your last stop.

HOSTS
Arthur Dyson
Lyn Peters
Robert Siegrist
Betty Wang-Garcia

MEMBERS: $75  NON-MEMBERS: $80  GUESTS: 20

ARTIST盲目: Emily Johnson
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70  6" x 6"

ARTIST盲目: Cynthia Doerner
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70  16" x 20"
EVENING ON THE SAVANNA

FRIDAY, MAY 15   5:00 pm
FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO, FRESNO

Visit Africa without the pricey airfare or jetlag! Scott Barton, CEO of Fresno Chaffee Zoo, will lead a safari through the various zoo landscapes, home to an amazing array of beautiful, exotic animals. After the tour, enjoy dinner at the Kopje Lodge in the private Simba Room overlooking the majestic pride of lions. Pith helmets optional.

HOSTS
Scott Barton, Fresno Chaffee Zoo
George and Jackie Folsom
Chris Perkins
Oscar and Marcia Sablan

MEMBERS: $85   NON-MEMBERS: $90   GUESTS: 30

ANNUAL SIERRA HIKE AND GOURMET PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 17   11:00 am
SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Join our very own John Muir (AKA Frank Helling) in the Redwood Canyon of Sequoia National Park for a gentle hike. Enjoy this amazing setting, home to one of the largest stands of redwoods, during wildflower season. With a little exercise under your belt, you will be ready for a gourmet picnic lunch courtesy of Madera’s The Vineyard Restaurant.

HOSTS
Frank and Patty Helling
Ted Morgan and Alicia Bennett
Chris and Claudine Mariscotti,
The Vineyard Restaurant and Bar

MEMBERS: $65   NON-MEMBERS: $70   GUESTS: 40

BEHIND THE SCENES AT GOOD COMPANY PLAYERS FREAKY FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20   5:30 pm
TOWER DISTRICT, FRESNO

Have an early dinner at the historic Golden Restaurant in the Tower District before taking a backstage tour of Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater. GCP’s Managing Director and actor Dan Pessano will act as a guide for the story of this amazingly successful local theater. Enjoy desserts and drinks while watching a high-energy performance by the talented Junior Company Players and the final dress rehearsal of Freaky Friday, a delightfully spunky family-friendly musical where Mom and daughter walk in each other’s shoes...literally.

HOSTS
Dan and Laurie Pessano
Susan B. Anderson
Karin Chao-Bushoven
Vicki Crow
Wilma Hashimoto
Jeanette Ishii
Bill and Karen McEwen
Christy Nottingham
Brandi Orth
Susan Ryan

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $85   GUESTS: 35
LUNCH IN THE GLORIOUS SPRING FOOTHILLS

SATURDAY, MAY 23  12:00 pm
HALLOWELL RANCH, FRIANT

Only 10 fortunate guests will be able to enjoy this truly serene spring event at the stunning Hallowell foothill home. The luncheon features champagne upon arrival and an elegant three-course meal. The ambiance is beyond compare: a spectacular view, an infinity pool, and centuries-old blue oak trees dotting the beautiful green landscape covered in spring flowers. Turn away from the grand view long enough to tour your hosts’ distinctive residence and extraordinary art collection.

HOSTS
James and Coke Hallowell

MEMBERS: $135   NON-MEMBERS: $150   GUESTS: 10

PARTY
18

ARTIST PARTY

- Artist: Janice Fortney
  Retail Value: $140   Starting Bid: $63
  22" x 18"

- Artist: Dick Haas
  Retail Value: $175   Starting Bid: $80
  20" x 16"
  Donated by Tracy Haas

- Artist: Kathy Constantino
  Retail Value: $190   Starting Bid: $85
  19" x 19"

- Artist: Jim Curnyn
  Retail Value: $220   Starting Bid: $100
  18" x 24"
A BEHIND THE SCENES LOOK INTO AN UNDERDOG CITY’S TECHNOLOGICAL ECOSYSTEM

FRIDAY, JUNE 12  6:00 pm
BITWISE SOUTH STADIUM, FRESNO

Join Bitwise Industries for an exclusive look at the history and future of this unique company. From the founding to what’s ahead, you’ll be transported (literally) along with the story of the mothership of technological education, collaboration, and innovation in Fresno. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the all-new 150,000 square foot Bitwise|41 facility and learn about the exciting things planned for this stellar space. Sit down after the tour for a delicious dinner and drinks while you hear from those who help create a culture of inclusion in a technological ecosystem.

MEMBERS: $80   NON-MEMBERS: $85   GUESTS: 25

HOSTS
Bitwise Industries

ENJOY A DAY AT SEQUOIA LAKE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13  9:00 am
CAMP SEQUOIA, SEQUOIA LAKE

Are you among the thousands of area residents who enjoyed attending camp at Sequoia Lake when you were young? If so, here’s a chance to re-live your youth or maybe just enjoy the majesty of this 88-acre private lake just an hour from Fresno. Fishing in a private stocked lake, hiking, the picnic lunch and time by the waterfront are sure to delight you and your guests. This is a perfect party for children.

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 40
KIDS: $20

HOSTS
Frances Squire
Wesley Wilson

ROOT FOR THE RIVER INTUITIVE FLOWER ARRANGING

THURSDAY, JUNE 18  6:30 pm
ROOT, DOWNTOWN FRESNO

Spend an evening playing with flowers grown locally and sustainably by Glory from Laurel Botanicals. In this workshop, Glory will guide us through her favorite way to create an arrangement, Intuitive Flower Arranging, a lovely mixture of floral design and nature meditation. Once you learn how to draw inspiration for form and design, it’s all about following the thread of your intuition and natural response to the flowers; creating something according to how you feel in that moment. There’s no right or wrong, it’s simply self-expression and allowing space for your natural creativity to blossom. After creating your arrangement, it’s yours to keep! All materials needed, plus sips and snacks are provided.

MEMBERS: $55   NON-MEMBERS: $60   GUESTS: 12

HOSTS
Kirk and Cassey James, Root
Glory Warner, Laurel Botanicals
Brix and Barel
Sarah Desvitt, CHN, Soulful Nutrition
MEADOW? CREEK? FOREST? LAKE? YES!!!!

SATURDAY, JULY 18  1:00 pm
WATTENBARGER CABIN, HUNTINGTON LAKE

Escape the Valley heat and explore the Huntington Lake ecosystems at 7000′ elevation. A moderate 3-mile hike will be led by your knowledgeable guides from the Wattenbarger cabin to a lush creekside meadow abloom with seasonal wildflowers. After crossing the creek you’ll pass through a section of old-growth forest en route to the local pack station and say ‘howdy’ to the horses. Continuing down to the lakeside trail, stop to visit a historic Native American acorn grinding site. Then follow along the shoreline trail to Line Creek Cove before circling back to the cabin for a well deserved hearty lunch. Sit back and enjoy the cool, fresh mountain air!

HOSTS
Bill and Anna Wattenbarger
Pete Wattenbarger

MEMBERS: $65   NON-MEMBERS: $70   GUESTS: 20

PARTY 22

SUCCULENT DESIGN WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JULY 25  9:00 am
BELMONT NURSERY, FRESNO

This is a hands-on succulent design workshop. BYOC (bring your own container) and create a piece of living art. Working in the shade you will be guided by Belmont Nursery Garden coaches in proper planting and care techniques. A variety of succulent cuttings will be provided to get started, then you will purchase the perfect specimen piece for your design! Lunch, festive drinks, and live music will add to the creative atmosphere.

HOSTS
Belmont Nursery
Rico and Kattia Castro
Dean and Linda Diaz
Newton and Sue Seiden

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 16

PARTY 23

ARTIST

Artist: Joseph Hawkins
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70
18″ x 24″

Artist: Gary Langdon
Retail Value: $350  Starting Bid: $160
14″ x 11″

Artist: Joseph Hawkins
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70
18″ x 24″
HIKE WITH
MAREK WARSZAWSKI TAKE #4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2  7:30 am
KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Join Fresno Bee columnist Marek Warszawski on a hike in the Sierra. You will spend a delightful day being wildly entertained while gaining significant insight into the flora, fauna, geography, history, and cultural resources of the Sierra. Marek is a naturalist, historian, and entertainer. If you have not participated in one of his hikes before, you owe it to yourself to hike with Marek this year for an experience you will not forget! The hike will be easy to moderate and a delicious healthy lunch will be provided on the trail.

MEMBERS: $70  NON-MEMBERS: $75  GUESTS: 20

HOSTS
Carol Moses
Marek Warszawski
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18   9:00 am
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
KEARNEY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
AND EXTENSION CENTER, PARLIER

THE SCIENCE
OF AGRICULTURE

Located in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, the University of California Kearney Agricultural Research and Extension Center has achieved international acclaim for leadership in the development of new crop varieties, cultural and irrigation practices, pest and disease management techniques, and post-harvest biology. Join us for this unique opportunity to visit the UC Kearney Ag. Center and learn about ongoing research to address some of the biggest challenges facing agriculture in California. You will tour laboratory facilities, visit field plots, and meet with multiple UC researchers. After the tour, enjoy a delicious lunch on the Kings River at The Wake House.

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 20

HOSTS
Houston Wilson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20   3:00 pm
WATTENBARGER RANCH,
MADERA

A beach party? In the Valley? Yes! The Wattenbargers have a rare sandy beach on the San Joaquin River. Come enjoy the sand between your toes, kayaking, fishing (BYO gear), exploring the riparian area, games and a tasty BBQ dinner. This calm water section of the river, west of Hwy 99, is ideal for novice kayakers. Don’t miss out on the fun at ‘Bob’s Bass Hole’ on the San Joaquin River.

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 24

HOSTS
Bill and Anna Wattenbarger
Vicki Crow
Tom Holyoke
SOUTHERN SEAFOOD BOIL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3   5:00 pm
SALWASSER HOME,
FRESNO

We're boiling over with excitement! Invite your friends to join you for some Southern hospitality at a Low Country Boil. Supper and spirits aplenty at this seafood boil under the stars. Our seafood boil for 24 is sure to be loved Bayou.

HOSTS
Adam and Erin Salwasser
Scott and Sabrina Eastom

MEMBERS: $100   NON-MEMBERS: $110   GUESTS: 24

PARTY
27

HARVEST HOME:
A FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL AMERICANA MUSIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4   12:00 pm
RIVER CENTER

The River Center’s Americana roots music festival is back again at the historic Riverview Ranch with a line-up of local and regional bands for your listening and dancing pleasure. The event features the best in (mostly) acoustic traditional music with performers not often featured in local venues: The Sharecroppers (bluegrass), Lark (American and Celtic trad), Bad Actors (Americana and bluegrass duet), The Arkansas Shieks (Old-time), Red Dog Ash (original bluegrass), and Glen Delpit and the Subterraneans (bluesy Americana dance music). Larry Cusick will call a family square dance with other activities for kids. Food trucks and cold beer! Sound by Kinney Live Audio.

HOSTS
Karana Hattersley-Drayton
Art Dyson
Assemi Realty
Fresno Acura
Fresno Folklore Society
Bill and Shirley Golden
Paul Halajian Architects
Dave and Rhonda Herb
Sue Wirt

MEMBERS: $15   NON-MEMBERS: $20   GUESTS: 250
KIDS UNDER 12: FREE

PARTY
28
WALNUT HARVEST AND BLUEBERRY FARM TOUR

Saturdays, October 10  12:00 pm
TULARE

Join fourth-generation walnut farmer Mike Thomas on his family farm between Tulare and Visalia and his walnut hulling operation at the peak of harvest. Mike will join us for lunch, a tour of the ranch and a discussion of why and how Mike has transitioned from traditional farming to organic these past 5 years. You will also visit the organic blueberry farm recently started by Mike Thomas and Susan Smith and hear about marketing fresh organic blueberries.

HOSTS
Susan Smith
Mike Thomas

MEMBERS: $65   NON-MEMBERS: $70   GUESTS: 20

PARTY
29

CORN, CROWS, AND SCARECROWS

Saturdays, October 10  5:00 pm
SURPRISE!

The mystery party planners are at it again. It’s harvest time... leaves are falling, pumpkins abound and scarecrows are making their annual appearance. You can make your appearance as a scarecrow too (or not!) and be prepared to participate in the evening’s activities. The mystery location, in southern Madera County, is a perfect setting for this casual party. A tasty autumn-inspired dinner will cap off a memorable fun evening.

HOSTS
Terry and Joanne Allen
Don and Stephanie Horal
Bill and Anna Wattenbarger

MEMBERS: $75   NON-MEMBERS: $80   GUESTS: 30

PARTY
30

Artists:

Kathy Wosika
Retail Value: $250  Starting Bid: $115
12" x 24" x 1"

Marilyn Torchin
Retail Value: $350  Starting Bid: $160
18" x 24"
**CAT HAVEN TOUR AND LUNCH**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17   10:00 am**

**CAT HAVEN, DUNLAP**

Enjoy a guided tour of Project Survival’s Cat Haven, an interactive park outside of Fresno dedicated to the preservation of wild cats. View and learn about the park’s lions, tigers, jaguars, bobcats, cheetahs, leopards, and lynx in this special foothill environment. The quarter-mile unpaved trail winds through ancient oaks and manzanitas, offering a wonderful nature walk while allowing you to see some of the rarest cats in the world. Following the one-hour tour, you will retreat to the historic School House Restaurant and Tavern near Sanger for lunch.

**HOSTS**
Noble Credit Union, Susan Ryan

**GUESTS:**
MEMBERS: $75  NON-MEMBERS: $80  GUESTS: 20

**WHY WILSON?**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22   5:00 pm**

**WILSON AVENUE OLD FIG GARDEN, FRESNO**

Get the answer to the question! Wilson Avenue is one of the hidden treasures of the San Joaquin Valley. You will enjoy a memorable evening at four historic homes along this one-of-a-kind street. The progressive dinner will begin with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at the home of Stuart and Lisa Woolf. Your second stop is at the home of William and Cheri Haskell for salad, followed by the main course at the home of Weston and Cindy Shipstead. Your evening concludes with dessert at the home of Reza Assemi. Join the party and celebrate the autumn season!

**HOSTS**
Reza Assemi
William and Cheri Haskell
Weston and Cindy Shipstead
Stuart and Lisa Woolf

**GUESTS:**
MEMBERS: $125  NON-MEMBERS: $130  GUESTS: 20

**TINY CABINS, BIG TREE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24   10:00 am**

**SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST**

Back by request, come spend a few hours off the grid and in the woods with a 45 minutes drive into the Sierra National Forest. Melinda and her Uncle Ed have built a community of four tiny cottages out of reclaimed wood. While wandering the property you’ll hear the story of how the idea for the four cottages blossomed and how they were built. With Leah as your chef, you will be served an extraordinary lunch in the woods! Wear your sturdy shoes for the short but steep hike to the top of the hill to see our massive Canyon Live Oak. End the afternoon with a guided meditation by yoga instructor Michael Downing.

**HOSTS**
Donald Black and Deborah Byron
Michael and Melinda Downing
Leah Musson
Newton and Sue Seiden

**GUESTS:**
MEMBERS: $95  NON-MEMBERS: $100  GUESTS: 16
LUNCH IN THE GLORIOUS FALL FOOTHILLS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24  12:00 pm
HALLOWELL RANCH, FRIANT

Very few will get to enjoy this serene fall celebration at the stunning Hallowell foothill home. This luncheon will feature champagne upon arrival and an elegant three-course meal. The Hallowell home has a unique ambiance with a spectacular view of an infinity pool, and centuries-old blue oak trees dotting the landscape. Turn away from the grand view long enough to tour your hosts’ distinctive residence and extraordinary art collection.

PARTY 34

HOSTS
James and Coke Hallowell

MEMBERS: $135  NON-MEMBERS: $150  GUESTS: 10

Artist: Patty Folsom
Retail Value: $200  Starting Bid: $90
19" x 15"

Artist: Shannon Bickford
Retail Value: $500  Starting Bid: $225
20" x 20"

Artist: Sheri Mallory
Retail Value: $275  Starting Bid: $125
20" x 16"

Artist: Susan Guzzetta
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70
15" x 13"
A PEEK AT POINSETTIAS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20  10:00 am
HENDERSON EXPERIMENTAL GROW YARD, FRESNO

Come for a private tour of the poinsettia grow houses right before the thousands of plants are released for sale! Belmont Nursery is the only local poinsettia grower in the Central Valley. The morning includes a walking tour of the Henderson Experimental Grow Yard and demonstration of the grafting techniques of the highly sought after “Keith Davey” Chinese Pistache, a Belmont Nursery signature tree. The Poinsettia grow houses and the experimental grow yards are closed to the public, so this is a unique opportunity for Valley gardeners. A casual brunch will be served.

MEMBERS: $50  NON-MEMBERS: $55  GUESTS: 24

HOSTS
Belmont Nursery
Michael and Lorraine Bukilica
Newton and Sue Seiden
Howard and Cindy Van Schoonhoven
Herman and Kathy Wage

SUNSET WITH SANDHILL CRANES AND SNOW GEESE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21  2:30 pm
MERCED NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Every fall thousands of Sandhill Cranes and Snow Geese arrive at the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. They feed on the surrounding fields and return each evening at sunset to the Refuge. Meet at or carpool to the Refuge and enjoy a short hike with expert birders, learning to identify the many species of birds that reside or pass through the area. As sunset approaches, you will arrive at the sunset viewing area where we will enjoy a warm and delicious winter picnic while awaiting nature’s phenomenon – the nightly return of the cranes and geese.

MEMBERS: $60  NON-MEMBERS: $70  GUESTS: 20

HOSTS
Judy Johnson
Ted Morgan
Chris and Claudine Mariscotti,
The Vineyard Restaurant & Bar

ARTIST

Pat Hunter
13" x 22"

Vicki Collier-McDonald
12" x 12"

Artist: Pat Hunter
Retail Value: $125  Starting Bid: $75
13" x 22"

Artist: Vicki Collier-McDonald
Retail Value: $150  Starting Bid: $70
12" x 12"
HOLIDAY WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6   10:30 am
RIVER CENTER

Get into the holiday spirit with this fun hands-on workshop. Robbie Cranch will be back by popular demand to show how simple it is to decorate your home using fresh, natural materials. You’ll create your own beautiful holiday wreath — or perhaps a garland or swag. All materials and an assortment of trims and ribbons are supplied. Spend the morning making a beautiful creation under Robbie’s supervision, then enjoy a great winter lunch served al fresco. Sign up early - this party is always a sellout.

HOSTS
Robbie Cranch
Phoebe Farnam
Anna Wattenbarger
Jennifer Williamson

MEMBERS: $60   NON-MEMBERS: $65   GUESTS: 15

HOLIDAY HIGH TEA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13   1:00 pm
RIVER CENTER RANCH HOUSE

Ladies and gentlemen, let’s dress up for a change and enjoy a classic High Tea! The beautiful, historic River Center Ranch House will be decorated in vintage holiday style for the season. You’ll be greeted at the door by a tuxedoed butler, then treated to champagne, tea, savory and sweet treats, and holiday music. These afternoon festivities will surely put you in the holiday spirit!

HOSTS
Anne Betancourt
Carolyn Nolan
Jean Thompson

MEMBERS: $60   NON-MEMBERS: $65   GUESTS: 18

Artist: Paul Zylka
Retail Value: $300   Starting Bid: $135
24” x 36”

Artist: Newton Seiden
Retail Value: $200   Starting Bid: $90
20” x 16”
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Artist: Woody Finnigan
Retail Value: $900   Starting Bid: $405
34”x 28”

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Retail Value: $285   Starting Bid: $130
16”x 20”

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16”x 20”
PARTIES FOR THE PARKWAY 2020

Artist: Rollin Pickford
Retail Value: $2,050  Starting Bid: $925  22"x30"
Donated by Joel Pickford

ARTISTS’ RECEPTION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6  5:00 pm
K-JEWEL ART GALLERY

KICKOFF PARTY
THURSDAY, MARCH 12  5:30 pm
CLOVIS VETERANS MEMORIAL DISTRICT BUILDING