

January Updates

Fresno County

Clovis Museum is located in Old Town Clovis in the 1912 First State Bank building and displays artifacts of Clovis M. Cole that was known as the “Wheat King of the US” during the late 1880s. The town was named after him. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm or by appointment. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Clovis Museum, 301 Pollasky Ave., **Clovis**, CA 93512, Phone 559-297-8033, Website: <http://clovis-museum.com>

Inland Empire

Lavender Hill Farms is open with customized tours with an appointment from May through December. There are farm animals promoting the mule and benefits of artificial insemination breeding. Closed Sundays. Lavender Hill Farms, 23690 Holmes Ave., **Nuevo**, CA 92567, Phone 909-926-5213.

Los Angeles County

Cal Poly Visitors Center has interactive kiosks on agriculture and environmental literacy. The center has theater with preprogrammed selection videos. Inside the center are two exhibits areas devoted to the history of agriculture and the use of technology in food production systems. Guided tours are available with a reservation. There are educational programs for all ages. Next to the Visitors Center is Farm Store with produce grown at the Kellogg Ranch. The store includes farm raised pork and beef products, along with a wide variety of organic and health foods. Horse shows are presented on the first Sunday of the month October through May at 2 pm at the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. Cal Poly Visitor Center, 3801 W. Temple Ave., **Pomona**, CA 91768, Phone 909-869-6722 Website: www.csupomona.edu/~agriscapes/visitors.html

Marin County

Marin Farmers Market on Sunday at San Rafael’s Civic Center offers free 10 am walking tour from the East Local 101 Booth. You will tour the farmers market, receive cooking advice, and given recipes. Marin Farmers Markets, 76 San Pablo Ave. #200, **San Rafael**, CA 94903, Phone 415-472-6100, Website: <http://marinfarmersmarkets.org>

Mendocino County

Fern Meadows Cottage has a vacation cottage along with picnic/play area. Fern Meadows Cottage, 32902 Camp One Ten Mile Rd., **Fort Bragg**, CA 95437, Phones 707-964-3761, 877-996-3636

Gowan’s Oak Tree has apple orchard tours with an appointment. The orchard was founded in 1880 and grows more than 67 varieties of apples along with peaches, pears,

and corn. Gowan's Oak Tree, 6600 Hwy 128, **Philo**, CA 95466, Phone 707-895-3353, Website: www.apples4sale.com

Napa County

Mountain Home Ranch is a country style bed and breakfast and most of the food served comes from their vegetable garden, berry bushes, and fruit trees. They offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner to guests. Mountain Home Ranch, 3400 Mountain Home Ranch Rd., **Calistoga**, CA 94515, Phone 707-942-6616, Website: www.mountainhomeranch.com

February 14th-15th Napa Valley Mustard Festival is held at the Robert Mondavi Winery, at 7801 St. Helena Hwy in **Oakville** from 11 am to 5 pm. The festival is a showcase of food, wine, mustard, music, and art to celebrate the mustard season. The Marketplace will feature mustards from around the world, gourmet food products, world famous wines and brews, alongside with wine country cuisine. This is a beautiful time in the Napa Valley with the mustard fields in full bloom. For information and tickets, phone 707-938-1133 or email info@mustardfestival.org Napa Valley Mustard Festival, P.O. Box 3603, Yountville, CA 94599, Website: www.mustardfestival.com There are other events from January 31st through March 28th.

San Diego County

Fallbrook Art Center and Café des Artistes: The center is not an art gallery or a museum it is an art center with quality exhibits. In the past there was an exhibit honoring Julia Childs, French food and wines, as well as the Gourd Art Show. In 2009 the Gourd and Fiber Art Show is May 17th-June 21st. The center is in an old drug store and the Café des Artistes has moved into the soda fountain area (one of two soda fountains remaining in San Diego County) with a gourmet Mediterranean menu and soda fountain treats that include New York's egg cream. If you wish, you can stroll the center with a glass of wine from the café. The center and café are open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, Sundays 12-noon to 3 pm only when there are exhibitions. The café is closed on Sunday. Best to call for current exhibit and hours. There are some extended hours during some of the exhibits. Fallbrook Art Center and Café des Artistes, 103 S. Main, **Fallbrook**, CA 92028, Center phone 760-728-1414, Café phone 760-728-3350, Website: www.fallbrookartcenter.org

Eagles Nest Winery and Cottage offers lodging, an educational vineyard and winery tours. Open daily year around. Eagles Nest Winery and Cottage, 18261 Chablis Rd., **Ramona**, CA 92065, Phone 760-505-8229, Website: <http://eaglesnestwinery.com>

San Francisco Area

***Pastorino Farms** is open year around for plants, flower fields, greenhouses, and one-hour tours. In October they have a pumpkin patch with lots of children's activities

including hayrides, train rides, ponies, farm animals and a haunted house. Pastorino Farms, 12391 San Mateo Rd., **Half Moon Bay**, CA 94019, Phone 650-726-6440, Website: www.pastorinofarms.com

Discovery Voyage in San Francisco Estuary is a special program for students and their teachers. You will enjoy a four-hour cruise discovering the ecosystem where you will examine plankton, hydrology tests, sample mud, and catch a variety of fish. Eco tours and other programs are available for groups. Marine Science Institute, 500 Discovery Pkwy, **Redwood City**, CA 94063, Phone 650-364-2760, Website: <http://sfbaymsi.allregistrations.com>

February 7th FRUIT TREE PRUNING Learn how to maximize tree health, fruit production and dead wood identification. Espalier care also discussed. Meet at Common Ground then proceed to a local orchard-rain or shine. **YOU BRING:** pruning shears, bag lunch and a notebook. Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave., **Palo Alto**, CA 94306, Phone 650-493-6072, Website: www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

February 14th FRUIT TREE VARIETIES Learn which varieties of peaches, nectarines, plums, pluots, apricots, apples and pears are the delight of connoisseurs. Be introduced to the best of the best-tasting deciduous fruits that grow in this area and learn where to source your own plants. Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave., **Palo Alto**, CA 94306, Phone 650-493-6072, Website: www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

February 21st COMPLETE-DIET MINI-FARMING Does your desire for better nutrition have you wondering if you could live off your land? This class will show you how to plan a garden or mini-farm that will produce healthy, nutritious food and be highly productive as well as truly sustainable in the smallest space possible. Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave., **Palo Alto**, CA 94306, Phone 650-493-6072, Website: www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

February 21st ECONOMIC MINI-FARMING Learn the needs, concepts, techniques and crops that can lead to successful economic mini-farming, beginning right in your own backyard. Recommended reading: Backyard Homestead and Ecology Action's Self-Teaching Mini-Series Booklets #18 and #26 available at Common Ground. Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave., **Palo Alto**, CA 94306, Phone 650-493-6072, Website: www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

February 28th SCHOOL GARDEN BASICS Be inspired by the founders of the Woodside School Garden who will share a slide show story of how the garden started. Learn ways to get the children excited and participating in all aspects of a school garden, even composting. Learn to know, love and guide kids in seasonal plantings, organic plant care, soil preparation, planting seeds and seedlings. Organizing harvest festivals and sharing ideas with the community will be discussed. The story and workbook of the Woodside School Garden, Common Ground Education Center, 559 College Ave., **Palo Alto**, CA 94306, Phone 650-493-6072, Website: www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

San Luis Obispo County

Alta Cresta Orchard, a bed and breakfast inn, has an olive oil tasting room and is open 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment. They grow 1200 different Italian varieties and make three oils for tasting: Coratina, Italian, and Tuscan. Alta Cresta Orchard, 6075 High Ridge Road, **Paso Robles**, CA 93446, Phone 805-227-4751, Website: www.altacresta.com

Eberle Winery Guest Chef Dinner Series and Special Events Make reservations for all dinners and events:: Eberle Winery, P.O. Box 2459, **Paso Robles**, CA 93447, Phone 805-238-9607, Website: www.eberlewinery.com

Saturday, February 14, 2009—Eberle Winery Black Tie Valentines in the Caves
Chef Charles Paladin-Wayne, one of the most sought after chefs on the Central Coast to create our 2009 Valentine's Day dinner in the caves. Bring your sweetheart and join a romantic dinner in the caves!

Saturday, February 21-Saturday, February 28, 2009—Eberle Winery Sets Sail with WindStar Cruise Line in Costa Rica. Join Gary and Marcy Eberle for a week of food and wine aboard a beautiful WindStar sailing ship.

Friday, March 20, 2009—Eberle Winery Zinfandel Festival Winemaker Dinner
Chef Rachel Woolcott from Aix in Denver, , changes the menu seasonally to bring the freshest ingredients to a unique and creative Provencal fare.

Saturday, April 18, 2009—Eberle Winery Rare & Reserve Club, High Rollers
Tony Mantuano, Spiaggia from Chicago. Food and wine critics enthusiastically acclaim Spiaggia as one of the very best Italian fine dining restaurants in Chicago and America.

Friday, May 15, 2009—Eberle Winery Wine Festival Dinner in the Caves featuring Bobby Lane, Chester's Chophouse from Wichita. Bobby Lane was a fixture in the South Florida dining scene from 1983 to 2004. But when Wichita businessman Wink Hartman proposed he move to Kansas and "Steak his Claim" as a partner in Chester's Chophouse & Wine Bar, Chef Lane couldn't resist.

June 25-July 4th, 2009--Set Sail with Eberle Winery aboard the Silversea Cruise Line! Experience the ultimate in intimate, elegant ships as we raise the bar to an ultra-luxurious vacation and board Silversea for the Baltic states of Finland, Russian Estonia and Poland. Enjoy great wine and fabulous food with the pioneer of Paso Robles Wine Country, Gary Eberle.

Friday, July 10, 2009—Eberle Winery Central Coast Wine Classic featuring Cgef Kelly Liken from Vail. Chef Kelly Liken has made a huge name for herself in Vail, Colorado. Critics say "If there's an "it" chef in Vail right now, it's Kelly Liken, and her swanky and intimate restaurant is the "it" place to dine. *We call it food heaven.*"

Saturday, August 15, 2009—Eberle Winery Friends of the Winery BBQ Join Gary Eberle and the winery riff-raff as we get grilling for our annual Friends of the Winery event. Enjoy spectacular wines and dinner on the deck overlooking the vineyard and celebrate everything about the "boar" with your friends. This private event is open to Friends of the Winery members only

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009—Eberle Winery Winemaker Dinner in the Caves featuring Chef Jay McCarthy.

Friday, October 16, 2009—Eberle Winery Harvest Festival Winemaker Dinner.

Chef to be announced.

Saturday, November 7, 2009—Eberle Winery Winemaker Dinner in the Caves. Chef to be announced.

Saturday, December 5, 2009—Eberle Winery Black Tie Holiday Dinner featuring Chef William Carter, Playboy Mansion from Los Angeles. Experience the excitement of the holidays in the caves, taking in all of the festive decorations, while feasting on a meal prepared by one of the finest chefs in the country

August 8th-9th Basil Festival includes basil, beer, wine, live music and wonderful cuisine from 10:30 am to 8 pm. On Sunday there will be a green eggs and ham brunch. Lone Madrone, 2485 Highway 46 West, **Paso Robles**, CA 93446, Phone 805-238-0845, Website: www.lonemadrone.com

Shasta County

Spinner Fall Lodge is a fishing resort on the Fall River. Breakfast and dinner are served daily and river lunches are available. On Sunday there is a BBQ from 4 pm to 8 pm. Spinner Fall Lodge, P.O. Box 931, **Fall River Mills**, CA 96028, Phone 530-336-5300, Website: <http://spinnerfalllodge.com>

Tulare County

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is the only California town founded by African-Americans. The town was founded in 1908 as an agriculture community and today you can visit many restored buildings including the 1915 schoolhouse and the Colonel's house furnish in 1912 period along with farm equipment. Guided tours are available with advance reservations. You can take a self-guided tour starting at the Visitor Center with their video "The Spirit of Allensworth" and as you check out the many buildings along with audio presentations. The center is open daily 10 am to 4 pm. The park is located seven-miles west of **Earlimart** on CR 122. Phone 661-849-4012, Website www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=583