

In the Know...



yourself in the event of a major disaster? The next time a disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Professional responders and emergency services will be overwhelmed and will not be able to respond to your immediate needs. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead.

On Saturday, July 26th, from 10am to noon at Grace Church (1314 Spring Street) in downtown St. Helena the Silverado-Napa County Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct training designed for mature adults to help them better prepare themselves to respond to disasters of all types including earthquakes and fires. Each participant in the training receives a free starter disaster supply kit which has been provided by the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano.

"This training will give people tips on how to survive in a disaster and mitigate their suffering," stated Training Instructor Joan Rocha. "For example, in the Napa earthquake a few years ago many people went to the hospital with cut feet because of broken windows and glass. If they had a pair of shoes beside their bed, that tip would have eased their pain."

To register for this free class, call 963-4157 or send an email to invite@grace-episcopal.org.

St. Helena Recreation Department

The St. Helena Recreation Department is once again hosting its engineering camps for children between the ages of five and nine years old. Children can take a "crash course" in Demolition Derby, enter the sumo wrestling competition, design a Might Metropolis, and build and race a locomotive faster than a speeding worm-drive. Children will be given instruction, design challenges, and competitions appropriate to their facility with LEGO Technic and System components. This is an opportunity to build that really great LEGO project with the guidance and assistance from a highly qualified staff. These are fun, challenging, hands-on, and minds-on camps suitable for LEGO novices to "maniacs". Camp curriculum is flexible and

will be tailored to the age, interests, and experience of attendees. Returning students will work on new challenges. All classes will be held at the Carnegie Building.

Camp runs from July 28 to August 1st. Ages 5-6 years are offered camp in the morning from 9:00-noon for a cost of \$145 per child. Camp for ages 7-9 years will run in the afternoon from 1-4:30pm, cost is \$155 per child.

For more information please contact Kathy Carrick at the St. Helena Recreation Department at 963-5706 or register on-line at www.cityofsthelema.com.

Angwin Teen Center

The Angwin Teen Center in cooperation with St. Helena Hospital, Grace Church and the St. Helena Family Center are gearing up for Challenge Day on July 9. Challenge Day's vision is that every child lives in a world where they feel safe, loved and celebrated. The mission is to provide youth and our community with experiential workshops and programs that demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through the celebration of diversity, truth, and full expression. For more information on Challenge Day or how you can become a mentor to children

in need, contact Tom Amato at 965-7050.

Napa Valley Museum

The Napa Valley Museum is looking for people who have a passion for the art, history, or the environment of our Napa Valley. They are looking for volunteers to join their 2008-09 Napa Valley Museum History Trunk Program. Volunteers will learn professional museum docent training while educating the valley's finest and most precious resources: children. For more information please call 944-0500 ext 106 to schedule a training.

Plein Air Painting with Alla Prima Studio

Alla Prima Studio leads a special plein air painting workshop in the Olive Grove overlooking the Sculpture Meadow and rolling vineyards. The experience includes a tour of the di Rosa Preserve, instruction, art materials and boxed lunches from The Girl & the Fig. Space is limited; RSVPs required. July 19, 2008, September 27, October 25 - 10am-4pm

Contact: 707-226-5991x25 or tours@dirosapreserve.org
\$100 di Rosa Preserve Members or \$125 General

Grab your picnic at V. Sattui on your way to Musical Picnics in Lyman Park

Just in time for the Musical Picnics in Lyman Park, V. Sattui Winery invites you, their neighbors, to visit their newly expanded Marketplace and enjoy what has made them world famous.

There is a reason why they are so busy. They offer nearly two hundred cheeses, freshly baked breads, a variety of meats, sandwiches, grilled paninis and a selection of unique salads to help make your evening at the Musical Picnics in Lyman Park even more enjoyable. Of course don't forget to taste and pick up some of their award-winning wines. V. Sattui offers complimentary tasting to all Napa County residents.

V. Sattui will provide everything needed for your wine country picnic or any special event. They are open in summer until 6pm. Visit V. Sattui on the corner of Hwy 29 and White Lane, give them a call 963-7774 and check out their website at www.vsattui.com

Local Red Cross Chapter offers Disaster Preparedness Training for mature adults 55 and over

Are you prepared to help

Musical Picnics in Lyman Park

The St. Helena Chamber of Commerce and St. Helena Hospital proudly present the annual Musical Picnics in Lyman Park. The St. Helena Community Band will perform for us at the next concert on Thursday, July 10th from 6-8 pm, continuing the series begun last month. This fun event occurs every other

Thursday until the end of August. On July 24th, Royal Deuces will perform their inimitable rockabilly. Come down to the park on August 7th for indy rock band Birdmonster. Local gals, Sweet Burgundy, will end the series on August 21st with their sweet wine country sounds.

This year the St. Helena

Chamber of Commerce held an art contest among the children from the Angwin Community Teen Center to use on this year's concert poster. The Winner was 15-year-old Devin who drew a cornucopia filled with music. The concert line-up and announced First Prize (Dinner for 4 donated by Pizzeria Tra Vigne)

inspired his beautiful drawing. 2nd place Winner is Meka who drew a picture of her favorite band. Honorable Mentions go to Sarasita with her Grapes of Music drawing and Jonathan's art work titled American Dreams. Please view all of these amazing drawings online at www.sthelema.com/concerts.html. It is obvious that these young people share a great

passion for music, community and the arts.

Thanks to all Chamber Members for their support of this concert series.

Come out and join your neighbors for some good music, colorful programs and sunshine in the park. For more information, please contact the Chamber at 963-4456 or visit us on the web at www.sthelema.com.



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SPOTLIGHT ON: Susan and Duane Hoff from Fantesca Estate and Winery



Duane Hoff and his wife, Susan, left Best Buy to grow grapes and make wine here in St. Helena.

Q: What did the two of you do before moving to St. Helena and establishing Fantesca?

A: Best Buy was our work before we were able to pursue our dream roles in the Napa Valley. Duane led the company's innovation efforts as the VP of Business Development & Strategy. Susan was the SVP & Chief Communications Officer working with investors, analysts, government officials, non-profits, reporters and thousands of employees.

What prompted your change in careers and your decision to move to St. Helena?

We enjoyed Best Buy but wanted to move to a business of a size where we could put our arms around it. Build it from the ground up - like early BBY - take time to know the community, and finish raising our children; our son Taylor and daughter Chelsea both attend St. Helena High School.

Were there any challenges the two of you had to overcome switching lifestyle gears from

the former careers to the current career/lifestyle?

Right after we bought the winery, an excited friend wanted to buy our first case of wine. When he gave us his credit card we realized that we didn't have a credit card machine. Duane's first reaction was that "Someone should handle that!" which of course tells you the amount of hands we were used to having before starting this business. Small business is really about wearing many hats - instead of being the single best communications professional, now you are expected to be the accountant, the transportation professional, etc.

How big is your vineyard? What do you produce and how much?

Fantesca is located just a mile off Main Street on Spring Mountain Road. We get to view the valley just above the Culinary Institute. We grow nine acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and an acre of Petit Verdot. We actually produce 800 cases of estate grown Cabernet and 700 cases of

Chardonnay grown in the Russian River Valley.

What are the things about living in St. Helena that you love?

Seeing our neighbors while walking down Main Street. It's a true community where people here care about their kids, their schools, their environment, and who their neighbors are. While it takes an extra hour to get through the St. Helena Farmer's Market it's neat to bump into so many people you know.

As a family who has spent many sub-zero nights in Minnesota, we appreciate how beautiful and what a special place this is. We are fortunate to now consider it home.

What do both of you like to do together in your free time, any hobbies?

Lately it seems like we cook for teenagers! That isn't a complaint. We enjoy every minute of entertaining, not only with our friends but our children's friends as well. We enjoy travel-

ling to different wine regions of the world and are already excited about our next trip - Australia. Occasionally, we even have a day where we can enjoy the guilty pleasures of a novel by the pool.

Where do you see yourselves 20 years from now?

Sitting on a lounge chair in Hawaii, taking a call from our children and - hopefully grand kids- as to what they're look-

ing forward to baking in our Napa Valley kitchen during Thanksgiving.

What are the benefits, if any, to being members of the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce?

Being part of a vibrant community of small businesses and entrepreneurial owners... and of course, Jim Regusci's margaritas!

Frank Howard Allen Realtors: voted by Northbay Biz Magazine as 2008 Best Real Estate Company

Frank Howard Allen Realtors was recently honored as the "Best Real Estate Company in the North Bay for 2008" for the seventh year in a row.



There were more than 1,100 ballots cast by the magazine's readers, which translated into almost 25,000 votes in 37 different categories. Given the extent of the competition, Frank Howard Allen Realtors is extremely proud of this award, especially because it has been the sole recipient in

this category since the award's inception, seven years ago.

Frank Howard Allen Realtors began in 1910 and has been family owned for the entire 98 years of its existence. It is a leading real estate company in Northern California with more than 20



offices in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties and more than 500 dedicated agents. More importantly, it has earned a reputation as a caring, honest, and highly professional company with 100% of its energy and resources focused exclusively on the North

Bay communities it serves. Frank Howard Allen Realtors, The Wine Country Group™, is an independently owned and operated brokerage with seven offices and over 120 agents throughout the Napa and Sonoma County Wine Country.

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This distinction is awarded every year in NorthBay Biz Magazine's annual reader poll.

Inaugural Stephen C. McCullagh Golf Tournament

On Friday, July 25th, the Stephen C. McCullagh Fund will host the Inaugural Stephen C. McCullagh Golf Tournament at the famed Meadowood Napa Valley Resort in St. Helena. This nine-hole tournament will feature cigars, wine, prizes, and a good time for all. The festivities will begin promptly at 2:30pm; green fees are \$125 per person. Space

is limited and spots will be reserved on a first come, first serve, basis.

The SCM Fund is now entering into its third year of community support in honor of Boy Scout leader Stephen McCullagh, who along with 13-year old Boy Scout Ryan Collins, were killed in July 2005 by lightning while on a nine-day

troop outing in Sequoia National Park.

Monies raised by the Fund will benefit local students and Scouts. Last year, St. Helena High School Senior, Erik Egelhoff, was the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship from the Stephen C. McCullagh Fund. This year, St. Helena High School Senior Tom

Smith is the recipient of a \$2,000 scholarship. Scholarships will also be presented to several Boy Scouts from St. Helena's Troop 1 which will make it possible for them to attend Scout Camp over this summer. In addition to the scholarships, the Fund plans to provide Troop 1 with new and much-needed backpacking gear to replace Army Surplus gear

currently in use dating from the Korean War.

"The Fund's goal is to reach out into the community and support the causes that were very close to Stephen's heart," said Dani Forsey, board member for the SCM Fund.

To sign up for the tournament or to make a contribution contact Jack Oliver at jack@rboco.com.