

March 2009 Update

Alameda County

Rose Garden Inn was built in 1903 and known locally as the “Fay House.” A full breakfast is served from 7:30 am to 10 am. Rose Garden Inn, 2740 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, CA 94705, Phones 510-549-2145 or 800-992-9005, Website: www.rosegardeninn.com

Deer Crossing Inn is on 6 1/2 acres. Your arrival begins with wine and cheese, later champagne under the stars, and in the morning a homemade breakfast. Deer Crossing Inn, 21600 Eden Canyon Rd., **Castro Valley**, CA 94552, Phone 510-537-4926, Website: www.deercrossinginn.com

***Purple Orchid Inn** is on 21 acres with more than 1,200 trees. Yes they made olive oil and wait until you taste their olive-herb bread and dipped in olive oil. There are 31 wineries nearby that offer tasting and tours. Purple Orchid Inn, 4549 Cross Rd., **Livermore**, CA 94550, Phone 925-606-8855, Website: www.purpleorchid.com

Calaveras County

Dunbar House was built in 1880. You will receive complimentary wines and beverages, an appetizer plate with cheese and marinated vegetables on arrival, and country breakfast is served by candlelight in their dining room or outside in the gardens. Breakfast specialties include salsa Jack soufflé and strawberry mascarpone crepes. Dunbar House, 271 Jones St., **Murphys**, CA 95247, Phones 209-728-2897 or 800-692-6006, Website: www.dunbarhouse.com

El Dorado County

The Green Toad is a bed and breakfast inn and includes a country breakfast with afternoon refreshments. The inn is in an organic fruit orchard. The Green Toad, 5821 Spanish Flat, **Garden Valley**, CA, 95633, Phone 530-626-0983, Website: www.thegreentoad.com

Fresno County

Blossom Trail Bed and Breakfast is along the central valley blossom and fruit trail. They have fruit trees and vines that produce fruit and nuts that are served with their continental breakfast (peaches, nectarines, plums, oranges, tangerines, grapefruits, grapes, persimmons, pomegranates, almonds, walnuts and pistachios). Blossom Trail Bed and Breakfast, 2390 S. Newark Ave., **Sanger**, CA 93657, Phones 559-875-6036 or 877-875-6036, Website: www.blossomtrailbnb.com

April 29th-May 3rd Selma Raisin Festival is held in Lincoln Park with food and crafts. Selma Chamber of Commerce, 1821 Tucker St., **Selma**, CA 93662, Phone 559-891-2235, Website: www.cityofselma.com/chamber

Mendocino County

Albion River Inn offers a sumptuous breakfast of frittatas, blintzes, muffins and more. The inn has Italian cuisine cooking classes for groups and private parties, and includes a buffet lunch and recipes. Albion River Inn, P.O. Box 100, **Albion**, CA 95410, Phones 707-937-1919 or 800-479-7944, Website: www.albionriverinn.com

Anderson Valley Museum is in the 1891 Con Creek Schoolhouse featured the rich history of the valley's colorful past including the sheep farmers. The museum is open February through November on Friday and weeks from 1 pm to 4 pm. You can enjoy a picnic in their redwood grove. Anderson Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 676, **Boonville**, CA 95415, Phone 707-895-3207, Website: www.andersonvalleymuseum.org

Linda Vista Bed and Breakfast has Shetland sheep and llamas/ Linda Vista Bed and Breakfast, 33430 Hwy 128, **Cloverdale**, CA 95425, Phone 707-894-2591, Website: www.lindavista.com

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens has 100 varieties of wild mushrooms during the winter season. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, 18220 North Hwy 1, **Fort Bragg**, CA 95437, Phone 707-964-4352, Website: www.gardenbythesea.org

March 7th Cioppino Dinner will have a fish dinner at 6 pm at the Portuguese Hall, along with live entertainment. Portuguese Hall, 822 Stewart St., **Fort Bragg**, CA 95437, Phone 707-964-9334.

July 4th World's Largest Salmon BBQ will include a green salad, corn on the cob, and garlic bread. There will be live music and a chance to tell you fish stories. The event is held at Noyo Harbor in **Fort Bragg** from 11 am to 6 pm. Phone 707-962-0548, Website: www.salmonrestoration.com

Gualala County Inn serves a continental breakfast every morning in the parlor. Gualala County Inn, P.O. Box 697, **Gualala**, CA 95445, Phones 707-884-4343 or 800-564-4466, Website: www.gualalacountryinn.com

June 13th-14th Laytonville Rodeo with a BBQ both days, a giddy-up breakfast on Sunday and lots of live music from 9 am to 7 pm. Laytonville Rodeo Grounds, P.O. Box 1063, **Laytonville**, CA 95454, Phone 707-984-7480

March 7th-8th and 21st-22nd Mendocino Coast Whale Festivals, first date in Mendocino, second date at **Fort Bragg**. There will be wine tasting, chowder tasting, micro brew tasting, and a BBQ and many whale watching events. Mendocino Coast Whale Festival, **Mendocino**, CA 95460, Phone 707-462-7417, Website: www.mendowhale.com/events.htm

The Navarro Inn is located at the mouth of the Navarro River and has served throughout its long history a place of heaven and rest. It has been connected with seafaring, a lumber mill, and fishing. First it was used by sailors, later a boarding house for mill workers. In the late 1940s was a fishing resort for travelers from around the world. At that time the Inn had a restaurant and a saloon, and many famous people would come for the fishing, especially during the salmon run, and that included movie star Clark Gable and his wife Carole Lombard. At one time the Inn was going to be turned into a bed and breakfast inn, but regulations prevented that. The Inn is currently closed to the public, however, once during the summer tours are given of the mill house. Navarro-by-the-Sea Center, P.O. Box 1710, **Mendocino**, CA 95460, Phones 707-937-5804 or 707-877-3477, Website: www.navarro-by-the-sea-center.org

June 15th-17th Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Festival will have wine tasting, educational seminars, and winemaker dinners and will be held at Goldeneye Winery at 9200 Highway 128 in Philo. Anderson Valley Wine Association, P.O. Box 63, **Philo**, CA 95466, Phone 707-895-9463, Website: www.avwines.com

July 25th California Wine Tasting Championships will also include chocolate and cheese tasting in the afternoon and a gourmet dinner in the evening under the stars in the vineyard. Greenwood Ridge Ranch, 5501 Hwy. 128, **Philo**, CA 95480, Phone 707-895-2002, Website: <http://greenwoodridge.com/cwte.htm>

Barra Mendocino Winery is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm and offers private tours with an appointment. Barra Mendocino Winery, P.O. Box 196, **Redwood Valley**, CA 95470, Phone 707-485-6784, Website: www.barraofmendocino.com

Oster Wine Cellars offers tours and tasting of their wine made by organic grapes by appointment. Oster Wine Cellars, 13501 Tomki Rd., **Redwood Valley**, CA 95470, Phone 707-485-5357, Website: www.osterwine.com

June 20th-21st Father's Day Week is one of the "A Taste of Redwood Valley" events. There will be gourmet foods and wine. Oster Wine Cellars, 13501 Tomki Rd., **Redwood Valley**, CA 95470, Phone 707-485-5357, Website: www.osterwine.com

June 20th Winemaker Dinner under the Stars is at 6 pm at 7051 North State Street in Red Wood Valley. The winery will also celebrate A Taste of Redwood Valley on the 21st and 22nd. Barra Mendocino Winery, P.O. Box 196, **Redwood Valley**, CA 95470, Phone 707-485-6784, Website: www.barraofmendocino.com

The Himalayan Café offers Nepalese and Indian cuisine cooking classes from 11 am to 12:30 pm. The Himalayan Café, 1639 S. State St., **Ukiah**, CA, Phone 707-467-9900, Website: <http://thehimalayancafe.com>

Parducci Wine Centers offers winery tours daily with an appointment. Mendocino Wine Company, 501 Parducci Rd., **Ukiah**, CA 95482, Phone 707-468-9063, Websites: www.parducci.com or www.mendocinowinecompany.com

Ridgewood Ranch is a working cattle ranch, but is more famous for the racehorse Seabiscuit. Two-hour weekday tours are available, with longer tours are available on Saturday with an appointment. Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation, 16200 N. Hwy. 101, Willits, CA 95490, Phone 707-459-5992, Website: www.seabiscuiheritage.org

Merced County

Hooper House Bear Creek Inn is a Colonial-style house on spacious grounds with gardens and fruit trees. The inn is owned by descendants of early day Merced County farmers that have kept the history and inn keeping tradition of the Hooper family since 1850. Hooper House Bear Creek Inn, 575 West North Bear Creek Dr., Merced, CA 95348, Phone 209-723-3991, Website: www.hooperhouse.com

Napa County

***Brannan Cottage Inn** is an 1860 Victorian country inn. You will enjoy a full country breakfast. On some occasions local wineries pour their finest wines in their patio. Brannan Cottage Inn, 109 Wapoo Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515, Phone 707-942-4200, Website: www.brannancottageinn.com

Charbay Winery and Still House is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Tours and tastings are by appointment. Along with their wines they make flavored vodkas, whiskey, rum, and liqueurs. Charbay Winery and Still House, 4001 Spring Mountain Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574, Phone 707-963-9327, Website: www.charbay.com

Maison Fleurie, also known as the “Flowering House,” is reminiscent of southern France. There is an afternoon tea with wine and hors d’oeuvres, freshly baked cookies, La Beige chocolate at bedtime and a bountiful breakfast buffet in the morning. Maison Fleurie, 6529 Yount St., Yountville, CA 94599, Phone 707-944-2056 and 800-788-0369, Website: www.maisonfleurienapa.com

Orange County

Mother Colony House was built in 1857 and is the oldest museum in Orange County. Originally it was the home of the Los Angeles Vineyard Society (at that time Orange County was part of Los Angeles County), by a group of German colonists that establish the town of Anaheim. The museum has an excellent Ag exhibit with early Native American and pioneers displays. The museum is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. Be sure to visit the Anaheim Heritage Center with information on early Spanish and Mexican grants, and lots of early Anaheim photographs. Tours are given Wednesday mornings by appointment only. Mother Colony House, 414 N. West St., Anaheim, CA 92801, Phone 714-765-1850, Website: <http://www2.anaheim.net/article.cfm?id=131>

Pearson Park is not really an Ag park, but has a couple of areas of Ag history. Rudy Boysen, the father of the boysenberry that made Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm famous, has a cactus garden. Also of interest is a statue of Helena Modjieska as her husband, and friends formed an agriculture colony in what is now Anaheim. The 19-acre Pearson Park is located at 400 North Harbor Boulevard, **Anaheim**, CA 92805, Website www.anaheim.net The Park is located in what is now called the Anaheim Colony, and a walking tour of the Colony includes the home of Carl Karcher, founder of Carl's Jr. restaurants.

Yorba Park was once the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana as a 62,00-acre cattle ranch. The ranch also raised sheep, mules, burros, oxen and horses. Crops including corn, beans, wheat, pumpkin, watermelon and wine grapes, along with orchards of walnuts, figs, olives, and various fruits. Yorba Park, 7600 E. La Palma, **Anaheim**, CA 92807, Phone 714-973-6615 or 973-6838, Website: www.ocparks.com/yorbapark/

Stanley Ranch Museum is a complex of buildings on two acres. Buildings include Arthur's barn, tank house, blacksmith shop, electric show shop, barbershop, Walt Disney Studio Garage, and ranch houses in an orange grove. One house belongs to the Ware family, where Edward G. Ware co-developed the eureka walnut and introduced Valencia oranges to Orange County. Tours are given on the first and third Saturday at 1:30 pm. The park is open 7:30 am to 5:30 Monday through Friday. Stanley Ranch Museum, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, 92840, Phone 714-741-5000, Website: www.ci.garden-groe.ca.us/?q=/historicalsociety

Irvine Ranch Historic Park has many ranch buildings you can visit from the early 1900s and is an on going project. Irvine Ranch Historic Park, 13042 Old Myford Rd., **Irvine**, CA 92602, Phones 949-923-2230 or 949-923-2230, Website: www.ocparks.com/irvineranch

Heritage Hill Historic Park has 4-acres of fully restore furnished historic buildings. During the Mexican rancho era, the 1863 Serrano Adobe was the founding town of El Toro. The 1908 Harvey Bennett Ranch was citrus farm. Tours are available of the buildings by appointment where you will see artifacts and learn about the people associated with the area. Heritage Hill Historical Park, 25151 Serrano Rd., **Lake Forest**, CA 92630, Phone 949-923-2230, Website: www.ocparks.com/heritagehill/

Modjieska Historic House and Gardens is located in Modjieska Canyon. Helena Modjieska, the Polish Shakespearean actress and her husband, Karol Chlaponski, and friends formed an agriculture colony in what is now Anaheim. Her husband purchased a 47-acre orange grove in 1876, but the grove failed, so Helena returned to being an actress. You can visit her home only by a reservation. The mailing address (not the location address) is: Modjieska Historic House and Gardens, 25151 Serrano Rd., **Lake Forest**, CA 92630, Phone 949-923-2230, Website: www.ocparks.com/modjieskahouse/

George Key Ranch has the 1898 historic house, museum, garden and the original Sunkist orange grove, along with a collection of farm equipment and hand tools. This is still a working citrus ranch using dry farming methods. Open Tuesday through Friday from 12:15 pm to 4:30 pm and on the first Saturday of the month you can take a free tour of the house. George Key Ranch Historical Park, 625 Bastanchury Rd., **Placentia**, CA 92870, Phones 714-973-3190 or 714-973-3191, Website: www.ocparks.com/keyranch/

Whiting Ranch is located in Limestone Canyon and was once a cattle ranch where some remnants can be seen. Along with the cows, the ranch grows crops of beans and watermelons. Limestone/Whiting Ranch Parks, P.O. Box 156, **Trabuco Canyon**, CA 92678, Phone 949-923-2245, Website: www.ocparks.com/whitingranch/

Placer County

May 14th-17th Portuguese Festival is held in McBean Park with Portuguese food. City of Lincoln, 600 6th St., **Lincoln**, CA 95648, Phone 916-434-2400, Website: www.ci.lincoln.ca.us

May 28th Lincoln Business Expo mostly deals with home improvement, so if you need a new kitchen you will want to check out this event. There will be chefs and restaurants handing out food samples. The event is at the McBean Park Pavilion. Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, 540 F St., **Lincoln**, CA 95648, Phone 916-645-2035, Website: www.lincolnchamber.com

April 26th Maidu Spring Celebration will give you a chance to experience Maidu culture from 10 am to 3 pm with dances, demonstrations, children activities, native crafts, Native American food to include Indian tacos. Maidu Interpretive Center, 1960 Johnson Ranch Dr., **Roseville**, CA 95661, Phone 916-774-5934, Website: www.roseville.ca.us/parks

September 12th Splash is held at the Roseville Aquatics Center at 3050 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd. There will be 20 wineries, 15 breweries, and 50 restaurants handing out samples. Roseville Chamber of Commerce, 650 Douglas Blvd., **Roseville**, CA 95678, Phones: 916-783-8136 or 916-774-5262, Website: www.rosevillechamber.com

September 27th Lincoln Showcase features restaurants, wineries, and breweries from the area and each offer a sample of their food and drinks. This free event is held at Beermann Plaza. Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce, 540 F St., **Lincoln**, CA 95648, Phone 916-645-2035, Website: www.lincolnchamber.com

Riverside County

March 14th Taste of Spring Cooking Class features Chef Steve Pickell with his demonstration style of cooking. You will receive samples and his recipe booklet. Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Rd., **Temecula**, CA 92591, Phone 951-699-6099, Website: www.thorntonwine.com

San Bernardino County

Roughley Manor was once the 1928 Campbell Ranch. Today it is a bed and breakfast inn with several unique buildings including the farmhouse. A gourmet breakfast is served. The Manor is in a setting of Washington palms and cypress trees. If you dare, take a look down the crooked hand dug well. Bill Campbell tried to straighten out, but was unable. Roughley Manor, 74744 Joe Davis Dr., **Twentynine Palms**, CA 92277, Phone 760-367-3238, Website www.roughleymanor.com

San Diego County

Vista Bed and Breakfast offers a continental breakfast. You can pick fruit from their tree. Vista Bed and Breakfast, 454 Hutchinson St., Vista, CA 92084, Phone 760-724-4470, Website www.vistabandb.com

San Joaquin County

Lange Twins Winery and Vineyards has tours with n appointment. Lange Twins Winery and Vineyards, 1525 E. Jahant Rd. **Acampo**, CA 95220, Phone 209-334-9780, Website: www.langetwins.com

Cosentino Signature Wineries (formerly Crystal Valley Cellars in Lockeford) is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm and has tours with an appointment. Enjoy tasting their wines with your picnic lunch. There will be grand opening event throughout the month of April. Cosentino Signature Wineries, 3750 E. Woodbridge Rd., **Woodbridge**, CA 95258, Phones 209-758-3888 and 800-764-1220 Website: www.cosentinowinery.com

San Luis Obispo County

Oak Hill Manor is an English Tudor style bed and breakfast. On your arrival hors d'ouvres are served and a full breakfast is served in your room each morning. Oak Hill Manor, 12345 Hampton Ct., **Atascadero**, CA 93422, Phone 805-462-9317, Website: www.oakhillmanorbandb.com

Olallieberry Inn offers cooking classes to their guests and includes a brunch. Olallieberry Inn, 2476 Main St., **Cambria**, CA 93428, Phones 805-927-3222 or 888-927-3222, Website; www.olallieberry.com

Kaleidoscope Inn and Gardens is in a restored Victorian in a one-acre garden. They have an afternoon tea with their homemade fudge. A full breakfast is served in the morning. Guests can go to the kitchen refrigerator and eat leftovers if they wish. Kaleidoscope Inn and Gardens, 130 E. Dana St., **Nipomo**, CA 93444, Phone 866-504-5444, Website: www.kaleidoscopeinn.com

Bridge Creek Inn features an evening refreshment hour with wines from the Edna Valley. For breakfast some of the specialties are orange stuffed French toast, lemon soufflé pancakes, and caramel pecan waffles. Bridge Creek Inn, 5300 Righetti Road, **San Luis Obispo**, CA 93401, Phone 805-544-3003, Website: www.bridgecreekinn.com

Garden Street Inn in an 1887 Victorian home and was once part of the Mission Vineyard. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are served from 5 pm to 6:30 pm and your breakfast is served in the McGaffrey Room. Garden Street Inn, 1212 Garden St., **San Luis Obispo**, CA 93401, Phone 805-545-9802 or 800-488-2045, Website: www.gardenstreetinn.com

The Sanitarium was established in the 1880s for health and restoration. Today it is bed and breakfast inn, and their breakfast is created using a palate of fresh, local ingredients, and is uncommonly served. The Sanitarium, 1716 Osos St., **San Luis Obispo**, CA 93401, Phone 805-544-4124, Website: www.thesanitariumspa.com

San Mateo County

Harley Farms Goat Dairy offers a two-hour tour with an appointment. Tour includes milk from the goats to making the cheese and ending with cheese tasting. Spring is the best time of the year to visit, as that is when about 500 kids are born. In 1910 this was a cow dairy farm, today a successful goat farm. Harley Farms Goat Dairy, P.O. Box 173, **Pescadero**, CA 94060, Phone 650-879-0480, Website: www.harleyfarms.com

Pescadero Creek Inn is a bed and breakfast inn in a 1890s farmhouse. Cheese and wine is served in the afternoon, and you will have a full breakfast in the morning. Pescadero Creek Inn, 393 Stage Rd., **Pescadero**, CA 94060, Phone 650-897-1898, Website: www.pescaderocreekinn.com

Phipps Country Farm has farm animals and where you can pick olallieberries, strawberries and selected fruit that is in season. You can visit the herb gardens along a creek, see the farm in production including beans sprouting, and in the fall colorful pumpkins. Phipps Country Store and Farm, 2700 Pescadero Rd., **Pescadero**, CA 94060, Phone 650-879-0787, Website: www.phippscounrty.com

Santa Barbara County

Ballard Inn and Restaurant offers an afternoon wine and hor d'oeures and full breakfast cooked to your order. Ballard Inn and Restaurant, 2436 Beeline Ave., Ballard, CA 93463, Phone 805-688-7770, Website: www.ballardinn.com

Santa Clara County

April 6th-July 20th Wine Academy is every Monday night where you can explore the wines of the world. Clos La Chance, 1 Hummingbird Lane, **San Martin**, CA 95046, Phone 408-686-1050, Website: www.clos.com

Santa Cruz County

Bonny Doon Vineyards is open daily from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm and until 8 pm on Friday. Tours are by appointment. Bonny Doon Vineyard, 328 Ingalls St., **Felton**, CA 95061, Phone 831-425-4518, Website: www.bonnydoonvineyard.com

Apple Lane Inn is a bed and breakfast inn. You will travel back 100-years to the 1870s Victorian farmhouse. There are 2-acres of gardens and apple trees. On your arrival you will greet by goats that will show you the way. At 9 am you will receive an elegant breakfast and later you can visit with Rio the carriage horse and Ringer the Tennessee walker, and don't miss the Chinese golden pheasants Apple Lane Inn, 6265 Se\Soquel Dr., **Aptos**, CA 95003, Phones 831-475-6868 or 800-649-8988, Website: www.applelaneinn.com

Hallcrest Vineyards is also the home of the Organic Wine Works. They are open daily from 12-noon to 5 pm and tours are by appointment. Hallcrest Vineyards, 379 Felton Empire Rd., **Felton**, CA 95018, Phones 831-335-4441 or 800-699-9462, Website: www.hallcrestvineyards.com

Sonoma County

March 7th-8th and 14th-15th Russian River Wine Road Barrel Tasting is from 11 am to 4 pm each day. Russian River Wine Road, P.O. Box 46, **Healdsburg**, CA 95448, Phones 707-433-4335 and 800-723-6336, Website: www.wineroad.com

April 4th-5th Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival is held in Westside Park from 10 am to 5 pm with entertainment, wine tasting, and seafood. Bodega Bay Fishermen's Festival, P.O. Box 576, Bodega Bay, CA 94923, Phones 707-875-3866 or 707-975-9099, Website: www.bbfishfest.com

Sutter County

Harkey House is an 1874 Victorian bed and breakfast inn. When you arrive, help yourself to some freshly made cookies. Breakfast varies, but muffins and scones are always available. Harkey House, 212 C St., **Yuba City**, CA 95991, Phone 530-674-1942, Website: www.harkeyhouse.com

Tulare County

Plantation Bed and Breakfast served a full gourmet breakfast. Plantation Bed and Breakfast, 33038 Sierra Hwy. 198, **Lemon Cove**, CA 93244, Phone 559-597-2555, Website: www.theplantation.net

Tuolumne County

Barretta Gardens Inn serves a hearty and healthy gourmet breakfast at 9 am in their 1903 Victorian farmhouse. Along with the fruit trees, the garden has a fishpond and they use all food scraps to make compost, they call Black Gold, for their garden. Barretta Gardens Inn, 700 S. Barretta St., **Sonora**, CA 95370, Phones 209-532-6939 or 800-206-3333, Website: <http://barrettgardens.com>

McCaffrey House Bed and Breakfast Inn starts with an afternoon of wine and sparkling cider and in the morning country gourmet breakfast. McCaffrey House Bed and Breakfast, 23251 Highway 108, **Twain Harte**, CA 95383, Phone 209-586-0757, Website: www.mccaffreyhouse.com

Yolo County

Capay Valley Vineyards offers tasting and vineyard tours by appointment. Capay Valley Vineyards, P.O. Box 17, **Brooks**, CA 95606, Phone 530-796-4110, Website: www.capaycalleyvineyards.com