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HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 10

The Harvey Milk Center for the Arts is hosting its annual Holiday Craft Fair this Sunday, December 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Over 90 local artists applied for a space last year, but there was only room to showcase 32 artists. 60 artists applied last year. This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for unique handmade gifts.

There will be clothing, jewelry, cards and stationery, ceramics, soaps, art, baby items, and lots of other great gifts.

Besides the two levels of tables of gifts, there are arts and craft activities for kids, free hot apple cider, and the always popular free Photo Booth in the main lobby.

For more information, contact Kristin Borup at hmcaevents@sfgov.org or 415-554-8742.



DANCE CLASSES - HARVEY MILK CENTER

Registration for Rec & Park's 2024 Winter activities, programs, and classes begins on December 16 at 10 a.m. Five dance classes are among the 23 classes offered at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts: Adult Ballet, Ballet & Creative Movement, Chinese Folk Dance, Global Dance for Active Adults, and Bolly X.



BollyX is perfect for anyone looking to dance to Bollywood music, get their heart rate up, and spread more joy in the world! BollyX is a Bollywood-inspired cardio dance-fitness program that combines dynamic choreography with music from around the world. It is being offered on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. starting on January 9.



Global Dance for Active Adults Come offers the chance to learn elements of traditional folk dances from around the world including Chinese folk dances, and more. These classes are well-suited for beginner and intermediate level dancers. The class is taught in English and Chinese.

A complete listing with descriptions, times,

and costs for all classes at Harvey Milk and other Recreation Centers in San Francisco can be found online at sfreconline.org or in the printed catalog available at the Harvey Milk Center or Photo Center. There are courses for all ages: preschoolers; youth; tweens & teens; adults; and, adults 55 and older.

Register online at sfrecpark.org/register or call the registration hotline at (628) 652-2900. Rec and Park offer annual Recreation Scholarships to eligible, low-income individuals and families. Call Lillian Bautista, Scholarship Coordinator, at (415) 831-2717 for information on how to qualify.

LEARN FILM CAMERA BASICS

The Harvey Milk Photo Center is offering 28 classes this winter. There are courses for both beginners and classes that covers more advanced information for more experienced

photographers.

Film Camera Basics covers the basics in film camera usage starting with properly loading your film, exposure, depth of field basics and more. The one-day class is two-and-a-half hours long. Getting to Know Your DSLR Camera will teach you the controls of your



digital camera and improve your photographs along the way! Step by step instruction and demonstrations will be covered in class. Please bring your digital camera manual to class, along with your camera that is fully charged, and with back up batteries. This class requires a Digital SLR Camera.

For any questions, please contact Photo Center 415-554-9522. Full descriptions, class dates, and costs of all Photo Center classes can be found in the Winter 2023 Catalogue available at the Photo Center or [online](#) or the Harvey Milk Photo Center [website](#).



NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY IN MARCH

Rec & Park is suspending our volunteer days during the winter months. They traditionally run all monthly volunteer groups between March and November. Last month (volunteer group shown at left). In recent months, we planted behind the Rec Center, refreshed the planted areas around the Scott Street Labyrinth and planted 30 *Ceanophus* on the sloped area next to the stairs

FRAME OF MIND PHOTO SHOW CLOSES

The Frame of Mind photography show at the Harvey Milk Photo Center opened on November 4 and closed on December 2. The juried exhibition was by ImageMakers, a local group of professional and serious amateur photographers who have been meeting monthly for the past 26 years. They share a love and passion for photography, and a willingness to share and explore new directions and perspectives.

ImageMakers currently consists of 66 members representing the best of the West Coast and the Monterey Peninsula's tradition of photography, as well as new and emerging approaches to image making. The exhibit showcased the work of 35 of their members. Pictures from the opening event at shown below.

In its simplest form, frame of mind refers to what the photographer was thinking and experiencing when initially creating the image and during development or post-processing that resulted in the final work of art. Each ImageMaker in this exhibition was asked to provide a

"frame of mind" statement to accompany their selected image and which gives some insight into their creative process.



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Friends of Duboce Park recently asked Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, for regular updates on various maintenance issues in the park and the responses we have been receiving is very encouraging.

Turf conditions. The Dog Play/Multi-Use Area will have its annual field closure January 1 through March. A fence will be installed around at least one-half the field for turf renovations and rest from overuse.

Pallavicini said, the "goal is to get the field looking its best for DogFest '24." Other parks also have annual field closures, including St. Mary's Dog Play Area, Upper Douglass Dog Play Area, and Dolores Park North Field.

Signage. Many of the signs are very worn and difficult to read. The sign replacement project is in progress. After confirming the department sign standards, Pallavicini will be getting quotes from vendors.

Garbage cans. We have asked to have the standard plastic Recology bins in the park to be replaced with something more modern and attractive. Pallavicini has been researching new waste receptacles for the park and points out that "we are limited by design as the units I am looking for need to accommodate the Recology toters." She will be sending us some options to review soon.

Playground resurfacing is tentatively scheduled for February-March although weather can affect the construction schedule. The new surface will be green and will include artificial turf.

We will continue to follow up on some of our additional requests for additional benches and enhanced stenciling around the People Only Area. The water fountain near the Pierce Street stairs has been repaired and the broken bulletin board plexiglass window was replaced.



PARKS IN THE NEWS

The recently renovated **Civic Center Plaza** includes a 13,000-square-foot skating plaza, designed by local professional skateboarders and skate park advocates, that is filled with elements from iconic skate spots around the city.

While several cities in Europe have designed public spaces for pedestrians and skateboarders, San Francisco is now the only U.S. city to adopt a design at this scale that thoughtfully integrates both groups.



Park Padel's two new courts located in **Embarcadero Plaza** last weekend. Padel, frequently described as a cross between tennis and squash, is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Like pickleball, padel is easy to learn, social, and usually played as a doubles game on a court about a third of the size of a tennis court.

However, padel courts are bounded by glass walls, allowing players to hit the ball off multiple surfaces, much like squash. The courts in Embarcadero Plaza will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

San Francisco released a "short list" for 14 potential new names for **Golden Gate Park's Stow Lake**, originally named after an avowed 19th century antisemite, after 130 years. William Stow, a 19th-century California Assembly member, expressed his antisemitism openly throughout his political career. He once advocated for the removal of Jewish people from California and even

proposed a “Jew tax” to discourage their residency. The decision comes after years of scrutiny surrounding the lake’s namesake. A group of San supervisors introduced a resolution calling for the lake’s name change.



The short list currently includes Blue Heron Lake, Mary Ellen Pleasant Lake, Turtle Lake, Ramaytush Ohlone Lake, Heron Lake, Lake Hall, Dr. Ho Feng Shan Lake, Joan Davenney Lake, Mikveh Lake, Patrick Quigley Lake, Strawberry Lake, Wong Kim Ark Lake, Harriet Beecher Stowe Lake and Peter Peacock Lake.



Rec and Park will host its 94th annual holiday tree lighting event along the JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park tonight, December 7, from 4-8 p.m., featuring carnival rides, arts and crafts, live entertainment, cookie decorating and, of course, the ceremonial lighting of Uncle John’s tree, the 100-foot tall Monterey cypress outside McLaren Lodge (501 Stanyan Street).

Additionally, [Entwined: Elder Mother](#) will debut in front of Peacock Meadow and include a new iteration of Entwined, the annual illuminated art installation hosted in Golden Gate Park. The ever-evolving forest of light first lit up Peacock Meadow in 2020 and has become a winter staple at the park. The installation will be up through April 28, 2024.

The defining new feature of Entwined: Elder Mother is the Elder Mother tree itself. It is a monumental shade-bearing tree that moves in the wind. The 30-foot metal sculpted tree carries a 25-foot canopy offering a place for park-goers to gather day and night with ever-changing, interactive illumination and color.

Eldermother also incorporates six unique QR codes on the tree ‘leaves’ which allow attendees to control the tree’s lighting patterns. This immersive experience was designed specifically for Peacock Meadow by

San Francisco artist Charles Gadeken.



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Annual Membership dues for a Supporting Member are \$25 per person and entitle you to voting privileges and participation in the governance of the organization. Your dues help cover the few costs we have, such as our website, newsletter, movie nights, and insurance.

Your tax-deductible membership is gratefully accepted and should be sent to Friends of Duboce Park, 71 Scott Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Friends of Duboce Park are a 501(c)(3) organization. Another way to show your support is by getting involved.

Our Mission Statement includes the following: "to organize and represent the collective interests regarding Duboce Park; to beautify and promote safety within Duboce Park; and, to initiate and/or support beneficial neighborhood projects on behalf of Duboce Park."

DECEMBER 2023-JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **Holiday Craft Fair.** Harvey Milk Center for the Arts.

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8 p.m. ***Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association General Meeting.*** Harvey Milk Center. Visit dtna.org.

Saturday, December 16, 10 a.m. ***Winter Classes Registration.*** Visit sfreconline.org.

Wednesday, December 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via Zoom. RSVP to community@sfsafesafe.org.

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting*** via Zoom. RSVP to community@sfsafesafe.org.

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