

Friends of Duboce Park

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HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SUCCESS

The annual Holiday Craft Fair returned to the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts on December 14, featuring 32 local artists selling unique handmade holiday gifts. There were also family-friendly craft activities for all ages, a free photo booth, and free hot apple cider. 130 people applied to sell their handmade items this year, but only 32 were selected by the selection committee. More information and photos from last year's event are available on the Photo Center [website](#).



2026 IN THE PARK - SAVE THE DATES

2025 was a busy year in Duboce Park, highlighted by our 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 13, and next year will be just as busy.

Here's what Friends of Duboce Park has planned for 2026. We have two ParkJams and two Outdoor Movie Nights scheduled, all on Saturdays. We will also resume our monthly volunteer days on the second Saturday of every month, starting in February. For the latest information on any of these events, please visit our [website](#).



- Tuesday, March 19 – Membership Meeting (Harvey Milk Center for the Arts_
- Saturday, May 2 – World Labyrinth Day (Scott Street Labyrinth)
- Saturday, May 9 – ParkJam (Upper and Middle Lawns)
- Saturday, May 30 – Movie Night (Upper Lawn)

- Saturday, August 22 – ParkJam (Upper and Middle Lawns)
- Saturday, September 26 – Movie Night (Upper Lawn)



HELP WANTED – BOARD SECRETARY

Friends of Duboce Park is looking for a volunteer Board Secretary! Help our board stay organized by taking meeting minutes, assisting with agendas, and maintaining records. Commitment is about 3-4 hours per month. Organized, reliable, and community-minded volunteers welcome. Prior board experience is not required. Contact president@friendsofdubcepark.org.

TEMPORARY CLOSURES

The Dog Play Area is temporarily closed until February 26 for its annual winter closure to allow the turf time to rest, recover, and avoid damage from wet, heavy use. The bare areas will be reseeded. A cyclone fence now surrounds most of the Dog Play Area, leaving the areas outside of it available for off-leash dogs.



The Children's Playground will be closed temporarily to allow repair work on the decks and balusters. The work should not take long. Some play equipment still

needs to be painted, and we are awaiting an update from the painting crew.

NEXT VOLUNTEER DAY IN MARCH

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day is this Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. The December, January, and February Volunteer Days have been cancelled due to the expected inclement weather. Thanks to our November volunteers who weeded around the basketball court and Children's Playground. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped keep our park looking great in 2025.



Our gardener, Mark Lujon, has been promoted and will now be supervising the garden crew and maintenance operations for the St. Mary's and Bernal Heights neighborhood parks. The Mobile Mission parks crew will temporarily cover his duties until a permanent gardener has been assigned. He will be missed.



NEW PHOTO SHOW OPENS JANUARY 17

"A Measure of Uncertainty," an exhibition featuring photographs taken by 22 members of the Bay Area Photographers Collective (BAPC), debuts with an opening reception on Saturday, January 17, from 2 to 5

p.m., at the Harvey Milk Photography Center.

BAPC is a community of fine art photographers dedicated to helping each other advance their artistic initiatives. They host peer and professional reviews, workshops, and mount group exhibitions. BAPC strives for experimentation, craft, and creativity and prides itself on the diversity of its members, photographic styles, and practices.

The technologies of human imagination have led to incredible accomplishments while also creating existential threats to the natural world and the social contracts that hold us together. This exhibition explores "A Measure of Uncertainty."

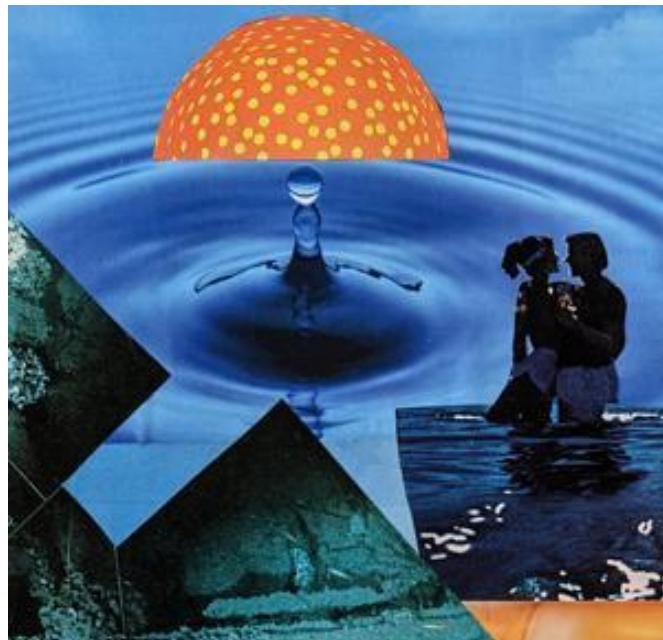
MIXED MEDIA PRINTMAKING

This art class is geared towards seniors, but all adults are welcome. Students will begin with brushes, pencils, and pens, and traditional drawing techniques, then proceed to image transfers and stencils. They will continue with more in-depth printmaking, such as monotypes and collagraphs. All work will involve combining various media into a single artwork. Some supplies will be included, and a materials list will be

provided at the first class meeting. Students are encouraged to bring in their favorite brushes, pencils, and other related materials to use during class meetings.

The class meets on Tuesdays, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting on January 13.

Registration for this and other winter classes at sfrecpark.org/register. The full catalogue of courses is available at the Harvey Milk Recreation Center and the Harvey Milk Photo Center, and [online](#).





DARKROOM ESSENTIALS

This introductory course covers the key fundamentals of black-and-white darkroom printing: film development, printing, and critique. Learn the essential steps and key processes to get you on your way to printing your images! Students will develop techniques to enhance their skills and confidence. The instructor will review the required materials in the first class. Students should bring an assortment of negatives to class, if available. This

class can be taken in lieu of Photography Center Orientation.

The class is being offered on Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., starting on January 15 and on Tuesdays, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., starting on January 20. Many other great photography courses are being offered at the Photo Center and can be [found here](#).

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Vandals set the blue recycling bin near Steiner Street on fire on December 13. The blaze was extinguished quickly, and Rec & Park installed replacement bins to replace the destroyed blue and black bins.

New ADA-compliant garbage can receptacle covers will replace the existing units in the Dog Play Area at their current locations. Concrete pads for them have already been poured.





The blue surface of the Youth Play Area is in terrible shape. We have requested repairs and were told that resurfacing is on the Rec & Park repair list, but it is further down the list since there are many sites in much worse condition than ours. An order for temporary repairs has been submitted.

Three benches we have advocated for will soon be installed near the Pierce Street entrance to the park. The carpentry shop is currently preparing them for installation. The concrete pad for the benches was installed before the holidays.



PARK PROBLEM – WHO TO CALL

- Park Rangers - (415) 242-6390
- Maintenance Issue - 311
- SFPD Non-Emergency - (415) 553-0123
- SFPD Emergency – 911

Call 911 immediately if there is a crime in progress or any other emergency that requires a police, fire, or medical



response. If a situation requires the police, but does not need an immediate response, call (415) 553-0123. Examples of non-emergency situations include noise complaints, suspicious activities, or homeless/nuisance-related issues.

If there is a non-emergency issue in the park, call the Park Rangers at (415) 242-6390. Use this number for park code violations, such

as noise, dogs in the People Only Area, and permit violations. Park Rangers only respond to non-emergency calls. In 2003, there were just 15 rangers, but there are now 53 on their staff.

JOIN FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK

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 is a 501(c)(3) organization. General Membership is still available at no cost, but does not carry any voting privileges. 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."

JANUARY-FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday, January 17, 2 to 5 p.m. **Opening Reception Photo Show, "A Measure of Uncertainty."** Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.

Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. **DTNA Neighborhood Meeting.** Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus.

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m. **Park Station Community Meeting.** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.



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