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FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK

Annual Public Meeting



Tuesday, March 17
7 PM

Harvey Milk Center for the Arts
Main Ballroom
50 Scott St.

Meet the board.
Meet your neighbors.
Learn about park projects.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 17

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow park supporters, meet our board members, and learn more about our goals and priorities for 2025. We'll reflect on the past year's accomplishments, including community events, volunteer efforts, and improvements throughout the park, and share what we've learned along the way.

There will be time for questions, discussion, and your input — because your ideas and involvement help shape the future of Duboce Park. Whether

you're a long-time member or new to the neighborhood, we encourage you to attend, stay informed, and be part of the conversation. We look forward to seeing you there and continuing our shared commitment to keeping Duboce Park welcoming, vibrant, and well cared for.

OUR PLANS FOR 2026 - 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, and World Labyrinth Day. We will also resume our monthly volunteer days on the second Saturday of every month, starting in February. For the latest information, 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@friendsofdubocepark.org.

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.



SPRING CLASS REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 7

22 classes are being offered this spring at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, including Audio Recording: Beginner on Tuesdays starting on May 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You will learn to record instruments and other sounds in an audio studio setting. This course will

cover how to use basic studio equipment, microphones, and develop effective recording and mixing practices. It will conclude with the class making recordings together and creating their own mix.

For a list of all the courses offered at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts and at other locations in San Francisco parks, pick up the course catalogue at the Center or view it [online](#).

HARVEY MILK SUMMER CAMPS, AGES 7 – 11

Does your child love making art all day long? Then this is the camp for them! Harvey Milk Summer Camps offer intensive art-making and performing, where campers can explore and develop their artistic abilities in visual and digital art, storytelling, dance, or theatre, led by art specialists. Projects focus on multi-step processes that build creativity and fine motor skills. Performing arts include movement and theatrical components. Campers will participate in multiple daily classes, each lasting up to two hours. On the 2nd Thursday of each camp session, families and friends are invited to an



afternoon showcase featuring dance or theatre performances, storytelling, and a gallery of artwork created during the session. No extended care available.

Two-week courses are being offered: June 15-26; July 6-17; July 20-31; and August 3-14. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration begins on

Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. You can [register online](#) or over the phone at 628-6522-2900. Recreation and Parks offers Recreation Scholarships to low-income individuals and families. The catalogue of all summer camps offered in San Francisco is available at the Recreation Center or [online](#).



YPTMTC SUMMER PROGRAMS, AGES 13 - 17

Young People’s Teen Musical Theatre Company (YPTMTC) offers classes for teenagers ages 13 to 17 this summer at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts: Creative Writing (June 22 – July 2), Musical Theater (July 20 – 31), and Vocal and Acting (July 6 – 17).

Descriptions of these classes are on page 27 of the [Summer Day Camp catalogue](#).

Young People’s Teen Musical Theatre Company (YPTMTC) is a performing arts company devoted to bringing quality and professional-level theatre to young adults in the Bay Area.

CYANOTYPE FOR ALL

This one-day workshop is offered at the Harvey Milk Photo Center on Saturday, March 14; Saturday, April 11; and Friday, May 8, all from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and explores one of the oldest photographic processes: cyanotype.

This alternative process produces a characteristic blue-hued photographic print. In this workshop, participants will use found objects, such as flowers, plants, and everyday items, to create unique photograms using the cyanotype process. The class will cover the basics of the process from mixing and applying emulsion to exposure and development. Participants are encouraged to bring their own objects



with them on the day. Advice will be provided on suitable objects.

The instructor is Katherine Akey, an artist based in San Francisco, who creates work on polar exploration, World War I, love, and memory. Her practice includes photography, printmaking, fiber arts, and creative writing. There are many other great classes being offered at the Photo Center. The complete list of courses is available [here](#) or in the Winter Catalogue, available [online](#) or at the Photo Center.



PHOTO SHOW CONTINUES

“A Measure of Uncertainty,” an exhibition featuring photographs taken by 22 members of the Bay Area Photographers Collective (BAPC), debuted with an opening reception on Saturday, January 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Harvey Milk Photography Center. Two Meet the Artist events

were held on January 24 and February 7. The show continues through February 21.

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

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.



A FEARLESS EYE – THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF BARBARA RAMOS OPENS MARCH 6

The opening reception of *A Fearless Eye – The Photography of Barbara Ramos* is Friday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. The artist talks and book signings are on Saturday, March 21, at 2 p.m. and another date TBD. The show is curated by Melissa Castro Keesor, Director of the Harvey Milk Photo Center, and continues through May 16.

Ramos says, “I only recently resurrected my photography archives of the work I’d created in the early and mid-70’s. It was the pandemic that forced me to peruse my negatives, most of which I’d never printed or shown before. I’d spent most of my adult life working and raising two children, and had all but forgotten about photography. Being a photographer and seeing was something that took 100% of my energy. For me, it was impossible to raise children, earn a living, and be totally present to take photographs. My photographs were never seen by my family and friends. The silver lining of this pandemic was being able to once again be present and get back to seeing.”

“Many of the photographs that I took in Los Angeles were explorations of unfamiliar environments and their human inhabitants. I explored many places, and I especially liked photographing surreal areas of the San Fernando Valley where I was raised. Moving to San Francisco in 1969 to study photography at the San Francisco Art Institute, I continued to explore in unfamiliar territory on the streets of San Francisco.”



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Two new ADA-compliant garbage can receptacle covers were installed on February 9 near the Potomac Street entrance. Two more are scheduled for installation near the Steiner Street entrance to replace the existing plastic garbage cans. The concrete pad and fence needs be modified first.

The Dog Play Area is temporarily closed for its annual winter closure to give the turf time to rest, recover, reseed, and avoid damage



from wet and heavy use. It will reopen on February 26. A cyclone fence now surrounds most of the Dog Play Area, leaving the areas outside of it available for off-leash dogs. The DPAs in Upper Douglas, Mission Dolores North Field, and St. Mary's are also closed this winter.

Problems continue to plague the irrigation system, and repairs are underway to address them.



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 are 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."

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

Friday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. ***Opening Reception Photo Show***, "A Fearless Eye – The Photography of Barbara Ramos." Harvey Milk Photo Center.

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. ***Registration for Spring Classes Begins.*** Register at sfreconline.org.

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to noon. **Monthly Volunteer Day in the Park.**

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. **Annual Friends of Duboce Park Membership Meeting.** Harvey Milk Center for the Arts.

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Register at sfrecpark.org/register.

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