# Friends of Duboce Park


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## VOLUNTEER DAY SATURDAY

Our next monthly Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day of 2026 is this Saturday, November, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will be weeding and mulching the planter beds next to the stairs on the south side of the Recreation Center.

This will be our last volunteer day this year since Rec & Park suspends them during the rainy season, December through February. Our next volunteer day will be on March 13. A special thank you to last month's volunteers, who cleaned up the planter beds around the Recreation Center. Please **sign up here** so we know how many people to expect.

## CRAFT FAIR DECEMBER 13

The annual Holiday Craft Fair returns Sunday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to




4 p.m., at Harvey Milk Center for the Arts, 50 Scott Street, and the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Local artists will be selling their unique handmade holiday gifts to the public. There will be family-friendly craft activities for all ages, a free photo booth, and free hot apple cider.

130 people applied to sell their handmade items last year, but there was only room for 32 exhibitors, who were chosen by the selection committee.







**HOLIDAY WORKSHOP: ORNAMENTS**

Ring in the holiday season with this festive and creative workshop where you will create one-of-a-kind ornaments and more in a relaxed and inspiring atmosphere. This workshop offers plenty of creative freedom for all skill levels. No experience is necessary, and all materials are provided. Participants will leave with several completed holiday pieces and inspiration to continue creating at home.

This two-hour workshop is being

offered on Thursday, December 10. For a complete listing of all classes offered at the Harvey Milk Center for the Arts and other San Francisco parks and recreation centers, download the **Fall Catalogue**.





**PUMPKIN CARVING OCTOBER 24**

Friends of Duboce Park hosted a free pumpkin carving party on Saturday, October 24, on the Upper Lawn. Participants were encouraged to bring their own pumpkins but we had extra pumpkins for those who may have forgotten to bring their own. Carving tools were provided.

The classic jack-o'-lantern is an established Halloween icon. For those who grew up trick-or-treating, it evokes sweet memories of childhood, costumes, and candy. The Duboce Park neighborhood attracts trick-or-treaters from all over the city, particularly on Waller, Pierce, and Carmelita streets, which were all closed to traffic Halloween night.












**K9 HEROES RETURN TO PARK**



The 45th Fleet Week held their annual K9 Heroes event in Duboce Park on October 10. Over the years, K9 Heroes has brought military and civilian teams to Duboce Park to share their skills and the partnerships behind their work. K9 Heroes connects residents with the military and civilian teams whose work helps keep communities safe and supported.

It was an opportunity to discover the training, trust, and teamwork behind these partnerships—and celebrate the dogs and people who make a difference. They showcased a range of canine skills. Search-and-rescue dogs worked with their handlers to help locate people who need assistance and specially trained dogs demonstrated their sense of smell in detection work,







## WET PLATE COLLODION PHOTO CLASS

This 2-day workshop on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22, both 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Harvey Milk Photo Center  is a hands-on introduction to this demanding but beautiful photographic process, invented by Frederick Scott Archer in t the mid-19th Century. Participants will use large-format, period-correct cameras to explore the craftsmanship of tintypes and ambrotypes. The goal is to give participants a taste of the process, with each person leaving with 3-4 plates.

Students will be making photographs at or around the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Participants are invited to bring their own props, old costumes, etc. This course is taught by Allan Barnes, a former photojournalist who has been working extensively with the process for almost ten years. Please bring aprons and work clothing (materials used can easily stain clothing).

Many other great photography classes are being offered this fall at the Harvey Milk Photo Center. Visit their **website**  for a complete listing and descriptions of classes.

## HEAVY WATER COLLECTIVE PRESENTS: OCEAN BEACH

Ocean Beach brings together 25 photographers who turn their lenses toward the Pacific, finding pockets of magic amidst a vast liquid field of chaos. Some of these works play with



the juxtaposition of ocean wilderness and concrete cityscapes, framing surfers speeding down powerful waves with electrical wiring and concrete in the foreground. Others ask you to forget the city and immerse yourself in how light, energy, and human shapes can dance together. Each photograph displays a single permutation within an infinite, ever-changing landscape.

The Heavy Water Collective is a motley crew of photographers spellbound by San Francisco's wild western edge.The exhibit opened on November 6 at the Harvey Milk Photo Center and continues through December 5. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.





**MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

The sidewalks on Steiner Street and Scott Street next to the park have been replaced. Trees caused the sidewalk to buckle in many spots and created tripping hazards, especially at night when  street light is often blocked by the tree canopy. Some of the sidewalk was ground down in attempt to make it smoother but there

were still areas that were a tripping hazard.

The grass near the bulletin board and the area under a Potomac Street



bench have both gotten bare. Two of the three trees that were planted as part of our 125th Anniversary Celebration are doing very well, but the one on the upper lawn closest to the playground is not doing as well, probably because of the problem with irrigation in that area. Michelle Pallavicini, Park Services Manager, said that we "should be seeing improvements in a timely manner."





**COYOTES IN OUR PARKS**

During mating season, from December through February, San Francisco Animal



Care & Control (SFACC) often receives reports of increased coyote activity throughout the City. This increase in sightings and encounters is due to coyotes searching for mates and mated pairs of coyotes searching for dens. SFACC works with SF Rec & Park on signage and barriers to decrease the chances for encounters between humans and coyotes.

Late summer and into the fall coyotes enter dispersal season. Pups born earlier in the year – or in previous years – may disperse and look for their own territory. Many of these dispersing coyotes are hit and killed by cars. Coyotes are very visible during this time, and are often in areas where they have not been seen previously.

If you see a coyote acting aggressively or exhibiting strange behavior, or if it appears in distress or is injured, please call Animal Care & Control at (415) 554-9400. For tips on how to deal with coyotes and protect your pets, visit the **San Francisco Animal Care and Control**.

**JOIN FRIENDS OF DUBOCE PARK**

Annual Membership dues for a Supporting Member are $25 per person and entitle you to voting privileges and to participate in the organization's governance. 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."

**NOVEMBER-DECEMBER  CALENDAR**

Saturday, December 5, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. ***Duboce Triangle Winter Wonderland***. Noe St. Plaza between Market and Beaver.

Tuesday, December 8. 8  p.m. to 8 p.m. ***Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Meeting.*** Gazebo Room, CPMC Davies Campus, 45 Castro St.

Sunday, December 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ***Holiday Craft Fair.*** Harvey Milk Recreation Center for the Arts.

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. ***Park Station Community Meeting.*** Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 210 387 441 001 3, Passcode: XH66gY3t.



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