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E-scapes Newsletter SUMMER 2008

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Annual Events (July—September 2008)

Now thru September 28—44th Annual Season of PCPA Theaterfest, Solvang

Live, professional theater performed under the stars at Solvang Festival Theater, 420 2nd Street, Solvang. Productions include *Godspell*, *The Heart's Desire*, *Ragtime*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, and *Hot Mikado*. Call for specific schedules, tickets and packages. Box office: 805-922-8313. <http://www.pcpa.org>

July 4—Solvang Independence Day Parade

An old-fashioned Fourth of July Parade presented by the Solvang Rotary, downtown Solvang. Begins at 11am along Mission Drive (Highway 246) and ends at Mission Santa Ines. 805-686-9376

July 4—Independence Day Fireworks

Free fireworks display at 9pm at Mission Santa Ines, 1760 Mission Drive, Solvang. Presented by the Rotary Club of the Santa Ynez Valley. 805-686-9376

July 5—Santa Ynez Valley Wine Country Association "Stars, Stripes & Syrah"

Tastings at 14 member wineries and many specials. \$35 includes passport and logo wine glass. 11am-4pm; \$35 per person, reservations recommended. 1-800-563-3183. <http://www.santaynezwinecountry.com>

July 12—Tailwinds Bicycle Club Windmill Century Ride, Los Alamos

100-mile, 62-mile ride, or 40-mile bike rides through northern Santa Barbara County start/finish at Los Alamos County Park. 805-925-6141 <http://www.tailwindsbc.org:80/WindMill>

August 10—Old Mission Santa Ines Fiesta, Solvang.

Annual day of food, fun, music and festivities commemorating the 204-year old Mission and the Valley's rich cultural heritage. 805-688-4815. <http://www.missionsantaines.org>

August 16—22nd Annual Quick Draw Art Contest, Los Olivos. Artists race against the clock to complete works of art in 45 minutes; followed by public auction, BBQ, gallery tours & receptions. 805-688-1222

August 26—4th Annual Wheel 'n Windmills Car Show, Solvang. More than 200 cars, trucks and motorcycles compete for awards displayed on Copenhagen Drive. <http://www.wheelsnwindmills.com>

September 19-21—Danish Days Celebration Weekend, Solvang. Velkommen!—Since 1936, this has been a treasured celebration of Solvang's rich Danish heritage. Folk dancing, music, parades, food and live entertainment all weekend throughout the city. Call for schedule. 805-688-6144. <http://www.solvangusa.com>

September 26-28—62nd Annual Old Days, Los Alamos.

Honoring the area's western heritage. Antique car show, peddlers' mart, food booths, arts & crafts, live entertainment, BBQ, Saturday night dance, Sunday morning parade. 805-344-3315. <http://www.lavmc.org>

September 26-28—2nd Annual Solvang Jazz Festival

9/26—5pm: Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band with Barbara Morrison; 9-MID: Jean-Michel Pilc Trio & Frank Marocco. 9/27—1pm: Solvang Jazz Consortium & Joel Scott; 7pm—Monty Alexander Trio with Special Guest Dr. Lonnie Smith. 9/28—Dr. Bobby Rodriguez & his Latin Jazz Orchestra: <http://www.solvangjazz.com>

Museums, Art & Exhibits (Call for current schedules & programs)

Buellton Historical Society History Room, above Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant, 376 Avenue of Flags, Buellton. Discover "Service Town USA" area memorabilia. 805-688-7829 <http://www.buelltonhistory.org>

Elverhoj Museum of History & Art, 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang. Showcases Solvang's rich history & celebrates the Danish-American spirit plus a contemporary art gallery. 805-686-1211. <http://www.elverhoj.org>

Hans Christian Andersen Museum, 1680 Mission Drive, Solvang. Honoring the multi-talented Danish father of modern fairy tales with books, art & collages. 805-688-2052 <http://www.bookloftsolvang.com/museum.htm>

Los Alamos Historical Display, Bell (Hwy 135) & Helena Streets, Los Alamos. Rediscover the roots of this western-style rural town founded in 1876. 805-260-8233 <http://www.losalamosinfo.com>

Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society Museum & Carriage House, 3596 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez. From the early Chumash Indians through its 20th-century ranching days. 805-688-7889. <http://www.syvms.org>

Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum, 320 Alisal Road, Solvang. Constantly changing displays of vintage racing and rare motorcycles as well as European race bikes. 805-686-9522. <http://www.motosolvang.com>

Wildling Art Museum, 2329 Jonata Street, Los Olivos. Presents America's wilderness in art; plus offers nature-related classes, special events and rotating exhibits. 805-688-1082. <http://www.wildlingmuseum.org>

Live Entertainment

Alisal River Grill Concerts, Solvang, 7/12—Rob Rio in Concert featuring Foxen Winery Dinner; 8/2—Deby White & Pureheart in concert plus Corona & Tequila Night. Doors open at 6pm; live music on the patio including gourmet dinner. 150 Alisal Road, Solvang. Call for rates and reservations. 805-688-7784

Chumash Casino Resort, Santa Ynez presents renowned musicians and entertainers weekly in the Samala Showroom. Info & Tickets: 1-800-585-3737 or <http://www.chumashcasino.com>

Fess Parker's Wine Country Inn Thursday Evening Singing, Los Olivos, join Fess & Marcy Parker and friends accompanied by pianist Bill Powell in the Lobby Lounge. 805-688-7788. <http://www.fessparker.com>

Maverick Saloon, Santa Ynez presents live country western entertainment every Friday and Saturday nights; (cover charge \$5). Free concerts on the deck on Saturday afternoon; DJ dance party every Thursday night. (Must be 21 years or older). Call for schedule. 805-686-4785. <http://www.mavericksaloon.org>

New Frontiers Marketplace Music on the Green, Solvang. Free concert on the lawn starts at 5:30pm every Thursday thru 8/30. 1984 Mission Drive (Highway 246) and Alamo Pintado Road. 805-693-1746

Vineyard House Restaurant, Santa Ynez. Live Jazz every Wednesday thru 9/24. 6:30-8:30pm. (\$3 cover charge) 805-688-2886. <http://www.thevineyardhouse.com>

Food & Wine

Wine Tasting and special events at more than 70 wineries and tasting rooms throughout the Valley year-round. Visit <http://www.sbcountywines.com> or <http://www.santaynezwinecountry.com> for more details.

Foley Estates Vineyard & Winery Picnic in the Vineyard, 7/19 from 11am-3pm includes hayride thru estate, gourmet lunch, private tour, wine tasting. \$50/public; \$40 wine club member. <http://www.foleywines.com>

Los Olivos Cafe Evening with the Winemaker Wednesdays. Selected wines with hors d'oeuvres 5-6pm. \$15 per person; no reservations required. Call for schedule 805-688-7265. <http://www.losolivoscafe.com>

Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards: Friday wine & cheese pairings in the Solvang tasting room 7/25, 8/29. 6-8pm. Free to Wine Club members, \$20 for public. 1-888-777-6663 <http://www.LLWine.com>

Roblar Winery & Cooking School, 3010 Roblar Avenue, Santa Ynez. Open daily 11am-5pm. Saturday evening Guest Chef Cooking/Wine/Dining classes. 805-686-2603 <http://www.roblarwinery.com>

Solvang Farmers Market, every Wednesday, rain or shine. Fresh produce, flowers and foods. 2:30-6:00pm. On First Street, between Mission Drive (Highway 246) and Copenhagen Drive. 805-962-5354.

Fun for the Family

Cachuma Lake Recreation Area & Nature Center. Year-round special programs, workshops, fishing contests and 2-hour wildlife cruises. Call for schedules. 805-693-0691. <http://www.cachuma.com>

Free Friday Outdoor Movies. Show begins at 7:30pm (all G or PG rated). Refreshments available for purchase. In Solvang Park, Mission Drive & First Street. For titles, call 805-688-PLAY

Stay!

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