

events : our picks for what to do



JULY 4
4th of July Fireworks Spectacular ▲
 The talented singers and dancers of Transcendence Theatre Company will join the Santa Rosa Symphony to celebrate the spirit of America at the Green Music Center's annual fireworks show. The performance at Weill Hall and Lawn begins at 7:30 p.m., but come as early as 4:30 to enjoy the Kids Zone, complete with carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, food, and music. Tickets start at \$25. Lawn tickets for kids 12 and under are half-price; children under 2 get in free. 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, 866-955-6040, gmc.sonoma.edu

JULY 6-AUGUST 31
Funky Fridays Summer Concert Series ▶
 Funky Fridays are a great way to get your groove on for kids and adults of all ages in a festival-like atmosphere that includes live music, dancing, and picnicking. Concerts, which started in June, continue every Friday between July 6 and August 31. This year's lineup includes The Funky Dozen, Jami Jamison Band, and Soulshine. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and shows begin at 7. Admission is \$10 for adults; kids 18 and under get in free. This year parking is also free. Hood Mansion, North Pythian Road off Highway 12, Santa Rosa, 707-833-6288, funkyfridays.info

JULY 7-8
Dyeing with Indigo and Oak Galls
 Join fiber artist Ashley Eva Brock to learn about the unique qualities and process of indigo dyeing, along with dye techniques that take advantage of indigo's special nature. Enjoy an all-day workshop and potluck lunch with the instructor and fellow students held on a beautiful 1-acre property in rural Sonoma County. Tickets are \$150; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The workshop is offered Saturday, July 7 or Sunday, July 8. West County Fiber Arts, 3787 Ross Road, Sebastopol, 707-827-3315, westcountyfiberarts.com



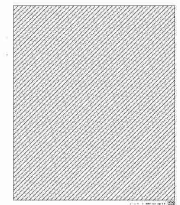
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JULY 15
Bluegrass & Craft Beer Festival ▲
 This popular bluegrass festival is headlined by 15-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and his band, Kentucky Thunder. Pair the concert with the Craft Beer Fest from noon to 3:30 p.m., with unlimited tastings of stellar brews and ciders for \$30. The concert begins at 2 p.m.; tickets start at \$25. Weill Hall and Lawn at the Green Music Center, 1801 East Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, 866-955-6040, gmc.sonoma.edu

JULY 21
5th Annual Pig, Pizza, & Pinot Festival
 This tasty event celebrates Landmark Vineyards' Pinot Noirs by pairing them with whole roasted pig and freshly made pizzas provided by one of Sonoma's top restaurants, the girl & the fig. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$60. Landmark Vineyards, 101 Adobe Canyon Road, Kenwood, 707-833-0053, landmarkwine.com

JULY 21 & AUGUST 18
Summer Drive-In Series
 The Alexander Valley Film Society rolls back the clock with its Summer Drive-In Series at Cloverdale's Citrus Fairgrounds. Two shows are left on the 2018 schedule: "Back to the Future" on July 21, followed August 18 by "The Wizard of Oz." Enjoy local food, beer, and wine, and perfect country surroundings. Proceeds support the film society's educational and cultural programs. Concessions open at 6:30 p.m. Showtime is at dusk. Pre-show tickets are \$12 for individuals, or pack the station wagon with friends and pay \$40 for a car pass. At the gate, prices will be \$14 and \$45 respectively. Cloverdale Citrus Fair, 1 Citrus Fair Drive, Cloverdale, 707-893-7150, avfilmsociety.org/drive-ins/



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JULY 28
Fort Ross Festival ▶

Enjoy a day on the beautiful Sonoma coast celebrating different cultures. Watch Kashia Pomo ceremonial dancers, learn from Alaska Native craftspeople, and see traditional Russian performances. Grab a pint from the Beer Garden and enjoy the return of the cannon and militia to this year's festival. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission starts at \$20 per car.

19005 Coast Highway 1, Jenner, 707-847-3437, fortross.org

JULY 28-29
Healdsburg Arts Festival

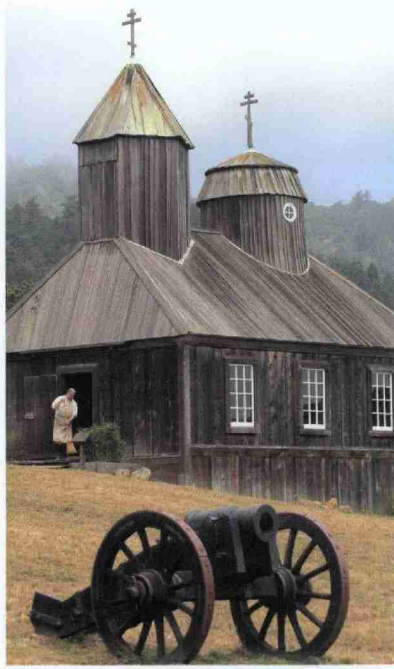
This big juried art and fine craft show takes over the Healdsburg Plaza. Sponsored by the Healdsburg Center for the Arts in collaboration with the City of Healdsburg, it includes art demonstrations, interactive art experiences, live performances, food, and wine. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. July 28; 10 a.m.-3p.m. July 29. Free.

Healdsburg Plaza, 130 Plaza St., Healdsburg, 707-431-1970, healdsburgcenterforthearts.org

AUGUST 2-12
Sonoma County Fair

The fair boasts a spectacular new carnival, plus perennial faves like the Hall of Flowers, livestock displays, and food vendors galore. Live music by Blood, Sweat and Tears, Super Diamond, and many more. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Admission \$12; ages 7-12, \$7; kids 6 and under free.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennet Valley Road, Santa Rosa, 707-545-4200, sonomacountyfair.com



AUGUST 8
◀ Gipsy Kings

This talented band of French-born singers and instrumentalists has mastered a combo of flamenco, rumba, salsa, and pop, firing up audiences since 1978 with such songs as "Djibli Djoba," "Bamboléo," and the romantic ballad "Un Amor." Their music has been described as "Spanish flamenco and gypsy rhapsody meet salsa funk." Here's your chance to experience the kind of mesmerizing performance that has helped them sell 20 million albums. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$61.50-\$81.50.

50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, 707-546-3600, lutherburbankcenter.org



AUGUST 3-5, 10-12, & 17-19
Shall We Dance ▲

Why fly all the way to New York when the Broadway-caliber professionals of Transcendence Theatre Company perform close to home, in the stunning setting of Jack London State Historic Park? Their popular Shall We Dance revue returns for nine performances spread over three August weekends, with singers and dancers performing show tunes and popular songs. Each performance features a different selection of wine and food vendors, or pack your own picnic. Pre-show picnicking at 5 p.m., showtime at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$45-\$150.

Jack London State Historic Park, 2400 London Ranch Road, Glen Ellen, 877-424-1414, transcendencetheatre.org

AUGUST 11-12
45th Gravenstein Apple Fair ▶

Head out to the 45th Gravenstein Apple Fair for a weekend of old-fashioned fun. Held under the shade of majestic oaks in Ragle Ranch Park in Sebastopol, the fair boasts live music, arts and crafts vendors, local food and drink, contests, a Children's Corner, Artisan Tasting Lounge, DIY Arena, Life on the Farm Arena, and their famous heirloom Gravenstein apples. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., see website for pricing.

Ragle Ranch Regional Park, 500 Ragle Road, Sebastopol, 707-837-8896, gravensteinapplefair.com



AUGUST 16
◀ Boyz II Men at the Green Music Center

Boyz II Men will work their R&B magic at the Green Music Center's Weill Hall and Lawn. They'll offer hits from their three-decade-plus career like "End of the Road" and "I'll Make Love to You," sure to appeal to fans of all ages. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. For an additional \$20, join the private pre-concert sparkling wine party starting at 6 p.m. on the Prelude Wedding Lawn.

Green Music Center, 1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park, 866-955-6040, gmc.sonoma.edu

AUGUST 18-19
Art in the Redwoods Festival

What began among the redwoods on Gualala Ridge in 1961 has grown into a weekend attraction for thousands. Now in its 57th year, it features free entertainment and lots of artist booths – a family-friendly gathering worth the trip. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6, kids under 17 are free.

Gualala Arts Center, 46501 Gualala Road, Gualala, 707-884-1138, gualalaarts.org

AUGUST 25
Sonoma Food, Wine and History Tour

Experience a guided food and wine tour to off-the-beaten-path tasting locations within Sonoma's historic downtown. The samplings will stimulate your senses and whet your appetite for more. Each tasting is served from locally owned and operated specialty food stores, popular eateries, and wine tasting rooms around the Sonoma Plaza. Along the way you will learn about Sonoma's rich local history and architecture. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets: \$92. Tour meets near Sonoma Plaza. Exact location provided upon ticket purchase.

707-939-5849, sonomafoodtour.com