

**KFCF Community Calendar: Updated 2/15/12**  
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**[calendar@kfcf.org](mailto:calendar@kfcf.org), at least 2 weeks before the event.**

**MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS:**

**September, 2011 through May, 2012**

The University Theater's schedule of performances for the 2011-2012 season includes "T.I.C.- trenchcoat in common," a blog turned into a play, performed from September 30 - October 8, 2011; "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," performed from October 28-November 5, 2011, "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare, performed from December 2-10, 2011, performances by the Contemporary Dance Ensemble from February 17-25, 2012, "Brontë" performed from March 16-24, 2012, and "Assassins" performed from May 4-12, 2012. For tickets or more information go to <http://www.csufresno.edu/theatrearts>.

**Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2012**

You are invited to participate in the process of planning for the City of Fresno's future through the update of the Fresno General Plan, the blueprint for existing and future development through 2035. It also includes a complete redesign of the City's Development Code, which is the city's most powerful implementation tool of its land use policies. Below is a list of public meetings you are invited to attend. All meetings will be held from 6-8 p.m. with the exception of the City Council hearings which will be scheduled as a timed item on their regular Thursday agenda. You can also provide your input by completing the on-line survey at [www.fresno.gov/newplan](http://www.fresno.gov/newplan).

- 9/7/2011 – Planning Commission Workshop, City Hall Council Chambers  
(2600 Fresno St. -2nd fl.)
- 9/15/2011 - Orientation & Visioning, Edison High School (540 E. California Ave.)
- 9/20/2011 - Economic Development, Fresno High School (1839 N. Echo Ave.)
- 10/04/2011 – Sustainability, Mosqueda Community Cntr. (4670 East Butler Ave.)
- 10/18/2011 - Urban Form: Part I, Wesley United Church (1343 E. Barstow)
- 11/1/2011 - Urban Form: Part II, Pinedale Elementary (7171 N. Sugar Pine Ave.  
Pinedale)
- 11/10/2011 - Healthy Communities, Hinton Comm Cntr. (2385 S. Fairview Ave.)
- 11/21/2011 – Transportation, Ted C. Wills Center (770 N. San Pablo Ave.)
- 12/7/2011 – Planning Commission Plan Alternatives, City Hall Council Chambers
- 1/12/2012 - Plan Alternatives Selected, Hoover High School (5550 N. 1st St. )
- 2/16/2012 – City Council Select Preferred Plan, City Hall Council Chambers
- 2/22/2012 - Report on Plan Selection, McLane High School (2727 N. Cedar Ave.)
- 3/28/2012 - Policy & Framework, Bullard High School (5750 N. Palm Ave. )
- 4/4/2012 – Planning Comm. - Policy & Framework, City Hall Council Chambers
- 4/25/2012 - General Plan Outline, Sunnyside High School (1019 S. Peach Ave.)
- 4/26/2012 – City Council Briefing, City Hall Council Chambers
- 5/22/2012 – Planning Comm. Draft General Plan, City Hall Council Chambers

6/6/2012 – Planning Comm. Adopt Gen. Plan, City Hall Council Chambers  
6/21/2012 – City Council - Intro Draft Gen. Plan, City Hall Council Chambers  
6/28/2012 – City Council - Adopt Gen. Plan, City Hall Council Chambers  
For more information call 559-621-8003 or go to [newplan@fresno.gov](mailto:newplan@fresno.gov).

**Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

“Crimes of the Heart” kicks off the 30th Season at 2nd Space Theatre. Warm-hearted, irreverent and brilliantly imaginative, this play teems with humanity and humor as it examines the plight of three young Mississippi sisters betrayed by their passions. The scene is Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny, the oldest sister, is unmarried at thirty-seven and facing diminishing marital prospects; Meg, the middle sister, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast; while Babe, the youngest, is out on bail after having shot her husband in the stomach. Their troubles, grave and yet somehow hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick, by one of Meg’s past flames and by the awkward young lawyer who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helpless not to fall in love with her. The 30th Season of performances at 2nd Space is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Miller, whose staunch loyalty and friendship were a guiding force for Good Company Players over the past 38 years. Good Company Players’ 2nd Space Theatre is located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747. .

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents “Hairspray” at Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater. It’s 1962 and Baltimore’s Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion—to dance! She wins a spot on the local TV dance program and overnight, is transformed from outsider to irrepressible teen celebrity. But can a trendsetter in dance and fashion vanquish the program’s reigning princess, win the heart of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a television show without denting her ‘do? Only in Hairspray! Welcome to the ‘60s! Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater is located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players’ Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00;

Show Plus (includes the show, 1 dessert, 1 drink, tax and tip) is \$37.00. For more information, call the box office at 266-9494 or 800-371-4747.

### **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> through Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

For the month of February 2012, there will be a Gallery 25 members exhibit fundraiser. This exhibit will feature a “hearts” theme created from various mediums. Gallery 25 members will exhibit contemporary artwork in the mediums of paintings, drawings, mixed media, digital imagery and photography. *In addition we are encouraging visitors to the exhibit to donate canned food that will be used to make a “heart” shaped sculpture.* This canned food “heart” shaped sculpture will be a work in progress until the end of the exhibit. Creating this “heart” shaped canned food sculpture is a way that Gallery 25 can show their love to the community. After the exhibit ends all of the canned goods will be donated to the needy in our community. The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. and is located at 660 Van Ness Avenue (at Mono in downtown Fresno). For more information call (559) 264-4092 or go to [www.gallery25.org](http://www.gallery25.org).

### **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno is presenting a film series on Immigration, the moral, legal, social issues. The series will expose the brokenness of our current immigration system and the need for comprehensive reform. The current policy focuses narrowly on Enforcement-only, violating migrants' fundamental human rights through unjust raids, large scale detention, and deportation - resulting in families being torn apart, among other abuses. Admission to the films is free and wheelchair accessible. Films begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2672 E. Alluvial Avenue, between Chestnut and Willow, Clovis. The February 3<sup>rd</sup> film is “Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey.” This short film offers a profound look at the human face of the immigrant, why they leave their homes and what they face on their journey. Also shown will be the documentary, “Frontline: Lost in Detention. The Hidden World of Immigration Enforcement.” This film investigates Obama's enforcement strategies, journeys into the secretive world of immigrant detention, with a penetrating look at who is being detained and what is happening to them. The February 10<sup>th</sup> film is “800 Mile Wall,” highlighting the construction of the border walls along the U.S.-Mexican border, an unflinching look at a failed U.S. border strategy that many believe has caused the death of thousands of immigrants and violates fundamental human rights. The February 17<sup>th</sup> film is “A Better Life, which tracks the relationship and conflicts between Mexican immigrant gardener Carlos and his teenage son Luis, whom he's trying to interest in bettering himself by earning an honest living, rather than drift into the East L.A. gang scene. The March 9<sup>th</sup> film is “9500 Liberty,” a ground zero look at a Virginia county torn apart by a controversial law requiring police to check the immigration status of people suspected of being undocumented. And the March 23<sup>rd</sup> film is “Viva Mexico,” a documentary on the Zapatistas movement in Mexico, the repression by the government, the taking of

people's land, and the denial of open democracy. For more information go to [uufresno.org](http://uufresno.org), call Glenda at 559-291-1590, or e-mail [ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net).

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno State's Contemporary Dance Ensemble will be performing "This is NOT the Tony Bennett Concert" in the University's John Wright Theatre-Speech Arts Building. The program begins with the premiere of Theatre Art's major Fumihiko Kikuchi's "Precious Moments," a beautiful and poignant visual statement to the music of Jin. Two guest choreographers, Mary Fitzgerald of Arizona State University and Cheryl Kershaw on California State University, Fresno have also created works. Kershaw's "Unwinding Time" presents a vintage look at animated movement with multiple viewable frameworks and Fitzgerald's "Borders Between Us" paints a visual portrait that draws our attention to the impact of human activities on the physical environment. Rounding out the program are two works by Artistic Director Kenneth Balint presented by the full dance ensemble. The first "I Was Trying to Daydream but My Mind Kept Wandering" is the second premiere of the program. This dance work explores the creative need of daydreaming for the gift magic and jinx it really is. "This is NOT the Tony Bennett Concert", a friendly dance romp set in motion by a mystery phone caller closes out the evening of dance. This work originally created in 2005 has been brought back to life and takes a fresh 2012 look at society within a framework of comfort and exploitation. Tickets to the concert are \$17 general admission, \$15 for Fresno State Faculty/Staff, Alumni Association Members, and Seniors (60 +), and \$10 for students with ID. For more information, call 278.2216 or go to the website <http://www.csufresno.edu/theatrearts>.

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Central Valley Against Human Trafficking and Central Valley Justice Coalition presents the Fresno area's first Freedom Week: "End Slavery In The Central Valley." The event is part of Freedom Week, a collaborative effort of groups in the Central Valley to educate, equip, inspire, and give opportunities to members of the community to take action against human trafficking locally. It is sponsored by Central Valley Against Human Trafficking, Central Valley Justice Coalition, We Are One, Faith.Hope.Love, and EOC Sanctuary. The event taking place on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is "Fueling Hope: Raising Awareness on the Reality of Sex Trafficking." The Bridge is hosting a panel of international and local human trafficking experts to address the problem as well as the hope of the local human trafficking issue. Speakers include FPD Sergeant Curt Chastain, Central Valley Against Human Trafficking Director Ronna Bright, and others. It takes place at 6:30 p.m. at The Bridge Church, 3438 E Ashlan. The event on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is "Nefarious Movie Screening." Nefarious explores and exposes the disturbing trend of sex slavery and its impacts on those involved, with accounts by survivors, humanitarian workers, and former traffickers, and their testimonies of freedom. The event will conclude with a time of intercessory prayer. The material may be particularly disturbing to some viewers and is not recommended for those under 17. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the screening takes place at

Northpointe Church campus, 4625 W. Palo Alto Ave. in Fresno. For more information on the film go to nefariousdocumentary.com. The event on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> is a screening of the documentary, "Sex +Money." This is a documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking and the modern-day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it. The screening takes place at 6:00 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University, Ashley Auditorium, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave. in Fresno. The event on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 3rd Annual Conference on Human Trafficking: "Slavery Shall Not Exist," presented by Central Valley Against Human Trafficking from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Park Central Hotel, 3737 North Blackstone Ave., Fresno. Registration will begin on January 23. There will also be a Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Prevention Training at 6:00 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University, SCC 103/Cafeteria. The event on Friday, February 24 is "We Are One" at 7:00 p.m. As part of Central Valley Freedom Week, We Are One is a worship, arts, and advocacy event focused on bringing the church together and seeking God's heart concerning the reality of human trafficking in our communities. It takes place at the Wilson Theatre, 1445 Fulton St, in Fresno, and is hosted by Cornerstone Church. The event on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is "Just Act!" from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Activities will be available to give people in the community opportunity to take action concerning human trafficking. Activities being planned included trainings and service projects. Those interested in participating may contact Jenni at [justactday@gmail.com](mailto:justactday@gmail.com) and get more information at [centralvalleyfreedomweek.com/just\\_act](http://centralvalleyfreedomweek.com/just_act). The location of this event is to be announced. Then there will be a Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop. Learn about the reality of human trafficking in your community and how to take action. Screening of the documentary "Sex+Money: The National Search For Human Worth" will be followed by training on how to identify signs of human trafficking. This event Includes musical worship and prayer. It begins at 1:00 p.m. at Radiant Church, 110 NE First Street, in Visalia. Then Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is "Freedom Sunday!" Each church is invited to join this global event. For more information, go to [FreedomSunday.org](http://FreedomSunday.org). More events are being planned and will be announced for Visalia and Tulare County.

### **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Four Week Foundation Course on Raja Yoga Meditation (for beginners) on four Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 7319 N. Fourth St, Fresno. The course provides a basic understanding of ancient Raja Yoga and the method of meditation. You will learn techniques to reduce stress, increase clarity in thinking, & acquire stability & peace of mind. There is no charge. Please register by Feb 18th, 2012. You must register to attend, so we have enough supplies. Class size is limited to 12, due to seating. Email registration to Eileen at [RajaYoga108@gmail.com](mailto:RajaYoga108@gmail.com) or call cell# (559) 448-7860. You can ask for a google map when signing up.

### **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "When We are Married," a fast-paced comedy, performed at the 2nd Space Theater. Three highly respected couples are

celebrating the anniversary of their weddings, performed on the same day by the same parson. When they discover the parson was not completely ordained, the celebration turns into hilarious misadventures. The 30th Season of performances at 2nd Space is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Miller, whose staunch loyalty and friendship were a guiding force for Good Company Players over the past 38 years. Good Company Players' 2nd Space Theatre is located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747.

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date for Rogue Festival, 2012. Think about it as this swirling circus of originality and creativity that magically appears once a year to tickle, inspire and fire the imagination, unabashedly celebrating and stretching the wonders of the possible. The Rogue celebrates the independent performer and artist by providing the opportunity to showcase works in a friendly, affordable, and creative setting. The Rogue Performance Festival is modeled after the fringe festivals which have become popular worldwide. The Rogue is fast growing into a Festival that will encompass every aspect of the arts. They are looking for MORE performers, MORE volunteers, and MORE VENUES. Become a part of it! For more information, see: <http://roguefestival.com/>

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Come One, come All! The Dancing Masters from the Cal Arts Academy are giving an Entertainment for all Ages to enjoy Ballet, Hornpipes, Clogging & Sword Dances, together with many Feats of Activity, and a most melodramatic Scene from John Brougham's Po-Ca-Hon-Tas: or, "The Gentle Savage." See the grand Debut of the Misses Mary Ann Lee and Augusta Maywood in a new Ballet, "The Maids of Cashmere". And a Pantomime will be presented, featuring G.L. Fox, "The Original Humpty Dumpty." This is all part of the 2012 Rogue Performance Festival. There will be 4 performances: Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m., Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at noon and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and the performance is at the California Arts Academy, Severance Theater, 1401 N. Wishon Ave. in Fresno. For more information go to [www.calartsacademy.com](http://www.calartsacademy.com) or call (559) 222-6539.

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater. This fiendishly clever musical follows the antics of two con men who compete for the affections (and inheritance) of a beautiful socialite. As their victim unwittingly evades their clutches, they become more outrageous in their attempts to outdo each other and the result is one of the best surprise endings in musical theater. Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater is located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at

5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players' Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00; Show Plus (includes the show, 1 dessert, 1 drink, tax and tip) is \$37.00. For more information, call the box office at 266-9494 or 800-371-4747.

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Fresno Pacific University presents "Godspell," performed at Ashley Auditorium, main FPU campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno. The evening performances on March 22, 24, 29, 30, 31 are at 8:00 p.m. The performances on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students. For more information go to [www.fresno.edu/departments/theater](http://www.fresno.edu/departments/theater) or call 559-453-5586.

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

The California Arts Academy presents "Pollyanna," performed at its Blackstone Theater. This is the delightful, classic tale of the greatest optimist of all time... Pollyanna. but it's also the story how a little girl's faith in her father's promise - that you can find something good about anything that happens - guides her steadfastly through circumstances that most adults would find formidable. We're optimistic that this fresh adaptation will put a smile on faces of all ages in the audience. There are four performances: Friday & Saturday at 7:30, Saturday & Sunday at 2:00. Tickets are \$10 advance, \$12 day of show, with Students/Seniors half price. The Theater is located at 4750 N. Blackstone Ave. in Fresno. For more information call Julie Ann Keller at 559-222-6539 or go to [www.calartsacademy.com](http://www.calartsacademy.com).

**Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Cuba "People to People" Reality Tour. \$28.50 includes a charter flight from Miami, visa, license, all transport in Cuba, Lodging, breakfasts, welcome and farewell dinners. The tour group is looking for 12 flexible travelers with human services experience (Health care, Education, Social Work, Law, Clergy, etc.) who want an experience among warm hospitable Cubans in similar professions to learn the similarities and differences. The group will be with many and diverse people in different regions of the island. A \$200 deposit saves your place. For more information go to [www.magiclink.net/~odw](http://www.magiclink.net/~odw) e-mail to [odw@magiclink.net](mailto:odw@magiclink.net), or call 408-379-4431.

**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents the humorous and moving story of "Grace and Glorie" at 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Theater. Feisty, 90-year-old Grace has rejected medical

care and returned to her mountain cabin to finish her life alone. When Glorie, the uptight and sophisticated hospice volunteer arrives, Grace tells her she's not needed. A lot of laughs and a few tears later, they find they both need each other. The 30th Season of performances at 2nd Space is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Miller, whose staunch loyalty and friendship were a guiding force for Good Company Players over the past 38 years. Good Company Players' 2nd Space Theatre is located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747.

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "The Sound of Music" at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater. One of the world's best loved musicals tells the story of will-o'the-wisp Maria who proves too high-spirited for the convent and is sent to tutor Captain Von Trapp's seven children. Her ebullient, loving nature quickly captivates the youngsters and the Captain alike. However, WWII is looming and all may soon be lost. Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater is located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players' Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00; Show Plus (includes the show, 1 dessert, 1 drink, tax and tip) is \$37.00. For more information, call the box office at 266-9494 or 800-371-4747.

**Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "Beau Jest," a story about falling in love – with a little white lie. A nice Jewish girl tells her nice Jewish family she's dating a nice Jewish doctor, but she's really dating a very WASP young executive. With her parents coming to meet her beau, she hires an actor to play "Dr. Steinberg." He's very convincing and her parents fall for him...but will she? The play will be performed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Theater, located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747.

**Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "Calamity Jane," featuring guest artist and country music icon, Louise Mandrell. This western romp, adapted from the Doris Day film, is a musical hoedown filled with battling sexes, mistaken identities, romantic rivalry and a tomboy transformed by a "Secret Love." It will be performed at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater which is located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players' Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00; Show Plus (includes the show, 1 dessert, 1 drink, tax and tip) is \$37.00. For more information, call the box office at 266-9494 or 800-371-4747.

**Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "To Kill a Mockingbird," a powerful play set in a quiet southern town in the summer of 1935. We see it all through the eyes of young Scout, whose father Atticus goes to court to defend a young black man in spite of threats and hostility from the people he once called friends. It will be performed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Theater, located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747.

**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Good Company Players presents "Singin' in the Rain," complete with a toe-tapping score, memorable dance numbers and an hysterically funny salute to the emergence of "talking" movies in Hollywood. Singin' in the Rain takes audiences into the topsy-turvy days of the "talkies." It's a perfect storm of singing, dancing and romancing with a 20 percent chance of precipitation. It will be performed at Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater, located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players' Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00; Show Plus

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**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Good Company Players will present “Dad’s Christmas Miracle.” This happy Yuletide offering takes us back to a time when a dollar was a fortune, an hour of free time seemed like forever and the best time in the whole world was Christmas. The kids have made their lists and it’s up to Dad to perform the impossible by Christmas Eve! The play will be performed at 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Theater, located at 928 E. Olive in the Tower District. Showtimes are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00 p.m., & Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16 general admission; \$15 for students & seniors. The box office is located in the Lobby of Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater, 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive & Wishon in The Tower District. For more information, call 266-0660 or 1-800-371-4747.

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> (2013)**

Good Company Players will end its season presenting a joyful tribute to the big hits (and hair) of the 1960s with “Beehive – The 60’s Musical Sensation.” The Chiffons, Supremes, Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin and a host of groovy divas come to life in this super-charged musical feast. It will be performed at Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theater, located at 1226 N. Wishon, at Olive and Wishon in The Tower District. Thursdays a buffet is served beginning at 5:30 p.m., with a Pre-Show featuring Good Company Players’ Junior Company at 7:00 and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday dinner is served at 6 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:30 p.m. and the performance at 8:00 p.m. For the Sunday matinee, a brunch buffet is served at 11 a.m., with the Pre-Show at 1 p.m. and the performance at 1:30 p.m. And on Sunday evening a buffet is served at 5:00 p.m., with the Pre-Show at 7:00 p.m. and the performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Thursday & Sunday Buffet & Show are \$45.00 per person; Show Only - \$29.00. For Friday & Saturday, served Meal & Show is \$49.00; Show Plus (includes the show, 1 dessert, 1 drink, tax and tip) is \$37.00. For more information, call the box office at 266-9494 or 800-371-4747.

**ONGOING**

**Every Day**

Occupy Fresno is at Fresno’s Courthouse Park (on the south end, off Tulare between Van Ness and M Street). They hold a General Assembly every day at 6 p.m. and there have been arrests every day, shortly after midnight. For more information, go to <http://occupyfresno.ca.com/>

The “**Goodie Bag Project**” is collecting small toiletry items brought home from hotels and vacations to provide gifts for women incarcerated in Central Valley Women’s Prisons. This is a collaborative effort of the CCWF Inmate Family Council, the Fresno Center for Nonviolence, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno Social Justice Committee, and the United Methodist Church of Merced. They are seeking sample/travel size bath gels, body soap, lotions, deodorant,

shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small combs and pocket sized packages of tissues (no food, candy, edibles, drinkables, mouthwash or anything containing alcohol). They are also collecting all kinds of greeting cards, wooden pencils and clear, colorless pens, as well as paper scratch pads and picture postcards. Items may be dropped off at the Center for Nonviolence, 1584 N. Van Ness Ave., south of McKinley, during open hours, M - F, 11 AM - 3 PM. Checks can be made out to "FCNV Prison Ministry - Goodie Bags," and mailed to the Center at the above address, or dropped off in person. Receipts will be given. All donations are tax-deductible. For additional information or to see if an item is allowable under prison rules, call Maria Telesco at 559-255-9492. Please remember all items must be SMALL.

**Volunteers Needed:** Collective for Arts, Freedom, and Ecology (CAFE) Fresno, whose mission is to provide a safe space for all people and provide programs and events that provide enrichment and information to Fresno and the Central Valley, is looking for volunteers, especially for Food Not Bombs, an organization that provides a nutritious meal to anybody that would like and need one. Food Not Bombs is in dire need of physical and financial help, and will accept anything that might go to waste that is still useful. This includes but is not limited to: clothing, toys, tools, and furniture. All of these items will be redistributed to others that need them. Food Not Bombs meets on Sundays at CAFE Infoshop (935 F. Street in Fresno) at noon sharp, to chop and cook until 3. At 3 p.m., they serve at the courthouse park. For more information call Vanessa at (559) 485-3937 or e-mail [vanpadilla@gmail.com](mailto:vanpadilla@gmail.com).

## DAILY CALENDAR

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

The Reedley Peace Center will host members Kevin and Shannon Parkinson who will tell about their two year Peace Corps assignment in Honduras. The event takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (light potluck at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m.) at the Fellowship Hall of First Mennonite Church, located on L Street between 12th and 13th Streets in Reedley. For more information call Don Friesen at 260-0504.

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Fresno Folklore Society presents Haunted Windchimes, performing at Arte Americas, 1630 Van Ness in Fresno. Their sound draws from traditional folk and American roots music. The songs have a vintage quality, as if they might have been written yesterday or 75 years ago. Grounded in honeyed harmonies and spirited pickin', it lies in a nowhere land between distinct styles: It's not quite bluegrass or blues or country. Tickets are \$15 in advance or for FFS members, or \$18 at the door. For more information go to [www.fresnofolklore.org](http://www.fresnofolklore.org).

### Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Cornell West will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. at West Hills College in Lemoore. Doors open at 4 p.m. with Dr. West speaking at 6:30 p.m. The ticket price is \$55

and includes soul a food dinner and dance following the keynote. Tickets can be purchased at [www.protix.com](http://www.protix.com) (search Dr. Cornel West) or call 1-866-977-6849.

### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of "Between Two Worlds" with discussants Alan Snitow & Deborah Kaufman (the filmmakers). Between Two Worlds is a personal essay film telling five riveting stories that go beyond political postures to reveal the passionate debates over identity and generational change inside today's American Jewish community. Snitow and Kaufman take us on a uniquely personal road-trip that reframes intensely polarized debates over tradition and change, loyalty and dissent inside one American ethnic community. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Fresno Poet's Association and Fresno State's MFA Program in Creative Writing present their Spring 2012 Reading Series. The February 17<sup>th</sup> event is Lory Bedikian reading from her manuscript, "The Book of Lamenting," for which she won the 2010 Philip Levine Prize in Poetry. Bedikian received her BA from UCLA with an emphasis in Creative Writing, Poetry, and her MFA in Poetry from the University of Oregon. Her poems have been published in the "Connecticut Review," "Portland Review," "Poetry International," "Poet Lore," and "Heliotrope," among other journals, and have been included in "Blue Arc West: An Anthology of California Poets." She teaches poetry workshops in Los Angeles. The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Madden Library, Room 2206. A book signing and reception follows. This event is free and open to the public but seating is limited. Free parking passes are available from the volunteers standing near the parking kiosks. Look for their poetry-reading signs as you enter the south side of the campus. Call 278-2403 for more information, or email Cindy Wathen at [ciwathen@csufresno.edu](mailto:ciwathen@csufresno.edu).

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### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno is presenting a film series on Immigration, the moral, legal, social issues. The

series will expose the brokenness of our current immigration system and the need for comprehensive reform. The current policy focuses narrowly on Enforcement-only, violating migrants' fundamental human rights through unjust raids, large scale detention, and deportation - resulting in families being torn apart, among other abuses. Admission to the films is free and wheelchair accessible. Films begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2672 E. Alluvial Avenue, between Chestnut and Willow, Clovis. The February 17<sup>th</sup> film is "A Better Life, which tracks the relationship and conflicts between Mexican immigrant gardener Carlos and his teenage son Luis, whom he's trying to interest in bettering himself by earning an honest living, rather than drift into the East L.A. gang scene. For more information go to [uufresno.org](http://uufresno.org), call Glenda at 559-291-1590, or e-mail [ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net).

### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Mardi Gras Dance with Bad Boys Zydeco featuring Louisiana Zydeco, Cajun and Blues, at Full Circle Brewing Co., 620 F St., Fresno, at 9 p.m. It will feature Evo Bluestein, John Shafer, Chris Millar, Joe Rosato, and Kevin Hill as well as a Gumbo Cook-Off. Bring your own Cajun/Creole dish for the potluck. For more information contact Evo Bluestein at (559) 297-8966.

### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno presents "Islam in America from the Eyes of African American Muslims." The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Center, 2111 E. Nees. There will be a panel discussion and question and answer session after the film. For more information, call (559) 297-9535 or email [info@icfresno.org](mailto:info@icfresno.org).

### **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

San Joaquin College of Law invites you to the Eleventh running of Race Judicata. This scholarship fundraiser is a ten-point race in the Valley Runner of the Year Series. Last year, more than 400 participants took part in the event, which includes a 5K run, two-mile walk/run, and a quarter-mile kids run. The competitive run takes place on the Old Clovis Trail, beginning near San Joaquin College of Law. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. Race times are 8:00 a.m. for the Kids run (9 and under), 8:15 a.m. for the 2 mile walk/run, and 8:45 a.m. for the 5K run. Advance price is \$15 for kids and \$20.00 for adults. The Day of Race price is \$20.00 for kids, \$25 for adults. For more information, call 275-6318.

### **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Fourth Annual Elizabeth O'Neill Scholarship Pancake Breakfast helps fund a scholarship to support female heads of households who are attending San Joaquin College of Law. The all-you-can-eat breakfast cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 4-12 years old. The breakfast takes place from 8:15 - 10:30 a.m. at the Law School in Clovis. It also includes a children's book drive. Participants are asked to bring new or gently used children's books to help beef-up the libraries at

Weldon and Miramonte Elementary Schools! For more information, call 323-2100 or visit [www.SJCL.edu](http://www.SJCL.edu).

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce, as part of Hero Appreciation Months, will be holding a "Learn to Square Dance Party: at 7 pm, at the Three Rivers Veterans Memorial Bldg., 43490 Sierra Dr., Three Rivers. This event is free, open to the public, and family-friendly, with refreshments, and art for the children. For more information go to [www.threerivers.com/body-hero.htm](http://www.threerivers.com/body-hero.htm) or call [559-561-4270](tel:559-561-4270).

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Central California Local Urban Chicken Keepers (CCLUCK) will hold a General Meeting at 9 a.m. at the 4141 Coffee Shop and Book Store, (in the foyer of 4141 Ministries church) at 4141 N Fresno Street, south of Ashlan on west side of the street. The Mission of CCLUCK is to inspire, educate, equip and mobilize families to produce healthy & sustainable food by advocating for backyard chickens. CCLUCK was organized to help educate the community about the benefits of keeping micro-flocks of urban laying hens, and to advocate for changes in local zoning laws to allow and encourage citizens to keep hens in a healthy, responsible manner in their backyards. We believe that food is a universal right. Food that is safe, nutritious and fair should be accessible to all, regardless of income. CCLUCK actively engages youth, families, and individuals in their environment, health, and community through organized programs, classes, and events that develop creative skills in sustainable urban living, chicken keeping, health and nutrition. For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-California-Local-Urban-Chicken-Keepers-CCLUCK/126799424067360> or contact: Rachel Carpenter by phone at (559) 287-1141 or by e-mail to [rachelcarpenter@aol.com](mailto:rachelcarpenter@aol.com).

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The local chapter of the NAACP will be holding a "Gospel Extravaganza Dinner Fundraiser" event scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Golden Palace Banquet Hall, located at 2625 W. Vasser Avenue in Fresno. Individual tickets are \$40; tables of 10 are \$400. Reservations and tickets can be obtained by contacting Linda Bellinger at (559) 263-1367 or by email to [admin@fresnonaACP.org](mailto:admin@fresnonaACP.org).

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Voices United Chorus presents Wine, Women and Song! Dinner, singing and dancing with silent and dessert auctions. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. The event takes place at Hope Lutheran Church (Fresno and Barstow) Tickets are \$25.00 or \$175.00 for a table of eight. For tickets and information call 877-822-3737.

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Iranian culture and Art Club-Fresno will be screening the film "Iranian Taboo" at 2:30 p.m. at the Woodward Park Regional Public Library at 944. E. Perrin in Fresno. For more information call (559) 709-3851 or go to [www.kanoonca.com](http://www.kanoonca.com).

### **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Rally to Stop Jail Expansion and to tell Fresno County there needs to be more Community based rehabilitation, New and existing community based treatment programs and Mental health services as well as alternatives to incarceration by reducing pre-trial inmates through "own recognizance" releases and by implementing restorative justice programs. This event will take place at 11 a.m. in front of the Fresno County Jail at M street & Fresno street. Sponsored by: California Prison Moratorium Project, Californians United for Responsible Budget (C.U.R.B.) NNIA, and many more community members and organizations.

### **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

The California Clean Money Campaign will hold a meeting to promote and organize in favor of the California DISCLOSE Act. The meeting takes place from 6:30 - 8 p.m at Denny's, 1110 E. Shaw (just east of First Street). The agenda will include update on current status of the new bill (which should move quickly through the Assembly on to the State Senate in June). Help make plans for the next efforts to make sure political ads show who really pays for them.

### **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Call to the Community to join a Coalition With the Homeless In Fresno County. Responding to the emergency situation of homeless in Fresno (i.e. encampments bulldozed, displaced not offered shelter, public health issues of people left in the cold, ill and dying), the City refuses to open Warming Shelters. This event takes place from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (food will be served) at the UU Church of Fresno (2672 E. Alluvial between Chestnut and Willow). On the agenda will be an update on the state of the Homeless in Fresno County by Mike Rhodes and Paul Boden of the Western Regional Advocacy Project -WRAP(Homeless Organizers), a report by a panel of currently homeless individuals, and a call for specific immediate responses including opening warming Shelters and providing for a safe, legal encampment. Help plan for mid and long term options with the 20,000 homeless in Fresno. For more information on participating in this important fight, call Edie Jessup, at 225-1438.

### **Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lance Canales and the Flood will be performing at Audie's Olympic Tavern, a 21+ venue, on stage at 9 p.m. The cover is \$5.00 and the band will be providing a preview of their new album, "Humming Bird Blues" which is to be released on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. For a sneak peak, go to [www.reverbnation.com/play\\_now/song\\_11944520](http://www.reverbnation.com/play_now/song_11944520).

### **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Central California U.S. Green Building Council Chapter and Coalition for Clean Air are pleased to offer the Valley Go Green Summit, Creative Solutions for a Sustainable Future. It takes place at the SCE (Southern California Edison) Energy Education Center (AGTAC) in Tulare, CA. Registration is free to anyone interested in learning about creating a sustainable Valley. Representatives of local government, education, economic development, nonprofit organizations, construction, and design industries are encouraged to attend. The Summit features guest speaker Terry Tamminen, President/Founder of Seventh Generation Advisors, and the presentations and panel discussions include Utility Incentive and Rebate Programs, Solar: Rebates and Financing Options, Integrating Sustainability and Education, Energy Management Systems, CalGreen and LEED, Funding Residential & Commercial Green Energy Projects, the road to grid neutral buildings/schools, Renewable Energy: The unusual suspects, Lifecycle Costing: Investing in High Performance Upgrades, The Net Zero Building, and Transportation: Infrastructure, goals and integration. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Expo booths will be available from 8am to 6pm, and there will be a social networking opportunity from 4-6 p.m., including raffle prizes and more. For more information, visit [www.seventhgenerationadvisors.org](http://www.seventhgenerationadvisors.org).

#### **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Ilan Pappé, Israeli Historian will be speaking at Fresno State on the topic: "The False Paradigm of Parity and Partition: Revisiting 1967." It takes place at 7 p.m. at Peters Auditorium on CSUF campus. Reedley Peace Center is a co-sponsor of this event.

#### **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents speaker Kevin Hall, Director of Central California Air Quality Coalition. The event takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (light potluck at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m.) at the Fellowship Hall of First Mennonite Church, located on L Street between 12th and 13th Streets in Reedley. For more information call Don Friesen at 260-0504.

#### **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "A Crushing Love," with discussant: Sylvia Morales (the filmmaker). This film honors the achievements of five activist Latinas-labor organizer/farm worker leader Dolores Huerta, author/educator Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez, writer/playwright/educator Cherrie Moraga, civil rights advocate Alicia Escalante, and historian/writer Martha Cotera - and considers how these single mothers manage to simultaneously be parents and effect broad-based social change. The filmmaker, activists, and their grown children, thoughtfully explore the challenges, adaptations, rewards, and missteps involved in juggling these dual roles. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno Folklore Society presents Mary McCaslin and Rick Shea at 7:30 p.m. at Arte Americas, 1630 Van Ness in Fresno. This show features the songs of Jim Ringer and Mary McCaslin. Known for her songs about the West, its landscape, and its outlaws as well as her insightful songs about relationships, Mary has influenced countless other performers. Tickets are \$10 in advance or for FFS members, or \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are on sale at Arte Americas, National Hardware, Patrick's Music and online at [fresnofolklore.org](http://fresnofolklore.org). Will Call Ticket reservations are also available from Steve Ono at 559-307-3610 or [fresnofolklore@yahoo.com](mailto:fresnofolklore@yahoo.com).

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce presents a Law Enforcement/ Peace Officers Celebration as part of its Hero Appreciation Months, at 7 pm at the Three Rivers Historical Museum, 42268 Sierra Dr., Three Rivers  
This event is free, open to the public, and family-friendly, with refreshments, stories and awards. For more information, call 559-561-4270 or go to [www.threerivers.com/body-hero](http://www.threerivers.com/body-hero).

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The National Women's Political Caucus presents the Ida B. Wells - Frederick Douglass Reception, which will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Saints Community Church of God, 3740 E Ashlan Ave. Suggested donation is \$35.00 regular admission or \$10.00 student admission (with student ID). The program includes a Gospel Concert, Silent Auction, Artists, Light Refreshments and an Awards Ceremony.

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno invites you to "Changing Hearts, Sharing Our Faith," with Keynote Speaker Ms. Suehaila Amen, a star of All American Muslim TV show on TLC. The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. at ICCF, 2111 E. Nees Ave. in Fresno. Tickets are \$25:00 as this is a fundraising event to benefit the programs of the Islamic Center of Fresno. For more information call (559) 297-9535 or email [info@icfresno.org](mailto:info@icfresno.org).

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

The Iranian Culture and Art Club-Fresno will be holding a blood drive starting at 8 a.m. to benefit the Rad family (cancer patients). The blood drive takes place from 9am to 3pm at the North Fresno Donor Center, 1010 East Perrin Ave., Fresno Please bring ID. For more information call (559) 709-3851 or go to [www.kanoonca.com](http://www.kanoonca.com).

**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

Fresno Pacific University Concert Choir and the Bach Children's Choir of Fresno will hold a joint concert at 6 p.m. at the North Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church,

5724 N. Fresno St. Admission is free (donation will be taken). For more information call 559-453-2677 or go to [www.fresno.edu/departments/music/events](http://www.fresno.edu/departments/music/events).

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Iranian Culture and Art Club-Fresno presents a screening of the film 'The Separation' with English subtitles, at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodward Park Regional Library at 944. E. Perrin in Fresno. For more information call (559) 709-3851 or go to [www.kanoonca.com](http://www.kanoonca.com)

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Sisterhood of Survivors (of breast cancer) will be holding its 2012 Volunteer Training "Kick Off" session. The training covers volunteer opportunities, the history of SOS, its mission, services, the SOS Handbook, and a personal skills assessment. The session will take about an hour, and will be held at the Fresno County Federal Credit Union Administrative Office, 2580 W. Shaw Lane (not Shaw Avenue), Fresno. For more information contact Mary Ann Rogozinski at [alrogozinski@comcast.net](mailto:alrogozinski@comcast.net) or by calling 433-9703 (email preferred).

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Peace Fresno hosts a discussion of the book "Addicted to War: Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism." This non-fiction comic book is packed with information about U.S. foreign policy and military history. Books will be available on the 28th or in advance. The discussion takes place at 7:00 p.m. at the Fresno Center for Non-violence. For more information, email [president@peacefresno.org](mailto:president@peacefresno.org).

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Harvey Milk Project at Fresno State is currently accepting applications for the inaugural recipient of the "Harvey Milk Hope Award" of \$2,000 to be utilized in the 2012-13 academic year. Must be a Fresno State junior or senior enrolled in American Humanics Certification Program. Applications only accepted online: Go to <http://www.csufresno.edu/scholarships/scholarshipapplication/index.shtml>, or to [www.theharveymilkproject.org](http://www.theharveymilkproject.org).

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> •**

There will be a candidate forum for candidates for Fresno County Supervisor, District 2. Confirmed Participants include Andreas Borgeas, Larry Fortune and Deborah Harkness. This event is organized by PICO (a faith based organizing project). Some of the questions the candidates will be asked include:

Could you give us a brief description of your qualifications and background?

Briefly, what are your goals for District 2 and for the County as a whole?

Do you have anything you could share with us about your plans to manage or possibly increase County revenue streams?

What is your opinion of the 9% pay cuts for some county staff?

What are your plans for the County retirement system?

What is your opinion of combining the police and sheriff into one policing unit?

What ideas do you have about meeting the needs of the homeless?

Could you briefly address your thoughts on the proposed high speed rail line?  
Are you willing to work with Faith in Community around issues effecting Pinedale? This event will take place from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Mission Church, 111 East Birch Avenue in Pinedale.

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Red Molly will be performing at Franks Place at the Warnor's Theatre, 1432 Fulton Street in Fresno. With the "tick-tight arrangements, crystalline vocals and caramel harmonies" that the Boston Globe praised, Red Molly performs gorgeous a cappella ballads, bluegrass-tinged folk and a touch of jazzy western swing, all done up in Red Molly's trademark three-part harmonies, signature dobro licks and inventive arrangements. Tickets are \$15 in advance (use your secret FFS code for \$5 discount) or \$20 at the Door (plus \$5 fac. fee). For more information call 559-264-2848.

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

KNXT (channel 49) will hold a live panel discussion on the homeless issue starting at 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Gallery 25 will be hosting an Arthop to celebrate its March exhibit by Gallery 25 member, Jim Campbell, who returns to his earlier investigation of the geometric form and has produced a new series of paintings based on geometric forms, color and the illusion of space and dimension. The artist explores the unbridled joy of violating the two dimensional picture plane and how perspective influences the viewer. In particular the artist explores the rectilinear shapes which he feels provides a sense of orderliness, security and peace as an anecdote to chaos that can crop up on a semi-regular basis in his life. Arthop is from 5-8 pm at 660 Van Ness Avenue (at Mono in downtown Fresno). For more information call (559) 264-4092 or go to [www.gallery25.org](http://www.gallery25.org).

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "Harimaya Bridge" with discussants Katsuyo Howard, Dale Ikeda, Tomoko Kozasa, Hiromi Kubo, and James Walton. An American father mourning the recent loss of his estranged son travels to rural Japan to claim some important items belonging to his late son. While there, he learns several secrets his son left behind. The story takes place in Kochi Prefecture, a deeply rural part of Japan where traditional customs remain strong. The movie addresses the bond and conflict between father and son, as well as the prejudices that often exist between people of different backgrounds. The feature film debut from writer-director Aaron Woolfolk, and actors Bennet Guillory, Saki Takaoka, Misa Shimizu, and Danny Glover. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Iranian Culture and Art Club-Fresno presents a special Women's Day program featuring guest speaker Mansoureh Shojaee at 2 p.m. at the Woodward Park Regional Library at 944. E. Perrin in Fresno. For more information call (559) 709-3851 or go to [www.kanoonca.com](http://www.kanoonca.com).

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Progressive Umbrella Group will meet at 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno 2672 E. Alluvial Avenue, between Chestnut and Willow in Clovis. If you are interested in building unity and amplifying the voice of the progressive movement, you are invited.

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Tulare Green Party meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Cafe 210, 210 West Center in Visalia. Interested parties are welcome.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center presents Dr. Rich Young and Dr. Pat Cassen, former NASA scientists speaking on "Global Warming: What's Happening, Why, and So What?" The event takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (light potluck at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m.) at the Fellowship Hall of First Mennonite Church, located on L Street between 12th and 13th Streets in Reedley. For more information call Don Friesen at 260-0504.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter Annual Awards Banquet takes place at Four Points by Sheraton, 3737 Blackstone Ave., Fresno (SW corner of Blackstone and Dakota). Yosemite Superintendent Don Neubacher will be the guest speaker. There will be a no host bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. You must request tickets by February 27<sup>th</sup>. For tickets or information, contact Karen Hammer at (559) 298-5272 or by e-mail to [ecuagirl45@yahoo.com](mailto:ecuagirl45@yahoo.com).

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fresno is presenting a film series on Immigration, the moral, legal, social issues. The series will expose the brokenness of our current immigration system and the need for comprehensive reform. The current policy focuses narrowly on Enforcement-only, violating migrants' fundamental human rights through unjust raids, large scale detention, and deportation - resulting in families being torn apart, among other abuses. Admission to the films is free and wheelchair accessible. Films begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2672 E. Alluvial Avenue, between Chestnut and Willow, Clovis. The March 9<sup>th</sup> film is "9500 Liberty," a ground zero look at a Virginia county torn apart by a controversial law requiring police to check the immigration status of people

suspected of being undocumented. For more information go to [uufresno.org](http://uufresno.org), call Glenda at 559-291-1590, or e-mail [ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ggrcalif@sbcglobal.net).

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Master Gardener Kathy Eisele and her team on Master Gardeners will be available to answer your Spring garden questions at Peters Brothers Nursery, 1135 S Granada, in Madera, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit their Master Gardener table for information about ornamental and vegetable gardening, pest control, irrigation management, and fertilizing. The advisory is free to the public. For more information call: 559 675-7879, extension 210, or [mgmadera@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgmadera@ucdavis.edu). You can also visit the website: <http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/>.

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Fresno Folklore Society presents Freebo in concert at Arte Americas, 1630 Van Ness in Fresno, at 7:30 p.m. Freebo is best recognized for the decade or more that he recorded and toured with Bonnie Raitt. In fact, Freebo is a genuine folk, rock and blues icon. In the past decade Freebo has become an award-winning singer, songwriter and folk artist. He has been honored with a 2008 Posi Award for "Best Song." 2007 L.A. Music Awards "Best Folk Artist," Winner of the 2007 South Florida Songwriting Contest. Tickets are \$7 in advance or for FFS members or \$10 the day of the show.

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Sourdough Slim and the Saddle Pals will be performing at The Brick Wall @ JA Photography, 2003 N Van Ness Blvd. in Fresno. More information to follow.

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) and the Sisterhood of Survivors invite you to join them for an educational seminar about Cancer and the Law. This free seminar is open for anyone affected by cancer: patients, survivors, caregivers, advocates, and healthcare professionals. CLRC Staff Attorney, Jamie Ledezma, will provide an overview of issues faced by women with breast health needs and available health care and insurance options. All attendees will receive a free copy of the CLRC's customized and comprehensive Guide to Navigating Breast Health Care Options in Fresno County. They will also discuss common cancer-related legal issues, including: employment rights and reasonable accommodations in the workplace; taking time off work; and access to disability insurance and government benefits, such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SSDI. The Seminar is from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and takes place at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 2823 Helm Avenue in Clovis. Breakfast will be provided. To Register, RSVP by email to [Jamie.Ledezma@LLS.edu](mailto:Jamie.Ledezma@LLS.edu) or by phone at 559-392-1017.

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The Central Valley Progressive PAC will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Fresno Center for Non-Violence located at 1584 N. Van Ness Ave., Fresno. The speaker

will be Susan Good, candidate for City Council District 4. For more information, go to [www.cvppac.org](http://www.cvppac.org) or call 559-435-1992. The meeting is free & open to the public.

### **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Feast for Scholars is set to take place at 6 p.m. in the Fresno City College Library's historical Reference Room. The Renaissance Feast is an annual benefit for scholarships and programs throughout the State Center Community College District. The scholarships benefit students at Fresno City College, Reedley College and at the Madera, Oakhurst and Willow International centers. Guests enjoy festive social interaction, gourmet food and an exciting auction. As well as authentic Renaissance royalty and court performances throughout the evening including a visit by Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth I. This year's theme, "The Queen Travels to Japan," will be celebrating Japanese art, music, and culture. In 2011, the queen traveled to India, where guests were treated to traditional Indian entertainment and raised over \$100,000 in scholarships. Sponsorship and ticket information is available online at [www.scccd.edu/index.aspx?page=407](http://www.scccd.edu/index.aspx?page=407) or by calling (559) 244-5991.

### **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

Gallery 25 hosts an Artist Reception from 12-4 pm for Gallery 25 member, Jim Campbell, who returns to his earlier investigation of the geometric form and has produced a new series of paintings based on geometric forms, color and the illusion of space and dimension. The artist explores the unbridled joy of violating the two dimensional picture plane and how perspective influences the viewer. In particular the artist explores the rectilinear shapes which he feels provides a sense of orderliness, security and peace as an anecdote to chaos that can crop up on a semi-regular basis in his life. The Gallery and the Reception are at 660 Van Ness Avenue (at Mono in downtown Fresno). For more information call (559) 264-4092 or go to [www.gallery25.org](http://www.gallery25.org).

### **Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Iranian Culture and Art Club-Fresno presents 4-Shanbeh Souri at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (559) 709-3851 or go to [www.kanoonca.com](http://www.kanoonca.com).

### **Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

There will be an Affordable Housing Summit from 9 am – 4 pm in Fresno (venue TBD), brought to you by the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of SF, the California Partnership for the SJV, the California Coalition for Rural Housing, & Housing CA. The Summit will bring together professionals from around the state to Fresno, CA to bolster advocacy for affordable housing in the San Joaquin Valley, educate and empower each other on challenges and opportunities we face as a region, and build up traction for the San Joaquin Valley Housing Collaborative. Save the date; more information to follow.

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center will present speaker Jesse Epp-Fransen, Legislative Assistant and Communications Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee Washington Office, on the topic of the 2012 Farm Bill. The event takes place starting at 6:30 p.m. (light potluck at 6:30 p.m., program at 7 p.m.) at the Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.), Reedley. It is free. For more information, e-mail Don Friesen at [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com) or call 260-0504.

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

The Fresno Folklore Society presents Celtic Strings (Doug Adamz and Russ Gauthier) performing at Arte Americas, 1630 Van Ness in Fresno. Bay area performers Adamz and Gauthier have collaborated since the mid 1970's and co-wrote the music for the Joffrey dance ensemble's well known "Light Rain" ballet. Russ Gauthier has made a career as a "sideman" touring with The New Riders of the Purple Sage. He's equally at home on folk-fiddle, mandolin, guitar, banjo and vocals. This will be an evening of Celtic fiddling, stories and songs. Tickets are \$5 in advance or for FFS members, or \$7 the day of the show.

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "The Day I Became a Woman" with discussant Jasamin Rostami-Kolayi. Director Marziyeh Meshkini highlights women in Iran and their struggle for freedom. "The Day" is repeated in three consecutive episodes-the memorial registers of childhood, adolescence, and old age-when three states of "becoming" a woman is culturally manufactured and socially registered. According to Amnesty International, "this film may be read as a life-affirming tribute to the courage of women, in Iran and the entire world, and the freedoms that must be won only through realized action." Winner of many international awards the movie plays in Farsi with English subtitles. The Friday film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu). The location and time of the Saturday screening is to be announced.

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

"Vivan Los San Patricios - A Saint Patrick's Day Celebration in honor of the Saint Partick's Day Brigade," takes place at 7 p.m. at a location to be announced. It will feature music and dance of Ireland and Mexico. This event is a benefit for the Community Alliance newspaper and DREAM Act scholarships.

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**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

The San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Lecture Series presents Carlos Eire on "Reflections of a Cuban Refugee." The event takes place at 10:30 a.m. at the William Saroyan Theatre, 700 M St. For more information, call 559-444-2180 or visit [www.valleytownhall.com](http://www.valleytownhall.com).

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Fresno Pacific University Believer's Church Lecture Series, presents speaker Fernando Enns, Doctor of Theology. The topic is "Just Peace: A New Framework for an Ecumenical Social Ethic." The talk takes place at the main campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno, in the Special Events Center at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday. On Thursday, there will be a dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the BC Lounge and Dr. Enns will be speaking on "God's Justice and Human Justice" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Seminary Chapel. All talks are Free. Call 559-453-2225/2226 or email [archives@frsno.edu](mailto:archives@frsno.edu) for more information.

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Fresno Poet's Association and Fresno State's MFA Program in Creative Writing present their Spring 2012 Reading Series. The March 22<sup>nd</sup> event features Sasha Pimentel Chacón who will read from her book, "Insides She Swallowed." The book of poems on culture, immigration, sexuality, and hunger, was the winner of the 2011 American Book Award. Her poems and essays have appeared in journals such as "The American Poetry Review," "Callaloo," "Gulf Coast," "Colorado Review," and "OCHO." She holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Fresno State, and is an assistant professor of poetry writing at the University of Texas at El Paso's Department of Creative Writing. The reading takes place at 7 p.m. at the Madden Library, Room 2206. A book signing and reception follows. This event is free and open to the public but seating is limited. Free parking passes are available from the volunteers standing near the parking kiosks. Look for their poetry-reading signs as you enter the south side of the campus. Call 278-2403 for more information, or email Cindy Wathen at [ciwathen@csufresno.edu](mailto:ciwathen@csufresno.edu).

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "Tales of the San Joaquin: A River Restored" with discussant: Mark Arax. For sixty years, parts of the 350-mile San Joaquin River have been turned into a perpetual desert by water diversion for farming, thus destroying habitat for thousands of migrating salmon. Tales of the San Joaquin tells the story of the river and its restoration through oral histories of those who live and work along the length of the river. After a successful twenty-year lawsuit against the federal government by a coalition of fifteen environmental and fishing organizations, the San Joaquin River has been reborn as shown in the film's conclusion. This is a glowing and inspiring portrait of the San Joaquin River from its source in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to its eventual merging with the Sacramento River and onward into San Francisco Bay. The film

celebrates Mark Twain's classic observation that the "face of the river is an open book, with a new story to tell every day." The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

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### **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Fresno Pacific University's concert season concludes with an evening of compositions by professor emeritus Larry Warkentin, Ph.D., at 7:30 p.m. in Butler Church, 4884 E. Butler Ave., Fresno. Admission is \$12 for general audiences, \$8 for senior citizens and students. The featured work will be the West Coast premiere of Sun, Moon and Stars, a cantata for baritone solo, choir and orchestra. This performance will be conducted by Zachary Durlam, Ph.D., assistant professor of music, with the Concert Choir and soloist Milton Friesen, M.A., music instructor. The orchestra will consist of students, faculty and area musicians. Warkentin taught at FPU from 1962-2002. For more information call Wayne Steffen at 559-453-3677.

### **Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Ninth Annual Reedley Peace Center Retreat takes place from 4 p.m. Friday through 9 p.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas Retreat. The featured speaker will be Doug Noll, an attorney specializing in conflict resolution. For more information e-mail Don Friesen at [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com) or call 260-0504.

### **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

"Growing and Preserving Summer Vegetables", a workshop presented by Master Gardener John Bryan and Master Food Preserver Barbara Mattice, will be held at a private garden in Madera from 10 AM to noon. Directions to the garden will be provided on registration. This is a popular event in a wonderful "urban farm". For

registration and information, call 559 675-7879, extension 210, or write [mgmadera@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mgmadera@ucdavis.edu). You can also visit <http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/>.

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

The church world service sponsored Visalia Crop Walk will be held at the Anglican church, 120 N Hall St. in Visalia. Crop walk feeds and assists the poor in several countries around the world. A quarter of what we raise goes to Foodlink in Visalia. For more information call 559-786-2109.

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

National Poet Laureate Philip Levine will be speaking and doing a poetry reading at 2 p.m. at the Newman Center, 1572 E Barstow in Fresno. Doors will open at 1 p.m. for ticket sales, book purchases if desired, and refreshments. After his talk there will be a reception and book signing. This is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Fresno, the Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Save the San Joaquin. Tickets are available only at the door and are \$20 general admission, \$5 students.

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce, as part of its Hero Appreciation Months, presents a Military/Veterans Celebration at 7 pm at the Three Rivers Historical Museum, 42268 Sierra Dr., Three Rivers. The event is free, open to the public, and family-friendly, with refreshments, stories and awards. For information, go to: <http://www.threerivers.com/body-hero.html> or call 559-561-4270.

**Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center will present speaker Ellie Bluestein at the Fellowship Hall, First Mennonite Church, 1208 L St. (between 12th & 13th Sts.), Reedley. The event is free and begins at 6:30 p.m. with a light potluck followed by the program at 7 p.m. For information e-mail Don Friesen at [dfriesen0@gmail.com](mailto:dfriesen0@gmail.com) or call 260-0504.

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Sequoia Foothills Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Picnic with Bathtub Race as part of its Hero Appreciation Months, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Kaweah Recreation Area, Lake Kaweah. The event is free (except for a \$4 parking fee), open to the public, and family-friendly, prize goes to the charity of the winning team's choice. For more information, call 559-561-4270 or go to <http://www.threerivers.com/body-hero.html>.

**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Central Valley Progressive PAC will hold a Meet-the-Candidates FunRaiser reception at the home of Howard & Chris Watkins. Meet and hear from candidates running for local, non-partisan races in the June 6th election. This event is from 4 - 6 p.m. and is free to CVPPAC members; with a \$20 donation

requested from others. For more information, go to [www.cvppac.org](http://www.cvppac.org) or call 559-435-1992. The meeting is free & open to the public.

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Reedley Peace Center will hold its Taize Service. For more information call Don Friesen at 260-0504.

**Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "8 ½" with discussant Doug Rice. Guido is a film director, trying to relax after his last big hit. He can't get a moments peace, however, with the people who have worked with him in the past constantly looking for more work. He wrestles with his conscience, but is unable to come up with a new idea. While thinking, he starts to recall major happenings in his life, and all the women he has loved and left. Director Federico Fellini's semiautobiographical rumination on the joys and rigors of filmmaking -- as well as lovers past and present -- won two Oscars: Best Foreign Language Film and Best Costume Design. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Help put on Fresno Earth Day 2012 - at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Organizations and/or individuals can get involved by joining the Fresno Earth Day Coalition, helping with event preparations, volunteering the day of the event and/or making a monetary donation. For more information, please call the UU Church at 322-6146 or send an email to [administrator@uufresno.org](mailto:administrator@uufresno.org) (put Earth Day on subject line). Times for the events to be announced.

**Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Sisterhood of Survivors (breast cancer survivors) will be holding "Girls Night Out" from 4-8 p.m. at Odd Fellows Hall, 2823 Helm Ave. in Clovis (southeast corner of Gettysburg & Helm). This is a fun & unique opportunity for women to pamper themselves with GREAT shopping, raffle prizes, delicious food and more from local businesses.

**Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

The San Joaquin Valley Town Hall Lecture Series presents Ronan Tynan on "Hitting the High Notes." The event takes place at 10:30 a.m. at the William Saroyan Theatre, 700 M St. For more information, call 559-444-2180 or visit [www.valleytownhall.com](http://www.valleytownhall.com).

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film "Oscar and the Lady in Pink," with the discussant: to be announced. Listening in to a conversation between his

doctor and parents, 10-year-old Oscar learns what nobody has the courage to tell him. He only has a few weeks to live. Furious, he refuses to speak to anyone except straight-talking Rose, the lady in pink he meets on the hospital stairs. As Christmas approaches, Rose uses her fantastical experiences as a professional wrestler, her imagination, wit and charm to allow Oscar to live life and love to the full, in the company of his friends Pop Corn, Einstein, Bacon and childhood sweetheart Peggy Blue. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Reedley California's 2012 Relay For Life, a non-profit organization that raises money and awareness under the umbrella of The American Cancer Society, will be holding its annual event from 9am Saturday to 9am Sunday - a 24 hour extravaganza filled with entertainment, education, and hope for cancer survivors while giving an opportunity for remembrance of those we have lost to this terrible disease. This event is free to the public, with a variety of fundraisers available as well as a special complimentary breakfast on Saturday at 8:30am for survivors. The organizers encourage survivors who are not currently registered with the American Cancer Society to come out and be celebrated, and anyone can partake of the scheduled festivities after 9am. There will be relayers from all teams walking the track during all 24 hours, and camping out on site through the night. There will be live bands and dancers all day, a variety of food and craft booths, games and crafts for the kids, as well as a silent auction and raffles going on throughout the event. There will be a luminary ceremony at dusk, with each luminary dedicated to special persons being honored at the ceremony. This event is for all ages, and we encourage all to attend. It takes place at the Reedley College Track. For more information or to get involved go to [http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12CA?fr\\_id=37021&pg=entry](http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12CA?fr_id=37021&pg=entry).

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

The 8th annual Fresno Film Festival is sponsored by Fresno Filmworks, a non-profit group committed to bringing independent, experimental and foreign films to Central California. Filmmakers and directors will be invited to present their films and interact with our audience. Our goal is to provide a film experience that is thought provoking and joyful for an audience hungry for alternatives to the multiplex. For more information go to [www.fresnofilmworks.org/festival/2012-2](http://www.fresnofilmworks.org/festival/2012-2).

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Ena Bronstein will present a solo piano recital at the First Congregational Church of Fresno at 3:00 p.m. The concert will include Beethoven Sonata OP. 111 and works from Debussy and Liszt. Tickets for this event will be \$20.00 and the event is a benefit for the Casavant Pipe Organ Restoration Fund at the church. It is being co-sponsored by the Fresno Free College Foundation. A Reception will follow the concert. The First Congregational Church is located at 2131 N. Van

Ness Blvd., just south of Clinton. For more information call 227-8489, or visit [www.pipesonvaness.com](http://www.pipesonvaness.com).

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Cineculture presents a screening of the film “Hero” with discussant: Ed EmanuEl. In Zhang Yimou's “Hero,” an ambitious period epic about the birth of the first Chinese empire, warriors fly through the air like birds of prey, their swords cutting through enemies and lovers alike. Set during the third century B.C., the story of an assassination plot unfolds with such dazzling bursts of color and blurs of furious action it might be easy to miss the nationalistic message tucked amid the visual enchantments. The martial-arts film star Jet Li is the title's nameless warrior who claims to have vanquished the king's most feared enemies. The film plays in Mandarin with English subtitles. The film plays at 5:30 p.m. at Peter's Education Center Auditorium at Fresno State (West of Save-Mart Center in the Student Recreation Center Building). All films screened on campus are free and open to the public. Parking is relaxed after 4 p.m. Fridays. For more information, go to [cineculture.csufresno.edu](http://cineculture.csufresno.edu).

**Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Save the date for Fresno Center for Nonviolence 20th anniversary celebration. Location and event details will be available soon.