



Village Santa Cruz County News

January 2019

Enjoying or Getting Through December

Whether it's due to the short, cold days, loss of loved ones, or personal illness, this can be a hard time of the year for many. So in December we aimed to bring laughter, joy, and a sense of connectedness to our members. Below is a picture account of December with Village Santa Cruz County!



Good-bye 2018 / Hello 2019

Celebrating with friends, food, games, a ceremony to toss out the negative & welcome in the positive, a white elephant exchange!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Village Santa Cruz County (VSCC) is moving into our third year. The past two years have been exciting, rewarding, and such a learning experience. Each of our members has helped shape and guide our direction going forward on this learning journey about what does and what doesn't draw people to connect with and support one another. We see 2019 as a time to build VSCC in three main ways: build on our model of members supporting each other in myriad ways; expand to more areas of the county and increase our diversity in the process; and increasingly cultivate leadership within our membership. To all our members, volunteers, and donors: Thank you for saying yes to this model of neighbors helping neighbors so we can all age better .

Coming Up...for members

Thurs, Jan 3, Strategic Planning Team meeting, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. This is the monthly meeting of the Village Santa Cruz County governing body. All members welcome.

Fri, Jan 4, Presentation and Q&A by Hospice of Santa Cruz County, 12:15 – 1:15 pm @ PAMF Westside Clinic in the Community Room, 1301 Mission St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Enter via parking lot, through door into the reddish-brown building. Hosted by SCCity West Community Circle; open to all members. Venue has a limited capacity. RSVP

Fri, Jan 11, Book Group Discussion: What Great Book Have You Read?, 1-2:30pm @ Bistro 112 at the Tannery Art Center, 1060 River St. #112, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Thurs, Jan 24, Pajaro Valley Arts (PVA) Exhibition: *Take Aways: Art to Go!* @ 11:00 am, followed by Lunch @ Jilasco Restaurant

PVA, 37 Sudden St., Watsonville. *Take Aways: Art to Go!* This annual invitational exhibit features seventy of the county's most notable artists. As a fundraising event these artists are presenting works that fit into many budgets. In this wildly popular show everyone benefits; you take home fabulous art the day of your purchase, the artists and PVA get their normal commissions, and new art comes into the gallery every day! <https://pvarts.org/> RSVP

Mon, Jan 28, Afternoon Movie & Discussion, more info TBA once we know what movies are playing and the Movie Interest Group chooses. If you want to be included in the movie choice voting, join the Movie/Theater Interest group. RSVP

Jan 30, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm @ Meeting of Bay Regional Area Villages Organization (BRAVO), in Lafayette, CA, 955 Moraga Rd., 94549. This group of Bay Area Villages meets 2 or 3 times a year to make connections with other villages and exchange ideas. If you are interested in attending (we'll carpool). RSVP

Thurs, Jan 31, Village Writes, 1-2:30 pm @ Dale's home in Opal Cliffs neighborhood. This group allows members a relaxed, no-pressure space to write. We write short pieces based on prompts. Each person can decide whether or not to read from their writing. RSVP

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members must log into website to register online for member-only events

Coffee & Conversation Around the County...All Welcome

Wherever you live in Santa Cruz County, join VSCC members and non-members for coffee/tea and conversation. No agenda, no pressure; just a place to meet & greet your neighbors and find out more about Village Santa Cruz County.

We're looking for Watsonville folks interested in meeting once a month and a good coffee shop, to talk about aging well, what that means to you, and how Village Santa Cruz County might fit into your plan to age well. Contact info@villagesantacruz.org if you're from south-of-Aptos and want to meet with VSCC members.

Mon, Jan 7, Westside SCity, 1-2:00 pm @ Westside Coffee Co., 849 Almar Ave #H (in the Almar plaza where Safeway is located).

Tues Jan 15, Felton, 1-2:00 @ Mountain Roasting Company, 6263 Graham Hill Rd, Felton, 95018

Tues, Jan 15, Mid-County 1-2:00 @ Coffeetopia, 1443 Capitola Rd, Live Oak, 95062

Wed, Jan 16, Aptos, 1-2:00 @ Eric's Deli, 103 Rancho Del mar Shopping Center, Aptos, 95003

Throughout January, Photo & interview Exhibit, *Black Lives in Santa Cruz: What Matters*, @ County Building 1st floor community wall, 701 Ocean St. If you have not yet seen this exhibit, by member Allison Garcia, it is a must see. For more on this exhibit and other works by Allison visit <http://www.allisongarciaphotography.com/>

Jan 30, 7 pm @ La Selva Beach Clubhouse, Panel: *Today's Hero's of Monterey Bay*. Showcasing the work of scientists addressing current threats to our Monterey Bay. This is part of a series that the Aptos library is putting on in connection with their "Our Community Reads" current book choice: *The Death and Life of Monterey Bay*.

Now through March 17, Art Exhibit: *Stories in Light*, by Bruce Munro @ Montalvo Arts Center's gardens and grounds in Saratoga. Entry begins at 6:00pm at 20 min. intervals to 8:20pm. Cost is \$20 for seniors (65+). More info about exhibit <https://www.munromontalvo.org/>

VSCC Members interested in going as a group? This is a nighttime, out of town exhibit so we'd need to arrange carpool drivers. If you're interested in going, contact info@villagesantacruz.org



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