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History comes to life at Buena Vista Winery

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California's oldest premium winery has something new in store: free monthly lectures on local history and live performances detailing the life of its founder, Count Agoston Haraszthy of Buena Vista Winery.

The first lecture begins at 10 a.m. Saturday (July 13) at the winery, 18000 Old Winery Road. Sonoma historian and actor George Webber will present the story of Haraszthy, a native Hungarian who became known as the "father of California viticulture."

The first-person theatrical performance runs for 45 minutes. Reservations are not required.

The lecture series continues at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month through November.

Upcoming lectures will feature local experts discussing "Gen. Mariano Vallejo," "Life of the Mission Indians," "The Bear Flag Revolt," "Stone Age Sonoma" and more.

In addition, the winery takes visitors back to Sonoma of 1857 for "The Count of Buena Vista," a live performance detailing the life of the Count.

The play is presented at noon on Saturdays from July through September at the winery.

The free, fast-paced and humorous 25-minute show features local actors George Webber, Butch Engle and Richard Holsworth.

For more information, visit [BuenaVistaWinery.com](#).

The winery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for tastings and tours.



Count Agoston Haraszthy ...



... and his counterpart, actor and historian George Webber.

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