



'Cyrano,' with Peter Dinklage and Haley Bennett, is the opening-night film at the Mill Valley Film Festival on Oct. 7.

UNITED ARTISTS

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

### Bluegrass band at Old St. Hilary's

The Crying Uncle Bluegrass Band will perform at Old St. Hilary's Landmark, 201 Esperanza St., at 4 p.m. Oct. 10. Though mostly still teenagers, the quartet has released two albums and opened for the Del McCoury Band and David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, and they were nominated for the 2021 International Bluegrass Music Association's Band Momentum Award. Tickets are \$20 general, \$15 seniors and under 18 in advance, \$20-\$25 at the door. There is no parking at Old St. Hilary's; a free shuttle runs from in front of Rustic Bakery at The Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Blvd., beginning half an hour before the show. 415-435-1853 or landmarkssociety.com.

### Ship tours, air show at Fleet Week

S.F. Fleet Week is back for 2021 celebrating all things naval. Free tours of destroyers, cruisers and more are available Oct. 6-10 between piers 30 and 35. The visiting ships will parade the S.F. waterfront starting 11 a.m. Oct. 8. The big draw is the air show over the bay 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 8 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 9-10, featuring the Blue Angels, the Navy Parachute Team, the Red Bull wingsuit skydivers and the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper demonstration team. [fleetweeksf.org](http://fleetweeksf.org). The Angel Island-Tiburon Ferry will also be offering cruises Oct. 9 and 10 to watch the air show from the water. Tickets are \$70-\$90. [angelislandferry.com](http://angelislandferry.com).

### Mill Valley Film Festival boasts live screenings, events

After a year entirely online, the 2021 Mill Valley Film Festival will have live screenings and events Oct. 7-17 in Mill Valley, San Rafael and Berkeley, along with options for online viewing. Boasting 118 films from 39 countries, there will be special spotlights on directors Jane Campion ("The Piano"), Kenneth Branagh ("Murder on the Orient Express") and Dennis Villeneuve ("Dune") along with screenings of their new films. The opening-night film will be "Cyrano," a musical adaptation of "Cyrano de Bergerac" starring Peter Dinklage and directed by Joe Wright ("Atonement"). Tickets are \$14-\$16.50 in person, \$6-\$8 online per screening. Some venues require proof of COVID vaccination. [mvff.com](http://mvff.com).

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# Calendar



'NO TIME TO DIE'

## 6 Today

### FILM

**"Dear Evan Hansen."** 6:30 p.m. Century Larkspur. An adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.

**"Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings."** 6:40 p.m. Century Larkspur. 7 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia, Marvel superhero film starring Simu Liu and Tony Leung.

**"The Many Saints of Newark."** 6:45 p.m. A prequel to the HBO show "The Sopranos" starring Michael Gandolfini and Alessandro Nivola.

**"Venom: Let There Be Carnage."** 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. Sequel to the comic-book movie from 2018 starring Tom Hardy and Michelle Williams.

**"Titane."** 7:10 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Winner of the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or [arkn.ws/centurylarkspur](http://arkn.ws/centurylarkspur). CinéArts Sequoia: 415-388-1190 or [arkn.ws/cinesequoia](http://arkn.ws/cinesequoia).

### MARKET

**Farmers Market.** Noon-5 p.m. Town Center Corte Madera, 100 Corte Madera Town Center Drive. A weekly farmers market for fresh produce and more. Free. 415-924-2961 or [marincommunityfarmersmarkets.org](http://marincommunityfarmersmarkets.org).

## 7 Thursday

### ART

**"Wabi Sabi."** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Nov.

11. O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. The 17th annual group show celebrating the simple and imperfect. Free. 415-388-4331 or [ohanloncenter.org](http://ohanloncenter.org).

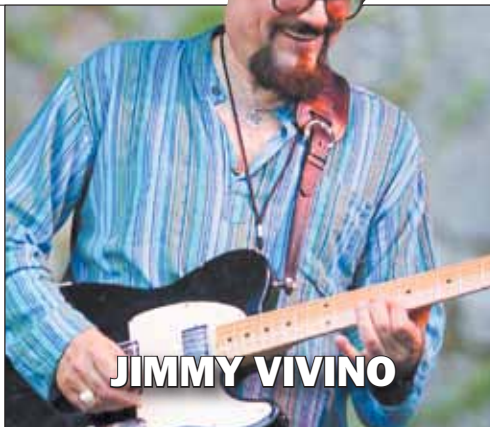
**"Harley: A Retrospective."** Reception 4-6 p.m., exhibit 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through Oct. 11. Marin Society of Artists, 1515 Third St., San Rafael. A collection by the late Bay Area artist. Free. 415-454-9561 or [marinsocietyofartists.org](http://marinsocietyofartists.org).

### STAGE

**"Ripcord."** 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 10. The Barn Theatre, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross.



'TITANE'



JIMMY VIVINO

A comedy about mismatched roommates in a retirement community, presented by Ross Valley Players. \$15-\$30, proof of vaccination required. 415-456-9555 or [rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com).

### MUSIC

**Lilan Kane.** 8 p.m. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Jazz, R&B and pop, with Olivia Warwick opening. \$15; proof of vaccination required. 415-388-3850 or [sweetwatermusic hall.com](http://sweetwatermusic hall.com).

## 8 Friday

### KIDS

**Music Time with Megan.** 10:30-11 a.m. Corte Madera Town Park, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Music and sing-alongs for small children. Free, donations appreciated. [music timewithmegan.com](http://music timewithmegan.com).

### FILM

**"No Time to Die."** Opening 5 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. The 25th James Bond film, the last starring Daniel Craig.

Contact theater for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or [arkn.ws/centurylarkspur](http://arkn.ws/centurylarkspur).

**"Cars."** 6 p.m. Tent at Marin Country Mart, 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. A screening of the Pixar film. Free. 415-461-5700 or [marin-countrymart.com](http://marin-countrymart.com).

**"The Princess Diaries."** 7 p.m. Old Mill Park redwood grove, 64 Cascade Ave., Mill Valley. Outdoor screening of the modern Cinderella comedy for its 20th anniversary. Free, bring low seating. [millvalleyrecreation.org](http://millvalleyrecreation.org).

**"Pitch Perfect 2."** 7:10 p.m. Village at Corte Madera across from Nordstrom, Redwood Highway, Corte Madera. Drive-in showing of the 2015 sequel starring Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson. \$15 solo drivers, \$25 for two or more per car, advance sales only. 415-924-5111 or [larktheater.net](http://larktheater.net).

## 9 Saturday

### OUTDOORS

**Triangle Marsh Restoration Project.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Triangle Marsh, Paradise Drive east of Westward Drive, Corte Madera. Habitat restoration and pulling invasive plants with Marin Audubon. Free. 415-847-9933 or [marinaudubon.org/volunteer](http://marinaudubon.org/volunteer).

### MUSIC

**Weekend Sounds.** 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekends through Oct. 31. Strawberry Village Shopping Center, 800 Redwood Highway frontage road, Strawberry. A variety of live music outdoors. Free. [strawberryvillage.com](http://strawberryvillage.com).

### ART

**"Italian American Icons."**

11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends through Nov. 7. Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, 500 Palm Drive, Novato. Modern mosaics celebrating Italian Americans from the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli in northeastern Italy, along with "Planet Earth Fights Back," works by Phyllis Thelen. \$8-\$10. 415-506-0137 or [marinmoca.org](http://marinmoca.org).

### FILM

**"Boris Godunov."** 9:55 a.m. Lark Theater, 549 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur. Live broadcast of the Mussorgsky's masterpiece from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. \$12-\$30. 415-924-5111 or [larktheater.net](http://larktheater.net).

**"Death Becomes Her."** 7:10 p.m. Village at Corte Madera across from Nordstrom, Redwood Highway, Corte Madera. Drive-in showing of the 1992 black comedy starring Goldie Hawn, Meryl Streep and Bruce Willis. \$15 solo drivers, \$25 for two or more per car, advance sales only. 415-924-5111 or [larktheater.net](http://larktheater.net).

## 10 Sunday

### MARKET

**Antiques.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Marin Center lagoon parking lot, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. French Market outdoor antique sale. Free. 415-383-2252 or [thefrenchmarketmarin.com](http://thefrenchmarketmarin.com)

### AUTHOR

**Shruti Swamy.** 2 p.m. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. The author of the coming-of-age novel "The Archer," in conversation with Daniel Handler. Free. 415-927-0960 or [book-passage.com](http://book-passage.com).

## 11 Monday

### ART

**"The Essence of Landscape."** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 31. Robert Allen Fine Art, 301 Caledonia St., Sausalito. Paintings on canvas and panel by John Maxon, Nance Miller and Kathryn Stotler. Free. 415-331-2800 or [robertallenfineart.com](http://robertallenfineart.com).

### FILM

**"Who You Think I Am."** 4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Juliette Binoche stars as a woman whose online snooping gets out of hand.

**"Wife of a Spy."** 6:30 p.m. A World War II Japanese spy drama directed by Kiyoshi Kurosawa.

**"Aware."** 7 p.m. Researchers discuss the concept of consciousness.

Contact theater for additional dates and showtimes. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael \$7-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or [rafaelfilm.org](http://rafaelfilm.org).

### MUSIC

**Jimmy Vivino and Friends.** 9 p.m. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Chicago blues with the former bandleader for "Conan." \$40-\$45 music only, \$50-\$55 including Mill Valley Film Festival screening of the documentary "Born in Chicago"; proof of vaccination required. 415-388-3850 or [sweetwatermusic hall.com](http://sweetwatermusic hall.com).

## 12 Tuesday

### ART

**Mail Art.** 1-3 p.m. O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. A hands-on workshop to learn to make mailable art for friends and family. \$10, free for members. 415-388-4331 or [ohanloncenter.org](http://ohanloncenter.org).

**"Drawings from the Pacific."** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Oct. 26. Sarah Shepard Gallery, 2245 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Colored pencil works by Rachel Kaye. Free. 415-295-7791 or [sarahsheperdgallery.com](http://sarahsheperdgallery.com)

## The Arts

# Mismatched roommates clash in comedy 'Ripcord'

By ROSINE REYNOLDS

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Like most public venues, the Ross Valley Players' Barn Theatre has new guidelines for live performances, including requiring audience members to show proof of vaccination and wear a facemask. After those requirements are met, patrons can physically distance inside the theater and enjoy the troupe's 92nd-season opener, "Ripcord" by David Lindsay-Abaire. The troupe previously performed Lindsay-Abaire's "Rabbit Hole," which won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The Barn Theatre has undergone extensive improvements since last season.

### if you go

"Ripcord" plays through Oct. 10 at the Ross Valley Players' Barn Theatre at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Ross.

**Evenings:** 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

**Matinees:** 2 p.m. Sundays.

**Tickets:** \$15-\$30.

**Info:** rossvalleyplayers.com or 415-456-9555.

It now has Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant restrooms, a real ticket booth in the lobby and wheelchair access. The entire upstairs is devoted to storage.

Another less welcome change is the current loss of food service due to COVID-19 protocols.

However, the opening

night audience seemed content just to step out into the night air and socialize — distantly — at intermission.

"Ripcord" makes us crave each other's company. It concerns two elderly ladies thrown together as roommates at the Bristol Place Senior Living Facility, and neither can stand the other. Their efforts to cohabit amicably illustrate many of the difficult experiences we've all shared during the last year's lockdowns.

We first meet Abby, a long-time resident complaining to Scotty, the home's houseman, about her new roomie, Marilyn. Marilyn keeps challenging her to do puzzles, Abby says; she makes a puzzle or riddle out of everything.



ROBIN JACKSON

**Nate Currier plays Clown in the Ross Valley Players' production of 'Ripcord,' a comedy about two mismatched senior roommates. The show runs live and streams on demand through Oct. 10.**

(One puzzle, according to a whisper from a nearby audience member, is the evident vigor of these two supposedly senior ladies. "They're too young and too healthy," said the observer).

Abby and Marilyn's vitality carries them to a glittering haunted house and then to a puzzling graveyard scene.

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## Garden Plot

# Vegetables and pollinator plants can make for nice mix

By DIANE LYNCH

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Fall is not the time to walk away from the garden. As the days get shorter, plants can get by on less water — but this year everything is so dry and we've restricted water to conserve amid the drought, so it's hard to imagine watering much less until we get some rain. There's always clean up to be done as leaves fall and we're all tuned into fire risk, so limbing up trees to eliminate fire ladders is always a good idea.

It turns out that our typical hot weather in September and October is the perfect time to plant a winter garden. You'll want to plant cool-weather crops such as lettuces, broccoli, spinach, arugula, carrots, peas, kale, chard, onions and cabbage. This may seem counterintuitive, but planting seeds in the warm fall months gives them the best possible start. When winter descends with its rainy days — fingers crossed — your plants will be ready to grow.

Go easy on fertilizer, as fast growth will increase the need for water as well as the likelihood of aphids dining on your vegetables. You'll need to triage water use to the plants that need it most, as annuals,



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**In the garden, vegetables can be organized in tidy rows or mixed up with other plants such as pollinators.**

which is what most vegetables are, can be thirsty. They have to hurry up and set seed for the next generation before they die.

Many winter vegetables can be easily

planted from seed. Lettuce grows best from seed, and when you thin the plants you'll have baby lettuces for a salad. Carrots are a pain to transplant. From seed,

they'll grow nice and straight if your soil is soft — be sure to thin them so they aren't overcrowded. Pea seeds are big and easy to space properly one by one. Most will need trellising, which can be as simple as string attached to a fence with thumbtacks.

If you're going to plant a winter garden, you could consider the idea of adding some pollinator plants in and around the vegetables. Vegetable gardens are in a constant state of flux as we harvest and leave bare spots here and there. Planting natives will give you nice-looking plants with the added bonus of feeding local pollinators. Many can get along with no added water after a year or two. Almost any plant that flowers could be considered a pollinator plant, but some are more useful than others. You'll need to consider the pattern of the sun throughout the day to be sure to maximize sun to your veggies.

There are many native perennials that flower profusely. I'll concentrate on some that won't get too large or take over your whole vegetable garden. The native yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) is a soft yellow and will stay in flower from spring to fall. Sea dahlia (*Coreopsis maritima*), in the

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# TIBURON PENINSULA TRANSIT SCHEDULES

Weekday Route 219/219F shuttle			
Depart Strawberry Reed & Belvedere	Arrive Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Depart Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Arrive Strawberry Reed & Belvedere*
6:18 am	6:30 am	6:38 am	6:53 am
<b>7:19 am</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	7:54 am	8:12 am
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:27 am	8:46 am
<b>8:26 am</b>	<b>8:55 am</b>	8:59 am	9:18 am
8:46 am	9:02 am	9:27 am	9:46 am
9:18 am	9:34 am	- - -	- - -
9:46 am	10:02 am	10:08 am	10:20 am
10:20 am	10:36 am	10:43 am	10:55 am
10:55 am	11:11 am	11:18 am	11:30 am
11:30 am	11:46 pm	11:53 am	12:05 pm
12:05 pm	12:21 pm	12:34 pm	12:46 pm
12:46 pm	1:02 pm	1:08 pm	1:20 pm
1:20 pm	1:36 pm	1:38 pm	1:54 pm
1:54 pm	2:10 pm	2:14 pm	2:30 pm
2:30 pm	2:46 pm	2:56 pm	3:18 pm
3:18 pm	3:38 pm	3:47 pm	4:08 pm
3:38 pm	3:58 pm	4:19 pm	4:40 pm
4:08 pm	4:28 pm	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>5:28 pm</b>
4:40 pm	5:00 pm	5:27 pm	5:48 pm
5:28 pm	5:48 pm	5:57 pm	6:18 pm
5:48 pm	6:08 pm	<b>6:20 pm</b>	<b>6:43 pm</b>
6:18 pm	6:38 pm	6:52 pm	7:10 pm
7:10 pm	7:26 pm	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>7:55 pm</b>
7:55 pm	8:11 pm	8:14 pm	8:26 pm
8:26 pm	8:42 pm	<b>8:40 pm</b>	<b>9:00 pm</b>

*Trips in bold type are timed to the weekday Golden Gate Ferry commuter ferry and make neighborhood stops. Look for buses marked "219F."*

Weekend Route 219 shuttle			
Depart Strawberry Reed & Belvedere	Arrive Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Depart Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Arrive Strawberry Reed & Belvedere*
7:43 am	7:59 am	8:06 am	8:18 am
8:18 am	8:34 am	8:41 am	8:53 am
8:53 am	9:09 am	9:16 am	9:28 am
9:28 am	9:44 am	9:51 am	10:03 am
10:03 am	10:19 am	10:26 am	10:38 am
10:38 am	10:54 am	11:01 am	11:13 am
11:13 am	11:29 am	11:36 am	11:48 am
11:48 am	12:04 pm	12:11 pm	12:23 am
12:23 pm	12:39 pm	12:46 pm	12:58 pm
12:58 pm	1:14 pm	1:21 pm	1:33 pm
1:33 pm	1:49 pm	1:56 pm	2:08 pm
2:08 pm	2:24 pm	2:31 pm	2:43 pm
2:43 pm	2:59 pm	3:06 pm	3:18 pm
3:18 pm	3:34 pm	3:41 pm	3:53 pm
3:53 pm	4:09 pm	4:16 pm	4:28 pm
4:28 pm	4:44 pm	4:51 pm	5:03 pm
5:03 pm	5:19 pm	5:26 pm	5:38 pm
5:38 pm	5:54 pm	6:01 pm	6:13 pm
6:13 pm	6:29 pm	6:36 pm	6:48 pm
6:48 pm	7:04 pm	7:11 pm	7:23 pm
7:23 pm	7:39 pm	7:46 pm	7:58 pm

*\* = Most routes continue to the Redwood Highway frontage road at the Highway 101 north ramps.*

For a complete schedule, with map and times for other major stops, visit [marintransit.org/routes/219.html](http://marintransit.org/routes/219.html).

Weekday Route 8 commuter bus: S.F. Financial District (effective July 2020)					
Tiburon & Main	Beach & San Rafael	Reed & Belvedere	Seminary & frontage	Battery & Pine	Perry & 4th
(suspended)					
Perry & 3rd	Pine & Battery	Seminary & frontage	Reed & Belvedere	Beach & San Rafael	Tiburon & Main
(suspended)					

**MARIN & GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT HOLIDAYS:** Use the weekend schedule on New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## GOLDEN GATE FERRY [goldengateferry.org](http://goldengateferry.org)

Weekday commuter ferry: S.F. Ferry Building (effective June 23) <small>*Via Sausalito</small>			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive Ferry Bldg.	Depart Ferry Bldg.	Arrive Tiburon
7:55 am	8:45 am^	- - -	- - -
- - -	- - -	4:30 pm^	5:25 pm^
5:25 pm	5:50 pm	6:00 pm^	6:55 pm^

*(add'l service suspended)*

*Trips in bold type are timed to Marin Transit shuttles. Look for buses marked "219F."*

**NO SERVICE:** New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## BLUE & GOLD FLEET [blueandgoldfleet.com](http://blueandgoldfleet.com)

Off-commute, evening & weekend ferry: Pier 41 (effective June 23) <small>*Via Sausalito #Via Angel Island</small>			
Depart Pier 41	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive Pier 41
10:15 am	11:05 am#	11:15 am	12:15 pm^
1:15 pm	2:05 pm^	2:15 pm	3:20 pm^
5:45 pm	6:15 pm	6:30 pm	7:30 pm^

**NO SERVICE:** Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL

The **Old Rail Trail**, from Blackie's Pasture to the downtown Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum at Shoreline Park, is part of the San Francisco Bay Trail — a 500-mile recreation corridor that, when complete, will provide a continuous network of biking and pedestrian trails linking 47 cities along the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties. [baytrail.org](http://baytrail.org).

## TRAFFIC WATCH

Drivers should expect weekday school- and commute-related congestion on Tiburon Boulevard:

- **Mornings:** 7:45-8:45 a.m., outbound.
- **Afternoons:** 2-4 p.m., inbound.

## MOON & TIDES TIDES AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

DATE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Wed, Oct 6	5:34 am 0.5	12:11 pm 5.9	6:04 pm 0.4	- - -
	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Thu, Oct 7	12:36 am 5.6	6:11 am 1.0	12:42 pm 6.2	6:50 pm -0.1
Fri, Oct 8	1:31 am 5.4	6:50 am 1.5	1:17 pm 6.4	7:38 pm -0.4
Sat, Oct 9	2:32 am 5.1	7:32 am 2.1	1:56 pm 6.4	8:32 pm -0.5
Sun, Oct 10	3:39 am 4.8	8:20 am 2.6	2:41 pm 6.3	9:31 pm -0.5
Mon, Oct 11	4:55 am 4.6	9:19 am 3.1	3:34 pm 6.1	10:39 pm -0.3
Tue, Oct 12	6:18 am 4.6	10:39 am 3.4	4:40 pm 5.8	11:53 pm -0.2
Wed, Oct 13	7:36 am 4.8	12:16 pm 3.3	5:56 pm 5.6	- - -

Oct. 6: Sunrise: 7:10 am, Sunset: 6:45 pm | **NEXT FULL MOON:** Oct. 20 | **NEXT EXTREME TIDE:** Oct. 7

# Robin's Recipes by Robin Scott Wray

## Stuffed chicken breasts with ricotta and zucchini

This is a fun chicken to make. I served it with baby romaine lettuce with croutons, Parmesan, toasted pine nuts and a Caesar dressing.

### Ingredients

- 1 zucchini, grated
- ½ onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons ricotta
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon fresh parsley, minced
- Salt and pepper
- 4 chicken breasts, bone in, skin on
- Drizzling of olive oil

### Directions

Heat oven to 375 F. Grate the zucchini and sprinkle with salt. Sauté the onion in the butter and set aside. Squeeze the zucchini with a paper towel to soak up some of the juices. Add the zucchini, ricotta, Parmesan, garlic, thyme and parsley to the onions. Season with salt and pepper. Rinse the chicken and pat dry with a paper towel. Stuff the zucchini mixture up under the skin of the chicken. Rub a little olive oil over each breast and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake about 40 minutes until chicken is browned and cooked through. Enjoy!



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Tiburon native Robin Scott Wray operates a local catering company; reach her at [rscott@thearknewspaper.com](mailto:rscott@thearknewspaper.com) or 415-297-6991. Her recipes can be found in the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society cookbook.

# What's Happening at The Ranch

The Ranch, Tiburon and Belvedere's joint recreation agency, is housed at the Dairy Knoll recreation center at 600 Ned's Way, Tiburon. Classes are held there, at the Tiburon Community Room in Tiburon Town Hall at 1505 Tiburon Blvd. and at the Belvedere Community Center at 450 San Rafael Ave., unless otherwise noted. For details or to enroll, visit [theranchtoday.org](http://theranchtoday.org) or contact the agency at 415-435-4355.

will create their own foam weapons and shields, learn various battle strategies and compete in an assortment of activities and games.

### Teens

**Friday Night Hangout:** 7-9 p.m. Fridays at Dairy Knoll; \$8. Kids in grades 6-8 can play games, watch movies, eat snacks and more every Friday night.

### Adults

#### Self-Defense Tactics with Joshua

**Boyes:** 5-6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Belvedere Community Center basketball court; \$155. A one-day workshop to get practical experience learning how to defend yourself. Learn techniques for taking down an opponent and striking.

**Beginning Bridge 2 Class with Henry Kingdon:** 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Oct. 26 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$150 for seven weeks. Players will continue their discovery of basic bridge techniques for declarer play, defense and bidding. Every lesson contains several hands that students will play to demonstrate each new concept. Students will take turns as declarer and defender so everyone gets to try everything.

*Submitted by The Ranch office manager Michelle Barsky.*

### Youth

#### Music Lessons with enBRIDGEment:

Group and private lessons at various times for ages 5-17, including piano, guitar and voice beginning Oct. 18.

**Dodgeball with Tahir Dossett:** 3:35-3:45 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Oct. 19 at Bel Aire Elementary School; \$217 for seven weeks. Each week, players in grades 3-5 will learn up to two different variations of the sport, including: Classic, Gaga, Hide and Seek, Zombie, Run the Gauntlet and many others. Strategy and cooperation will be the focus.

#### Battle Strategies and Forging — Modern History with Tahir Dossett:

2:35-3:45 p.m. Fridays beginning Oct. 22 at Bel Aire Elementary School; \$217 for seven weeks. Kids in grades 3-5 can forge tools and implement battle strategies used throughout modern history. Participants



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## Check it Out at the Library

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library remains closed to the public during expansion construction.

Curbside pickups are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays. Holds can be placed by logging into your account, searching the book and clicking the green "Place Hold" button. Call the library at 415-789-2665 to arrange pickup. Once outside, text your name to 415-969-4153 and the items will be brought to your car.

Browse new fiction, mysteries, nonfiction, children's books, teen books, movies, craft kits and more at the library's curbside table, set up outside during the library's curbside pickup hours.

Books can be returned any time in the

bins outside the library or in the drop box to the left of the entrance to Nugget Market at The Cove Shopping Center.

For more information, visit [beltiblibrary.org/blog/curbside-service-available](http://beltiblibrary.org/blog/curbside-service-available).

### Fun for teens

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Another mysterious scene change flies them away on Sky High Airlines. And, in between, they agree to a bet, the winning prize being the bed by the window, presently occupied by Marilyn. The wager involves a change in long-established behavior.

Marilyn, in this production, is capably played by Pamela Hollings, a native

Australian now based in San Francisco. Hollings demonstrates Marilyn's fun-loving nature alongside her competitiveness.

Tori Truss, who has the part of Abby, is a professor emeritus at Sonoma State University and drama teacher at Mark Day School San Rafael. As Abby, she shows the difficulties of repeatedly accommodating others, even when that is the most sensible course of action.

Bau Tran plays Scotty, the unflappable

houseman with unshakable cool. Other versatile actors help round out the drama. Rebekah Kouy-Ghadosh plays both Colleen and Woman in White, while Peter Warden, now in his eighth production with Ross Valley Players, has roles as Derek, the Zombie Butler and Masked Man. Nate Currier plays Benjamin, Lewis and Clown.

Chloe Bronzan, director of the troupe's last full show, "Silent Sky," takes on direction of "Ripcord." The play, she says, is a

repeat of our shared experiences through the pandemic — "loss, self-reflection, growth and adaptation" — adding that this sharing will help us heal.

"Live theater," says Bronzan, is "the most magnificent form of human interaction in existence."

*Rosine Reynolds, second-generation humorist and ham, has been an Ark contributor since 1996.*

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sunflower family, has bright yellow daisy-shaped blooms that will be present from late winter into spring. Coral bells (*Heuchera* spp.) will bloom in early spring, with charming little bells held on tall stalks. For late summer into fall, consider planting California aster (*Symphotrichum chilense*), California goldenrod (*Solidago californica*) and California fuchsia (*Epilobium canum* or *Zauschneria canum*). You'll have a riot of yellow, red and purple color for several months and attract a good variety of pollinators, including hummingbirds.

Native milkweeds, such as the narrow leaf milkweed (*Asclepias fascicularis*) and the Davis showy milkweed (*A. speciosa* Davis), are among the best to plant if you

want to give the local monarch butterflies a place to lay their eggs so you can observe the entire metamorphic lifecycle.

Tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) is the milkweed most often found in local nurseries. However, it is not recommended by the California Native Plant Society, the Xerces Society or others because it messes with the migration of the butterflies, unless you cut it way back in early October so they can't lay eggs. It can also be a source of a parasite that's detrimental to the health of the adults.

In my humble opinion, no California garden should be without our state flower, the California poppy (*Eschscholzia* spp.). It's available in colors ranging from bright red to pale yellow, though the classic golden orange is the one that always brings a smile to my face. It's usually considered

an annual, though they will live on if you cut them back after they set seed and give them a little water throughout the late summer. They are easily planted from seed cast into the garden in the early fall months, but be aware that birds like poppy seeds just like we do, so planting in crevices and other places where they might overlook them is advisable.

Most of these perennial California natives are easiest to get going if you buy plants. The smaller you can get your starts, the better chance they'll have in your garden as their roots spread out and get used to their new setting and soil. Every so often I see poppies in six packs, which can give you a head start on the birds. Many natives aren't available in 4-inch pots, but gallons are fine too. Five-gallon plants are much more expensive and harder work to plant.

I read about a study some years ago where they trialed different size plants and found that over time, the smaller ones caught up and actually exceeded growth of the larger starts.

If you want your vegetables lined up like little soldiers, mixing perennial pollinators into the plot may not work for you. But if you want to make the garden do double duty, it's something to consider. When the vegetables don't look great, you'll have the perennial natives to look at. With luck, the happy poppies may be in bloom a good part of the year.

*Contributing columnist Diane Lynch has gardened in Tiburon for more than 25 years and has contributed to The Ark since 2002.*

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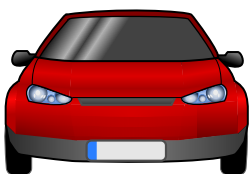
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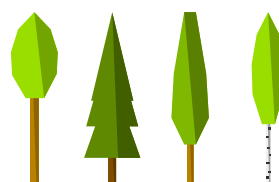
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