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By Carla Gallagher

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Congratulations to the FIRST STREET CAFÉ as it celebrates its 11th Anniversary on April 12. While supplies last they will be giving out surprise envelopes. They will include gift certificates of varied amounts. The trick is that you can't open it before you cash it in.

Thursday, April 12 DEBORAH CROOKS will make her first visit to the UPSTAIRS venue at THE FIRST STREET CAFÉ. So stop in and make her feel welcomed as she entertains you beginning at 7:00 PM. No cover. For more info call 745-1400.

Thursday, April 12 will feature ALVOLN unplugged at the LISTEN AND BE HEARD POETRY CAFÉ. The performance begins at 8:00 PM and there is a \$5 charge. Call 554-4540.

April 13 and 14 there will be auditions for "The Sound of Music" by the VALLEJO MUSIC THEATRE at the FETTERLY PLAYHOUSE FOR THE ARTS. On the 13th auditions will be from 7-10 PM and on the 14th auditions will be from 1-5 PM. The Director will be HARRY DIAVATIS, Musical Director will be LANA POKLAD and Choreographer will be JO NASH. The show calls for 7 men and 11 women, 6 children ages 5-13 and a women's ensemble. Prepare a show tune and bring sheet music. For more info call 649-2787.

Friday, April 13 is Open Mic Night at the LISTEN AND ABE HEARD POETRY CAFÉ in Vallejo. SIMONE will be the featured poet of the evening. The readings begin at 8:00 PM and there is a \$5 fee, however, the first ten poets to sign up to read get in free. Call 554-4540 for more info.

Friday, April 13 RICH FLYNN will return to the UPSTAIRS venue at THE FIRST STREET CAFÉ. Rich has played many Benicia venues and this is another chance for his fans to catch his act. He takes the stage at 8:00 PM. No cover. Call 745-1400 for more info.

Saturday, April 14 THE TALONS will be performing at the LISTEN AND BE HEARD POETRY CAFÉ in Vallejo at 9:00 PM. There is a \$10 fee. Call 554-4540 for more info.

Saturday, April 14 SAUL KAYE will return to the UPSTAIRS venue at THE FIRST STREET CAFÉ. Stop in and enjoy this talented performer. He takes the stage at 8:00 PM. No cover. Call 745-1400 for more info.

April 15 the MC CUNE COLLECTION LECTURE SERIES at the JFK LIBRARY in Vallejo will present TIM JAMES as he discusses "The Bookbinding Industry in the 19th Century America". He will discuss how bookbinding went from a craft to an industry. The lecture begins at 2:00 PM and is free. For more info Call 642-9894.

April 15 will be the opening of the wonderful new exhibit at the BENICIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT THE CAMEL BARNS. "The Eye of the Lens" is a photography exhibit. There will be a reception at 2:00 PM at the Museum. The exhibit will feature cameras representing many years of research and design as well as vintage photographs of Benicia and surrounding areas. There will also be

an old fashioned photography studio stocked with frocks of all kinds so you can have a vintage photo of yourself. For more info call 745-5435.

April 19 the BENICIA/VALLEJO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) will host "Sisters in Crime": CAMILLE MINICHINO, a Physics professor who had a series titled the Periodic Table Mysteries, CARA BLACK, author of "Murder on the Ile St. Louis" , JONNIE JACOBS, a lawyer/photographer and author of "Cold Justice", and ANN PARKER. The authors will read from their work and discuss their work with the audience. The event will be at 7:00 PM at the BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY. For more info call 746-6368.

Thursday, April 19 there will be a Magic Show at the CALIFORNIA MAGIC THEATRE on Castro Street in Martinez. The show will benefit the LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY. The show begins at 7:30 PM and dessert and beverages are also available. Seating is limited so reservations are recommended. Call 925-374-0056 for more info.

Friday, April 20 is the BENICIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Annual Golf Tournament. Now only 144 golfers can participate so be sure to sign up early. The event begins at 7:00 AM with sign ups and the Shotgun Start is at 8:30 AM. And the awards luncheon will be at 1:00 PM. Call 745-2120 for more info.

Friday, April 20 is the opening of the BENICIA OLD TOWN THEATRE GROUP production of "Lend Me A Tenor". Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 8:00 PM. Perfect for a pre-play dinner at one of our fine restaurants. Sunday Matinees are at 4:00 PM. Doors open one hour before the curtain and tickets are sold at the door. For more info call 746-1269.

April 21 is Opening Day on the Strait as the BENICIA YACHT CLUB hosts this annual celebration of the opening of boating season. The Decorated Boat Parade and the Blessing of the Fleet begins at 10:00 AM. The Arts and Crafts Booths are open from 10:00 AM ;through 5:00 PM. There are festivities and activities throughout the day including a rubber ducky race at 3:00 PM. Dinner will be served in the clubhouse from 5:30 through 7:30 and there will be music and dancing upstairs from 7:30 PM through 11:30 PM. This is the BENICIA YACHT CLUB'S Open House and the public is invited. This is also a great time to see if you would like to join the club. For more info call 746-0739 or go to www.Beniciayachtclub.com .

April 22 will be the 5th Annual Poet's Picnic in the Park. Sign up for open mic reading begins at 11:00 AM. Bring your favorite picnic fare, beverages, and a lawn chair (there are Barbeques available). Benicia's Poet Laureate, JOEL FALLON, will be your host and all poetry lovers are welcomed. Admission is free.

April 26 begins another wonderful Benicia tradition. Summer Jazz at THE SHORELINE RESTAURANT. THE DELBERT BUMP TRIO will return to share their magical music with those who wander in to the restaurant between 5 and 8 PM. . No Cover. Call 745-3364 for more info.

April 28 the LISTEN AND BE HEARD POETRY CAFÉ will be hosting its 5th Annual Poetry Marathon. Line up begins at 6:00 PM. For more info call 554-4540.

April 29 15 choirs from across the state of California will be gathering together. At 2:00 PM at the HOGAN HIGH AUDITORIUM the 38th Annual California Women's Chorus Concert will be performed with over 200 women participating. The event is hosted by the local MELODY CHORAL SINGERS and will be emceed by actor, JADE CARTER. Admission is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. For more info contact RIVA at 342-9342.

Sunday, April 29 THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BENICIA will be hosting a Garden Tour. Six distinctive gardens have been chosen to offer everything from Mediterranean to Monet. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. Tickets are available at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, CAMELLIA TEA ROOM, and HELP U SELL. The tour will run from 11:00 AM through 4:00 PM rain or shine.

Sunday, April 29 will see the BRYAN GIRARD QUARTET at THE SHORELINE RESTAURANT from 2-5 PM . What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon--listening to veteran bay area jazzmen do their thing. For more info call 745-3364.

Be sure to stop in at the BENICIA FIRE MUSEUM in April or May or both. The Museum will have a special display open for the public of antique fire hoses. Stop in and find out why they used buffalo fire hoses. The Museum is open the first three Sundays of the month from Noon through 4:00 PM. It is filled with treasures and the volunteers are always happy to share their knowledge with visitors. Visits are also available by appointment for groups. So for more info call 745-1688.

May 5 & 6 it will be time for the BENICIA ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS sponsored by ARTS BENICIA. We have many world class artists in our little berg and they are kind enough to open their studios along with regional and local artists for this event. This event grows each year and thanks to participation by the VALERO BENICIA REFINERY it continues. 75 studios and art venues will be open from 10:00 AM through 5:00 PM both days. For more info call 747-0131.

My mistake on the date for the wonderful opportunity to see Pianist, GEORGE WINSTON in a solo concert at the MAJESTIC THEATRE. It is May 12. (He will be in Vacaville on the 13th) There will be baskets in the lobby and guests are asked to bring a donation of canned food for the CONTRA COSTA SOLANO FOOD BANK. General admission is \$35 and tickets are available at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, online at www.Reddragonflyproductions.com or by phone at 771-0140.

May 19th use to be a big deal is our little berg. This is Benicia's Founder's Day. The BENICIA/TULA SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION and the BENICIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT THE CAMEL BARNs have joined forces to revive this local holiday. The Founder's Fiesta 07 will be held at the CLOCKTOWER on May 19

beginning at 6:00 PM. The evening will include a festive Mexican Buffet, a Founder's Day Drama, Music, dancing, an auction, raffle and prizes. Tickets are available at the Museum, F & P TROPHY, and from board members which includes me for more info call EILEEN STERN at 748-2437.

May 19 the VOENA CHILDREN'S CHIOR will perform again in town. They will be doing a benefit concert for THE HEIFER PROJECT at the COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available at www.reddragonflyproductions.com or at BOOKSHOP BENICIA. For more info call 771-0140.

The BENICIA MAIN STREET PROGRAM is working on links to their web site. If you have a downtown business, send them your web site address. Give them a call at 745-9791 or email them at beniciamainstreet@sbcglobal.net .

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