

The 30th Annual Russian River Women's Weekend May 20-23rd, 2010 Guerneville, California on the beautiful Russian River!

The 30th Annual Russian River Women's Weekend on May 20th through 23rd will feature music by everyone's favorite Dyke March band- EXCUSES FOR SKIPPING, California's original all female psychobilly band - THEE MERRY WIDOWS, Kristen Van Dyke's up n' coming band- IN THE KNOW, Adana, Gwen Avery, Pat Wilder, a UNIFORM PARTY, The Feisty Girl Pool Party, Wet Tease Pool Party with Wet T contest & Tease Me sexy dance competition featuring DJ Luna and DJ Ryan, DJ Jenny of Sixtteen & Fistfight Collective at the Liquid Church Pool Party with Jello Wrestling, VIEUX CARRE Burlesque with Lady Monster, Dottie Lux, Penny Dreadful & others, MONKEY POD Drag King Extravaganza with Delicio Del Toro, Jay Walker, Dean Disaster, Tommy Salami, Daddy Zed, Lucky Licker & we'll see who else shows up, Texas Hold'Em Tournament, Kathy Bricetti reads from Blood Strangers, Erotica reading & Sexy Lesbian Film, SCHOOL OF SHIMMY burlesque workshop, Linocut Workshop with printmaker & RRWW Poster artist Katie Gilmartin, boon hotel + spa Pool Parties & Art Opening for photographer Kelly Puleio, Lesbian Archives Panel discussion with Ruth Mahaney, Ann Neel & Tina Dungan with video interviews, "Weekend of the Elements" benefit for the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers with a Blessing of the Water by Grandmother Flordemayo, Paddling for Peace, a showing of For the next 7 Generations documentary about the 13 Grandmothers, Drum Circle & Bonfire, Jennifer Lyson's FIRES OF TRANSFORMATION Firewalk, Hiking, Motorcycle run, Pianist Suzanne Ciani & Viviana Guzman, flute perform in a benefit for SF Concerto, Craft Faire benefit for KGGV radio ... And More!

TUESDAY MAY 18th *****

Give Back Tuesday benefiting breast cancer screening and treatment
6pm at the Rainbow Cattle Co. on Main Street ~ no cover.

THURSDAY MAY 20th *****

Early Girl Welcome Meet & Greet

6:30-9:00pm at the Russian River Resort. Pick up your VIP passes & sign up for events requiring pre-registration: Poker, Gilmartin Art Workshop, Paddling for Peace, Dodgeball, Segway Tour, etc, Weekend of the Elements.

Extreme Trivia Lesbian Edition with Sister Scarlet Billows of the Russian River Sisters
9pm at the Russian River Resort. Drink Specials, great prizes! **Lesbian film afterwards.**

FRIDAY MAY 21st *****

Feisty Girl Pool Party!

1-5:00pm at the Russian River Resort. Lounge poolside, great drink specials. ~ \$5 cover **benefits the Russian River Sisters' Grants & Scholarship funds.**

RAGS Welcome Party & BBQ

6-8pm at the Rainbow Cattle Co. ~ no cover ~ Annual Women's Weekend tradition hosted by RAGS, the local women's group with no agenda, just laughs!

3rd Annual Russian River Women's Weekend Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

6-10pm at Buck's All proceeds go to the benefit of the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers and the Center for Sacred Studies. \$45 buy-in \$10 re-buys

For the Next 7 Generations (Carole Hart's documentary about the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers)

7pm to 8:30pm @ The Composer's House 16375 4th Street at Mill. All Proceeds go to the benefit of the 13 Grandmothers **(and the Center for Sacred Studies)** Suggested donation \$5-10.

—Synopsis: In 2004, thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers from all four corners, moved by their concern for our planet, came together at a historic gathering, where they decided to form an alliance: The International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers. This is their story. Four years in-the-making and shot on location in the Amazon rainforest, the mountains of Mexico, North America, and at a private meeting with the Dalai Lama in India, For the Next 7 Generations follows what happens when these wise women unite. Facing a world in crisis, they share with us their visions of healing and a call for change now, before it's too late. This film documents their unparalleled journey and timely perspectives on a timeless wisdom.

Studio Blomster gallery opening + Kelly Puleio photography exhibit, "Over Floral Bedspreads"

6-8pm at Studio Blomster in the Coffee Bazaar parking lot (at Armstrong Woods Road & Main St.)

Come experience Studio Blomster – the hot new gallery space in Guerneville located at the back of the Coffee Bazaar parking lot. Here, lesbian-owned boon hotel + spa and boon eat + drink will host an art opening party Friday night, May 21, to help kick off the 30th Annual Women's Weekend. Wine and appetizers will be served. On display all weekend will be the work of the lovely and talented San Francisco-based photographer, Kelly Puleio. Her current body of work, Over Floral Bedspreads, is a series of thirty-six color photographs titled by the names of the motels in which they were taken. Over Floral Bedspreads, introduces the power of sexuality and eroticism that is not limited to or derived from the socially constructed and expected male gaze. The images are seductive and alluring but honest and lonely.

Gwen Avery, a Women's Weekend Favorite at Main Street Station

7-10:30pm at Main Street Station ~ \$6 Cover **No VIPs** Avery sings with a rare combination of blues potency and jazzy sophistication, a sound full of time worn wisdom and soul-stirring passion. She possesses an extraordinary rhythmic sense, and she's a groove-aholic rooted in blues and gospel. Gwen Avery has toured widely in the women's music circuit, and has remained something of a cult figure for decades, until realizing her ambition to release her own album. With Sugar Mama Gwen reached back to the essence of her sound, summoning the spirit of her grandmother whom she'd seen picking cotton in Alabama. People feel Gwen ministers to them. There's something healing about her approach to the music. She invites everyone to join her, and have a rollicking good time. Winner of the OUTMUSIC Award for Outstanding New Recording. <http://www.gwenavery.net> Reservations highly suggested!

Adana at Trio

7-10:30pm at Trio (old Club Yamagata) at 16225 Main Street. Adana is a blues singer with a large repertoire and range of style! ~ No Cover before 9pm or for those having dinner

Erotica Reading with Sister Sara Femme, Sexy Lesbian Outdoor Film follows. (Weather Permitting)

7pm at West Sonoma Inn. Wine by the glass. ~ \$5 suggested donation to **Lesbian Archives**

Triple R Women's Weekend Welcome Party

8pm at the Russian River Resort at 4th & Mill ~ no cover- Drink Specials. HOT sexy bartenders!

Indigenous Fridays @ The Composer's House

8:30pm Classical Program honoring the 13 Grandmothers: African, Amazonia, Carribean, Incan, Javanese, Mayan and Zuni. Benefits **SF Concerto Orchestra** ~ \$10 suggested donation **No VIPs**

Vieux Carre Burlesque Entertainment for Ladies

9:00pm at the RRR ~ \$10 cover Join luscious temptresses Lady Monster, Dottie Lux & Penny Dreadful for an event that will make you drool and swoon, and perhaps run for a fire extinguisher!

Country Dan's Lesbyterian Retreat Karaoke

9pm at the Russian River Resort at 4th & Mill ~ no cover-

Rock n. Roll Kick-Off Uniform Party with Excuses For Skipping

10:30pm At Buck's 16440 4th Street. Daddy Zed's favorite Dyke march band, (and besides that Daddy's Zed's plea was soooo very persuasive) Excuses for Skipping are a San Francisco indie rock quartet whose 2007 debut Out of Work Early earned them a bevy of strong reviews for its mix of spacey experimental elements and thick soaring melodies. The album showcases a strong control of both dynamics and layering, as the band can use powerful stacked vocal harmonies and guitars just as well as it can deconstruct those textures into compelling moody pieces. Their catchy, dense rock is both familiar and unplaceable and comes from a willingness to experiment with styles drawn from their diverse musical backgrounds, and frequently inspired by their other artistic interests. Uniform Contest at the end of the band's second set. ~ \$10 cover

SATURDAY MAY 22nd *****

Blessing of the Water with Grandmother Flordemayo and Ambassador Jyoti

8:30 am at Mirabel Park, 7600 River Road, Forestville ~ **\$5-10 suggested donation. \$3 parking. No VIPs**

Russian River Women's Weekend Crafts Faire

10-6pm on the old bridge. Benefits **KGTV Guerneville's hometown radio station.**

***MAYDAY Dodgeball Tournament**

10am-1pm Sign-ups on Friday. *May move to Sunday am.* Benefits the Russian River Sisters' Grants & Scholarship funds.

Paddling For Peace 13 Indigenous Grandmothers Council Benefit.

10:30-1pm at Mirabel Pk 7600 River Rd, F'ville. Guided river trip with Suki Waters. \$85 pre-registration required. **No VIPs**

School of Shimmy!

11:00 at Buck's, 16440 4th Street. Prepare yourself for the *Tease Me* sexy dance contest at the Burlesque Workshop with Dottie Lux! Learn more about the events she produces here: <http://www.redhotsburlesque.com/> And go here to sign up for the workshop: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/112996> It's discounted to just \$20 for Women's Weekend.

Wet Tease Pool Party **NO "SAVING" POOL CHAIRS**

Noon-5pm at the Russian River Resort ~ \$10 Cover. It will be a day of sin-filled pleasure by the pool including the scandalous WET-T Contest with judges Sr. Sara Femme, Daddy Zed & Judy. Lesbian "Survivor" Competition, Tease Me sexy dance contest hosted by Dottie Lux, mysterious on-the-spot blessings & contests. DJ Luna will be spinning Hip-Hop, R&B, Old School, Reggae, Latin beats, 80's, and Top 40 to keep the crowd happy and the energy high. And Bay Area rising star. DJ RYAN will be mixing up a dynamic set of classics old school and top-40 music. Ryan has an eclectic taste in music and a jazzy soulful voice. She deejays and performs in Oakland and San Francisco and now at Russian River Women's Weekend! **NO SAVING POOL CHAIRS – 15 minutes with no occupancy & your things will be removed!**

Kathy Bricetti Reads from Her New Work: Blood Strangers: A Memoir

2pm, at River Reader 16355 Main Street. ~ No Cover. *Blood Strangers* is a captivating, multigenerational story of an alternative family.

The Way It Was: Lesbian Activism in Sonoma County 1965-1995

4pm at the Composer's House, 16375 4th Street (at Mill). Exhibit & Panel Discussion by members of the Lesbian Archives of Sonoma County: Tina Dungan, Ruth Mahaney, and Ann Neel, followed by interviews on video of legendary Bay Area lesbian activists Sally Gearhart and Phyllis Lyon. A no-holds-barred exploration of lesbian involvement and action in the social movements of the wild and crazy decades beginning in the late 1960s. What did it all mean and why should we care? What did we learn and how much of that is relevant to us today? Donation suggested! Raffle tickets for the original print by Katie Gilmartin will be on sale.

The Mission of LASC: The primary mission of the Lesbian Archives of Sonoma County (LASC) is to collect oral history interviews, photographs, and relevant memorabilia to document the involvement of lesbians and allies in the building of community and the creation of resources for women between 1965 and 1995 in Sonoma County, California. Our secondary mission is to provide a story-telling space in the present for those older Sonoma County lesbians.

Sweet poolside cocktail party

4-8pm at boon hotel + spa, 14711 armstrong woods rd. Tickets: \$12 (includes one drink ticket and raffle entry). Event co-sponsored by Sweet, the eco-friendly lesbian travel, vacations and events company dedicated to helping people change the world while they travel the world. Hang poolside with the hottest DJ's, coolest cocktails, tastiest apps and prettiest women. Raffle prizes include a one night stay at boon as well as Sweet stuff and other surprises. **No VIPs**

Drum Circle & Bonfire

5:30- 7pm at Mirabel Park, 7600 River Road, Forestville- **\$3 parking fee.**

Jennifer Lyson's Firewalk

7pm~ Pre-register see website for more info **NO VIPs**

Apocalypse Island film followed by a piano seance -

7-11pm – A film focusing on an ancient civilization more in touch with the supernatural! Follow Montfort's friend and future lecture recital collaborator, Archeologist Jim Turner, in this journey as he returns to where he first discovered an ancient Mayan monument at the only location in the Western Hemisphere to witness the final Total Solar Eclipse of the Mayan Great Cycle in 2012. ~ \$10 **No VIPs**

- Followed by pianist Seth Montfort's performance- "The American Indianists" Farwell, Cadman, Troyer, Cowell, Sas, Villa-Lobos & Montfort's Temple To The Sun. \$10 benefits SF Concerto. **No VIPs**

Pat Wilder at Main Street Station **7 & 9:30pm** at Main Street Station ~ \$6 Cover **No VIPs** Pat Wilder is simply the best blues and rhythm & blues performer in the San Francisco Bay area. Her live show is a magnetic mix of peeling guitar licks that defy gender classification, accompanied by an organic vocal style that evokes worldly conviction. She's a commanding soul-blues vocalist with a husky contralto that she uses to tough or tender effect, and a strikingly accomplished guitar stylist. Pat Wilder is an exciting performer to watch! Wilder's musical foundation is rooted in jazz, rock,

R&B, blues and gospel. Wilder's vocal influences are as wide ranging as her guitar influences, She cites Koko Taylor, Tina Turner, Esther Phillips, and '70s funk singer (and Miles Davis ex-spouse) Betty Davis as favorites. "And I do love me some Stevie Ray Vaughan" she adds, "I love the man's voice. <http://www.patwilder.com>

In The Know at Trio

7-10:30pm at Trio 16225 Main Street (old Club Y) Kristen Van Dyke and her band! ~ \$10 Cover **No VIPs**

MONKEY POD Drag King Extravaganza

9:00 pm At RRR at 4th & Mill Street ~ \$10 cover The return of SFDKC's defending champions **Delicio Del Toro & Jay Walker, with Tommy Salami, Dean Disaster, Lucky Licker, Daddy Zed & Violetta, & More!**

Full-Steam Rock n' Roll Party with THEE MERRY WIDOWS

10:00 pm At Buck's at 4th & Mill Street ~ California's original all female psychobilly band. Thee Merry Widows are: Jenna Ferocious: upright bass, Mistress Mandy: rhythm guitar, Nishone: lead guitar, Andi: drums and the incomparable Miss Eva von Slut: lead vocals and theremin. \$10 cover

Country Dan's Lesbyterian Retreat Karaoke

9pm-1am at the Russian River Resort at 4th & Mill ~ no cover

Dancing at Trio

10:30 - Close ~ \$10 Cover **No VIPs**

SUNDAY MAY 23rd *****

Crafts Faire benefit for KGGV local radio station

10-6pm on the old bridge. **Benefits KGGV hometown radio station.**

Russian River Women's Weekend Hike in the Woods or Segway trip

10-6pm at Armstrong Woods.

Russian River Women's Weekend Motorcycle Run

10am Meet & Greet with a full tank of gas @ Bank of America ATM parking lot. Members of **Dykes on Bikes** are expected to participate again this year. Route: Guerneville to Calistoga to Healdsburg for lunch. After lunch, we'll take Westside Road back into Guerneville.

Linocut Print Workshop with Katie Gilmartin, poster artist for the 30th RRWW

10:30 at the Russian River Senior Center, 15010 Armstrong Woods Road at Watson. TBA \$40 includes materials fees. Sign-up on the RRWW homepage or visit Katie's website: <http://www.katiegilmartin.com>

Mimosa brunch and pool party

11-1:00pm at boon hotel + spa, 14711 armstrong woods rd. Tickets: \$15 (includes brunch plus a mimosa) ** Additional cash bar with mimosas, bloodies, beer and wine. Another event co-sponsored by Sweet called brunch, brunch, baby. Join us for a delicious brunch hosted and catered by boon eat + drink with poolside mimosas and freshly squeezed sunshine. (No VIPs)

Liquid Church Pool Party, NO SAVING POOL CHAIRS

12-5pm @ RRR DJ Jenny Fafa will be spinning~ **Games, Contests including judging for the Painted Ladies Tattoo Contest and Jello Wrestling with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence 3pm** at Russian River Resort. You've been talkin, bloggin, & emailing us about it since last year so. It's back! Festive, Water Resistant Outfits Recommended! **Benefits the Russian River Sisters' Grants & Scholarship funds. NO SAVING POOL CHAIRS**

Winemaker Dinner benefits the Lesbian Archives of Sonoma County.

4pm-6:00 at Chef Patrick's on Main Street. \$50 per person

"Best Deal in Town" BBQ

5-7pm burgers & hot dogs at the Rainbow Cattle Co. A Russian River Women's Weekend Tradition!

Linger- the Closing Party at the RRR

6-9pm at the RRR. \$10 cover.

Gwen Avery, a Women's Weekend Favorite at Main Street Station

7-10:30pm at Main Street Station ~ \$6 Cover **No VIPs** (See Friday evening notes.)

Suzanne Ciani, piano and Viviana Guzman, flute and belly dancing

7pm - @ The Composer's House, 16375 4th Street at Mill. 5-time Grammy Nominee Composer, Suzanne Ciani, piano and internationally acclaimed Viviana Guzman, flute and belly dancing, Seth Montfort, piano and composer perform works by Ciani, Amy Beach, others with San Francisco Concerto Orchestra followed by a showing of an episode of Slings and Arrows about the life of a theater company. Then musicians and actors are invited to join the orchestra and local theatre community to perform open mic style music and theater after the concert. Over 2 decades hundreds of musicians have used Montfort's unusual SF Bay Area Events to land gigs and paid jobs. It's time to see what the theater community can do with this! Benefits **SF Concerto Orchestra \$20 No VIPs**

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*Oh, and tattoos by **Flying Colors Tattoo poolside** again this year See Laura in Room 6 at the RRR.

* Official Psychic for the Russian River Women's Weekend is **ELLIE PECHET**.

Angel Readings + this Women's Weekend!

Ellie Pechet, M.Ed., will be offering Angel & Relationship Readings *plus* on-site Couples Counseling. Ellie's gentle and profound **Angel Readings** access high levels of wisdom and provide the purest form of guidance you can receive. **Relationship Readings** offer answers to your questions about your partner, lover, co-worker, or boss. Ellie gives what she gets from your own Guides, so try to leave your agenda behind and be open to the Guidance that comes through for you. If you and your girlfriend hit a rough patch along the way or want some help with having better communication over the weekend, consider having a **Couples Counseling** session with Ellie, who, in addition to her extensive energy and intuitive work, has over 25 years experience counseling couples and individuals.

Ellie will be around the resort for much of the weekend. When she is not doing readings or couples counseling, she will be enjoying several of the weekend's events with all of you. Ellie has a Masters degree in Counseling and has 27 years of experience doing Metaphysical Healing, giving Angel Readings, and Counseling. She *loves* counseling couples and individuals in her private practice.

Ellie also does highly advanced energy work that literally diminishes emotional and physical symptoms at the deepest level possible and this clearing work will be available over the weekend for anyone who is interested at a higher rate. Her technique clears unresolved issues with ex-partners, grief, depression, anxiety, PTSD, phobias, & difficult memories. Ellie has worked successfully with Breast Cancer, digestive disorders, vision & hearing problems and insomnia, chronic back and neck pain and muscle tension.

It gets better... No matter where you are, she can work with you just as effectively by phone as in person, so you can start now if you don't want to wait until Women's Weekend. Check out the testimonials on her website from people she has helped by phone all over the country. Ellie has recently re-located to Sebastopol, CA from the East Coast and was featured on the front page of several prominent newspapers, as well as being the guest on local radio and cable television programs.

For more information, please visit: phoenixrisinghealing.com
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