

Santa Ynez Valley * *The Heart of Santa Barbara's Wine Country*

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E-scapes Newsletter SPRING 2008

This quarterly e-newsletter features seasonal things to do, see and taste in the Santa Ynez Valley. For complete info, visit <http://www.SantaYnezValleyVisit.com> anytime. "E-scape" and visit us soon!

Annual Events (April-June 2008)

April 19—26th Annual Santa Barbara County Vintners' Festival

Sponsored by Santa Barbara County Vintners Association, River View Park, Highway 246, near Lompoc. More than 100 wine & food booths, accompanied by music +. Event only tickets: \$75 each. Festival Visa 12-winery tasting Passport: \$35 each. Combo Festival/Passport: \$100. 805-688-0881. <http://www.sbcountywines.com>

April 25-27—Solvang Knife Show

Produced annually since 1985 by Nordic Knives of Solvang. Royal Scandinavian Inn, 400 Alisal Rd, Solvang. Friday 1:00-5:00pm; Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm; Sunday 10:00am-1:00pm. Admission: 1 Day-\$10, 3 Day-\$20 (Sunday only \$2) 1-800-992-6574 <http://www.nordicknives.com/show/solvangshow.php>

April 27—6th Annual Solvang Earth Day Celebration

In Solvang Park, Mission Drive & First Street. Noon-4:00pm. Free. Celebrating Mother Earth with live entertainment, "green" car show, solar-powered stage with entertainment, food, fun & games. 805-452-2218

May 3—Santa Ynez Valley Wine Country Association "Picnic at the Lake"

Tastes from 14 member wineries, gourmet picnic lunch, live jazz & blues, logo glass, carriage rides. Bridlewood Winery, 3555 Roblar Avenue, Santa Ynez. Noon-3:00pm. \$55 per person, reservations recommended. 1-800-563-3183. <http://www.santaynezwinecountry.com>

May 10—Santa Ynez Valley Wine Country Half Marathon Race

A scenic 13.1-mile course takes runners from Santa Ynez through Los Olivos; then winding down Ballard Canyon to finish on Copenhagen Drive into Solvang Park and a post-race Wine & Music Festival. Activities throughout entire weekend. Sponsored by Destination Races. <http://www.RunSantaYnez.com>

May 16-18—9th Annual Santa Ynez Valley National presented by Platinum Performance, Los Olivos

Includes sanctioned downhill, cross-country and endurance cross-country cycling races; Expo; BBQs, Pasta Feed; Pancake Breakfasts; live music. Free Kids Race on Sunday. 805-896-0673 <http://www.ridesb.com>

May 17—2nd Annual Solvang Rotary Wine Country Bike Ride Benefiting MS Society

Choose from 11-mile (11:30am), 25-mile (11am), 62-mile (10am) or 100-mile (8am) routes through the Valley. Start/finish line at Mission Santa Ines, 1740 Mission Drive, Solvang. Entry fee \$75 plus \$50 minimum donation for charity. Refreshments, hot meal, live entertainment, expo. <http://www.solvangrotary.com>

May 17 & 18— Spring Peppertree Art Show

Hosted by Bob and Trace Eubanks. Over 100 prominent artists will be displaying their work at Peppertree Ranch, 3617 Roblar Avenue, Santa Ynez. Invitations, 805-688-6205. <http://www.peppertreeartshow.com>

June 7—4th Annual Los Olivos Jazz & Olive Festival

Lavinia Campbell Park, downtown Los Olivos. Wine & food tasting, live jazz bands, contests 1:00-4:30pm, \$35 adults; \$10 children. Benefit for Los Olivos Rotary. 805-325-2345 <http://www.losolivosrotary.org/olivefest.html>

June 14—Old Santa Ynez Day

Old West comes to life at the frontier town of Santa Ynez birthday party with parade, food booths, arts & crafts, antiques & collectibles, and live entertainment. Sagunto Street, downtown Santa Ynez. 805-688-3448

June 6-September 28—44th Annual season of PCPA Theaterfest, Solvang

Live, professional theater performed under the stars at Solvang Festival Theater, 420 2nd Street, Solvang. Productions include *Godspell*, *The Heart's Desire*, *Ragtime*, *The Imaginary Invalid*, and *Hot Mikado*. Call for specific schedules, tickets and packages. Box office: 805-922-8313. <http://www.pcpa.org>

June 27-29—27th Annual Breathe Easy Bike Ride: American Lung Association Benefit

Easy bike ride/tour of the Wine Country. Fully supported ride, includes entertainment and food. 1-day Ride is Saturday, 6/28. 3-day Ride is 6/27-29. 805-963-1426. <http://www.breatheeasyride.org>

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Museums, Art & Exhibits (Call for current schedules & programs)

Buellton Historical Society History Room, above Andersen's Pea Soup Restaurant, 376 Avenue of Flags, Buellton. Discover "Service Town USA" area memorabilia. 805-688-7829 <http://www.buelltonhistory.org>
Elverhoj Museum of History & Art, 1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang. Showcases Solvang's rich history & celebrates the Danish-American spirit plus a contemporary art gallery. 805-686-1211. <http://www.elverhoj.org>
Hans Christian Andersen Museum, 1680 Mission Drive, Solvang. Honoring the multi-talented Danish father of modern fairy tales with books, art & collages. 805-688-2052 <http://www.bookloftsolvang.com/museum.htm>
Los Alamos Historical Display, Bell (Hwy 135) & Helena Streets, Los Alamos. Rediscover the roots of this western-style rural town founded in 1876. 805-260-8233 <http://www.losalamosinfo.com>
Santa Ynez Valley Historical Society Museum & Carriage House, 3596 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez. From the early Chumash Indians through its 20th-century ranching days. 805-688-7889. <http://www.sylvm.org>
Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum, 320 Alisal Road, Solvang. Constantly changing displays of vintage racing and rare motorcycles as well as European race bikes. 805-686-9522. <http://www.motosolvang.com>
Wildling Art Museum, 2329 Jonata Street, Los Olivos. Presents America's wilderness in art; plus offers nature-related classes, special events and rotating exhibits. 805-688-1082. <http://www.wildlingmuseum.org>

Live Entertainment

Chumash Casino Resort, Santa Ynez presents renowned musicians and entertainers weekly in the Samala Showroom as well as Sho Box Boxing. Info & Tickets: 1-800-585-3737 or <http://www.chumashcasino.com>
Fess Parker's Wine Country Inn Thursday Evening Singing, Los Olivos, join Fess & Marcy Parker and friends accompanied by pianist Bill Powell in the Lobby Lounge. 805-688-7788. <http://www.fessparker.com>
Maverick Saloon, Santa Ynez presents live country western entertainment every Friday and Saturday nights; (cover charge \$5,). free concerts on the deck on Saturday afternoon; DJ dance party every Thursday night. (Must be 21 years or older). Call for schedule. 805-686-4785. <http://www.mavericksaloon.org>
Tales from the Tavern concert series at the Maverick, Santa Ynez. 4/2—Jeffrey Foucault, Danny O'Keefe; 4/9—Country Joe McDonald/Tribute to Woody Guthrie; 4/23—Peter Mulvey, Patty Larkin. 805-688-0383. <http://www.talesfromthetavern.com>

Food & Wine

Wine Tasting and special events at more than 70 wineries and tasting rooms throughout the Valley year-round. Visit <http://www.sbcountywines.com> or <http://www.santaynezwinecountry.com> for more details.
Global Gardens Organic Food Tasting. Daily from 10:00am-4:00pm, \$3. First Saturday special themed tastings. 2902-C San Marcos Avenue, Los Olivos. 805-693-1600 <http://www.globalgardensgifts.com>
Los Olivos Cafe Evening with the Winemaker Wednesdays. Selected wines with hors d'oeuvres 5:00-6:00pm. \$15 per person; no reservations required. 805-688-7265. <http://www.losolivoscafe.com>
Roblar Winery & Cooking School, 3010 Roblar Avenue, Santa Ynez. Open daily 11:00am-5:00 pm. Saturday evening Guest Chef Cooking/Wine/Dining classes. 805-686-2603 <http://www.robларwinery.com>
Solvang Farmers Market, every Wednesday, rain or shine. Fresh produce, flowers and foods. 2:30-6:00pm. On First Street, between Mission Drive (Highway 246) and Copenhagen Drive. 805-962-5354.

Fun for the Family

Cachuma Lake Recreation Area & Nature Center. Year-round special programs, workshops, fishing contests and 2-hour wildlife cruises. Call for schedules. 805-693-0691. <http://www.cachuma.com>
Clairmont Farms, Los Olivos. Family owned 5-acre organic lavender farm open daily 10:00am-5:00pm. Stroll through fields, picnic, see the new steam distillery & boutique. 805-688-7505. <http://www.clairmontfarms.com>
Sedgwick Reserve Nature Hikes. Three guided interpretive hikes around 5,000+ acre Reserve, a protected ecological environment under the auspices of the University of California. Call 805-686-1941 for dates/times. sedgwick@lifesci.ucsb.edu

Stay!

Choose from over 30 different inns, hotels, motels, and resorts throughout the Valley to suit every taste and budget. Visit <http://www.SantaYnezValleyVisit.com> & click on accommodations for info & special packages.

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