

# Events, Stuff, Things to do, and Whatnot

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February 1, 2014

**CALLING ALL CREATIVES, COLLABORATORS, ENTREPRENEURS, MUSIC MAKERS AND DREAMERS OF DREAMS!**

THE PEOPLE'S ART PARTY SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FORTHWITH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 5-7 PM

AT THE HUB, 350 GEORGIA AT MARIN

**Who's this for?**

**If you are an artist, musician, performer, downtown merchant, community builder, and/or interested in the development of downtown Vallejo, WE WANT YOU.**

**What can I bring to the pARTy?**

A potluck dish for the belly--

an umbrella for sudden brainstorm--

tools to build a good foundation---

party hats as we celebrate a new start---

More metaphors, I'm running out

**Okay, multiple choice question: We intend to-**

Create one big happy arts community.

Introduce our new, COMPREHENSIVE Arts & Entertainment website

Schedule ongoing art and entertainment events, and cool art projects, to promote and revitalize the downtown district as a center for commerce and culture.

Take over the world.

**All of the above.**

**More info? Contact Erin Bakke @ [702.339.4249](tel:702.339.4249), or go to [artvallejo.com](http://artvallejo.com)**

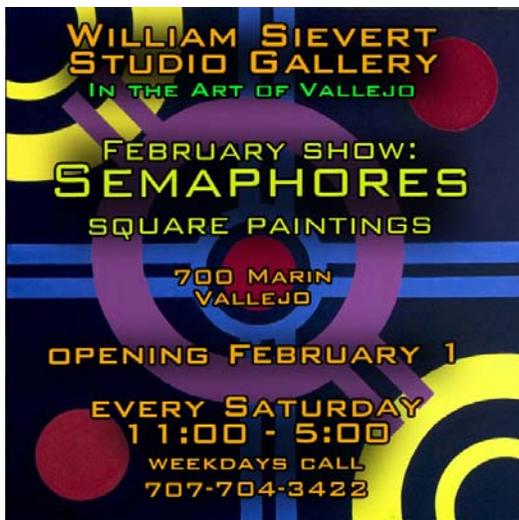
P.S. mark your calendars for Vallejo's first monthly artwalk, second Fridays beginning February 14, 2014! More info at [vallejoartwalk.com](http://vallejoartwalk.com)



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# Gallery Opening!

Please make time on Saturday to check out William Sievert's new gallery, and to welcome this wonderful artist to downtown!



## WHY THIS GALLERY

My purposes for opening this gallery are both cultural and commercial. By exhibiting my art here I hope to provide an additional resource for encouraging people to re-inhabit our beautiful downtown. I believe the development and support of the Vallejo arts district is vital to the cultural life of our citizens and for creating a stronger sense of community. My intention is to also spark dialog and provide entertaining educational experiences in this venue.

Over time I will be exhibiting a wide range of my work including paintings, illustrations, graphic work, photography (traditional and digital), animation and electronic installation art.

## THIS OPENING SHOW IS MY INTRODUCTION.

In the near future much of my work exhibited here will be both exquisite and affordable. Please revisit periodically to view a continually changing presentation.

# February 7

## **8th Annual Flyway Festival Celebrates Return of Millions of Migrating Birds to San Francisco Bay Area**

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<http://www.sfbayflywayfestival.com>

### **18th Annual Flyway Festival Celebrates Return of Millions of Migrating Birds to San Francisco Bay Area**

Unique 3-day birding and wildlife festival at Mare Island draws an estimated 4,000 people each year

[VALLEJO], CA – Both birds and people will be flocking to Mare Island in Vallejo to celebrate what has become a special annual ritual each winter: the San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival. The 3-day event celebrates the return of over one million shorebirds and hundreds of thousands of ducks, geese, hawks and songbirds which migrate through or winter in the San Francisco Bay Area.

This year the Festival will be held Friday, Feb. 7th through Sunday, February 9th in Building 223, 500 Connolly St. on Mare Island. Admission is free. Festival-goers may choose from dozens of fun activities, including a Family Wildlife Exploration and Birding Expo with more than 75 exhibitors, guided nature walks including outings suitable for beginning birders including all ages and families, birding and wild bird demonstrations, and art and photography exhibits. Once again, Mare Island Heritage Trust, the nonprofit sponsor of the Festival, welcomes Weston Solutions, Inc. an environmental remediation engineering firm which has played a lead role in the environmental cleanup of the former Mare Island naval base, as the Festival host sponsor. They are joined this year as Festival sponsors by The Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District, Friends of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge and other sponsors who ensure that the Flyway Festival continues free of charge.

Hawk viewing opportunities once again dominate this year's festival

Due partly to the unusually dry weather which has kept many wetlands normally full of water, dry, participants in this year's Flyway Festival will be encouraged to look skyward for sightings of raptors. In addition to self-guided trail walks on Mare Island, live raptor shows both Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9 at the Wildlife Expo and both Mare Island guided birding walks and regional outings all promise ample opportunities to see an abundance of hawks and even owls.

Once again, live non-releasable education raptors will visit the Wildlife Expo in Native Bird Connections' Raptor Show "Raptors: The Reality Show" Wildbird Show sponsored by Swarovski Optik presented Saturday and Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm. Native Bird Connections' Co-Director and Curator Jenny Papka, will share a variety of birds of prey in a lively engaging program. "This year a rare and unusual raptor will be included and people will learn about aspects of raptors no book talks about!", stated Jenny. Native Bird Connections strives to provide an experience of "seeing through the

eyes of the birds” and encourages lots of questions! Jenny has been a wildlife educator and in the field of captive raptor management for 24 years and has experience with 35 species of raptors in captivity. She was the 2009 recipient of the William Penn Mott Jr. Environmental Award from the Orinda Association.

Regional outings offer special opportunities to learn how to look for and identify hawks while hunting in the sky and where and when to observe them perched and resting or feeding. Join Murray Berner, birding guide and expert birder from Napa County, Robin Leong, Napa-Solano Audubon Society field guide, Tim Behr, raptor researcher for the Golden Gate Raptor Observatory and San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge Manager Don Brubaker for rare access Friday, Saturday and Sunday in six different guided raptor tours to Skaggs Island, the former Navy communications center in southern Sonoma County transferred to the National Wildlife Refuge three years ago.

According to Murray Berner, “the Skaggs Island field trips concentrate on diurnal raptors. The former naval station, now part of the San Pablo Bay NWR, is entirely grassland and low brush. It is winter home to Ferruginous Hawk, Prairie Falcon, and Short-eared Owl. The most common birds of prey are White-tailed Kite, Red-tailed Hawk and Northern Harrier. Rough-legged Hawk is around this year, and we should see a couple. Merlin and Peregrine Falcon are seen on every trip. Golden Eagle is regular. We take a couple of short walks on levees and around the former base housing site (now cleared of structures) for songbirds. Burrowing Owl is possible but less likely than in the past. A roosting Barn Owl should be seen. The start of the tour is atop the bridge at the south island gate. If it is overcast at the start of the morning trip, chances for a daylight Short-eared Owl increase. Carpools are required! See all details at the Festival website.”

Larry Broderick, long-time raptor enthusiast will guide a raptor hike entitled, “Lynch Canyon Eagles, Hawks and Other Birds of Prey Hike” at Lynch Canyon, a Solano Land Trust owned open space park east of Vallejo and American Canyon, just west of Cordelia Friday, February 7th 10:00am-1:30pm. Larry notes that the hike is strenuous covering over 4 miles of hiking trails and climbing to 800 feet elevation and back down another 800 feet to the parking lot. However, the reward will be a chance to discover, observe and learn about eagles, hawks and other birds of prey with one of the region’s premiere hawk researchers. Previous sightings include golden eagles, Cooper’s hawks, ferruginous hawks, American kestrels, white tailed kites, red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, and turkey vultures.” Details on the Festival website.

Sunday, February 9th, 10:00am-2:00pm Larry will lead the “Sears Point Cougar Mountain Raptor Hike” with the Sonoma Land Trust. The hike in the hilly grasslands of Sears Point where hikers will join in a search for resident and overwintering raptors and learn how to identify the different raptor species. On a clear day take in the panoramic views of San Pablo Bay to San Francisco, Mt. Diablo, and Mt. Tamalpais. Bring binoculars! Hike is over steep and uneven terrain. Wear sturdy shoes. [Register online](#) at the Sonoma Land Trust registration site, or follow directions to the hike gathering site and just show up.

## Regional Outings

A complete schedule of the more than 50 regional outings is on the festival website [sfbayflywayfestival.com](http://sfbayflywayfestival.com).

Guided public access to the former Skaggs Island naval communication facility in southern Sonoma and Napa Counties, now a unit of the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, for raptor, hawk and owl watching, is the highlight of the regional outings for this year's Festival. A total of 6 tours scheduled over the course of the three-day Festival begin Friday morning 9:00am-12:30pm with one of Napa County's most experienced and sought after birding guides, Murray Berner.

Two guided birding outings will be offered in American Canyon on Saturday morning and CA Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists will be joined both Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon for tours of the former Cargill salt plant wetland restoration along the Napa River.

#### Mare Island Guided Outings and Tours

As many as 20 guided outings are planned for Mare Island, along with a self-guided wetland walk to the Bay on the San Pablo Bay Wetlands Trail opened for daily public use in December 2010 and self-guided walking and biking in the Mare island Shoreline Heritage Preserve 9:00am-hour after sunset Friday through Sunday.

For the 7th year the Festival welcomes the Vaca Valley Volkswalkers' [American Volkswalk Association](#) sanctioned 5k and 10k walks on a route throughout historical former naval shipyard and neighborhoods and parks. The Flyway Festival walks continue to draw the largest turnout during the year for the Vaca Valley Volkswalkers group. There is no charge for the public to walk and the registration and walk route are available at the Flyway Festival Wildlife Expo beginning at 8:00am both Saturday and Sunday.

Mare Island outings will include guided walks with a Navy escort of remote areas of Mare Island normally restricted to public access due to continuing environmental cleanup by the Navy. On Friday and Sunday hike leaders from the Mare Island Heritage Trust will lead walks to the Historic Southshore. Saturday morning, a field guide from the Napa-Solano Audubon Society will offer a walk through the Western Magazine. Both sites are part of the Navy's first ammunition depot in the Pacific founded in 1857. Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve on the former Ammunition Depot which will be open daily during the Festival from 9:00am-an hour after sunset.

Two Beginning Birding walks will be offered on Friday 10:00am-12noon and Saturday 9:45am-11:15am. Led by Audubon Society birdwatching guides, they leave from the visitor center in the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve.

St. Peter's Chapel, home to the most Tiffany stained-glass windows in a single site in the West, will be open for tours Saturday, February 8, and Sunday, February 9, 10:00am-4:00pm. The Mare Island Museum will be open the same days and hours. The last of the WWII Landing Craft Support Gunboats, the LCS-102 will be open for tours Saturday, February 8, 9:00am-3:00pm.

Two night photography workshops will take place Saturday and Sunday evenings 5:00pm-10:00pm on Mare Island. Registration and full details can be found at [www.thenocturnes.com](http://www.thenocturnes.com).

#### Presentations, opening reception and live music

[Native Bird Connections](#), a wild bird rehab and education center based in Martinez, CA will once again give its "standing-room-only" live bird shows both Saturday and Sunday at the Wildlife Expo from 11:30am-12:30pm. The Art and Festival opening reception begins at 5:00pm. Following the reception, [Heritage Mic at Mare Island](#) monthly music open mic at the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve visitor center takes place from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

A sample of presentations that will be given at the Wildlife Expo Saturday and/or Sunday include: a presentation and live animal visit Saturday at 2pm by the Suisun Natural History Association; readings by author David Rice from his recently published book, *Why We Bird*; a slide show by Ruth Gravanis of San Francisco on the natural and cultural history and resources of Treasure Island; slide shows and an accompanying tour of the history of the Navy's Mare Island Hospital, now the campus of Touro University by former Navy surgeon Dr. Tom Snyder; a slide show by Golden Gate Raptor Observatory volunteer Tony Brake about the emerging nesting of osprey, known as fish eagles or fish hawks, in San Francisco Bay; and much more. See the Flyway Festival schedule for a complete listing of presentations.

#### Flyway Festival Art Exhibition

Artists and photographers will show original art work that depicts local wildlife, wetlands, marshes, and native habitats from San Francisco Bay to the ridgetops of Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Diablo. The show is open to all ages and skill levels. Artists' work will be available for purchase at the Art Show beginning with its opening reception Friday evening, February 7 at 5:00pm and continuing through the two-day show, Saturday and Sunday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

Most Festival activities are free. Some require pre-registration. For more information and directions, call [707-249-9633](tel:707-249-9633) or [425-279-3502](tel:425-279-3502) or visit [sfbayflywayfestival.com](http://sfbayflywayfestival.com).

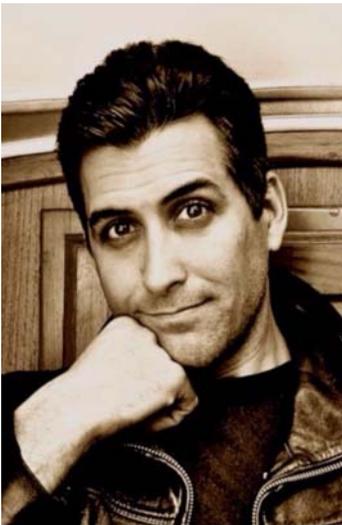
High resolution digital photos available prior to and during the event. Review images on the Flyway Festival website. Call Myrna Hayes at [707-249-9633](tel:707-249-9633) cell or e-mail [myrnahayes@mac.com](mailto:myrnahayes@mac.com)

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## Starting February 14!!

### Special reading February 7

## Local Actor, Chad Clevenger, Stars in Northwest Premiere of *The Maltese Falcon*



Concord - Bay Area actor Chad Clevenger of Vallejo, California has been selected by Berkeley based Butterfield 8 Theater Company to play the coveted role of Samuel Spade in the San Francisco/Northwest premier of *The Maltese Falcon*, by Dashiell Hammett, authorized adaptation by Helen Borgers, as authorized by the Dashiell Hammett Estate.

*The Maltese Falcon*, published in 1930, written and takes place in San Francisco, was produced for film twice under that title (1931 and 1941) and once as *Satan Met a Lady* (1936), and was adapted for radio in the 1940's. It is a distinguished honor to present the play to the San Francisco Bay Area

for the critically acclaimed, award winning Butterfield 8 Theatre Company and its Artistic Director and founder John Butterfield. For Chad Clevenger, playing Samuel Spade is a dream come true. The list of actors who have played Spade is short and distinguished, including Humphrey Bogart in the 1941 John Huston film, and Tom Wilkinson in a 2001 BBC radio play. Chad is only the third actor to portray the detective on stage.

“It's a privilege for sure, and Hammett's writing and his characterization of Spade is the quintessential model for so many iconic characters in later works. I see a lot of Spade in the Lee Child's Jack Reacher, and Deckard from Philip K. Dick's 1968 novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*, along with many others, they're all part of the same rootstock. Hammett is still relevant, people are still drawing from that well for examples of great drama, thrills, cleverness and even romance.”

A publicity reading featuring select scenes and cast members is scheduled to be held at Borderlands Cafe in San Francisco (870 Valencia St.), on February 7, at 7 pm, and a special dinner hosted by Historic John's Grill on Geary St. The show opens Valentine's Day, February 14, in Concord at Cue Productions, 1835 Colefax St. near Todos Santos Plaza and runs for 12 performances. Tickets and show times at [www.b8company.com](http://www.b8company.com)

"Chad is the perfect blend of a good looking smooth talker and a gritty stand your ground kind of guy. We met Chad at another theatre event and thought he would be a perfect fit for our cast of Maltese Falcon. When you read the book you realize that the Sam Spade of the novel is a very different person than the one portrayed by Humphrey Bogart in the film. For us, we wanted a blend of what the public would expect, Chad is dark, [while] the Spade in the book is blonde, but his characteristics are more along the line of the Thin Man rather than the hard boiled one Bogart gave us. Chad's job is to find the blend of both, not parroting the film version and making the role his own. This is something he is doing very well. Come check him out." ~John Butterfield, Artistic Director, Butterfield 8

Chad Clevenger began acting as a teen, and then went on to study theater at American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. As a local actor, Chad has performed with Vallejo Shakespeare in the Park, playing the role of Edgar in King Lear and Bay Area Stage, most recently in the title role of Earnest in The Importance of Being Earnest. At last year's Vallejo Chamber of Commerce sponsored July 4th Parade Chad mobilized two organizations to enter the parade: local community theater company, Bay Area Stage Productions, as a band of "dancing pirates" reprising his role as Samuel in The Pirates of Penzance which played at The Vallejo Naval and Historic Museum last January, and the other entry to promote the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation and The Empress Theatre with a parading "Empress of Vallejo".

Since relocating his family to Vallejo, Chad has been active in the community with various community betterment groups and projects, along with supporting local businesses. Chad created the original "Mare Island Iced-Tea" while consulting for Vik's Wheelhouse at the Vallejo Waterfront. Chad is currently enrolled in Leadership Vallejo, "modeled after an established nationwide program of community leadership, development and training. Leadership Vallejo identifies educates and trains individuals interested in community organizations and becoming the future leaders of their community."

Chad sees a strong relationship between the arts and community betterment. "There's so much happening here, and I've seen nothing but good work and improvements since I've been here and it's a privilege to contribute and participate in that. The weather, landscape and maritime culture here is ideal. I'm still green here, I'm still discovering Vallejo," he says, "Acting is a matter of discovery, and

being discovered, and Vallejo seems to me to be a matter of discovery and the more I discover, the more opportunities I find. Great people, great food and great art. It's no wonder the theme park here is called "Discovery Kingdom."

Chad has his eye on other epic roles such as Stanley Kowalski in *A Street Car Named Desire*, and Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Chad has several creative projects in the works, including development of a local feature film and plans for drawing on the wealth of local creative talent and resources. "It's a time-traveling, steam-punk thriller involving a lot of archetypes and popular cultural elements, and it's getting some attention from people in Hollywood, but I want to bring that attention here to Vallejo" he says, "but that's future, right now my focus is on performing in *Maltese* and pouring everything I can into what we're doing. Hammett's writing is dynamic, and the cast and director are incredible. Being in a John Butterfield production has been a goal of mine for some time, he is a caring, generous and talented director. To be doing what I am doing right now is incredibly humbling and I feel extremely blessed, and grateful."

Story by Dalia Vidor, writer at large

LINKS: <http://www.b8company.com/events.htm>

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## **Bay Area Stage Productions will be holding auditions for Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* on February 3 & 4 at 7pm with Callbacks on Feb 9 at 12pm.**

### **Where:**

The Fetterly Playhouse  
3467 Sonoma Blvd, Suite 10,  
Vallejo, California 94590

### **Characters (4 men & 1 boy):**

**Vladimir** - One of the two main characters of the play. Estragon calls him Didi, and the boy addresses him as Mr. Albert. He seems to be the more responsible and mature of the two main characters.

**Estragon** - The second of the two main characters. Vladimir calls him Gogo. He seems weak and helpless, always looking for Vladimir's protection. He also has a poor memory, as Vladimir has to remind him in the second act of the events that happened the previous night.

**Pozzo** - He passes by the spot where Vladimir and Estragon are waiting and provides a diversion. In the second act, he is blind and does not remember meeting Vladimir and Estragon the night before.

**Lucky** - Pozzo's slave, who carries Pozzo's bags and stool. In Act I, he entertains by dancing and thinking. However, in Act II, he is dumb.

**Boy** - He appears at the end of each act to inform Vladimir that Godot will not be coming that night. In the second act, he insists that he was not there the previous night.

**Performance Dates:**

April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20

**Where:**

The Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum  
734 Marin St, Vallejo, CA 94590

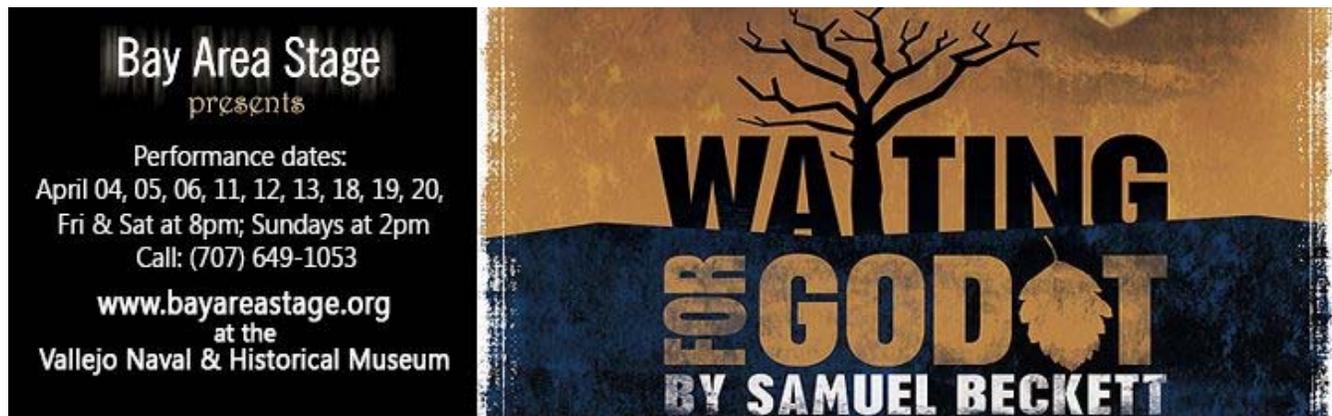
This is a non-equity, non-paying production

No appointment necessary  
Be prepared to read from the script

Call: (707) [707-649-1053](tel:707-649-1053) for more information.



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- Producer / Costumer / Business Manager
- Bay Area Stage Productions
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Presents.....

# Trivia Night

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday March 8, 2014

Game starts at 6:30 PM

Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum

734 Marin St Vallejo, Ca

Doors Open @ 5:30 pm

Please e-mail [valmuse@pacbell.net](mailto:valmuse@pacbell.net) with your e-mail address & contact information to be added on to our list for further updated information regarding this event. Thank you!

**\$25.00 per person for the best entertainment in town.**

**8 people per team – Bring your own snacks to share!**

**8 Categories, 10 Questions**

**Raffle Prizes; No-host bar**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place prizes**

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night of Facts,  
Fun, and  
Friends!*