

A feast for the season

Erin Gleeson's "The Forest Feast" offers easy, vegetarian recipes for Thanksgiving

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Erin Gleeson makes butternut squash hummus at her home in Redwood City. It's one of the recipes included in her new vegetarian cookbook, "The Forest Feast Gatherings."



Courtesy of Erin Gleeson

■ FOOD FEATURE

The road to photographer and cookbook author Erin Gleeson's cabin in the woods is a steep and winding one, flanked by soaring pines and redwoods and the occasional awe-inspiring panorama of Silicon Valley and the Bay. Higher up in the foothills, it no longer feels like the same zip code, but the Forest Feast's headquarters (and Gleeson's home) is technically in Redwood City. On a sunny Tuesday afternoon in November, the shaded forest is quiet, the road dappled with sunlight peeking through branches, and the mossy steps that lead down to the cabin with its view of the forested valley beyond is something straight out of a fairytale.

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Gleeson, whose latest cookbook “The Forest Feast Gatherings: Simple Vegetarian Menus for Hosting Friends & Family” hit the shelves in late September, grew up in Sonoma County and said that she is used to living in the boonies. Prior to moving to the Bay Area with her husband in 2007, she spent 13 years in Brooklyn, where she received a master’s degree in photography from the School of Visual Arts and worked as a food photographer.

After making the cross-country move from New York City to Redwood City, she started — quite literally — playing with her food. Inspired by the variety and bounty she would receive in her weekly Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) box, she started experimenting with making colorful dishes that she would

photograph in and around her cabin. She said she discovered that the shaded natural light of the woods created ideal lighting for shooting outside.

She began a portfolio of her creations online — a blog, though she didn’t consider herself a “blogger” at the time — and was quickly picked up by an agent who was interested in turning her work into a cookbook. Gleeson’s first cookbook “The Forest Feast,” was published in 2014, and she followed it with an adaptation for children, “The Forest Feast for Kids,” in 2016.

Amid a cookbook market saturated with complicated recipes that require the most concerted of efforts to execute, Gleeson offers simple vegetarian recipes that are both beautiful and healthy. With a “show, don’t tell” approach, her combination of photography overlaid by her own hand-

lettering and watercolor illustrations displays recipes that are easy to follow (and easy on the eyes).

“My goal with this whole thing is to get people experimenting with vegetables and trying to make it approachable for people to actually cook with vegetables,” she said. “Because I didn’t go to culinary school... what I do is simple, so I feel like it’s pretty easy for people to follow along, especially since it’s visually presented.”

Gleeson’s third cookbook, “The Forest Feast Gatherings,” published just in time for the holidays, offers a variation on her original concept by introducing menus for different kinds of gatherings.

“We love to host and have people over, and so... it just seemed like a natural next step to create a book that was really geared for entertaining,” she said.



Erin Gleeson says her home’s location inspired her cookbooks.

She said it was important for her to create menus that have an international appeal, choosing to leave out predominantly American events such as Super Bowl parties, bridal showers and even birthday parties. Instead, “Gatherings”

features menus for occasions like brunch and cocktail hour, and themed menus for hosting a wine and cheese night or an (iced) tea party.

The menus are intended to ease the stress of hosting and added that some menus are

Butternut hummus



Butternut squash adds a nutty flavor to hummus, says Erin Gleeson, who combines the roasted squash with chickpeas and olive oil.

Roasted squash

1. Slice a medium butternut squash in half lengthwise and remove seeds. Lay one half of the squash face down on an oiled baking sheet and roast at 425° F for 30–40 minutes, or until fork-tender. Let it cool and then scoop the flesh into a food processor.
(This step can be done ahead.)
2. Blend roasted squash with:
 - 1 15-oz can of chickpeas, drained
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder (or 3 cloves, minced)
 - Juice from 1 lemon
3. Spoon into a bowl and sprinkle the top with paprika, olive oil and coarse salt. Serve with slices of red, yellow or orange bell peppers.

The hummus can be made up to 2 days in advance and kept in the refrigerator.



more complex than others, Gleeson said. The weeknight menu, for example, requires less planning than the seasonal dinner party menus.

Gleeson, who for the first time will be hosting her family's Thanksgiving meal this year, said that it is a tradition for her family to cook together all day. One of her cousins often makes deviled eggs and Manhattan cocktails for the cooks.

In that spirit, she walked the *Voice* through a combi-

nation of two of her recipes in her latest cookbook: deviled eggs filled with butternut hummus, topped with pomegranate seeds. The appetizer is ideal for snacking during upcoming holiday gatherings and — importantly — requires a minimum of that precious oven time. The butternut gives the hummus an even creamier texture and a nutty flavor while the pomegranate seeds complement the egg and hummus with a bit of crunch and tart sweetness — and a festive flair.



Deviled eggs get a festive garnish of pomegranate seeds for the holiday season.

Butternut hummus deviled eggs

This recipe was adapted by Gleeson from the butternut hummus and hummus-tomato deviled eggs recipes.

1. Peel and halve 12 hard-boiled eggs then remove and set aside yolks.
2. Mash yolks in a bowl with 2 tablespoons of the butternut hummus (or substitute regular hummus), 2 tablespoons mayonnaise and 2 tablespoons mustard (can be prepared one day ahead).
3. Spoon mixture into egg white halves.
4. Garnish each with a grape tomato half, plus a sprinkle of paprika and salt. (Gleeson substituted the grape tomato with a few pomegranate seeds for her twist on this recipe).

To watch Gleeson assemble the recipe, go to mv-voice.com.

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ERIN GLEESON

Gleeson has thought through every aspect of gatherings, from prep time to the way that dishes work together to create a warm and inviting tablescapes, and includes stress-free ideas for how to put together last-minute decorations for the table by using colorful produce and foraged items.

The idea stems from a Gleeson family Thanksgiving tradition. Right before the evening meal at sunset, everyone ventures outside, aprons on, a glass of wine and a paper bag

in hand, and picks flowers or gathers bits of nature that have fallen on the ground — bark, pinecones, acorns, different types of leaves. The decorate the table, along with candles and other edibles sprinkled throughout.

"We (also) usually buy a bunch of pomegranates and persimmons — something kind of colorful — some fresh produce to mix in there and little votive candles, and that's the centerpiece every year," she said.

Gleeson has plans to explore

other creative ventures for The Forest Feast, including launching an online stationery shop this month. In an interview, she reflected on what has led to The Forest Feast's success.

"I had so many other little projects that didn't take off, and I was sort of like 'what was it about this one that people were drawn to somehow?' I think it was that I was drawn to it more ... I was just doing what was fun, and that idea of remembering what's fun — I think if you can hold on to that, it can take you in a good direction," she said.

Gleeson will be signing copies of her new book on Monday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. at the Books Inc. in Mountain View. amedina@paweeekly.com. She once worked as an unpaid studio assistant to Erin Gleeson.

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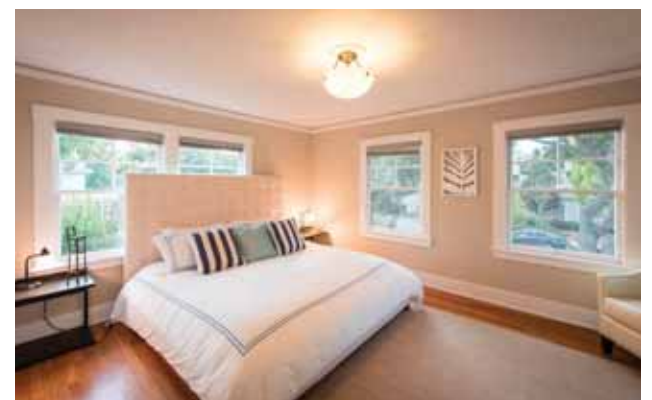
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COURTESY FOCUS FEATURES

Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga play Richard and Mildred Loving, who were sentenced to prison in 1958 for getting married, in "Loving."

A quiet struggle

'LOVING' REVISITS A MARRIAGE-EQUALITY MOMENT

★★★1/2 (Palo Alto Square)

One might call coincidence the universe's way of practicing irony. Certainly few historical coincidences have been as apt as the last name of the interracial

married couple who fought all the way to the Supreme Court to have their marriage recognized by the state of Virginia. Their name was "Loving," and now

that name also belongs to Jeff Nichols' film about the couple and, indeed, about the gerund.

The Rob Reiner version of this story would likely focus on the courtroom battle, with the couple portrayed as hyperarticulate crusaders for justice, the lawyers delivering big courtroom speeches and the film's composer laying on thick orchestration to reassure us of what we're supposed to be feeling. Writer-director Jeff Nichols ("Mud," "Take Shelter," "Midnight Special") eschews all of that, instead enabling an easy realism and an intimate domestic perspective on events that became consequential to national history and the civil rights movement.

Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga play Richard and Mildred Loving (née Jeter), a couple that marries, winds up thrown in separate cells for violating the Racial Integrity Act, and reluctantly begins a long legal process to affirm their basic human right to live as one in their home state of Virginia. As characters, the Lovings each evince a dis-

tinct brand of quiet strength, of plainspoken integrity. The film takes their lead, replacing histrionics with a genuine curiosity about what it must have been like to live this story from the inside.

As a result, some will find "Loving" dishwater dull or, perhaps, perversely withholding. Nichols frequently builds up tensions that the story doesn't pay off in accordance with the expectations and conventions he teases. This, too, resembles life: what actually happens during personal crisis is bad enough, but the psychology of stress stokes paranoia of worst-case scenarios that rarely come to pass.

Nichols' good-luck charm Michael Shannon turns up here, as "Life" magazine photojournalist Grey Villet, in a sweet little sequence recreating a photo shoot that (along with the HBO documentary "The Loving Story") helped to inform the production. Also quite fine in his understated scenes of racial animosity: Marton Cso-

kas as the sheriff who throws the couple in the slammer. And Nichols effectively pulls a Steven Soderbergh by casting a comedian (Nick Kroll) in the essentially dramatic role of Bernie Cohen, an ACLU lawyer who's learning on the job.

Of course, the film belongs to Edgerton ("The Gift") and Negga (TV's "Preacher"), who both seem likely to garner well-deserved Best Actor and Best Actress Oscar nominations. In this story of two Americans who just want to live in peace, together, high spirits turn to melancholy. Even in victory, the bell of racism can never be un-rung. As we all learned in school, "Loving v. Virginia" brings justice. But Nichols shows us the human-sized dimensions, the ironies left out of the history textbooks. What did Richard Loving do for a living, and for the love of his family? He was a construction worker. And so, in scene after scene, he builds walls.

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements. Two hours, 3 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



COURTESY WARNER BROTHERS

Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) explores New York's secret community of witches and wizards in "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them."

Hogwarts and all

'FANTASTIC BEASTS' PERFORMS MAGIC, AMERICAN STYLE

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Were we to ask a Magic-8 Ball if we should expect greatness of the new movie set in J.K. Rowling's wizarding world, "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," we'd no doubt get the answer "Signs Point to Yes." This is a spinoff from the \$8 billion-grossing "Harry Potter" film series, the first entry to be personally screenwritten by "Potter" novelist J.K. Rowling, and coming off the heels of her critically acclaimed playwrighting debut with two blockbuster orig-

inal West End "Potter" sequels. I have heard the cash cow moo.

And yet "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" is the sort of movie many will feel obliged to like more than they actually want to clamor right back onto the ride. Directed by David Yates, who helmed the last four "Potter" films, "Fantastic Beasts" offers wall-to-wall visual effects (I hesitate to call them "special" effects), enough to make some of us long to just look at something that's actually there, please. Most

of Oscar-winning star Eddie Redmayne's best "dialogue" turns out to be unrequited by the pixels to which it is directed.

Redmayne plays magizoologist Newt Scamander, keeper of a well-used magical suitcase housing those fantastic beasts. In a move that seems both narratively practical and winkingly pointed, "Fantastic Beasts" is an immigrant story from its first scene, as British-born-and-bred Scamander arrives at 1926 Ellis Island and amusingly makes it through customs without declaring to the Muggle what he's really packing.

In America, he soon learns, Muggles are called "No-Majs" and the struggle is just as real between them and those schooled in the existence of magic. In short, beasts get loose and Newt and his new friends must chase after them. It's a story of containment, both of the beasts and the baddies threatening war: "Second Salem-ers" protesting witchcraft (Samantha Morton and Ezra Miller) and, somewhere in the shadows, the dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald (Big Star I Won't Spoil for Those Who Don't Know). And I'm not so sure we can trust Percival Graves (Colin Farrell), director of magical security for the Magical Congress of the United States of America.

On paper, it all sounds pretty darn interesting, but on screen over 132 minutes, it can be dangerously predictable and dully fake-y. The characters aren't very interesting, although they can be

endearing. Redmayne's eccentrically mousy Newt and, in particular, his new No-Maj friend Jacob Kowalski (Dan Fogler) prove amusing enough, and each gets a this-side-of-generic love interest (Katherine Waterston and Alison Sudol as sisters ready for action and, even more so, reaction). Better yet is the 1920s New York milieu, which Yates keeps blasting away and rebuilding, magic-style.

The "Potter" balance of whimsy and darkness means to tip more to whimsy here, but it doesn't take hold as well as you'd hope. The exposition never quits

(at one point a character moves through a crowd explaining, "They killed my son. I want justice!" as if he were explaining he dropped his watch somewhere and needs to find it), and the action seldom dies down long enough for the movie to become about something, anything. In hindsight, an early exchange says it all for this was first entry in a new five-film franchise. A fanatic asks Newt, "Are you a seeker? A seeker after truth?" He replies, "I'm more of a chaser, really."

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language. Two hours, 13 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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Bluegrass band **Front Country** (left to right: Jeremy Darrow, Adam Roszkiewicz, Melody Walker, Leif Karlstrom and Jacob Groopman) will perform in Mountain View on Nov. 19.

The sound of California roots

FRONT COUNTRY PERFORMS MODERN BLUEGRASS MUSIC IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Chrissi Angeles

It might not be a surprise that songwriter and vocalist Melody Walker was aptly named by two passionate music-aficionado parents. Her childhood was filled with the sounds of American bluegrass, bossa nova, classical, classic rock and jazz music. This diverse medley of genres influenced her to create her own version of Californian bluegrass music.

In May of 2011, Walker joined musical forces with mandolinist Adam Roszkiewicz, guitarist Jacob Groopman, violinist/fiddler Leif Karlstrom and bassist Jeremy Darrow to form a bluegrass band called Front Country, in San Francisco's Mission District.

"The tale of all of us meeting each other is a little too intertwined to even explain," she recounted. "(We) had just played in different projects with one another in the past and this band came about because one of the people in the band, the fiddle player had a residency oppor-

tunity at the Atlas Cafe in the Mission. So he just got together a random group of people he knew on each instrument and came up with a little group, and it ended up kind of sticking."

Walker described the atmosphere of the Atlas Cafe as being "very chill," with a regular audience of free-wifi aficionados and close friends who would attend their shows. The band was "paid with tips and sandwiches," she said, laughing.

The band went on to play regularly at the bar Amnesia for a Bluegrass Monday set every month for a year, where she described the audience as a crowd of acoustic music lovers and international travelers. This residency gave the band a chance to connect with a greater fan base as they networked with other local bands.

In 2012, Front Country achieved national notoriety after they won the RockyGrass Festival Band Competition, held at Planet Bluegrass Ranch in Lyons, Colo. At that point, Walker realized she might be able to turn her

passion for music into an actual career.

Following the release of their 2012 EP "This Is Front Country," they won a band competition at Telluride Bluegrass Festival in Colorado. By 2014, the band released their first full-length record, "Sake of the Sound," which describes the band's journey of overcoming challenges and gaining greater confidence as professional musicians. Walker described "Sake of the Sound," the title track of the album, as her favorite song because it features a more progressive pop/rock sound.

Earlier this May, the group released an EP called "Mixtape," which features a surprising blend of cover songs spanning across genres of rock and pop, combined with Front Country's signature twist. Their cover of "Boys of Summer" is reminiscent of Don Henley's original version, with acoustic bluegrass bounce and swing.

"The songs are from all over the place," she said. "We love to

do cover songs. We've always been interested in seeing how pop and rock music can stretch the boundaries of what bluegrass instruments can do. I grew up already thinking that bluegrass didn't really have any boundaries. I guess I didn't really know that there were traditionalists out there. I just always thought that you always picked elements from everywhere ... and it's still bluegrass and even if there's a pop or rock influence, there's still something there that is inherently 'rootsy.'"

Walker said that the best part of being a professional musician has been connecting with fans while traveling across the country, "flying down the highway with the landscape changing all around."

Local bluegrass enthusiasts will have a chance to experience Front Country live on Saturday, Nov. 19, when they perform at a Redwood Bluegrass Associates event at the Mountain View Masonic Lodge. Although Front Country has spent the past six months touring the country as they plan a relocation to Nashville, Tenn. (a move that Walker has explained as a choice of location more central to their tour route and with a more musician-friendly cost of living,) Walker said she's looking forward to returning to the Bay Area where she feels most at home.

"There's this cool energy in the

Bay Area of technology, innovation and forward thinking and out-of-the-box thinking, which I think has absolutely influenced our band and the way that we think about bluegrass," she said. "We try to be innovative about it."

At their show, fans can expect energetic, intense arrangements with an eclectic mash-up of original and cover songs by their favorite songwriters. Walker added that most of the band members have sourced their instruments from Gryphon Stringed Instruments in Palo Alto — a decision which has made their ties to the Peninsula stronger.

"Absence always makes the heart grow fonder," she said. "Hopefully when we come back ... people will come out and see us and we can have a little Bay Area love-fest."

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■ INFORMATION

What: Front Country in concert
When: Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View
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‘Geeks Vs. Zombies’ “Geeks Vs. Zombies” is described as a gory fun-fest and a radical departure from the standard Christmas fare. The story of four geeks who survive the zombie apocalypse due to their video game skills and encyclopedic knowledge of zombie movies, “Geeks Vs. Zombies” is recommended for ages 13 and up, Thursdays-Sundays, Dec. 1-18, 8 p.m. \$20. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ This story by C.S. Lewis is dramatized by Joseph Robinette and offers an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season with this story of love, giving and courage, as four children travel through an old wardrobe into the magical world of Narnia. Wednesdays-Sundays, Dec. 1-18, times vary. \$10, children; \$12, adults. Palo Alto Children’s Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. sa1.seatadvisor.com

‘The Nutcracker’ During this production of “The Nutcracker,” Pacific Ballet’s dancers will greet attendants as they enter the Main Stage. Audience members will see the holiday brought to life as young Clara journeys to the Land of Sweets with her Nutcracker Prince. Nov. 25-27, times vary. \$30, adults; \$28, seniors/students; \$25, children. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov

MUSIC

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New Spell, Anton Barbeau and The Corner Laughers East Bay band New Spell is joined by the Peninsula’s own The Corner Laughers and, all the way from Berlin, Anton Barbeau, for an evening of original, independent music full of catchy melodies, intelligent lyrics and interesting rhythms. Dec. 2, 8-11 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the 2nd floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., sign-ups; starts at 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

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TALKS & LECTURES

Israel Trail Talk Photographer Udi Goren set out on a two-and-a-half month journey through the Israel trail, a 700-mile long trek from Israel’s Lebanese border to Eilat on the Egyptian border. Goren will talk about his experience and will share his photography. The talk will be in

Hebrew. Dec. 1, 8-9:30 p.m. \$12-\$15. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

FUNDRAISERS

Holiday Boutique This annual fundraiser benefits financial aid programs and will showcase artisans from around the Bay Area, featuring gourmet foods, jewelry, leather accessories, gifts and holiday and home décor. This year’s theme is “There’s No Place Like Home for the Holidays,” and the event will also feature student performances. Dec. 2, 1:30-8 p.m. Free. Saint Francis High School, 1885 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. bit.ly/2e56PR7

Marketplace: A pop-up boutique benefitting Kenyan schools The Marketplace is a pop-up boutique featuring unique and handmade items from Africa, the U.S. and around the world. All proceeds from the annual event benefit The Kilgoris Project’s seven schools as well as the health, nutrition and economic development programs in rural Kenya. Dec. 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 a.m.; Dec. 3, 4, 11, 10 a.m. Free. 319 Castro St., Mountain View. kilgoris.org/marketplace

FAMILY

Family Storytime This storytime is for families and guardians with children of all ages. Saturdays, ongoing, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Raggedy Ann and Andy at the Museum The Los Altos History Museum welcomes Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy to the Smith Gallery. The exhibit tells the history of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy showcasing over 60 dolls. Thursdays-Sundays, ongoing, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

The Evolution of Film exhibit This exhibit features a wide variety of motion picture artifacts dating from the late 1800s to 1980s. Film newsreels and movie reels can be played in the gallery. These clips show the ever-changing landscape of film. Toy models will be available to be played with including the zoopraxiscope, zoetrope and praxinoscope. Notable inventions such as the rare Visionola, a Kerosene movie projector, and a Scopitone will be on display. Fridays-Sundays, ongoing, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org

Gallery 9: ‘Trees Stones Vistas’ “Trees Stones Vistas” features artwork by Judy Miller Johnson that includes etchings, watercolor and acrylic paintings, ink drawings, unique jewelry and photography. As an avid rock collector from the Rocky Mountain area of Wyoming, natural jade, granite, agate and petrified shell found in the Wyoming canyons and west coast beaches are used in her jewelry. Nov. 1-27, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-4. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

GALLERIES

Life and Works of Shu Shin Zhe This exhibit celebrates the life of artist Shu Shin Zhe (1916-2010). Shin Zhe grew up during the Sino-Japanese war and the civil war between the Communist and the Nationalist party. She studied under Huang Jun Bi (1898-1991), a well-known Chinese artist. Oct. 14-Nov. 27, Mondays-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 10:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

DANCE

Argentine Tango Alberto’s NightClub presents Argentine Tango, modeled after a traditional milonga in the atmosphere of a Buenos Aires tango bar with bar snacks and a first-class wooden dance floor. Sundays, ongoing, 7 p.m. \$10. Alberto’s Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

‘The Nutcracker’ Palo Alto’s Dance Connection will be performing its annual “Nutcracker” ballet, complete with dancing snowflakes, toy soldiers and the Sugarplum Fairy. The show includes dance students between the ages of 6 and 18. Dec. 2, 7 p.m.; Dec. 3, 4 p.m. \$15-\$30. Foothill College, Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. danceconnectionpaloalto.com

NYC Style Salsa On2 with Victoria Alberto’s salsa studios hosts New York-style Salsa On2 with Victoria. All levels are welcome, and no partner is necessary. This event is for ages 21 and up. Mondays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m., doors open; 8 p.m., ladies’ styling; 9 p.m. partnering; 10 p.m., social dancing. \$10, general; \$7, student; \$15, band nights. Alberto’s Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

FILM

Conscious Raising for Global Good The Mountain View Documentary Film Group, which meets on the last Tuesday of the month, will watch thought-provoking movies about issues of the day that might otherwise slip under the radar. They will be screening “Poverty Inc.” a film that unearths an uncomfortable side of charity. Nov. 29, 6-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

NAATAK presents MELA 2016 Every November, NAATAK presents plays in multiple Indian languages and explores new ways of engaging with its audience. Nov. 19, 6-8:30 p.m.; Nov. 20, 4-6:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 8-10:30 p.m.; Dec. 3, 6-8:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, T2, Palo Alto.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Adult School Winter/Spring Classes Registration Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School Winter and Spring classes begins on Friday, November 18. Winter session runs Jan. 4-March 18. Spring session runs March 21-June 3. Visit mvlaae.net or call 650-940-1333 for more information. Fridays, Nov. 18-Jan. 6, 8 a.m. Class registration fees vary. Mountain View Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlaae.net

Coloring for Grown-ups During this time, participants will partake in the latest trend in stress-relief — coloring for adults. A selection of coloring sheets designed for adults, colored pencils and crayons will be provided. This time is for adults only. Nov. 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

English as a Second Language: Beyond the Basics During this class, participants will learn pronunciation and expression in English. This course is for intermediate and advanced English as a Second Language (ESL) speakers who are 18 years of age and older. Registration is required, and interested participants are invited to register since classes fill up quickly. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Health Care Programs Orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. Nov. 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlaae.net

Sexual Harassment & Bullying Prevention Webinar This webinar on Sexual Harassment and Bullying Prevention for California Employers will be presented by Attorney Brett Sutton of Sutton Hague Law Corporation.

This sexual harassment training will meet all requirements for mandatory supervisor training under California law. Dec. 1, 9-11:15 a.m. \$75. online, groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/poetryvalley, Palo Alto. paloaltochamber.com
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Awakening Intuition Through Yoga Michelle B. Kanti, a highly acclaimed healing and intuitive practitioner and a regular reader at East West, will lead a workshop during which participants will learn about how to awaken and utilize the power of their intuition and enhance their energy levels, creativity, health and overall well-being. Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/readers

Conscious Creating: An Information Evening with Chrisann Brennan This class is as much about creativity as it is about consciousness. Chrisann will discuss her upcoming 6-week course and demonstrate how to visualize information from the prosaic to the ecstatic — information that can be used for transformational thinking and planning. Nov. 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Samyama Yoga Center, 2995 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. samyamayogacenter.com

Energy Psychology Using Light and Color Teacher, clinician and author Manohar Croke will introduce participants to an acu-light system known as Esogetic Colorpuncture, explaining why and how it is proving highly effective in both clinical psychotherapy and personal self-care. Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Free. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com

Integral Shri Vivek Yoga Shri Vivek Yoga is an integral yoga to learn how to balance three dimensions of body and life. No previous yoga experience is required. Registration is required, and attendants are encouraged to bring their own mat or towel. Oct. 18, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Intuition Through Yoga: Your Inner Guidance Power Source Michelle B. Kanti, a highly acclaimed healing and intuitive practitioner and a regular reader at East West, will lead a meditative yin yoga practice to awaken intuition and increase creativity and imagination. Participants will be guided on an inner exploration to discover the obstacles to their intuition and transform them. Nov. 29, 7-9 p.m. \$45. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/readers

Mitzvah Corps: Art and Puzzles for Children at Lucile Packard Childrens Hospital This is a time for adults to create usable kid-friendly art and puzzles for children who are sick. The need is for artists who can create coloring pages for the kids to color. Those who aren’t artists can contribute by building a word scramble or crossword. Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

Stanford Compassion Cultivation Training Stanford Compassion Cultivation Training is an 8-week program aimed at strengthening compassion personally and professionally. Developed at Stanford’s School of Medicine, CCT integrates the science and psychology of compassion with contemplative practices. Sept. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$395. Li Ka Shing Center, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford. ccare.stanford.edu

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Book Discussion for Adults Chris Bohjalian’s “The Guest Room” is the subject of this discussion. Bestselling novelist Bohjalian’s book “Midwives” was chosen for the Oprah Book Club. Light refreshments will be provided. Nov. 29, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

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2. The Board has adopted a pre-qualification system which requires all bidders to be pre-qualified to bid on the Project by completing the Measure G Contractor's Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and receiving a passing score.
3. Sealed Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2016**, at the District Office, located at 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, California, 94043, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.
4. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.
5. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: **A - General Engineering License or B- General Building License.** The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.
6. As security for its Bid, each bidder shall provide with its Bid form a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.
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10. A **mandatory** pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.** at 1701 Rock Street, Mountain View, California 94043. All participants are required to sign in with the project manager hosting the visit. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately 1 hour.
11. The District's Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.
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The name and residence address of the
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551 W. Dana St.
Mountain View, CA 94041
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MARCOS MEXICAN FOOD
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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Calderon Ave., Mountain View, CA
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This business is owned by: An
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The name and residence address of the
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CELSO MARCOS
220 N. Mathilda Ave. #61
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File No.: 622768
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