



## **COUNTY OF LAKE**

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### **SPOTLIGHT ON FALL 2009 EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

#### **SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2009**

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#### **Lake County Fair, *Lakeport***

*September 3 - 6*

Traditionally held each Labor Day weekend, the Lake County Fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events, enjoyed by more than 37,000 people each year. This year's theme is "Fun in the Sun." Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family.

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, [www.lakecountyfair.com](http://www.lakecountyfair.com)

#### **Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, *Kelseyville***

*September 3*

Enjoy exploring the world through wine tasting as sommelier Stephanie Cruz-Green selects local, domestic, and international wines to highlight on the first Thursday of each month, May through September. Includes tasting notes for each wine and is served with tasty tidbits. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112.

#### **X.S. Weekend & Takin' It to the Streets Road Rally, *Kelseyville***

*September 4 - 6*

The grand finale weekend of the Lake County Summerfest is an insane combination of extreme sports, motorcycle road rally poker run around Clear Lake, and good old-fashioned rock-and-roll. X.S. Weekend features extreme pro motocross, daredevil jet ski stunt shows, and more, plus vendor booths, fashion model competitions, and entertainment. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville.

(800) 660-LAKE, [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com)

**Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville**

*September 5*

The final event in the Moore Family Winery concert in the vineyard series. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; the Cam Jam Band begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine by the glass or bottle and barbecue ribs, corn on the cob, and more available for purchase. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road, Kelseyville. (707) 738-0507, [www.moorefamilywinery.com](http://www.moorefamilywinery.com)

**Blue Wing Labor Day Blues Concert, Upper Lake**

*September 7*

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café and the Tallman Hotel hosts a Labor Day musical special in the garden featuring Roy Rogers & the Delta Rhythm Kings with Gerald Mathis and Starlight opening. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com)

**Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake**

*September 12*

Laurie Lewis, GRAMMY-award winning singer, songwriter, and fiddler, is featured at this fourth-annual event. Bluegrass performances, vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art-in-the-Barn, beer and wine gardens with Lake County wines, food, children's activities, and workshops on beginning guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, and flat-picking guitar make this event fun for the whole family. Entertainment during the festival will be provided by Laurie Lewis & Nina Gerber, Susie Glaze & the Hilonesome Band, Pat Ickes & Bound to Ride, and Jim Bunally & Dix Bruce. Local favorites include the Konocti Fiddlers, the Clear Lake Clickers, Eric Brittain, the Cobb Stompers, Blue Moon, Laura & Darrin Smith, the Mighty Chiplings, and Sarah Ticheva & Jill Shaul. Period attire is welcomed. Sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, Children's Museum for Art and Science, and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. Benefit for local educational programs. 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., rain (under cover) or shine. At the gate, tickets are \$20; \$15 in advance and available online. Children 12 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult. Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, 8853 Highway 53, Lower Lake. (707) 994-0958, [www.andersonmarsh.org](http://www.andersonmarsh.org)

**Lake County Wine Auction, Kelseyville**

*September 18 – 19*

The Lake County Wine Alliance will hold its 10th-annual Wine Auction gala, a benefit for the arts, health, and community with live and silent auctions, wine and gourmet foods from local purveyors, and music. This year's event is chaired by Andy Beckstoffer, chairman and CEO of Beckstoffer Vineyards;

the evening's auctioneer will be Tom DiNardo, founder of DiNardo & Lord Auctioneers. Rob Roumiguere, partner in Roumiguere Vineyards and treasurer for the Lake County Wine Alliance, is this year's master of ceremonies. Black-tie is encouraged. The Wine Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; tickets are \$100 per person. With the purchase of a ticket to Saturday's gala event, additional wine and dinner being held on Friday, September 18, including a dinner in the vineyard. The Wine Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; \$100 per person. National Guard Armory, 1431 Hoyt Avenue, Lakeport. For tickets and information, contact (866) 279-WINE, [www.winealliance.org](http://www.winealliance.org)

**Tulip Hill Winery Food and Wine Pairing, *Nice***

*September 19*

Celebrate the beginning of harvest season by sampling world-class wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, [www.tuliphillwinery.com](http://www.tuliphillwinery.com)

**Clear Lake Splash-In, *Lakeport***

*September 25 – 27*

This 30<sup>th</sup>-annual event is the largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi, and returns to Clear Lake on Friday, September 25, 2009. The public can get a close-up look at float planes, talk with pilots, and witness a spectacle of aerial events including water-bombing contests, a parade of seaplanes, fly-bys, and more. Seaplanes and amphibians at the Splash-In will include Grumman's, Republics, Lakes, Cessnas, Pipers, deHavillands, and a variety of experimental aircraft modified with floats. The seaplanes will launch from the grounds of Natural High School, 810 N. Main Street. (877) 828-2286, [www.clearlakesplashin.com](http://www.clearlakesplashin.com)

**Kelseyville Pear Festival, *Kelseyville***

*September 25 – 26*

The 17<sup>th</sup>-annual Kelseyville Pear Festival will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Main Street in historic downtown Kelseyville, with renowned cowboy singer Dave Stamey kicking off the festival at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 25. The centerpoint of the Kelseyville Pear Festival is the Pear Pavilion — a large showcase of “everything pear” including historical photos, videos, and agricultural exhibits as well as some of Lake County's finest “pear products” — from jams and jellies to refreshing pear ice cream and delicious pear pies, which always prove to be a sell-out. Pear taste tests, parade, and children's activities are all part of the family fun. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Main Street. (707) 279-4581, [www.pearfestival.com](http://www.pearfestival.com)

**Pear Specialty Drinks, Kelseyville**

*September 26*

In conjunction with the Kelseyville Pear Festival, Stephanie Cruz-Green, sommelier and owner of Focused on Wine, will create wine-based pear cocktails such as Pear-Tinis and Pear Bellinis, for festival-goers to enjoy. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112.

**Harvest Education, Lower Lake**

*September 26*

The Six Sigma Winery, Ranch & Vineyard team will lead a demonstration on "Harvest 101." The event includes grape picking followed by a light lunch served with Six Sigma wines. Cost is \$25 per person. Reserve your spot by September 21. Six Sigma Winery, Ranch & Vineyard, 13372 Spruce Grove Road, Lower Lake. (707) 994-2086, [www.sixsigmaranch.com](http://www.sixsigmaranch.com)

OCTOBER 2009

**The Konocti Challenge, Lakeport**

*October 3*

Nineteenth-annual bicycle ride set in beautiful Lake County, featuring three challenging courses: a 30-mile course that winds through the resort and vineyard sections in Big Valley and Lakeport; a 65-mile adventure course along the lakeshore; and the endurance-testing 100-mile course around the lake, then up Cobb Mountain. A 19-mile family fun ride is also scheduled. A project of the Rotary Club of Lakeport, the course begins and ends at the Lakeport Yacht Club and includes rest stops with snacks and drinks. Thirty-mile riders leave between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; the 65- and 100-mile riders leave between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Barbecue follows. Special weekend packages available to participants include sommelier-led wine tours, bi-plane tours, guided bird watching tours, and more. Lakeport Yacht Club, 15 Fifth Street. [www.konoctichallenge.com](http://www.konoctichallenge.com)

**Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show, Lakeport**

*October 3 – 4*

Judged, open-entry show of 200-plus quilts with featured quilt artist Patricia Knoechel. This eighth-annual event boasts a vendor mall with quilt fabric, books, patterns, notions, and more. Country store, opportunity quilts, challenge and round-robin exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, demonstrations, and food. Sponsored by the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 262-1201, [www.LLQG.org](http://www.LLQG.org)

**Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville**

*October 10 – 11*

Thirteenth-annual festival famous for its grape-stomping competition for kids and adults, as well as its Vineyard Run for Literacy — a certified 5K/10K run and 5K walk amid autumn-colored vineyards and orchards. Various musicians will perform both days. Visitors also will get to taste the wines of Steele's extensive collection and enjoy the 4-H Club's barbecue, as well as a myriad of vendor booths with plentiful food, fine art, arts and crafts, and other unique souvenirs and gifts. A kids' corner will feature a storyteller and face painting. Admission is free. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Vineyard Run for Literacy will be held Sunday. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 279-9475, [www.steelewines.com](http://www.steelewines.com)

**Mystery Dinner Theater, Upper Lake**

*October 24*

Join a group of professional actors, dress in period costume if you like, enjoy a wonderful four course dinner - and solve a murder mystery in the process - when the Tallman hotel is turned into the "4 Deuces" speakeasy, set in the 1920s. Tickets \$80. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com)

NOVEMBER

**Victorian Christmas Faire & High Tea, Lakeport**

*November 1 – December 16*

Seventh-annual Christmas Faire with handmade candy canes, dolls, candles, French soaps, tea pots, carolers, holiday decorations, and more for sale. Hot tea for all visitors. 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tea servers in full Victorian costume serve traditional English High Tea with Devonshire cream, tarts and tiny sandwiches at noon and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the faire. Faire admission is free; fee for high tea. Reservations strongly recommended. Lakeport English Inn, 675 N. Main Street. (707) 263-4317, [www.lakeportenglishinn.com](http://www.lakeportenglishinn.com)

**Dickens' Christmas Market, Lakeport**

*November 28*

Annual Christmas event transforms Lakeport into an old English village, complete with costume-clad characters, food booths, and entertainment, as well as an all-day Christmas Market from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lighted parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas tree lighting follows at 7:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, [www.lakeportchamber.com](http://www.lakeportchamber.com)

ONGOING

**Friday Night Farmers' Market, Clearlake**

*Fridays, May - September*

Live music sets the scene weekly where local and regional farmers, restaurants, and bakeries offer freshly grown produce, prepared and baked goods, and artisans and crafters sell their wares. 4:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Redbud Park, 14655 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600, [www.clearlakechamber.com](http://www.clearlakechamber.com)

**Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville**

*Saturdays, May – October*

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. Live music, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturdays, May through October. Tasting room opens with the market. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-4211, [www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org](http://www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org)

**EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown**

*Daily, June – October*

The installation of sculptures “in dialogue with nature” will be available for viewing June through October. Stroll along the center trail of the 107-acre county park to view the sculptural expressions of award-winning artists, as well as local schools and community groups. Sensible shoes and water are recommended. Park open dawn until dusk. Middletown Trailside Nature Preserve County Park accessed via Dry Creek Cutoff off of State Route 175. Free. (707) 928-0323, [www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org](http://www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org)

**Concerts at Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, Kelseyville**

*Year round*

Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, Lake County's largest full-service destination resort, and Konocti Presents hosts top-name entertainers - from pop singers to country acts to big-name comedy tours - in its lineup in both the Konocti Field Amphitheatre, a 5,000-seat outdoor lakeside amphitheater, and the Joe Mazzola Classic concert Showroom, an intimate 1,000-seat dinner theater. Dinner and overnight packages available. Situated on 120 lush acres in a scenic cove on the shores of Clear Lake. Indoor Showroom: September 18, Gary Allan with special guest Shawna Lynn, September 26, Cheech & Chong. Outdoor Ampitheater: September 11, Lynyrd Skynyrd, September 27, Dierks Bentley & Jimmy Wayne, October 2, Brooks & Dunn, October 17 and 18, Rascal Flatts with special guest Darius Rucker. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. (800) 660-LAKE or [www.konoctiharbor.com](http://www.konoctiharbor.com)

**Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, Lower Lake**

*Fridays, year round*

Live music every Friday evening by great performers. Great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts.

Outdoors in the orchard during nice weather; inside during other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. \$5 suggested donation. Main Street. (707) 994-3354, [www.terrillcellars.com](http://www.terrillcellars.com)

**Guided Bird & Nature Walks, Lakeport**

*Saturdays, year round*

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird and nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The walks, which last 90 minutes, begin at 8:00 a.m. June - August and 9:00 September - May. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Cutoff. (707) 279-0923, (707) 995-1398, [www.lakecountylandtrust.org](http://www.lakecountylandtrust.org)

**Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville**

*First Tuesday of each month*

The Saw Shop Gallery Bistro features a local or regional wine paired with a special menu highlighting the wine on the first Tuesday of each month. Dine al fresco on the wraparound porch or inside where walls of the circa-1902 building are festooned with local art. Saw Shop Gallery Bistro, 3825 Main Street. (707) 278-0129, [www.sawshopbistro.com](http://www.sawshopbistro.com)

**Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake**

*First Friday of each month*

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café hosts the owner and/or winemaker of one of the great Lake County wineries whose vintages are featured on the wine list on the first Friday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, [www.bluewingsaloon.com](http://www.bluewingsaloon.com)

**Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake**

*First Friday and Saturday of each month*

On the first Friday and Saturday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winery as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also will be featured. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

**First Friday Fling, Lakeport**

*First Friday of each month*

A reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, [www.lakecountyartscouncil.com](http://www.lakecountyartscouncil.com)

**Fondue Friday, Upper Lake**

*Second, third, and fourth Friday of each month*

On the second, third, and fourth Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) will offer a selection of fondue pots, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from more than 20 Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines each week, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

**Windows to the Universe, Kelseyville**

Telescope observing and planetarium show at the Taylor Observatory third Saturday of each month. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$3 suggested donation. Taylor Observatory, 5725 Oak Hill Lane, Kelseyville. (707) 262-3499, [www.taylorobservatory.org](http://www.taylorobservatory.org)

**TOURS**

**Lake County Wine Tours, Countywide**

*Year round by reservation*

Guests taste award-winning wines at a variety of tasting rooms, as well as out in the vineyards amid spectacular views of Clear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Tours include comfortable seating in a 16-passenger motor coach, a knowledgeable guide, all tasting fees, and a gourmet lunch to further stimulate the palate. Reservations required. (707) 998-4471, [www.lakecountywinetours.com](http://www.lakecountywinetours.com)

**Historic Family Ranch Day Trip, Clearlake Oaks**

*April – October by reservation*

Guests' journey begins with a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, magnificent wildflowers during the spring, and autumn colors in the fall. The ride ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler. Complimentary Lake County wine is served. April through October, by reservation. Eleven Roses Ranch. (707) 998-4471, [www.elevenrosesranch.com](http://www.elevenrosesranch.com)

**Langtry Estate and Vineyard Tours, Middletown**

*Tuesday – Saturday, year round*

Guided tours of the historic vineyard travel to the higher elevation of Tephra Ridge for spectacular views of Guenoc Valley. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Includes picnic-style lunch in the vineyard and wine tasting. \$45 per person. 48-hours advance reservations required.

21000 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown. (707) 987-2385, [www.langtryestate.com](http://www.langtryestate.com)

**Tallman Hotel Wine Touring Package, Upper Lake**

*Year round by reservation*

Guests of the hotel can enjoy this five hour limousine tour with a personable and knowledgeable driver. Guests can choose a guaranteed private tour or a shared tour with others, up to eight guests total. Book the tour and a room by contacting the hotel. Gratuity to driver not included. Add picnic lunch box for \$20 per person. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or [www.tallmanhotel.com](http://www.tallmanhotel.com)

**Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice**

*Saturdays year round*

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered every Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Tulip Hill Winery, Highway 20 at Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, [www.tuliphillwinery.com](http://www.tuliphillwinery.com)

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at 800-LAKESIDE (525-3743) or [www.lakecounty.com](http://www.lakecounty.com)

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