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SPOTLIGHT ON FALL 2010 EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2010

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Lake County Fair, *Lakeport*

September 2 – 5

Traditionally held each Labor Day weekend, the Lake County Fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events, enjoyed by more than 40,000 people each year. This year's theme is "Fun for the Whole Herd." 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

Concert in the Vineyard, *Kelseyville*

September 4

The final event in the Moore Family Winery concert in the vineyard series. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy rock, soul, and blues under the stars by the Cam Band and Neon with Off The Hook. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Food and wine available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. Moore Family Winery, 11990 Bottle Rock Road, Kelseyville. (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Blue Wing Labor Day Blues Concert, *Upper Lake*

September 6

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café and the Tallman Hotel hosts a Labor Day musical special in the garden featuring Gerald Mathis and Starlight and Bettie Mae Fikes with Levi Lloyd and the 501 Band. A barbeque dinner is included. Tickets are \$50 per person. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

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Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake

September 11

Fifth-annual event includes 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 musician workshops. A fun event for the whole family. Entertainment during the festival will be provided by John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Anderson Family Band, Bill Evans & Megan Lynch, Rita Hosking, Fur Dixon & Steve Werner, and Pat Ickes & Bound to Ride. Local favorites include the Konocti Fiddlers, the Clear Lake Klikkers, the Cobb Stompers, Darrin Smith, and 3 Deep. 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

Lake County Wine Auction, Nice

September 18

The Lake County Wine Alliance will hold its 11th-annual Wine Auction gala, a benefit for the arts, health, and community of Lake County with live and silent auctions, wine and gourmet foods from local purveyors, and music. This year's event is chaired by Budge Brown of Tulip Hill Winery; the evening's auctioneers will be Peter Ventura and Stephanie Green; Rob Roumiguere, partner in Roumiguere Vineyards, is this year's master of ceremonies. Black-tie is encouraged. The Wine Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; tickets are \$125 per person. Ceago Vinegarden, 5115 East Highway 20, in Nice. For tickets and information, contact (866) 279-WINE, www.winealliance.org

Harvest Education, Lower Lake

September 18

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. Six Sigma Winery, Ranch & Vineyard, 13372 Spruce Grove Road, Lower Lake. (707) 994-2086, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Tulip Hill Winery September Release Food and Wine Pairing Party, *Nice*

September 18

Celebrate fall by sampling new wine releases from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$5 per person. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Clear Lake Splash-In, *Lakeport*

September 24 – 26

This thirty first-annual event is the largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi and returns to Clear Lake. 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 Grummans, 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

Kelseyville Pear Festival, *Kelseyville*

September 25

The 18th-annual Kelseyville Pear Festival will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Main Street in historic downtown Kelseyville. 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. Craft and food booths, fine art show and sale, quilt show, antique tractor display. 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

People’s Choice Wine Awards, *Lower Lake*

September 26

Second-annual People’s Choice Wine Awards will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Six Sigma Ranch & Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road, Lower Lake. Great wines, music, and delectable food bites will be offered and attendees will have the opportunity to meet and chat with many Lake County winemakers. Attendees will vote on their favorite wines with results tallied and announced at the conclusion of the event. \$25 per person. (707)274-9373, www.lakecountywineries.org

OCTOBER 2010

The Knocti Challenge, Lakeport

October 2

This 20th-annual bicycle ride set in beautiful Lake County features 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 also is 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. Lakeport Yacht Club, 15 Fifth Street.

www.knoctichallenge.com

Annual Falling Leaves Quilt Show, Lakeport

October 2 – 3

Judged, open-entry show of 200-plus quilts with a featured quilt artist. This ninth-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) 349-0846, *www.LLQG.org*

Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville

October 9 – 10

Fifteenth-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. Don't miss the pie-eating contest. 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*

NOVEMBER 2010

Victorian Christmas Faire & High Tea, Lakeport

November 1 – December 17

Eighth-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

Dickens' Christmas Market, Lakeport

November 27

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 6:30 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

ONGOING

Friday Night Farmers' Market, Clearlake

Fridays, June – September

Local and regional farmers, restaurants, and bakeries offer freshly grown produce, prepared and baked goods, and artisans and crafters sell their wares. June thru August 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and September 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Redbud Park, 14655 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600, www.lakeco-op.org

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) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Lakeport Certified Farmers Market, Lakeport

Wednesdays, June – October

Local farmers offer their finest and freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Library Park, 222 Park Street. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.com

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

Coyote Film Festival, Various

Select weekends, June – November

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers June through November presented by EcoArts of Lake County as a fundraiser for the Lake County Sculpture Walk. Admission fee. Screening locations vary. (707) 928-0323, www.coyotefilmfestival.org

Art Classes and Demonstrations at Harbor Village Artist Complex, Lucerne

Second Saturday of each month, April – September

Join the Harbor Village Artists on the second Saturday of each month April through September for classes and demonstrations. Lakeside Art will provide classes/demonstration in creating one-of-a-kind couture hats, hand-painted silk scarves, beautiful painted furniture, paintings, and creative jewelry. Pomo Fine Art Gallery will conduct classes in Native American art and basket weaving. Serendipity Art & Boutique will give demonstrations in watercolor on silk. The Gourd Gallery will provide classes in decorative gourd art. Harbor Village Artist Complex, 6193-6199 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-2346.

Bird and Nature Walks, Kelseyville

Check web site for schedule

Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association offers guided bird and nature walks at Clear Lake State Park. Meet at the Visitor Center. For schedule, visit web site. Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 279-2267, www.clearlakestatepark.org

Sunday Champagne Brunch in the Garden, *Upper Lake*

Sundays, year round

A Champagne brunch is held every Sunday at the Blue Wing Saloon & Café and held outdoors in the garden from May to early November. Different local musicians play 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When the weather gets cold, the music moves inside to the intimate saloon setting. Blue Wing Saloon and Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.bluewingsaloon.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

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, 9:00 a.m. September – May. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Cutoff. (707) 279-0923, (707) 995-1398, www.lakecountylandtrust.org

Monday Night Blues, *Upper Lake*

Mondays, year round

Great musicians play the blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests are welcomed to have dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or appreciate the stars outside on the heated veranda. Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Blue Wing Saloon & Café, 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

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

Meet the Winemaker Series, *Upper Lake*

First Saturday 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 Saturday 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

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. Call for reservations. 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

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 8 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

TOURS

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

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

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

Vines, Mines, and Wines at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

Year round by reservation

Hop into the Six Sigma Ranch Pinzgauer for the rugged accent to the high-altitude Diamond Mine Vineyard (Lake County “diamonds” are often found glittering in the volcanic soil). Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma Winery releases. Advance reservations required, weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 12 people. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake

Year round by reservation

Join winegrower Gregory Graham on a one – hour tour of his vineyards and gain first-hand knowledge of the area and what makes his particular vineyards so special. Then it's back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. Weather permitting. Advance reservations required.

13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995 3500, www.ggwines.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the lake. Tours include deluxe seating for eight in a 21-foot pontoon boat with canopy and a knowledgeable guide. Tours are customized to guest specification: wildlife and nature, wine tasting, fishing, or sightseeing. Indian Beach Resort, 9945 E. Highway 20,

Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-3760, www.theindianbeachresort.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, 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

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