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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, August 19, 2005

Make Reservations! August 26 Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q

Members of the college community are invited to attend the 21st Annual Harvey Hansen Memorial Bar-B-Q scheduled on Friday, August 26 at the Shone Farm from 5:00 to 9:00 (*Eastside Road and Trenton/Healdsburg Road off River Road on the way to Forestville*).



Join colleagues and friends for wine tasting, tours, hospitality hour, dinner, plus music and dancing to the Steve Morris/Mike Ferrell Band.

The menu, catered by our own Highfeather, will include BBQ tri-tip and turkey breast, salad, vegetarian beans, garlic bread, pesto pasta, and dessert. An educational wine tasting will be part of the evening, but please remember that no outside alcohol or children are allowed at the event.

Make your reservations by August 19, as the event is advance ticket sales only. Forward checks to Anne McClain in Human Resources, and be sure to include a note on your check "Harvey Hansen," plus the names of any guests.

The cost is \$12.50 per person, which covers food and \$1-2 donation to the Harvey Hansen Scholarship fund). New permanent SRJC employees who were hired within the last 10 months enter free as the evening's special guests! See you at the Shone Farm August 26!

Education & Business Partnership Breakfast Scheduled August 23

If you wish to attend the August 23 Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Education & Business Partnership Breakfast that is scheduled from 7-9 AM at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek in downtown Santa Rosa, you will need to take your check by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce no later than Monday, August 22. Make the check out to the "Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce" with a check note indicating "Partnership Breakfast." The cost per person is \$25; a reserved table for eight \$300.

The breakfast brings business people and educators together to honor the many contributions that teachers make to our community and students, so this event is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight some outstanding SRJC faculty members who have been nominated as possible recipients of the Excellence in Education Award, which will be presented at the breakfast, including: Karen Petersen, Librarian, Petaluma Campus; Marti Estrin, Instructor, ESL; and, Margarita Montes, Adjunct Instructor, ESL. Top instructors from each public education level will be recognized. Congratulate your colleagues for their contributions, while networking with members of the business community on August 23.

WOW! Fair Scheduled Thursday, Sept 15

Plan to attend the 4th Annual WOW! (Work-on-Wellness) Fair on Thursday, September 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the outdoor stage where commencement is held on the Santa Rosa Campus. An array of interesting exhibits and short presentations about health, fitness, and wellness will make an exciting, fun, and interesting day, with topics ranging from alcohol abuse, electrical home safety, earthquake tips, and integrative medicine to massage therapy, mental health options, blood pressure and body fat screening, and organically grown food from the Shone Farm.

Unfortunately, due to budget constraints, food will not be served as at past events. You may enter the free WOW! Fair Raffle Drawing to win one of many terrific gifts donated by vendors, plus you don't have to be present to win. Among raffle items: first aid kits, personal emergency preparedness kits, one-month family membership to Airport Health Club, free massage, houseplants, motorist safety kits, lunch bags, tote bags, fire extinguishers, and more! Write mceser@santarosa.edu for more information. We look forward to seeing you at WOW! Thursday, September 15!

Teach In London Or Florence! Apply Before Sept 2

Time is drawing short to apply to teach in London or Florence, so be sure to submit an application before the Friday, September 2 deadline. Applications are now being accepted for faculty who are interested in teaching in Fall 2006 London and Spring 2007 Florence study abroad programs. SRJC's study abroad program is offered in cooperation with other community colleges and with the American Institute for Foreign Study.

Faculty members from all disciplines are encouraged to apply, and participating faculty will serve as advisors to students during the program. Any proposed curriculum to teach abroad must have broad student appeal. Since the key aim of a semester abroad is for faculty to teach, a considerable amount of time must be spent prior departure assisting with the program promotion and student orientation.

You can obtain applications by calling the office of the Dean of Instruction, Educational Programs and Services at 527-4441.

Beyond the Da Vinci Code Lecture Aug 29 & 31

Behavioral Sciences Instructor Scott Fuller will present an intriguing lecture that explores the origins of Leonardo da Vinci's creative genius, "Beyond the Da Vinci Code: Leonardo and the Origins of Creative Genius" on:

Monday, August 29 at 12:15 PM in Newman Auditorium, Santa Rosa Campus

Wednesday, August 31, 7 PM, Mahoney Library, Petaluma Campus

The lecture is sponsored by SRJC's Arts & Lectures Committee. Admission is FREE. A permit (\$3) is required to park on both campuses.

With the success of Dan Brown's book, *The Da Vinci Code*, there has been a dramatic upsurge in interest in Leonardo. The irony is that of all the fascinating stories about Da Vinci and his life, one of the least plausible is Brown's. After a brief examination of Brown's thesis on Da Vinci, Fuller will present a more fascinating mystery in search of the origins of Leonardo's creativity beginning with Freud's failed analysis of Da Vinci and examining the life and work Leonardo through Sternberg's, Gardner's, and Csikszentmihalyi's contemporary theories of creativity and genius. Fuller will also explore the historical context of the Renaissance and its effect on understanding Da Vinci.



Sept 1 Petaluma Campus Reception - Fuller & Hipkiss Exhibition

As part of Sculpture Sonoma 2005, a reception will be held on Thursday, September 1 at 6:00 PM in the Mahoney Library on the Petaluma Campus for sculptors Mary Fuller and Cynthia Hipkiss. SRJC Instructor Joel Rudinow will provide music during the reception.

The work of Fuller and Hipkiss will be displayed from August 15 through September 30. The exhibition is sponsored in part by the James P. Irvine Foundation. More information may be found at www.SculptureSonoma.org.

For over 50 years Mary Fuller's works have been exhibited worldwide, including totems and goddesses that embody Native American, Pre-Columbian, African, and ancient matriarchal cultures that honor her ancestral ties to family, both animal and human. She is married to painter Robert McChesney. The couple lives on Sonoma Mountain.

For this exhibit, ceramic sculptor Cynthia Hipkiss has created some Petaluma icons taken from the community's agricultural past, which will be displayed with other pieces that combine sophistication with childlike primitivism, evoking humor, whimsy, and fanciful pieces, including dragons, gourmet delicacies, wonderfully fat women, and fairy tale visions from childhood. Hipkiss graduated from Sonoma State, and her ceramics have won numerous awards.

United Way "Day of Caring" Sept 14

The college community is invited to attend "Day of Caring" on Wednesday, September 14 for a unique way of giving back to the community. For many years SRJC staff has been contributing via payroll deduction to United Way or to an agency of choice. But this year, there's a way to give on a more personal level.

Join UW Co-chairs Diane Traversi and Deborah Wooten on September 14 for a "Day of Caring" that begins 8:00 AM at a huge rally at Santa Rosa's Finley Park led by United Way that will include employee groups from all over Sonoma County.

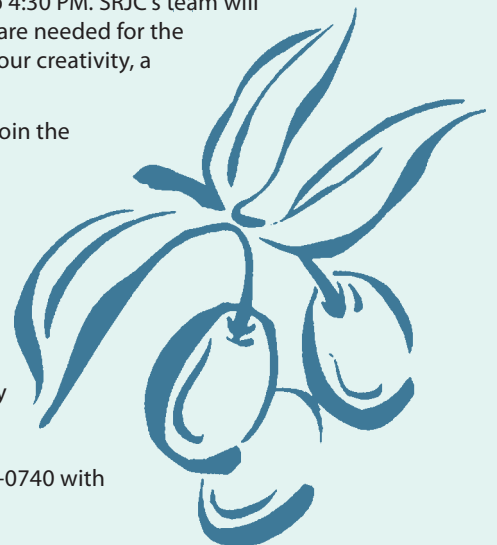
Each participating employee group will volunteer to assist a community agency with a special project, and this year SRJC will help out at The Kid's Street Theatre in Santa Rosa from approximately 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. SRJC's team will work with staff from The Kid's Street Theatre to plan a special event. Ten people are needed for the SRJC team, five have already volunteered, so if you want to volunteer we need your creativity, a little muscle, and a proactive attitude.

Diane and Deborah plan to take a vacation day in order to participate, so if you join the team you can either use a vacation day or PTO hours with your supervisor's approval.

Help us meet our United Way goal this year by truly making a difference in our community and to the kids ~ future SRJC students! Contact Diane in A&R at ext. 4508, so she can fully commit to United Way's "Day of Caring 2005!"

Shone Farm Fall Produce Stand

Starting August 17, fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers grown and harvested by SRJC students are now on sale Wednesdays from Noon-3:00 PM under the oaks close to the Santa Rosa Campus Bookstore. Proceeds from the sale will benefit SRJC's Sustainable Agriculture Program. Contact the Shone Farm Garden at 887-0740 with any questions.



2005-06 SRJC Theatre Arts Season

SRJC's 2005-06 Theatre Arts Season includes a number of excellent performances!

Les Liaisons Dangereuses

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, October

By Christopher Hampton. Directed by Leslie McCauley, Theatre Arts Faculty

You will find yourself a voyeur in the cruel, scintillating tale of seduction and betrayal social games played by the Marquise de Merteuil and her ex-lover. While retaining the opulent 18th-century French setting, this adaptation brings a fresh, contemporary quality to the dialogue and characterizations inspired by Choderlos de Laclos' famous 1782 novel. (Recommended for high school ages and up. Contains adult subject matter.)

Anything Goes

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, November • Music and Lyrics by Cole Porter

Directed by Leira Satlof, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty

Book by Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay, and Russel Crouse

All aboard for this madcap musical on the high seas! Take one 1930s luxury liner heading from New York to England, sign on a cast of wacky passengers, load up a captivating musical score, and set sail for adventure. Packed with belly laughs and Cole Porter gems like "I Get A Kick Out of You," "You're The Top," and "It's De-lovely," this theatrical treat will have you chuckling and humming all the way home. (Recommended for family and adult audiences, ages 7 and up.)

Dead Man Walking

SR Campus Jan. 27, 28, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4 (mat), 4, 5 (mat)

By Tim Robbins, Newman Auditorium • Directed by John Shillington, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty

Based on the book *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean

The riveting and moving true story that inspired an Academy Award-winning film has been skillfully transformed into a new stage play by actor/director/activist Tim Robbins and explores the relationship between a death row inmate and the Catholic nun who becomes his spiritual advisor. Passionately, but fairly negotiating the ideological minefield surrounding one of the most complex moral issues of our time, the play encourages open and dynamic debate about capital punishment. (An Official Participant in the Dead Man Walking School Theatre Project. Recommended for middle school and up. Contains adult subject matter and some strong language.)

A Doll's House

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, March

By Henrik Ibsen and translated by Frank McGuinness • Directed by Laura Downing-Lee, Theatre Arts Faculty

When this powerful Norwegian drama premiered in 1879, it shook Western theatre to its core and the aftershocks are still being felt today. Tackling volatile subjects such as gender and marital roles, nationalism, and personal responsibility, it continues to ignite heated discussions in classrooms and theatres around the world. Acknowledging its significance to the modern feminist movement, the play will be staged during Women's History Month, and will be the spring 2006 Work of Literary Merit (WOLM) for the SRJC English Department. (Recommended for middle school ages and up. Contains adult subject matter.)

The Skin of Our Teeth

Burbank Auditorium, SR Campus, April

By Thornton Wilder • Directed by Wendy Wisely, Theatre Arts Adjunct Faculty

*Written in 1942 by the brilliant author of *Our Town*, this Pulitzer Prize-winning play has been variously labeled an anti-war satire, an allegory, a tragi-comedy, and even a farce. The Antrabus family is having a tough time! Another Ice Age is coming, Noah's flood is on the rise, World War III has broken out, their pet dinosaur is sick, and a crowd of famous philosophers has taken refuge in their living room. No matter what you call it, this sparkling creation provides both a hilarious romp through human experience and food for thought when the lights come up. (Recommended for middle school and up.)*



SCULPTURE SONOMA encompasses a series of concurrent exhibitions at venues throughout Sonoma County and invites residents and visitors alike to explore, and engage in the rich visual arts landscape during this year long collaboration.

SCULPTURE SONOMA 2005

SRJC Art Gallery Opens Aug 18 with “Concepts & Process” Exhibit

SCULPTURE SONOMA comes to SRJC in “Concepts & Process” bringing together 22 artists in a fun way to serve the educational needs of our students through the unique presentation of models, drawings, plans, proposals, work in progress, finished examples, process photos, video presentations, and artists’ studio vignettes. From 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 18, the “Concepts & Process” exhibit will open in the Santa Rosa Campus Art Gallery. The college community is invited to attend the opening and meet participating artists.

The Gallery is opening much earlier in the semester than in previous falls with regular Gallery Hours from noon to 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday, Monday, and school holidays. SRJC classes can make special arrangements to visit the Art Gallery on off-hours by calling the gallery at 527-4298.

Call Michael McGinnis, curator of the exhibits and Exhibits Specialist, with questions at ext. 4298.

For more on SCULPTURE SONOMA, access <http://www.sculpturesonoma.org/>.

We Tip Our Hats

At the 77th Annual Conference of SIEC-ISBE (Societe Internationale Pour L’Enseignement Commercial) held in Boston, Business Office Technology Instructor **Peg Saragina** was elected International President.

SIEC-ISBE is an international professional organization for business educators founded in Zurich in 1901 with over 20 countries currently represented in the organization. Each year an annual conference is held in a different nation.

Best wishes to SRJC Counselor **Jean Davis** who married Greg Young on July 5 in a private ceremony at home. Greg is a software engineer for Cisco in Petaluma. The couple resides in Forestville.



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