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Staff News for Santa Rosa Junior College, October 8, 2004

United Way Agency Fair Schedule October 13

SRJC will host the fifth annual United Way Agency Fair on Wednesday, October 13, 2004, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the lawn under the oaks at the Santa Rosa Campus.

This year's campaign co-chairs Diane Traversi and Deborah Wootten promise a festive, fun, and informative event that includes 22 agencies from the local community. The participating agencies will provide information, answer questions, and meet faculty and staff.

SRJC has partnered with United Way of Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake counties for the past five years to solicit support and funding for local human service agencies that provide valuable services to our entire community. The Agency Fair is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about United Way, the involved agencies, and how you can help through a United Way pledge.

The fair creates an opportunity to mingle with your colleagues and win some fantastic raffle prizes. Drawings will be held every 15 minutes beginning at 11:45 a.m., and include a SRJC sweatshirt, theatre season passes, Culinary Café tickets, plus other unique prizes that many agencies have donated. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Call Diane at ext. 4508 or Deborah at ext. 4433. We'll see you on October 13!

Spaces Available In Red Cross CPR Classes

Several spots are open to staff and faculty who wish to take an American Red Cross certified adult CPR class scheduled on Friday, October 22. Presented at no charge, the class is offered on a first come, first served basis.

All classes are held on the Santa Rosa Campus (location to be announced when enrolled). The adult CPR certification is good for one year. Space is limited, so call today.

For those interested in registering, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Department by phone at ext.1654 or by e-mail at tchase@santarosa.edu.

Bennett Friedman Quartet to Perform Oct 8

The Bennett Friedman Quartet will perform at Cotati's Sweet Lou's on Friday, October 8 from 8 to 11 p.m. Randy Vincent is featured on guitar, Wayne De la Cruz on organ, and David Rokeach on drums. Bennett, a member of SRJC's Music Department, will play the tenor saxophone. Sweet Lou's is located at 8201 Old Redwood Highway. The cover charge is \$10; minors are welcome.

Adjunct Altschuler Publishes The Mindful Hiker

SRJC Adjunct Disability Specialist Stephen Altschuler recently published the paperback *The Mindful Hiker: On the Trail to Find the Path*. Available through DeVorss Publications in Camarillo, the volume of nature essays, photos and maps leads the reader along trails of Point Reyes National Seashore and examines our ability to adapt to today's reality to eventually discover our own inner path. Stephen counsels disabled SRJC students and teaches Tai Chi in the PE Department. Access more information at www.mindfulhiker.com.

Elliott Ave. Closure Oct 4-Jan 2, 2005

Closure will be effective seven days a week, 24 hours a day for both lanes. Plans limit one way traffic access on a right turn basis only into the Plover driveway on the east side, from Elliott Avenue through the Emeritus Circle parking lot leading to a right turn only exit back onto Elliott Avenue.

Whitman's Leaves of Grass Featured As WOLM Oct 18-20

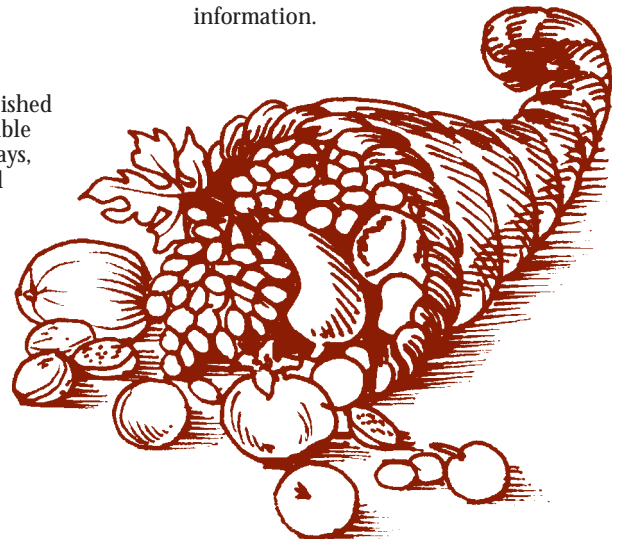
The English Department selected Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass* as its Work of Literary Merit (WOLM) for fall 2004. Each year one book is selected for all English students to read, an activity that culminates in a weeklong lecture series on topics related to the book. Activities focusing on *Leaves* include:

Monday, October 18
Noon Lecture
Newman Auditorium
Terry Mulcaire
"You Be My Poem"

Tuesday, October 19
7 PM Lecture
Newman Auditorium
Kim Hester-Williams
"Romancing Democracy:
Whitman's American Dream"

Wednesday, October 20
Noon
Panel Discussion
Newman Auditorium
Moderated by Richard Speakes
with former Sonoma County Poet Laureate
Don Emblen, current Sonoma County Poet
Laureate Terry Ehret, and English faculty
member Carol Ciabonne.

All lectures and discussions are free and open to the public. Contact Ann Samson on e-mail for more information.



SRJC Photo Display Brings Local History To Life

Photographs by Nancy Jo Black will be on display in the Staff Lounge on the Santa Rosa Campus from Tuesday, October 12 through Friday, October 22 spotlighting the "101 Years on Elliott Avenue: The Van Wormer Family Legacy."

With the support of SRJC's Library, Ms. Black's researched archives of photos, letters, and documents about her family ancestors who lived on Elliott Avenue. Her efforts create a microcosmical look at U.S. history as lived on one small street from 1901 when Santa Rosa was truly rural. The fascinating collection of a century of images before SRJC's Santa Rosa Campus was built.

Highfeather has invited Nancy Jo Black for lunch on Wednesday, October 13. She will be available to meet faculty and staff in the Staff Lounge to answer questions. Call Raoul for more information on ext. 1637.

Emblen Presents Poetry at Bookstore Oct 13

A book signing and poetry reading by Sonoma County Poet Laureate Don Emblen at the Santa Rosa Campus Bookstore is scheduled Wednesday, October 13, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Volumes of his poetry will be on sale. *Under the Oaks* was first published in 1983, and the third edition recently published includes a collection of poems about SRJC instructors, staff, and students, and the splendor of SRJC's oaks. The book celebrates 45 years of Emblen's contributions to the SRJC culture and to the lives of those who have worked and studied at the College.

Don Emblen, honored as Sonoma County's first Poet Laureate, is a distinguished poet, editor, biographer, and fine printer (his Clamshell Press is a busy contributor to the community's literary life). Don also taught English at the SRJC for 30 years. Call the Bookstore for more information, ext. 4321.

SRJC Faculty In ARTrails Oct 9-10 & 16-17

On October 9-10 and 16-17, the 19th annual ARTrails will again include a number of SRJC faculty. Participating SRJC faculty and staff from both credit and community education programs include: **Marsha Connell, Maury Lapp, Joel Bennett, Nancy Morgan, Joseph McDonald, Marylu Downing, Jane Baron, Donna DeLaBriandais and Linda Ortiz.**

This unique juried program features 139 Sonoma County artists working in many different mediums and styles, and allows you to travel a creative and dazzling route during October right into their home studios.

You can download a map to the ARTrails artists' homes at www.artrails.org.

An ARTrails Preview Exhibit is also available at the Arts Council Gallery at 529 Fifth Street in downtown Santa Rosa. Call Karen Petersen for more information at ext. 3974.

Psychological Services Available to Students

SRJC's Student Psychological Services offers students three fall group therapy options starting this month. Students are urged to sign up for these informative sessions:

Stress Management and Anxiety Reduction – Thursdays, 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM
Contact: Kelley Franceschi, 527-1763 or Calah Thomas, 524-1739

Building and Maintaining Healthy Relationships – Mondays, 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Contact: Phyllis McKinley, 524-1786 or Alicia Wolf, 524-1746

Living Well With Bipolar Disorder – Mondays, 10:30 AM to Noon
Contact: Denise Wagner, 524-7979

Newman Endowment Deadline Oct 29

Grant applications are available from the SRJC Foundation to fund college cultural enrichment activities for fall 2005, spring 2006, and summer 2006. Grant applications must be received before October 29. Recipients of grants will be announced December 1. Informational appointments can also be scheduled with the Foundation to discuss grant ideas.

The Randolph Newman Cultural Enrichment Endowment is made possible by a legacy gift from Dr. Randolph Newman to provide funding for cultural enrichment activities that benefit SRJC students and present an opportunity to the College that otherwise might now be available. These cultural events are free to the public.

Contact Linda Frank by e-mail at lfrank@santarosa.edu or phone at ext. 4348 for grant applications.



College Halloween Bash Scheduled October 29!

With the Halloween Bash planned for the college community on Friday, October 29, there will be several key, if not haunting, players at the event! Judges of the costume contest include: Kathleen Doyle, Board of Directors; Dr. Robert F. Agrella, Administration; Tim Sherrill, Student; Bea Griffiths, Classified; and Maryanne Scozzari, Faculty. The MC for our scary festivity is Frank Zwolinski! Come one, come all!

Employee Personal Computer Purchase Program Ends Oct 15

District employees may participate in the Employee Personal Computer Purchase Program, which offers SRJC employees equipment at beneficial District pricing through interest-free payments by payroll deductions. Order online at www.santarosa.edu/comperv/staffbuy.html or call ext. 4422.

The only open application period ends **October 15, 2004**. Computer offerings include all models of desktops and laptops that Apple and Dell offer for sale to the District.



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