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Visions of the Wild Festival offers art & nature for all ages

VALLEJO, Calif. – Film screenings, art exhibits, even a scavenger hunt, are among the many activities for people looking to get “Wild in the City” during the third annual Visions of the Wild Festival. The festival, which runs from Sept. 15th through Sept. 18th is a celebration of the plants and animals that live in our urban and suburban settings. Most of the venues are in downtown Vallejo, but the festival extends into American Canyon for the first time this year.

The goal of the festival is to connect people with nature using the art and science. It brings together artists, conservationists, students and teachers. All events are free to the public.

Schedule

Sept. 15, 6:30pm – Opening Reception and Talk: “Foraging the Urban Wild” - Vallejo Naval & Historical

Sept. 16, 7pm– Beaver Mania! (Film Screening and presentations) – Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St.

Sept. 17, 8am-2pm - Nature Discovery Zone - Vallejo Farmers Market, Georgia & Marin Streets

Sept. 17 – Wild Quest - Geocaching Scavenger Hunt – Various locations around Vallejo

Sept. 17, 2pm – Soundscape Ecology Nature Walk – Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St,

Sept. 17, 7:30pm – Nature’s Orchestra (Film Screening and musical performance) – Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St.

Sept. 18, Noon-3pm – Nature Kayak Tour, Dan Foley Park, 1461 N Camino Alto

Sept. 18, 9am-2pm, - Nature Discovery Zone - American Canyon Farmers Market, 100 Benton Way

Five new art exhibits are open to the public throughout the festival, four in downtown Vallejo and one in American Canyon. Each exhibit explores the festival theme and features original pieces from Bay Area artists, ranging from paintings to sculptures to installations.

The art exhibits are:

“*Wild by Nature*” – Temple Art Lofts Gallery, Corner of Marin & Virginia Streets, Vallejo

“*Wild Places in Urban Spaces*” – Artizen Cultural Arts Center, 337 Georgia Street, Vallejo

“*Visions of the Wild: Untamed*” – Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo

“*From the Earth*” Ceramics & Wood Sculpture Show – Bill Bloom Gallery, 717 Marin Street, Vallejo

American Canyon Arts Foundation Show – Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, 3860 Broadway, American Canyon

For more information on the festival or details about the events, visit <http://visionsofthewild.org/>.

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