

VISIONS OF THE WILD FILM AND ARTS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL GUIDE

SEPT 12-15, 2019 • VALLEJO, CA

EVENTS ARE FREE and open to everyone
Space is limited, so please register as indicated.

THU, SEPTEMBER 12

Opening Night Reception

6P-9P

VALLEJO NAVAL & HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 734 MARIN ST, VALLEJO

Enjoy a catered reception, award presentations, special guests and Keynote speaker Stacey Frederick from the California Fire Science Consortium. Join us for the opening of "Smokey Bear@75"—An exhibition of Smokey Bear memorabilia from the personal collection of Craig and Jill Williams. Craig is the President of the Smokey Bear Association. The show also includes 19 reproductions of Smokey Bear paintings by Rudolf Wendelin. This collection is on a national tour in 2019, which is the 75th year since the birth of the real Smokey Bear.

FRI, SEPTEMBER 13

King-Swett Hike—Bay Area Ridge Trail

9A-1P

MEET AT BLUE ROCK SPRINGS PARK PARKING LOT, 650 COLUMBUS PARKWAY, VALLEJO

Explore the hills and valleys between Vallejo, Benicia and Fairfield. Learn about the wildlife and human history of the King-Swett Ranches and the Solano Land Trust property. Register online at visionsofthewild.org

Culture of Fire—Art Exhibit

5P-10P

TEMPLE ART LOFTS, 707 MARIN ST, VALLEJO

This community-oriented project highlights the critical role of fire in California's forests and grasslands. The exhibit has three elements: a labyrinth of materials gathered in the Tahoe National Forest; a display of firefighting tools used by the U.S. Forest Service; and "Reading Forest" an art exhibit by local artist Todd Gilens. (Exhibit will be open Saturdays through September)

California on Fire & Wilder Than Wild—Film Screening

6:30P: DOORS OPEN
7:30P: SHOW STARTS

EMPRESS THEATRE, 330 VIRGINIA ST, VALLEJO

California on Fire is the culmination of 5 years of filming destructive wildfires across the state. The film documents the impacts of climate change to fire intensity and provides a view into the future of the environmental issues in California. *Wilder Than Wild* reveals how fire suppression and climate change have exposed forests and wildland-urban landscapes to large, high-severity wildfires, and explores strategies to mitigate



the impact of these fires. Filmmakers will host a Q&A session after the screenings.

SAT SEPTEMBER 14 Nature Discovery Zone

9A-2P

FARMERS MARKET, 300 BLOCK OF GEORGIA STREET, VALLEJO

Explore the natural world with fun activities for children and adults. The event features an array of people and organizations that help conserve forests, rivers and animals. This year highlights the role of fire on our landscapes and celebrates the 75th birthday of Smokey Bear.

Wild Child—Wild & Scenic Film Festival Film Screening

3P-5P

EMPRESS THEATRE, 330 VIRGINIA ST, VALLEJO

These 12 short films for children and families take an educational journey from the Alaskan North to the remote Karnali River in Western Nepal. Learn the importance of wolf and bison in

ecosystems and culture, and how anyone—regardless of age—can positively impact our planet through conservation.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Tour—Film Screening

6:30P: DOORS OPEN
7:30P: SHOW STARTS

EMPRESS THEATRE, 330 VIRGINIA ST, VALLEJO

These 10 short films seek to inspire environmental activism and a love for nature. Take an up-close look at the moon, search for fire-following flowers in Yosemite National Park, learn how a blind astrophysicist studies the universe through sound, and much more. South Yuba River Citizens League Wild & Scenic Film Festival sponsors the film festival.

SUN SEPTEMBER 15 Kayaking at Cullinan Ranch, San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge

9:30A - 12:30P

TRAVEL WEST ON HIGHWAY 37. TO PARKING LOT LOCATED 3.4 MILES WEST OF THE MARE ISLAND HIGHWAY 37 OVERCROSSING. SIGN UP REQUIRED ON EVENTBRITE FOR THIS EVENT. VISIT VISIONSOFTHEWILD.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Paddle through and learn about the Cullinan Ranch Tidal Marsh Restoration Project, within the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

This project converted a hay farm back into tidal marsh habitat. The area provides migratory and wintering habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl, and provides year-round habitat for endangered, threatened and sensitive species.

Artist Presentation: Todd Gilens

2P - 4P
THE McCUNE COLLECTION AT JFK LIBRARY, 505 SANTA CLARA ST, VALLEJO

Bay Area artist Todd Gilens will talk about his approach to creating art, and *Reading Forest*, which was commissioned by the National Forest Foundation and the Lake Tahoe West Restoration Partnership.

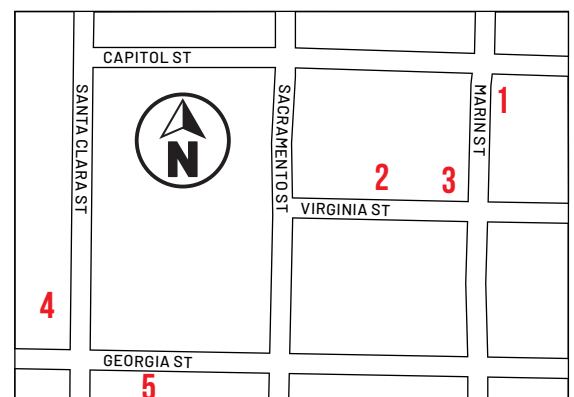
Selections will be exhibited Sept 13-29 at the Temple Arts Gallery.

Reading Forest combines drawings of tree rings with phrases adapted from scientific papers, poetry, and personal communications of forest managers.

In spring 2020, these and other drawings will be installed in a public place near Lake Tahoe. For more about the project, visit: www.nationalforests.org/readingforest and www.toddgilens.com/readingforest

DOWNTOWN VALLEJO LOCALITY MAP

- 1 Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum
- 2 Empress Theatre
- 3 Temple Art Lofts
- 4 McCune Rare Books & Art Collection
- 5 Vallejo Farmers Market



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