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## October's Fall Festival & Parade



*Festival co-sponsor Marvin Gardens' Todd Hodson and friends precede representatives from Kensington Farmers' Market at last month's parade.*

Sometimes you throw a party – or attend a party – and it all just really comes together. October's Fall Festival and Parade was just such a event – according to one participant, “simply being there made you feel wonderful to live in this community.”

Perfect weather, great music, creative costumes, delicious food – the fun didn't stop. A fundraiser sponsored by the Kensington Community Council, with the best turnout in years, this year's event was the most successful since 1997.

The El Cerrito High Jazz Ensemble was in fine form with a large sax section blending seamlessly with bass, keys, and trumpet for some very mellow and professional sounds – far beyond what one

*see Parade, Page 9...*

### The Garden Party – Coming Saturday, November 12th

The Garden Party, Kensington Education Foundation's highly anticipated annual fundraiser, celebrates its 28th year, once again at the marvelous Mira Vista Country Club. There will be fabulous food, drinks, no-host cocktails, and desserts. Through November 9th, you can bid on many auction items at <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/thegardenparty>, then bid on additional items at the silent- and live auctions at the event itself.

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**Inside: Kensington Improvement Club's Annual Town Hall Meeting – Saturday, Nov. 5**



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KCC Launches  
Annual Drive

You are reading this newspaper because of your donations to the Kensington Community Council (KCC). But the KCC does much more than publish this paper – it provides many important services to our community. It operates the Kensington After-School Enrichment Program (KASEP), the Summer Day Camp, and offers Adult Education Classes.

KCC brings the community together in annual events such as the Fall Parade and Picnic, and the Spring Celebration. Our administrator, Marty Westby, works everyday to provide youth programs that are safe, fun and educational.

Our Summer Day Camp remains popular and solid, and our After-School Enrichment Program continues to provide a wide range of quality classes with excellent instructors to elementary school students.

We raise all our income through contributions from the community. To continue with all these important programs, we once again appeal for your help and generosity. We appreciate any contribution you feel you can make to support the Kensington Community Council's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in Kensington.

Please use the envelope included with this appeal to send us your donation today. (If your envelope is missing, donations can be mailed to Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707). Thank you!

Bruce Morrow, President  
Kensington Community Council

Codes, KMAC,  
and the County

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to KMAC member Gordon Becker's accusations against my wife in his letter to the editor. Mr. Becker states:

"I would ask that Ms. Cadogan see and act on its true nature: a bad actor acted and the appropriate response was not made. The day the bobcat started digging, the Cadogans should have been in touch with the building department's enforcement branch. If this did not produce results, the police should have been called and/or a court case filed." Adding in his lessons learned conclusion, "be responsible for your own protection" and "don't bear false witness against your neighbor (or at least the KMAC)."

While I do appreciate Mr. Becker's concern, he is absolutely wrong to state that an "appropriate response was not made." In fact, when the backhoe (not bobcat) appeared on the "bad actor's" property, the first person I contacted (via phone and email) was another neighbor, who happened to be none other than the Chairman of the KMAC! He and I conferred on the "appropriate" action to take and then the county code enforcement office was contacted. We also contacted the police multiple times. They told us that these issues should be handled by code enforcement. When we contacted code enforcement we were told that they "don't issue red

tag notices," and (it is) their policy to try to work with the developer in cases like this. They also stated that they were doing all that they could do, while ironically adding: "We don't have police authority so we can't put him in handcuffs and haul him away."

So, we went to Supervisor Gioia. His office set up a meeting with the relevant county officials, who also claimed they were doing all that they could do. The outcome of that meeting was that this "bad actor" was indeed working outside the scope of what was allowable. Their solution; send it to the KMAC.

After a full year of working hard to get the authorities to act in the appropriate manner, we were finally successful in getting the case in front of the KMAC for the first time. The committee chairman opened the hearing on this application by addressing the attending public in order to explain that the KMAC would have to consider only the variance application before them and would not be able to consider any other circumstances. This resulted in the KMAC putting itself in the awkward position of asking questions to the applicant about his project as if it was something that was going to happen in the future, when in fact some committee members, if not all of them, were aware that the 7-foot deep excavation and construction of a wall on the property line had already occurred. In this regard, my wife is correct in stating that KMAC "acted as if it hadn't occurred." Mr. Becker is wrong to accuse her of "bearing false witness."

Mr. Becker stated that the committee "suggested the applicant come back with additional materials." He leaves out that KMAC also advised the "bad actor" to revise his plans so that a variance (which requires notice of neighbors and enables them to contest) would not be required, an impossibility as the 7-foot excavation on the property line and construction of a wall had already been completed. The applicant took their advice and withdrew the variance request, which has enabled KMAC to wash their hands of the mess. Again, this despite the fact that the work which triggered the variance had already been carried out.

The reason this awful situation got so out of hand was not because of what my wife and I did NOT do but rather it has been the relevant authority's insistence that they were doing all that they could do, defending their jobs while passing the buck. In the meantime a "bad actor" was able to stage his play everyday on the Arlington, the busiest street in Kensington. This happened in full view of the community, including the KMAC members.

I hope that people reading Mr. Becker's letter do not come away with the feeling that what happened to us couldn't happen to them. We had the Chairman of the KMAC lodging an early inquiry to the county, for goodness sake!

Lastly, we filed a lawsuit over a year ago, thereby completing Mr. Becker's list of things he thinks we "should have" done.

Kevin Cadogan

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Ave., the Kensington Community Council offers an After School Enrichment Program (KASEP). KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. Contact us at 525-0292 or [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com).

The fall session of the Kensington After-school Enrichment Program began September 26th and will continue until December 16th. Winter registration will take place on Wednesday, December 7th. If you are interested in looking at our current classes, the fall brochure is posted at the [www.aboutkensington.com](http://www.aboutkensington.com) website, under "Children Services."



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Stan Cohen's Wednesday Artists

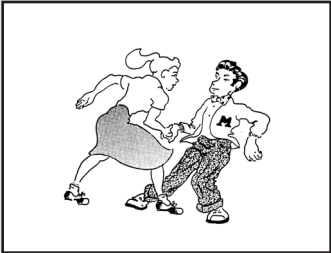
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To register, send a check made out to KCC to 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707 or call 525-0292 for more info.



**2ND ANNUAL WILD-CRAFTED WREATH MAKING EVENT**  
**Join us on Friday, December 2nd, from 6-8pm for a hands-on Wild-Crafted Wreath Making Workshop at the Kensington Community Center; hot apple cider and cookies served.**

We will be using a diverse array of evergreen cuttings, as well as eucalyptus and succulents to create the wreaths. We'll have everything you need to create a unique, festive and long-lasting wreath to complement a front door or any room of your house. Wreaths will be bound with raffia ties and will be completely compostable.

Please bring pruning shears (if you have them), as well as, accents and ribbons to personalize your wreath (if you want).

Cost of \$40 includes all materials. You will be able to select evergreen boughs and boughs of contrasting foliage and accents from a diversity of those that we will provide.

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To register, call the KCC office at 510-525-0292, or e-mail [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com)., or mail a check to KCC, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

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Thursday, December 15th

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Community Center (Youth Hut)  
5:00 – 6:00pm

CLASS REGISTRATION

**KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com). Telephone: 510-525-0292.**

**Tennis Court Reservations:**  
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**Kensington Community Center Rental Information: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District) at 526-4141.**



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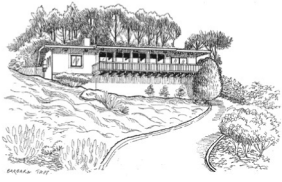


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Nan Phelps' Photo Exhibit

Spirits were high at the October opening of Nan Phelps' show, *Personal Work*. Shown here are Nan's daughter (and talented artist in her own right), Joelle Provost; former owner of Post Meridian, Robin Low; Nan's husband, O'Neil Provost; Nan Phelps; and Jenny Huguall Lovett, designer and collaborator at Nan Phelps Photography. You can still view some of Nan's work at her Colusa Circle Studio, 398 Colusa Avenue. Check out the new Colusa Circle Website and sign up for their newsletter, including Colusa merchant specials and discounts, at [www.ColusaCircle.com](http://www.ColusaCircle.com).

Best Use for Buildings in Kensington Park?

In light of the twelve years it took to complete the recent installation of the park restroom (from conception in the park master plan to first flush), it's not surprising that remodeling the Community Center has not been a slam-dunk. Subsequent to last year's substantial offer by KCC to KPPCSD, legal owner of the Community Center, to remodel the building, the hiring of an architect, input from the community, the drawing of plans, and the negotiation of a new rental contract between the two community organizations, KPPCSD opted to engage the services of a consulting firm to do a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of – and ideal future uses for – the Community Center (Youth Hut), the Annex (now vacant), and Building E (KCC offices and classrooms)... Last month, thirty Kensington residents attended the first of three meetings planned by consultants, Muller & Caulfield, to solicit ideas from the community on how residents would like to see the buildings repaired, upgraded, and used. Based on the input from this meeting and their own investigation, the consultants will return with an evaluation of the physical condition of the buildings, an assessment of the uses to which the buildings might be put, proposals for renovations or new construction, and an evaluation of potential revenue which might be expected from such investments. The next meeting is scheduled for 10am Saturday, December 3rd at the Community Center – a good use for the building, on which most everyone can agree!

Inside The Annex – one of its two classrooms; It also houses an office and two restrooms.

Below: The Arlington Community Church presented “All Creatures Great and Small” last month at the Community Center, including blessings for the animals by the Rev. Dr. Tony Clark, D.V.M., M. Div., (top right), bunnies by Judy Hardin’s RabbitEARS, tortoise by Gretchen Gilfillan, and kittens for adoption as far as the eye could see (not shown). Bottom right: Kate Miller and friend, with dogs, Maggie and Neo.









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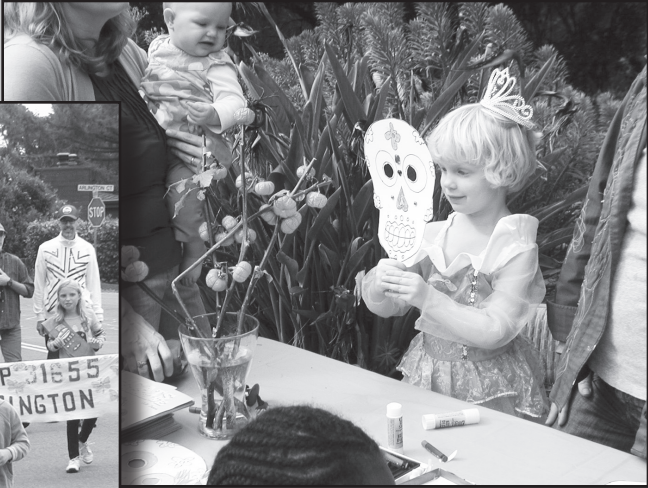
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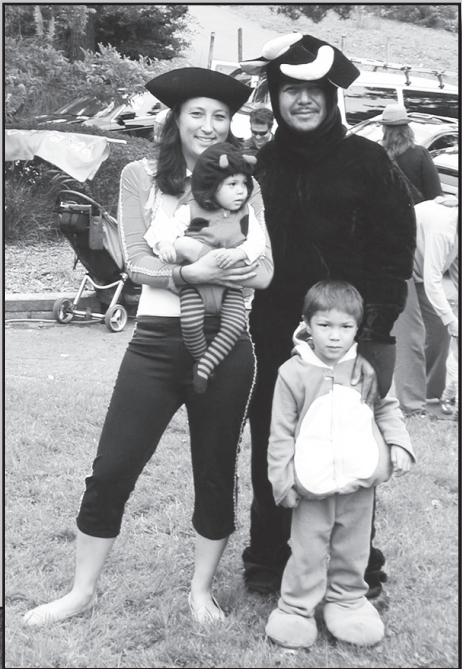
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Tucked in a quiet residential area with ample free parking, these businesses will help you: repair your shoes, dry clean your clothes, relax with freshly brewed coffee and acclaimed baked goods, explore your insurance needs, get your guitar repaired or find the perfect student guitar or concert instrument, finally have a beautifully sensitive family portrait, find ceramics from an artisan represented in the Smithsonian and the White House, get organic produce and meats – as well as regular groceries – hear music in a family-oriented pub with food, start your exercise program with enthusiastic professionals, make your skin glow, learn Tai Chi, care for your pet, get counseling, introduce your children to the techniques of the world’s great artists, treat your hair to a flattering cut, enroll your child in a nurturing day school, water-proof, repair, or remodel your home, sell your house or find a new home, create a family heirloom in vivid yarn...That’s [www.ColusaCircle.com](http://www.ColusaCircle.com).

*In the presence of eternity,  
the mountains are as transient  
as the clouds.*  
– Robert Green Ingersoll

## Obituaries



**Vera Heyde, 106**  
1905-2011

Vera Heyde, longtime resident of Kensington, died peacefully on Sept. 13, 2011. Vera was born in Central City Nebraska in 1905, and lived to the remarkable age of 106.

Vera was preceded in death by her first husband Louis Heyde and her second husband Herbert “Budd” Heyde.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed travel, bridge and the theater. She had special fondness for her Kensington neighbors and her many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her friends and family.

### ...Parade, from Page 1

might expect from such young musicians. Other highlights included former KPPCSD President, Bill Wright’s band, Threat Level Orange, cranking out, among other songs, “I’ll Take You There,” and Stevie Wonder’s “Superstition;” Marvin Gardens’ co-owner and KCC Board Member, Todd Hodson and his band, Little Marvin and the Gardeners (featuring “The Hous-ing Bubbles”) laying down rockin’ versions of “Stray Cat Strut,” and the reggae hit, “Red Red Wine;” and an impromptu, street-corner acapella rendition of the Andrew Sisters’ “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” in two-part harmony, by KPPCSD Vice President, Linda Lipscomb and KCC Board Member, Joan Gallegos. (These gals rock! Who knew? Four bands and still the depth of musical talent in Kensington hasn’t been exhausted!) And, on another note, did we mention the veggieburgers, served up among the usual burgers and dogs, with frou-frou greens, ketchup, and stone ground mustard? Outstanding!

Marvin Gardens Pumpkin Carving Con-test winners: Ages 4-6, *1st Place:* Simone Quinn; *2nd:* Brynne Rose Bahn; *3rd:* Hazel Wijzen. Ages 7-9, *1st:* Annika Bryden; *2nd:* Skyler Wijzen; *3rd:* Tie between Genevieve Quinn and Larkin Bond. Ages 10-12, *1st:* Ella Bryden; *2nd:* Reya Borbridge.

Mechanics Bank Coloring Contest Win-ners: *Ages 4-6,* Brynne Rose Barnard; *7-9,* Roscoe Bell; *10-12,* Annika Duquet; *Over all:* Genevieve Quinn.

Thanks to all for a wonderful celebration: Sponsors, Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Mechanics Bank; all four bands, includ-ing the EC High Marching Band; the Boy Scouts, Grand Marshall and life-long Kensington booster, Lorraine Osmundson, Tom Petersen and Ko Ushigusa behind the BBQ, Parade Master, Ted Blanckenburg (who can apparently do the job with one hand tied behind his back – or anywhere else – though in this instance was ably assisted by Mark Walstrom), and all the KCC volunteers (and friends) who made it happen – Anne Forrest, Vida Dorroh, Dale and Danielle Power, Joan Gallegos, Vida Sarafan, Debbie Hayakawa Wing, Laura Ushigusa, Betty Anne Engel, Rosie Blanckenburg, COP wife and Kensington booster, Nolla Harman, and KCC Admin-istrator, Marty Westby. – Oh yes, and the rain gods for staying home this year!

**Photos on Pages 6 & 7:** 1. Cara Marasco and baby Matthew; 2. Paul and Vida Dorroh’s granddaughters, Mitra and Sonia Manshour; 3. EC High Marching Band; 4. Coloring Contest participant; 5. Coloring Contest winners; 6. Threat Level Orange; 7. Pumpkin Carving Contest winners; 8. EC High Jazz Ensemble; 9. Little Marvin and the Gardeners; 10. Parade Grand Marshal, Lorraine Osmundson, with Marvin Gardens’ Ron Eggherman; 11. Half of Brownie Troop #32222.





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Dr. Gayle Vial and all of the  
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**Nov. 1 & 2 “Chance Encounters” Exhibit.** The City of El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission presents “Chance Encounters” by Mic DBernardo and Zohra Kalinkowitz, including digital photographs and prints by the two artists. A traveler, artist and photographer, Mic DBernardo said, “Each picture is taken from an unusual perspective and persuades the viewer to take a closer look at the image, and consequently, their surroundings.” At El Cerrito City Hall Gallery Space, EC. Info at 215-4318, [www.micdbernardo.com](http://www.micdbernardo.com), or [www.zohrakalinkowitz.com](http://www.zohrakalinkowitz.com).

**Nov. 2 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets** at 1:15pm at 631 Parkside Court, to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Please call 527-1266 to confirm.

**Nov. 2 The Power of Myth at the Movies:** The Diving Bell and the Butterfly. Discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7-9pm. \$7. View the movie before class. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 2, 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 Potluck Community dinner at the Arlington Community Church.** All ages, 5:30 pm. Kids 6-9 sing with Shanti Moorjani, MA; Kids 10-14 will dance and act with Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield and then sing with Shanti. Info: 526-9146

**Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sprit and the Arts** at the Arlington Community Church, for children 6-14; led by Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield. “Welcoming the Light of Candles in the Rituals of St. Francis of Assisi, Sukkot, Simchat, Dawali and Islam.” Wed.’s at 6 pm. \$50 for the fall semester. 526-9146

**Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Yoga at the Arlington Community Church** w/Antonia Fokken. Small fee. 4:45-6pm. More information at 381-0997.

**Nov. 3 Join Others for German Conversation,** discussion of current events, or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11am, a nutritionist from Doctors Medical Center will speak on diabetes. Lunch available (\$3). Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School; Social hall, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Info: 237-7606.

**Nov. 3, 10 & 17 Baby & Toddler Story-time** Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 am & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

**Nov. 5 Kensington Improvement Club’s Annual Town Hall Meeting** at the Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, from 9am to 11:30am. Speakers will include Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Chief of Police and KPPCSD General Manager, Greg Harman, and KPPCSD President Chuck Toombs, plus representatives from the Fire Department, KCC, and the Kensington Library. Free. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

*“Nostalgia is the realization that things weren’t as unbearable as they seemed at the time.” – Unknown*

**Nov. 5 Workshop: Normalizing Death,** led by Rev. Jane Ramsey from 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested fee: \$45. Contact Rev. Ramsey: 499-5204. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 6 Rat Adoption Day** with “Rattie Ratz.” Learn how to care for your pet rat, feed, and groom from the experts. Meet adoptable ratties of all ages, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

**Nov. 6 Personal Theology Seminar:** Bill Garrett, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at John F. Kennedy University and teacher at the Osher Life Long Learning Institute, an adult education program. “The Inevitability of Myth in Human Life.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 6 & 13 Handwritten Letter Day at Arlington Community Church,** urging Congress to continue support for programs that address hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Sample letters, writing materials, postage, and addresses provided. Residents are also invited to drop off food or letters Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 2-5pm at the church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Donations of money may be sent to the directly to church. Info at 526-9146 or [acc.staff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:acc.staff@sbcglobal.net).

**Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers’ Market,** every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or [KensingtonFarmersMarket.org](http://KensingtonFarmersMarket.org)

**Nov. 7 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.** All levels welcome, and some help provided. Note change in date from normal first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Nov. 8 Once Upon a Time in My Family – How My Grandmother Found a Story in a Plate.** In anticipation of Thanksgiving, artist Patricia Bulitt presents stories passed down by her family. Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Nov. 10 El Cerrito Garden Club meets,** including its annual fall fundraiser, from 9:30am-noon at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Tea table with refreshments, raffle, silent auction, and plants for sale. Guests \$5. 233-9365.




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**Nov. 10 Join Others for German Conversation,** discussion of current events, or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11, photographer, Tony Bushman, and world traveler, Laura Bushman will show slides of Mystic Marakesh. Lunch available (\$3). Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School; Social hall, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Info: 237-7606

**Nov. 10 Women’s Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church** at 6pm. Potluck dinner with wine and warm fellowship followed by a presentation on subjects such as working with inmates, foreign missionary work, and others. 526-9146

**Nov. 12 The Garden Party,** Kensington Education Foundation’s 28th annual fundraiser for Kensington Hilltop School. Details on *Page 1* or at [www.khsgardenparty.org](http://www.khsgardenparty.org).

**Nov. 12 Rabbit and Guinea Pig Adoption and Spa Day.** Meet rescued bunnies and guinea pigs and more. Bring your own bunny or guinea pigs for free spa treatment. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Please Note: DEC/JAN is a combined issue. The deadline is Nov. 10th for December AND January Calendar events!

**Nov. 13 Personal Theology Seminar:** Bill Garrett, “Practical Mythology: the Need for ‘Updates.’” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 13 Knitting at the Arlington Community Church** at 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves and mittens for those in need. Pray over each item before giving it away. No experience needed. Info: 526-9146.

**Nov. 14 Greek Isles History and Travel.** Slide show and talk by local resident and avid traveler, Laura Bushman. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Nov. 15 Author Showcase.** Join Annette Fuentes, investigative reporter and author of “Lockdown High: When the Schoolhouse Becomes a Jailhouse” for a talk and discussion. 7 pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. More information at 526-7512.

**Nov. 17 Join Others for German Conversation,** discussion of current events, or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11, there will be a special Thanksgiving program. At 12, lunch with turkey and cranberries, and pumpkin pie, etc. for a nominal charge. Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School at the social hall of the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. More information at 237-7606.

**Nov. 17 Men’s Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church** at 5:30pm. Dinners, such as steak and salmon, Tex-Mex, Asian, and other great menus including wine & beer for \$5. Warm fellowship and presentations on topics of interest, such as fly-fishing. More information at 526-9146.

**Nov. 18 Lecture: The Berkeley Unitarians and Architectural Innovation.** 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. \$15. Daniella Thompson traces the history and architecture of the Unitarian community in Berkeley. Reception follows. Co-sponsored by Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Info: [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 18 Bridge at the Arlington Community Church** 6pm. Potluck dinner followed by friendly bridge. No experience necessary. Info: 526-9146

**Nov. 18 First Annual Swing Dance Fundraiser.** A Benefit for El Cerrito High Music Program. Swing Era music by the EC High School Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble; group dance lessons by local professional, Lynn Gardiner; drinks and delectables. 6-10pm at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. \$25/adults, \$10/students. Tickets available by email at [tickets@echsbands.com](mailto:tickets@echsbands.com). Information at [dhayakawa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhayakawa@sbcglobal.net).

**Nov. 20 Personal Theology Seminar:** Bill Garrett, “A Political and Spiritual Mythology for the Future.”10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck Dinner.** Turkey and trimmings provided; participants bring a side dish to share. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 12 noon. Reservations required: 525-0302.

**Nov. 26 & 27 Boy Scout Troop 100’s Annual Holiday Wreath Sale.** \$20 each. Outside Young’s Market, week-ends thru Dec. 11th.

**Nov. 27 Personal Theology Seminar:** Ann Wiser Cornell, founder of the Focusing Institute, past President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, on “How to be Kinder to Yourself.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. Information at [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org) or 525-0302.

**Nov. 28 Book Club.** Discussion of *Silas Marner* by George Eliot. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Dec. 3 6th Annual P.E.O. Holiday Boutique** 11am-3pm, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. All proceeds to scholarships for women.

## Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

**FKL - Nov. 1st**  
**Friends of the Kensington Library,** 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

**KCC - Nov. 7th**  
**Kensington Community Council** 7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

**KFPD - Nov. 9th**  
**Fire Protection District** 2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - Nov. 10th**  
**Police Protection and Community Services District** 2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

**KPSC - Nov. 14th**  
**Kensington Public Safety Council** EQ & Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

**KARO/ECHO - Nov. 14th**  
**Amateur Radio Operators** 2nd Mondays of odd months. 7:30pm. 524-9815

**KIC - Nov. 28th**  
**Kensington Improvement Club** 4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

**KMAC - Nov. 29th**  
**Municipal Advisory Council** Last Tuesdays 7pm.

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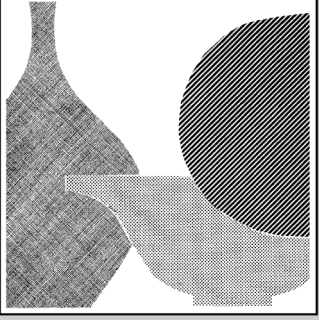
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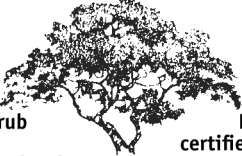






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And make sure to attend the 2011 Garden Party, at the Mira Vista Country Club! November 12th, 5-10pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Adv. tix at 525-2835 or [ndg@starterengine.com](mailto:ndg@starterengine.com). More info at [www.khsgardenparty.org](http://www.khsgardenparty.org). The Dad’s Club of Kensington Hilltop School will be facilitating shuttle service to and from the event for those who’d rather leave the driving to someone else. (visit [www.kenhilltop.org/gp/express](http://www.kenhilltop.org/gp/express) for route details).

The Kensington Education Foundation sends a hearty thank you to all community members for their ongoing support in donating services, vacation homes, and delicious edibles to the KEF fundraising efforts. “It takes a village,” and the Hilltop School community appreciates the strong support of local vendors and residents.

They send a very special thanks to their biggest Garden Party auction supporters: Mira Vista Country Club, Masterworks Fine Art, and the Grubb Company; and also enthusiastically thank these local Kensington community donors to this event: The Arlington Cafe, Kensington Fine Foods, Inn Kensington (check out the fine art pieces hanging there through November 11th), Helen Kennedy, Charles Jennings, Arlington Wine Shop, Chevron, The Nail Shop, Nan Phelps, Fat Apples, Marvin Gardens, Sugar Cone Cafe, Kensington Pharmacy, Mechanics Bank, FourCats, Semifreddi’s, White Magnolia, RabbitEARS, and KASEP. *Party on!*

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