

Parade

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face painting for the children. And of course, we'll award the prizes for the Mechanics Bank coloring contest. To enter, drop by the Kensington branch of Mechanics Bank to pick up your coloring sheet on or after October 1.

The deadline to return your masterpiece to the bank is Friday, October 27. The prize for the winners this year is a \$25 gift card for each age group: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Don't forget Marvin Gardens' pumpkin decorating! Drop by Marvin Gardens Kensington office, which will be turned into a pumpkin patch as it has been every year since 1994 when the

Kensington office first opened. You can pick up your pumpkin from Marvin Gardens on or after Monday, October 23 (there is a suggested \$2 donation to UNICEF for each pumpkin). Trick or Treat for UNICEF, a national tradition since 1950, has raised \$150 million by children, for children, since its inception.

Special thanks to our KCC Parade and Picnic sponsors Marvin Gardens and Mechanics Bank. If your organization is interested in participating in the parade, please contact the KCC Office at 525-0292.



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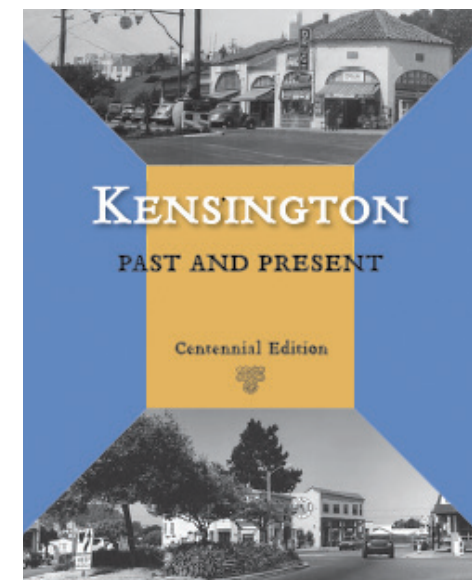
Kensington Turns 100—And a New Edition of KIC's Book Marks the Centennial

By Linnea Due

At the turn of this century, the Kensington Improvement Club published its attractive and well-received book, *Kensington Past and Present*. With its watercolor paintings of the old Arlington drugstore and Colusa Circle, the book was attractive and an acclaimed labor of love by KIC's volunteer editors and writers. The centennial edition, published this month, is even more ambitious.

"We asked ourselves what was missing from the first edition," coeditor Larry Thal said during an interview. "We realized that the story we haven't told is the story of Kensington's most important asset—the people." A quarter of the 267-page new edition contains photographs and brief profiles of important Kensington residents. "To recognize the people in our community was the primary impetus to do the centennial edition," Thal said. Yet our residents are so uniquely talented that every reader will spot overlooked VIPs. "We couldn't get everyone," Thal said. "There are so many!"

Even more amazing is that this volume, begun in 2014, after KIC members started discussing the centennial, is entirely volunteer-driven. Thal and coeditor Melissa Holmes-Snyder coordinated efforts, but Thal says that ten members of KIC read every page of the book, contributing ideas, research, fact-checking, and so much else that goes into producing a book filled with text and historical photos. Many of those photographs were



taken by Louis Stein, who operated the drugstore on the Arlington until the mid-'50s.

The book contains a chronology spanning 1772-2014, chapters on Kensington's natural setting, history, government, schools, community life (including the "K groups"), the profiles, and a series of addendums such as the view and second unit ordinances. As such, it gives a past and present overview unprecedented even by the first edition, which, says Thal, was completely revamped.

Why is this Kensington's centennial? Thal laughed—"El Cerrito didn't want us," he quipped. But, he explained, the reality is that Kensington farmers didn't want El Cerrito. When El Cerrito incorporated as a

Come Celebrate the Centennial at the Parade and Picnic

By Anne Forrest

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) will sponsor this year's Parade and Picnic on Sunday, October 29 from noon-3:30pm. If you have never attended before or if it has been many years since you last came out to celebrate, this—our centennial—is the year to come.

A representative of Glass and Associates, the architectural firm hired by KPPCSD, will be at the picnic displaying initial drawings of what our Community Center might look like after its well-deserved makeover. This is an excellent opportunity to see the proposed renovation and design options and ask questions.

Parade participants are asked to gather at the ACE Hardware parking lot at Amherst and Arlington at 11:30am. Our Grand Marshal this year will be KPPCSD's new general manager, Tony Constantouros. Local organizations and groups are invited to participate in the parade.

This year's parade is one week closer to Halloween than usual, so what a great time for children and adults to preview this year's Halloween costumes. Join the crowd as the parade makes its way up the Arlington to the Kensington Community Center! Then stay for the delicious BBQ lunch and music. Tickets for the BBQ lunch can be purchased on-site for sausage, hamburger, hot dog, or vegetarian burger lunches. The amazing Fred T. Korematsu Middle School band will provide the music.

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Letters to the Editor

Fall Fund Drive in Full Swing

Dear Neighbors,

Kensington is celebrating its Centennial, and there is no better way to show your appreciation for our amazing community than to get involved. Activism starts at home, and during the coming year we will be funding the renovation of our Community Center. One of the first opportunities to show your appreciation for our community is by making a generous donation to KCC’s annual Fall Fund Drive. We are pleased to report that Glass and Associates are actively working on preliminary drawings of designs for the community center remodel, and community groups are gearing up for a spirited campaign to fund the much-needed upgrade.

It is hard to believe that almost 10 years ago the Kensington Community Council spearheaded a very successful fundraiser campaign to fund the public bathrooms in Kensington Park. We raised over \$40,000 in what we appropriately called the Flush Fund! Your generosity is needed again.

Your contribution, of any amount, will be gratefully appreciated. And again, you have the option of earmarking your contribution for the renovation of the Community Center or for the continued success of our KCC programs. As you know, KCC provides important services for our community: adult classes such body sculpting, Tai Chi, and the new Positive Posture, the after-school education program (KASEP) with over 50 classes a session for kids from kindergarten through sixth grade, 10 weeks of KCC Summer Camp, the *Outlook*, Family Movie Night, and of course the annual Parade and Picnic this month.

KCC maintains a separate fund for the Community Center renovation. If you would like your contribution committed to the renovation project, mention “Community Center Fund” on your check. Your Community Center donation will be matched by KCC. Our Annual Fund Envelope was delivered with the September *Outlook*. If you no longer have the preprinted envelope, please send your donation to Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA, 94707.

It is our many different contributions that collectively make Kensington a great place to live. This is just one of the many ways to support our community. Thank you!

Anne Forrest, KCC president

New Edition of Kensington Past and Present—plus Fun Facts!

Dear Editor:

Everyone is invited to join the Kensington Improvement Club’s Membership & Town Hall Meeting on October 14. The KIC’s annual meeting starts at 9:15am with a short membership segment followed by an exciting Town Hall meeting at 9:30. Guest speakers include State Assembly Member Tony Thurmond and County Supervisor John Gioia as well as many local representatives from the agencies that serve our community. Come meet your representatives, find out what’s happening regionally and locally and meet your neighbors.

This year KIC is excited to announce the publication of the Centennial Edition of the book *Kensington Past and Present*. The book will be offered for a discounted price of \$10 to KIC members who can join at the meeting with a \$5 membership fee. We will also have a brief “Fun Facts” history segment at the Town Hall meeting where you can learn things you may not know about where we all live.

Come early at 9am for a cup of coffee and a snack. For families with children (3 years+), free childcare is provided with help from KCC. Please call 510-525-0292 to reserve a spot in advance.

KIC continues to provide a wide array of services to the community focused primarily on our shared public spaces and coordination with the county on behalf of all who live and work here. For more information please email KICpost@gmail.com. Looking forward to meeting you!

Lisa Caronna, KIC board president

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The Kensington Community Council is dedicated to the improvement, development, and education of the community, and to the promotion of social welfare in Kensington. It enriches the community by providing educational and recreational programs for all ages and by publishing the Outlook, a monthly newsletter that covers local events and issues.

KCC also provides a forum for all Kensington community groups to meet and coordinate their respective efforts toward the common good of the community.

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Community Education

KASEP Kensington Afterschool Enrichment Program

Welcome to Kinder families new to our program and a big thanks to returning families for your continued support. On-line Fall KASEP registration on September 5th was a tremendous success! Over 432 seats were filled in less than an hour! 13 Kinder classes filled up quickly, while 40 Grades 1-6 classes had great enrollment. We have a very diverse and creative group of returning KASEP teachers, a team of 17 to help guide and nurture your children.

As in the past, KASEP teachers are picking up Kinders directly from their classrooms and bringing them to the KASEP world for instruction. When KASEP class is over, Kinders enrolled in Neighborhood School (NS), will be escorted up to NS by KCC staff.

Our KASEP classes started on September 18th and run through December 15th.

INK IN THE DATE: Winter KASEP Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30pm.



I am very excited to begin my first year as Director to a wonderful team of incredibly talented teachers! Here are a few of our returning KASEP teachers:
—Rowena Cerri



Carey Piech (Artful Animals & Critter Adventures) is a Kensington Hilltop parent and museum educator. She loves teaching and making beautiful artful keepsakes with children.



Doug McNeely (KCC Circus) is a skillful juggler and circus artist extraordinaire. Performing is his passion.



Veronica Medina-Ross (Saving Planet Earth through Hands-on Projects) has a passion for our planet and being environmentally responsible is very attainable even in the smallest ways.



Kim Roots is our longtime masterful tennis player and Sports & Games expert.

Important KASEP Dates

KASEP is closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, October 9, No KASEP (Teacher Development Training Day)
- Wednesday, November 1, No KASEP (Elementary Conference Day)
- Friday, November 10, No KASEP (Veteran’s Day)
- Thursday-Friday, November 23 & 24, (Thanksgiving Holiday)

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Acrylic Artists, on-going 9:45 - 12:30pm, Wednesday, Community Center
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Tai Chi Chuan, 9:30-10:30am Fridays, Community Center, \$10
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KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kcrc@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M-F, 11am-4pm.
Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for info. Court Fees: 45-min. singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5.
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Help Our Kids by Donating to the Garden Party

By Lisa Trottier

Preparations are underway for the annual Garden Party, to be held Saturday, November 11, at the Berkeley (formerly Mira Vista) Country Club. This is the year’s big benefit to raise funds for the Kensington Education Fund (KEF), which supports our local school, Kensington Hilltop Elementary.

“In one evening, the Garden Party raises 40 percent of the funds needed to give our school a real boost,” says KEF President Mary Shaughnessy. “So many essentials that the district has cut, KEF provides: computer classes, a science lab, a real PE curriculum, art and music classes, and a library that’s open every day. The parents of Kensington consider all these things essential, and KEF’s mission is to make sure the school has them.” KEF also gives every teacher at Hilltop a budget for buying supplies, so that they don’t have to stock their classrooms out of their paycheck.

The parents of students at the school donate a lot of the money for KEF, of course—parents have already been asked to donate to the KEF Fall Drive, which raises half the annual budget for KEF. But the Garden Party is an opportunity for the larger community to show its support for a school that bolsters our town (and our property values) in a major way.

How to get involved? The Garden Party Committee is actively seeking donations for the Garden Party’s live and silent auction. Local businesses donate all kinds of goods and services to the auction: beauty treatments, exercise classes, home services, restaurant and store gift certificates, movie passes. Stays at a family vacation home or time-share are a big hit at the auction, too, as are unique experiences like a day sailing on the bay.

It’s not only a great cause, but also an effective way to get the word out to residents about what a business has to offer. Donations will be gratefully accepted until October 6. And it’s easy to contribute: If you or your business would like to donate, email Garden Party Chair Amy Mullarkey at kefgardenpartyauction@gmail.com or go to <https://kensington.schoolauction.net/gp2017>.

Event sponsorships that give businesses even greater visibility are also available. Masterworks Fine Art, Ruth Frassetto of the Grubb Company, Arlington Wine & Spirits, Mechanics Bank, and Berkeley Country Club have been key supporters of the Garden Party for years.

The entire community is encouraged to come to the big event, too. Tickets are on sale now! Buy your tickets at <http://www.kensingtonhilltop.org/gardenparty/> and plan to celebrate with friends, try your luck at winning great prizes, and dance the night away to live music.

A Kensington Treasure

By Linnea Due

Forty years ago in October, three poets came together to found a poetry magazine—*Blue Unicorn*, long associated with Kensington, as one of those poets, editor Ruth Iodice, lived at 22 Avon Road and used her address as the magazine’s own.

The founders, including Harold Witt and B. Jo Kinnick, first thought of calling the magazine *The Unicorn*, but they felt the name was too similar to Unicorn Press. So, as longtime coeditor John Hart writes, “the beast became blue, reflecting Ruth’s lifelong love of the color. Her home is like a museum of exquisite blue glassware as well as a library of books with unicorn-themed art.”

The first issue was well received, with contributions from May Sarton, William Stafford, David Wagoner, Rosalie Moore, and Diana O’Hehir. Issues thenceforth appeared in October, February, and June.

“Since then,” writes Hart, “size and circulation have had their ups and downs, but the rhythm of publication has scarcely faltered. Ruth has worked with a succession of coeditors but always remained the guiding light and the inexorable force behind the remarkable survival of a magazine not housed at a college or university and supported only by subscriptions and contributions. The reach of the magazine has always been national/international, with only a slight edge in Northern California subscriptions.”

Hart explains that when *Blue Unicorn* was founded, rhyme and meter were very much out of fashion; *BU* provided a rare haven for formal verse, though it publishes free verse as well. It also frequently published work of the “Activist” poets (originally students of Hart’s father Lawrence). “The Activists wrote and write in styles quite different from Ruth’s own, but she was open to them,” says Hart.

Ruth saw *BU* through forty full years of publication. Her last editorial meeting was on June 22, 2017. She died on August 9. Her son John Kaye, and her husband, Leo Iodice, predeceased her. *BU*’s October issue will feature an appreciation.

VISITATION

I dream you coming through my door
You who are forever here enshrined—
Your hair is wild and wearily you say
Been riding all night all day through storm
And roadblocks all the way—
Mother, Father I’ve come but I cannot stay.

I warm no cup nor set no plate
But give you back to the twilit world
Of sun and wind and fog through the Golden Gate.
I give you back to your place on the hill
Where the tall antlered ones come en famille
To romp and eat your roses and a great horned owl
Sways on his eucalyptus bough and a small red fox
Slinks by as you wait and wait for us all— **Ruth Iodice**



Passings

Longtime Kensington resident Joan Haber passed away August 29. She worked in the community and mentored others for over 70 years. Joan inspired and opened doors for people from all walks of life. She stayed active, skiing into her eighties and hiking all over the world with her husband of 65 years, Richard, who died in 2010.

Born in Woodmere, NY, to Aimee and Paul Mayer, on May 8, 1920, Joan graduated from Vassar in 1941. Newly married, she moved to Honolulu. On December 6, 1941, Joan joined her husband, Ensign Charles M Stern, Jr, for dinner on board the *USS Oklahoma*. He died December 7 during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Joan made her way back to New York and worked at Grumman Aircraft during the war testing flight instruments for fighter planes.

In 1945 she married Richard Haber. They moved to Kensington in 1946 and raised three sons, Phil, Tom, and Jim. Inspired by a personal letter of condolence she had received from Eleanor Roosevelt urging her to get involved in her community and politics, Joan organized and managed school board, school bond, and Democratic Party election campaigns and was active with the PTA, League of Women Voters and Neighborhood House. She chaired and served on Planned Parenthood and Richmond Emergency Food Pantry boards. Joan and Richard traveled extensively, stayed involved in the community and enjoyed their grandchildren. They maintained longtime friendships and made new friends of all ages.

A celebration of Joan’s life will be held Sunday, October 22, at 2:30pm, at Arlington Community Church, in the Social Hall.



Ronald Tolberg

Ronald Tolberg (90), a longtime resident of Kensington, died on June 14, 2017, in Oakland. He and his wife Adelaide lived at the Lake Park retirement residence in Oakland for the past six and a half years. Ron and Adelaide moved to Kensington in the late ‘50s where they raised their two daughters, Margaret and Mary Ellen. He worked as a chemist for Chevron Research in Richmond for more than thirty years. After he retired, he was often seen taking long walks through Kensington or playing tennis with the morning group of players at the Kensington courts. He helped with the Friends of the Library and enjoyed hunting and fishing which he had done since his youth in Minnesota.

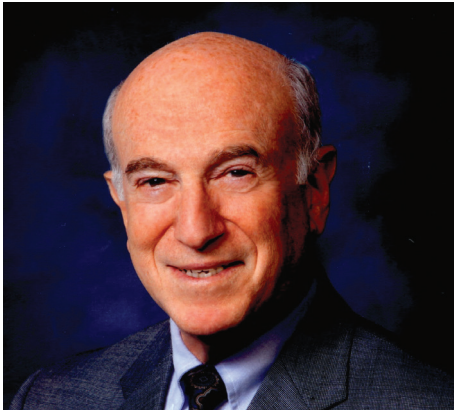
Family and friends will gather in celebration and remembrance of his life October 14, 2pm, at Lake Park Retirement Residence, 1850 Alice St., Oakland, in the Art Gallery at the rear of the dining room. Members of the Kensington community are invited to join us to share memories and conversation.

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city in 1917, Kensington’s farmers and ranchers were afraid that they would be charged city taxes on their farmland—so Kensington became a pocket of land outside El Cerrito’s boundaries—and the unincorporated village it remains today.

The book will be available for sale at the KIC’s annual Town Hall meeting October 14. Members (one can join for \$5 at the meeting) can buy the book for a discounted price of \$10 (far below its actual cost, noted Thal). Nonmembers pay \$18.95, still a discount. KIC plans to have the book available at other events in town as well as at the Sunday Farmers’ Market. Stores on the Arlington and Colusa Circle may also carry the book, said KIC president Lisa Caronna. For more details on locations, email KIC at KICpost@gmail.com.



Coeditors Larry Thal and Melissa Holmes-Snyder, along with every board member of KIC, spent years working on the centennial edition of Kensington Past and Present

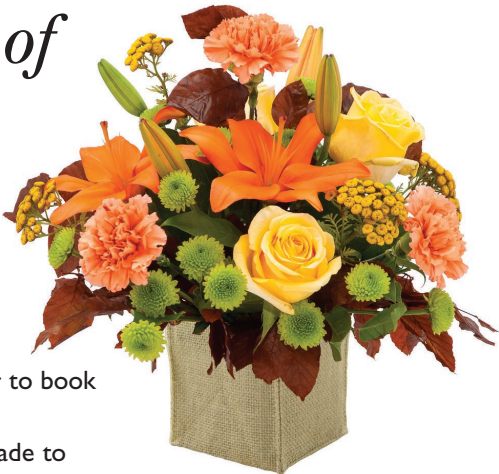
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Love Compost? Come to the Composting Workshop!

By Eileen Nottoli

Many residents ask “Why doesn’t Kensington compost?” But Kensington does compost its green waste. The green waste that is picked up from Kensington twice monthly is taken to West Contra Costa County Landfill in Richmond where it is composted. Kensington’s contract with Bay View only allows for green waste, not food waste. Residents can have unlimited green waste collected twice a month—a blessing in Kensington, with its wildland interface and resulting fire danger.

Some want food waste composted. If food waste were to be collected, it would need to be picked up weekly because of hygiene concerns. This would mean an extra truck coming two to three times more per month. In addition, the food waste would need to be stored in containers that could not be attacked by raccoons and other animals. More importantly, jurisdictions that pick up food waste restrict the green waste pickup to just one container a week, unlike our unlimited green waste pickup.

In 2014, consulting team HF&H conducted a survey of Kensington residents (results are in the September 11, 2014 KPPCSD agenda, pages 95-100 in Part 1 and pages 1-12 in Part 2). Almost 55 percent of respondents said they were very or moderately interested in having food scraps collected. However, when told there would be an increased cost and green waste would be limited to one container of green/food waste a week, almost 64 percent said they were not interested in this option and 14 percent said that they would not be willing to pay.

Almost 19 percent said that they already compost food scraps in their backyard. Some residents have built compost bins for their home. There are also commercial compost bins that can be purchased online or at home and garden stores. Some sit on the ground, others consist of a rotating drum that sits on a stand. Generally, within a few weeks, the produce scraps are reduced to a fine soil amendment.

If you’d like to learn how to compost your own food scraps, the county is holding a composting workshop Saturday, October 28 at the Community Center from 10am-noon. A Yimby composter will be raffled off to a lucky participant.

More About the Composting Workshop

According to a flier put out by the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, instructor Todd Sutton is an expert with more than 25 years in the environmental field; he has educated thousands on waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting.

Food waste is the largest discarded material category in the nation, accounting for 14.1 percent of the municipal waste stream. Food waste sent to a landfill decomposes in the absence of oxygen, which produces methane, a significant greenhouse gas.

Anyone can learn to compost or improve their existing techniques by following basic steps taught in the workshop. Worm composting will also be discussed. The October 28 workshop is free—so come to the Community Center at 10am and turn your kitchen scraps into gold.

Letters

...from page 2

Of Boards and Bureaucrats

Dear Editor:

I personally like Dave Spath and at this point in time would oppose him for the board for only two reasons. First is that I believe him to be too closely associated with the old guard. The second is that his career has been within bureaucracies. Without doubt there are excellent bureaucrats, OK bureaucrats, and terrible bureaucrats. I believe Dave was of the excellent variety.

We presently have one career bureaucrat still on the board, who is also a lawyer. It might be argued that like having one lawyer on the board, having one bureaucrat could be a good thing. But since one of the new reform members is also an attorney we don’t need two. I want to be clear that as a genre I respect both lawyers and bureaucrats. But the board and the future of our community should not be controlled by either discipline.

A review of the work of our new general manager, Anthony Constantouros, in the most recent board packet convinces me that we have an excellent bureaucrat in our new GM. I am also comforted that we are in the good hands of the present board that hired him and is setting the policies that Mr. Constantouros is administering. Check his excellent analysis of the critical RFP process needed for deciding the future of our police department. There are 14 months until the next election when three seats will be up for election. I will support the reelection of board president Rachelle Sherris-Watt and the election of Chris Deppe, if both run. Depending on my sense of his demonstrated independence between now and then, if he chooses to run again, I might support Dave. My hope is that his election could help our community to bridge our divisions.

Leonard Schwartzburd, PhD

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Kensington Calendar

Locations:

Arlington Community Church (ACC),
52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146
Kensington Community Center, 59
Arlington Ave., 525-0292
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.,
524-3043
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berke-
ley (UUCB), 1 Lawson Rd., Kensing-
ton, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Ongoing:

Note Time and Location Change: **Low
Impact Jazzercise**, 8-10am, Mon-
day-Friday, ACC. Come join Kevin
Knickerbacker.

Mindful Yoga with Wendy Beckerman,
Tuesdays, 9:15am, ACC.

Acrylic Artists, 9:45-12:30pm, Wednes-
day, Community Center. Self-
directed artists come together in a
beautiful building with good light
to paint together. Easels provided.
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Tai Chi Chuan, 9:30-10:30am Fridays,
Community Center, \$10

**October 2 Kensington Library Knit-
ting Club “The Castoffs”** All levels
welcome. Please bring your own
needles and yarn. We will provide
support, encouragement and help.
Learn new stitches, share your tal-
ents, and meet new friends. Normally
meets on the 1st Monday of the
month. 6:30pm. Free.

October 3, 10, 17 CERT training with
Dave Gibson of the El Cerrito Fire
Department. ACC, 6-9pm. The Com-
munity Emergency Response Team
(CERT) teaches neighbors to help
themselves and each other. You will
receive hands-on training in Disaster
First Aid, Disaster Preparedness,
Basic Firefighting, Light Search and
Rescue, Damage Assessment, and
How to Turn Off Utilities.

**October 3, 10, 17 & 31 Family Story-
time** Lots of picture books, songs,
rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals
& pajamas welcome. Kensington
Library, 6:30pm. Free.

**October 4 Kensington Unit of the
League of Women Voters** All are
welcome to meet and discuss the
current community happenings at
1:15 at 44 Beverly Road. 524-6071

October 5 Women’s Fellowship, ACC,
6pm. Free to all who would like to
join us. Monthly potluck supper and
program for ACC women and guests.

October 5, 12, 19 & 26 Baby & Tod-

lder Storytime Stories, songs, pup-
pets, egg-shakers and loads of fun!
Kensington Library, Two identical
sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.

**October 6 Reception Sandy Schaffell
Photos** Kensington resident Schaffell
exhibits 12 images of various subjects

at the Cath-
arine Hiersoux
Gallery, 437
Colusa Ave.
Open house
4-6pm, show
runs until
November 2.

**October 11
Grizzly
Peak Fly
Fishers
Open House**

Once a year,
we host an
open house,
inviting our
neighbors
to become familiar with club activi-
ties, including fly tying, fishing knots,
insects as fish food, and the Trout in
the Classroom Program. Take a cast-
ing lesson and enjoy a free hot dog
and soft drink. 6:30-8:30pm, Com-
munity Center. Please register for
the open house and casting lesson at
grizzlypeakflyfishers.org.

October 12 Bill “the Bulb Baron”
will present easy to grow, drought-
resistant, animal-proof bulbs, both
new varieties and heirlooms. Wil-
liam Welch is a commercial grower,
hybridizer, and bulb expert from
Watsonville. A large selection of bulbs
will be for sale (cash preferred). Meet
at 9:30am in the El Cerrito Commu-
nity Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Mem-
bers free, visitors \$3.

**October 14 Kensington Town Hall
Meeting and new book release KIC**
is sponsoring a brief annual member-
ship meeting followed by a Town Hall
forum. Hear from regional and local
representatives, check out the new edi-
tion of *Kensington Past and Present*,
learn some fun facts and meet your
neighbors. Starts at 9am with coffee
and snacks. Community Center, 50
Arlington. Everyone welcome!

**October 14 Fire Prevention Week
Open House**. 10am-2pm, Public
Safety Building, 217 Arlington Ave.

October 16 Memoir Group 10am, ACC.
Free Monthly Memoir Group led by



Ruth Robinson in the Fireside Room.
**October 21 Fall Shredding Event with
Kensington Fire Department**. 10am-
2pm, north end of the library parking
lot, across from ACC.

**October 21 El Cerrito’s Centennial
History** (and by extension, Kensing-
ton’s—see story, page one). Richard
Bartke, former mayor of El Cerrito
and President of the El Cerrito His-
torical Society, will present a general
history of the city at the AAUW
West Contra Branch meeting. Christ
Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury St., El
Cerrito. 10am. Free. All are welcome.

**October 23 Kensington Library’s Digi-
tal Docent** will answer your eReader
and digital library questions every
other Monday by appointment at 1pm.
This one-on-one 60-minute appoint-
ment is intended for people seeking
assistance with eBooks and eReaders.
Sign up onsite at Info Desk. Please
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**October 23 Kensington Library Book
Club** Discussion of *Cry, the Beloved
Country* by Alan Paton. Book Club
normally meets on the 4th Monday of
the month. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 24 Norcal Bats Come learn all
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cued bats! Norcal Bats, located in the
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tion of the public and wildlife rescue.
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October 26 Robert Epstein speaks on
public policy and environmental law.
Sponsored by Person of the Planet,
ACC, 7pm.

October 27 Bridge Night 6pm, ACC.
Monthly potluck and bridge play at all
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October 28 Pharmaceutical Disposal
10am-2pm, Public Safety Building,
217 Arlington Ave.

October 29 Annual Fall Book Sale The
Friends of the Kensington Library
will hold its annual sale from 10am–
4pm in the lot behind the library at 61
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Of special interest this year are
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**October 29 ACC Concert Series: Coro
Ciconia** 7pm, ACC.

Town Meetings

**Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington**

KCC-Oct 2, Kensington
Community Council 1st Mon-
days, 6:30pm. 525-0292

**FKL-Oct 3, Friends of the
Kensington Library**, 6:30pm
(at the Library) 1st Tuesdays

**KPSC-Oct 9, Kensington
Public Safety Council Earth-
quake/Disaster Preparedness**
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

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

**KFPD-Oct 11 Fire Protec-
tion District** 2nd Wednes-
days, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD-Oct 12 and Oct 26
Police Protection and Commu-
nity Services District 2nd & 4th
Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

**KIC-Oct 23, Kensington
Improvement Club** 4th Mon-
days, 7:30pm. 524-7514.

**KMAC (Tent.)-Oct 31, Munici-
pal Advisory Council** Last
Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s
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August Police Log

- August 6** VANDALISM, Franciscan Way. Mailbox broken into, mailman advised resident of tampering. Referred to outside agency.
- August 8** GRAND THEFT, Ardmore Rd. RP believes tenants who occupied the front unit took approximately \$8,000 from her unit in back. Entry made via unlocked front door.
- August 9** VANDALISM, Beloit Ave. Unknown subject poured coffee on RP's vehicle and bent the license plate.
- August 10** BURGLARY, Norwood Ave. Wallet taken from locked vehicle in driveway. Credit car used, in process of cancelling; PETTY THEFT, Yale Ave. Prius broken into overnight, possibly left unlocked, just discovered trunk open, RP also has a Lexus that was broken into overnight—items stolen from the Lexus.
- BURGLARY, Wellesley Ave. Asian bright blonde hair, suspect is neighbor who lived across driveway, RP caught him coming out of basement.
- August 12** PETTY THEFT, Los Altos Dr. Items stolen from upper part of driveway during the night. Responsible party possibly caught on video; Hit and Run, Highland Blvd. Parked vehicle hit, license place near tire, possibly responsible party.
- August 15** IDENTITY THEFT, Beloit Ave. Unknown subject opened a Comcast account out of state in RP's name; Identity Theft, Norwood Ct. Unknown subject used credit card.
- August 16** BURGLARY, Berkeley Park Blvd.
- August 18** PETTY THEFT, Oceanview Ave. Vehicle rifflled through, possibly unlocked. Unknown if anything was taken; Petty Theft, Berkeley Park Blvd. Vehicle rifflled through, change taken.
- August 24** VEHICLE ACCIDENT, no injury. Arlington, Kensington Park Rd. Male ran his car off the road near the library.
- August 25** VEHICLE ACCIDENT, no injury, Arlington/Sunset Dr. RP advised he hit a parked vehicle last night at around 9pm, stated he doesn't know what kind or color the vehicle is.
- August 26** MISC. Ardmore Path/Arlington Ave. Anonymous RP states the same man parks in the lot and sleeps in his vehicle. Matter remedied.
- August 28** BURGLARY. Kensington Police Department, Arlington Ave. Forced entry into vehicle, occurred during the night between 10pm-5am.