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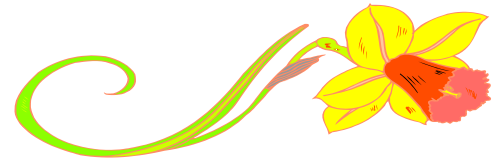
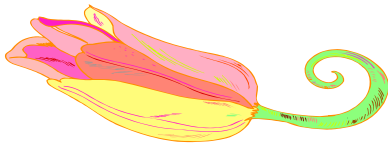
SONOMA COUNTY FORUM

May 5, 2011

Southeast Greenway: From Freeway Bypass to Community Open Space Presented by Stephen Fuller-Rowell & James McAdler



The 2 mile, 50-acre parcel of land which stretches from Farmer's Lane to Spring Lake Park (now known as the Southeast Greenway) is state-owned property which was once earmarked as the freeway bypass, linking Highway 101 to Highway 12 with a route that included a bridge over Spring Lake Park. This spring a community-based group dedicated to seeing the property developed as a much-needed east-west connection for alternative transportation, restored creeks, open space, community gardens and recreation, received a prestigious grant from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to solicit community input on the future of this site. A six member team of architects, land use planners, and economic development professionals will be in Santa Rosa in early June to facilitate this three day process. Come on May 5th (and bring your friends and neighbors) to find out how you can have a say in how this piece of land is developed. Speakers will be Stephen Fuller-Rowell and Jim McAdler from the Southeast Greenway Campaign.



May 17, 2011

Alzheimer's Disease: Is there Hope for a Cure? Presented by Dr. Dale Bredesen



Alzheimer's disease currently affects an estimated 5.2 million Americans, and that number is expected to increase to 13 million by 2050. No truly effective therapy is currently available. Dr. Bredesen, an academic neurologist turned researcher at the Buck Institute, focuses on Alzheimer's as a disorder involving an imbalance in signaling between neurons that impacts brain plasticity. Earlier this year, Dr. Bredesen and his research team received a \$3.5 million grant to help further the work that he has been doing to develop therapeutics to combat this disease. His team has been screening chemical compounds, and have already identified several promising candidates that restore this critical memory balance in "Mouzheimer's," a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease. The group is now completing pre-clinical studies required to move these into clinical trials. Chances are that you or someone you love will be affected by this disease. Plan to attend May 17th program (and bring a friend)!

BOOK GROUP NEWS

BOOK GROUP I will meet at Rose Turner's home Monday, May 2nd at 7PM to discuss "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion.

BOOK GROUP II will meet at Susan Conrardy's home on Tuesday, May 10th at 7 PM to discuss "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls.

BOOK GROUP III will meet at Dona Fitzsimons's home on Monday, May 23rd at 7 PM to discuss "A Land Remembered." by Patrick Smith.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- ★ June 2nd Jeff Cox Press Democrat Restaurant Reviewer
- ★ June 16 Jane Engdahl with the Sonoma County Fair
- ★ July 13 Off-site evening—Artstart program At the Arthouse

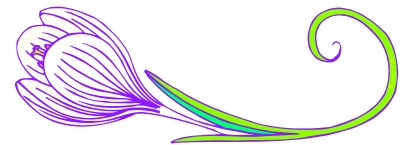
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We always encourage members to bring a guest but we are focusing on **May** and **June** to "**Share the Forum with a Friend**". There will be some gifts for members who participate. Thank you to **Joanne Enemark, Julie Sooley** and **Kathie Murphy** for each inviting a new member to Forum this year.

In our daily lives we associate with many creative and interesting people who might enjoy coming as a guest, hearing our speakers and learning about the Forum. Potential members can visit our web-site to read previous newsletters and learn about upcoming speakers.

Thank you to **Roseanna Woods** for providing the excellent bios of our members in the newsletters. It gives us another opportunity to learn more about each other.

Pat Edelstein



July Social: An Evening at Artstart



Have you enjoyed seeing the colorful benches, murals and mosaics on buildings around town? Downtown Santa Rosa is a designated Arts District and the examples of original public art we enjoy in Courthouse Square, along the Prince Greenway bike path and in local parks are the work of the Artstart program apprentices and their mentor lead artists. Artstart is the only organization in Sonoma County that provides paid apprentice training to young artists to produce community and private art. With the assistance of Forum and Artstart Board member Liz Uribe, we are pleased to announce our July social event, Wednesday, July 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Artstart Arthouse, at 716 Bennett Valley Road. Please come and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while learning more about the program from summer-session apprentices and viewing some of their work. For more information, contact Donna Spilman, donnaspilman@wildblue.net.

MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY @ 7:30 AM @ THE FLAMINGO RESORT