

Local Events Coinciding with the workshop

June 4-5

Sixth Annual Bluegrass for the Greenbelt Festival: The sixth annual Bluegrass for the Greenbelt Festival, to be held June 4th at the Dunsmuir-Hellman Estate in Oakland, announced its lineup this weekend. Among the acts to perform are Marley's Ghost, The Kathy Kallick Band, Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands, Jimmie Dale Gilmore with The Wronglers, plus The Tuttles with AJ Lee and Arann Harris and The Farm Band. Proceeds from the event benefit the Greenbelt Alliance, which works to protect the area's natural habitat and farms and to create more sustainable cities. Tickets for the family-friendly event are on sale now. \$25 until May 13. After that, \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Kids under 12 are free.

Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival: Berkeley, CA -- The sidewalks along North Shattuck Ave. in the Gourmet Ghetto in Berkeley are the target of artists young and old, professional and greenhorn during the 15th annual CHOCOLATE & CHALK ART FESTIVAL on Saturday, June 4.

With no fees to artists, areas of sidewalk will be assigned to participants to create their own fanciful chalk drawings. A CHALK ART CONTEST for the best drawing will be judged after 4 p.m. Winners will be notified the following day. Same-day registration takes place 10AM-5PM in event booths located along North Shattuck Ave. Artist's chalk is available for a fee.

For CHOCOLATE SAMPLING start by purchasing a packet of tickets (10 for \$10) at any of the registration sites. The to-go menu features organic raw dark chocolate mousse, chocolate ganache cupcakes, Nutella crepes, adult brownies or savory chocolate ricotta pizza, Caribbean chocolate soup, or the weirder chocolate foot massage! Spend your tickets on these delights in the businesses in the district.

Vendors with chocolate-related items and hand made arts & crafts fill the Farmer's Market area, music fills the air, clown's laughter fills your heart, and many more surprises fill your senses as you stroll along the sidewalks viewing the artwork that remains in place for the next two weeks. See last year's chalk art contest winners. This is a family-friendly, non-alcoholic event.

Family Fun Festival: A pettingzoo, a craft booth, face painting, a skateboard contest and dances the whole family can take part in; 10 am- 3 pm, June 4 Marthin Luther King Jr. Civic Center Park, 2151 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Verkeley; free admission; 510-548-3333, www.ecologycenter.org.

June 11-12

Live Oak Fair: Sculptures and glass, wood and metal art from more than 100 artists; food, drinks, and live music; 10 am-6 pm, June 11-13. Live Oak Park, 1301 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley; free adission; 510 227-7110. www.liveoakparkfair.com"