

Welcome to the 13th Annual San Francisco Bay Flyway Festival

Dedicated to Bob Wisecarver and a dog named Dot

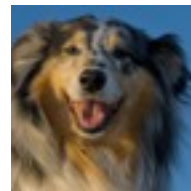
The words "the ebb and flow of life" do seem to say so much about our lives. They are a vivid image for those of us privileged to live so close to San Francisco Bay with its infusion of ebbing and flowing waters from the Pacific Ocean, the Petaluma and Napa Rivers, the Carquinez Strait and the myriad of creeks that refresh the Bay. From the Mare Island hilltop vantage point above the confluence of the waters of the Napa River and the Carquinez Strait, the stunning colors of sunsets over San Pablo Bay are made more dramatic by the reflection of glowing bands of light in the low tidal water at the shoreline. That brief brilliance reminds me that there is an abundant source of life in the murky darkness and cold of those waters,



providing nourishment for our annually migrating visitors from the far north.

Like them, Bob Wisecarver migrated annually for 11 years to Mare Island where we were awed and wowed by this amazingly passionate visitor who found nourishment in the Bay's precious wild and wide open spaces every bit as much as any avian visitor. His passion led him to make a lifelong commitment to the preservation and enjoyment of all things wild. He founded the Diablo Valley Fly Fishing Club and pioneered fly fishing in the Bay. When most people are winding down he seemed to get his second wind. He devoted the last 20 years or so of his life after retirement to providing habitat for quail and bats—although after giving more than an hour slide show at our first Flyway Festival in 1996 about the bat houses he had designed, he confessed that he didn't think bats had moved into any of them yet!

He transformed parts of Walnut Creek Open Space, that after years of cattle grazing were short on habitat for critters. At his memorial this summer, I was so privileged to revel in Bob Wisecarver stories for a couple of hours. I knew I would miss him, but after that afternoon, I know more of why I will. Bob, I dedicate this year's Flyway Festival to you.



Another cherished friend of the Flyway Festival died this year. My dog Dot, my constant companion and someone many of you came to know, died of a rare disease in December.

I find comfort in knowing that in the ebb and flow, life does go on and that even in tumultuous times some things do remain constant. Shorebirds, waterfowl and hawks have returned to the Bay. The Flyway Festival opens its doors to you for another year and the Bay still ebbs and flows, renewing us all.

Myrna Hayes, Festival Coordinator

Mare Island Hikes and Guided Outings

Friday, February 6

12:45pm-3:30pm **Mare Island Historic Southshore Walk**: meet at gate at deadend of Railroad Ave.

1:45-5pm **Mare Island Birding Hot Spots Tour**: meet at Expo Outing Tent

Saturday, February 7

9am-11:30am **Mare Island Historic Shipyard, Alden Park and Officer's Row Hike**: meet at Expo Outing Tent

9am-4pm **American Volkssport Association Sanctioned 5k and 10k Volkswalk** Check in at Expo booth

9:30am-3pm **Flyway Festival Self-Guided Refuge Walk** Hosted by Weston Solutions, Inc. and Napa-Solano Audubon Society: across Azuar Dr. at yellow gate

10am-11am **Walking Tour of Historic Mare Island Naval Shipyard**: meet at Alden Park 8th St. & Railroad Ave.

10am-11:30am **Walk to the Top of the Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve**: meet at deadend of Railroad Ave. at Preserve "warming hut"

10am-3pm **Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve Self-guided Walk**: Past gate at deadend of Railroad Ave.

12:45-3:30pm **Discover the Back Country and Bay of Mare Island**: meet at corner of Nereus St. and Flagship Dr. right turn off of Azuar Dr.

1pm-2:15pm **Beginning Birding for Families**: meet at Expo Outing Tent

1pm-3pm **Delve Deep into Mare Island Naval Cemetery History Docent Tour**: meet at Cemetery past gate at end of Railroad Ave.

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10am-11:30am **Learn About Former Shipyard on Heritage Preserve Guided Walk**: meet at Preserve "warming hut"

10am-3pm **Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve Self-guided Walk** past gate at south end of Railroad Ave.

10:30am-12noon **Let's Go Birding with Lisa Myers**: meet at Expo Outing Tent

1pm-2pm **Beginning Birding for Families** meet at Expo Outing Tent

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For additional information call:
707-649-WING(9464) or 707-557-9816
Festival Website: SFBayflywayfestival.com

Wildlife and Birding Expo Presentations and Slide Shows, Building 897

Friday, February 6

7:15-7:45pm Stephen Ingraham Reads "The Kingfisher"

7:45pm-9pm A Tribute to Bob Wisecarver Slide Show by Brian Murphy, Walnut Creek Open Space Foundation

Saturday, February 7

11:30am-12:30pm Native Bird Connections Raptor Show "The Wonder of Raptors", Jenny Papkas, Curator

12noon-1pm Take Your Picture with the National Wildlife Refuge Blue Goose Mascot, San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge booth

12:30pm-1pm Cruising With Peregrine and Osprey on the Eastern Flyway, Slide Show by Jay Sheets, Instructor Sierra College

1-2pm California Soundscapes Lecture and Demonstration by Dan Dugan and Sharon Perry, Nature Sounds Society

2-2:30pm Suisun Wildlife Center Slide Show and Live Wildlife Visit
Monique Liguori, Executive Director

2pm-3pm "Salty's Search for a Habitat" Puppet Show, Make a Finger Puppet and Sing Mucky Fun Music with San Pablo Bay NWR

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12:30-1:30pm Tales from the Clinic: International Bird Rescue and Research Center Stories, Slide Show by Megan Prelinger, Member of IBRR Emergency Response Team

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2-3pm California Soundscapes Lecture and Demonstration by Dan Dugan and Sharon Perry, Nature Sounds Society

Flyway Festival Art and Photography Workshops and Demonstrations

Saturday, February 7

11am-11:30am **Getting Great Digiscope Images**

Clay Taylor, Naturalist Market Manager, Swarovski Optik, Expo Slide Show Room

11am-1pm **Outdoor Painting Demonstration**, Benicia Plein Air Group Member Iris Sabre, check at Plein Air booth for demo location

2:30-3:30pm **Digiscoping 101: Everything You Absolutely Have to Know About Digiscoping**, Steve Ingraham Carl Zeiss Sport Optics Specialist, Expo Slide Show Room

7pm-11pm **MARE ISLAND NOCTURNE Introductory Night Photography Workshop on Mare Island FREE!**

www.thenocturnes.com/workshops/flyway.html
Pacific Media Arts 707-645-9860

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www.pleinairlinks.com

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Mare Island Museum, Ship, Chapel and Van Tours

Friday, February 6

10am-3pm **Come Aboard the USS LCS(L) 102 Mighty Midget Restored WWII Landing Craft Support Gunboat**, Berth 6 A St. and Nimitz Ave.

Saturday, February 7

9am-10:45am **Discover Mare Island's Historic Naval Ammunition Depot by Van Tour**, register Weston Solutions booth

10am-3pm **Come Aboard the USS LCS(L) 102 Mighty Midget Restored WWII Landing Craft Support Gunboat**, directions above

10am-3pm **Tours St. Peter's Chapel** Walnut Ave. beyond Captain's Row and the **Mare Island Museum** 8th and Railroad Ave \$3 each site

11:15am-1pm **Discover Mare Island's Historic Naval Ammunition Depot by Van Tour**, register WESTON booth

1:45-3:30pm **Discover Mare Island's Historic Naval Ammunition Depot by Van Tour**, register WESTON booth

5-6pm **Sunset Vista Visit to Building 505** meet at entrance past yellow gate across the street from Expo

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10am-3pm **Come Aboard the USS LCS(L) 102 Mighty Midget Restored WWII Landing Craft Support Gunboat**, directions above

10am-3pm **Tour St. Peter's Chapel and Mare Island Museum**, directions above

12:30pm-2:15pm **Discover Mare Island's Historic Naval Ammunition Depot by Van Tour**, WESTON booth

Local birding, check out these websites:

www.birdingonthe.net

<http://fog.ccsf.cc.ca.us/~jmorlan/>

Northern California BirdBox phone: 415-681-7422

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Bay Area Wetlands to Ridgetops Fine Art Exhibit

Opening Reception

Friday, February 6
5:30-7pm

Preview fine art, sample wines of the region and food provided by Whole Foods Market of Napa, listen to pianist Guy Arrostuto and enjoy good company at the opening of the Flyway Festival and its Fine Art Exhibit with our Opening Reception and Festival Host, Weston Solutions. Art Exhibition Hall, Building 897.

Art Exhibit

Saturday, February 7 9am to 4pm
Sunday, February 8 9am to 3pm
Building 897, Art Exhibit Hall

Regional Outings

Friday, February 6

8am-10am Ducks, Shorebirds, and Raptors of American Canyon Wetlands Walk David Takeuchi, Napa Solano Audubon Society Directions: From Hwy 29, turn west onto American Canyon Rd. Turn right onto Wetlands Edge Rd. Meet on Eucalyptus Dr.

9am-10:30am Tour and Bird Sustainable Demonstration Vineyard in the Carneros Napa County Dave Steiner, Napa County Resource Conservation District Directions: From Napa, Vallejo and East Bay, turn west at light from Hwy 29 onto Hwy 12/121. Continue to Duhig Rd. Turn left. Proceed on Duhig until it becomes Ramal Rd. at sharp turn. Immediately turn left and park at vineyard. From Petaluma, Sonoma & Marin, turn right onto Ramal Rd. from Hwy 12/121. Continue 4 miles to sharp turn. Turn right and park.

9am-10:45am Morning Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Repeats Friday 11am and 1pm, Saturday 8am, 10am and 12noon; Sunday 7am. Reservations required; \$35 (707) 224 9080 Code [FLY1] www.napariveradventures.com

9am-1pm Hudeman Slough Hawk Walk (Replaces Skaggs Island)
Repeats Saturday 12noon and 4pm and Sunday, 9am
Napa County Birder Murray Berner Directions: From Napa, Vallejo & East Bay, follow 9am Vineyard tour directions above to Ramal Rd. Continue 1 mile past Skaggs Island Rd. to gravel lot at large barn. From Petaluma, Sonoma & Marin, turn right from Highway 12/121 onto Ramal Rd. Continue on Ramal Rd. 2 miles.

9:30am-12noon Shollenberger Park 2-mile Wetlands Tour Repeats Sat. & Sun. 9:30am Docents with viewing scopes www.petalumawetlandspark.org
Directions: From Hwy 37, turn north onto Lakeville Hwy and left at 2nd signal, South McDowell Blvd. Drive 3 blocks to park opposite Cader Lane. Call Bob Dyer (707) 763-2934.

11am-12:45am Morning Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday, 9am, [FLY2]

1pm-2:45am Afternoon Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday 9am, [FLY3]

2-3pm Suisun Wildlife Center Tour To register call 707-429-4295.
Directions: From I-80 exit at Hwy 12 in Fairfield near the Budweiser Brewery. Go east on Hwy 12 toward Suisun 3 miles to first exit AFTER Pennsylvania St. Exit at Civic Center Blvd/Suisun City Business District. Turn left onto Main St. Proceed to stop sign past downtown. Turn left onto Cordelia Rd. Take next right to 1171 Kellogg St.

Saturday, February 7

5:30-6:45am A Railing We Will Go in American Canyon Wetlands
Robin Leong, Napa Solano Audubon Society Directions: Same as Fri. 8am.

8am-9:45am Morning Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday 9am, [FLY4]

8am-11am Birding American Canyon from Wetlands to the Quarry Robin Leong, Napa Solano Audubon Society Directions: Same as Friday 8am directions.

8:45am-12noon Rush Creek, Cemetery Marsh and Bahia
Lowell Sykes, Marin Audubon Society
Directions: From Hwy 101 in Novato, take Atherton Ave exit, go east, and turn left onto Binford Road immediately after crossing overpass. Park at the "Park and Ride" or along Binford Road near the trailhead. From Hwy 37, take Atherton Ave. exit, travel north to Binford Road. Call 415-388-2821.

9am-11am Raptors and Other Birds of Suisun Marsh Birdwalk Local Bird expert Joanne Castro Directions: Right turn onto Grizzly Isle. Rd. from Hwy 12, then 2 1/4 miles. Call 432-0150 or 644-8191; www.rushranch.org

9:30am-11:30am Sonoma Baylands Tidal Wetland Walk Giselle Block, Wildlife Biologist, San Pablo Bay NWR
Directions: Turn south off Hwy 37 at Port Sonoma Marina, follow signs.

9:30am-12noon Shollenberger Park Wetlands Tour Repeats Fri. and Sun. 9:30am. See Friday 9:30am description.

10am-11:45am Morning Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday, 9am [FLY5]

10am-12noon Antioch Dunes NWR Endangered Species Tour
Docent Michael Krieg Directions: 501 Fulton Shipyard Rd. Take Hwy 4 east to Lone Tree/A Street exit in Antioch. Travel north on A Street, right on Wilbur Avenue, turn left on Fulton Shipyard Road, follow signs to gate.

10am-4pm Endangered Lange's Metalmark Butterflies Need Your Help Planting Party!
Call Louis Terrazas, 510-377-1233.
Directions: See 10am Antioch Dunes NWR above.

12noon-1:45am Afternoon Boat Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday 9am [FLY6]

12noon-2:30pm Pond 1/Cullinan Ranch North Bay Ecology Walk
Wetland biologist Francesca Demgen, President, Friends of San Pablo Bay NWR Meet at Outing Tent, Building 897, Mare Island to carpool.

12noon-3:30pm Hudeman Slough Hawk Walk Napa County Birder Murray Berner Repeats Friday 9am, Saturday 4pm and Sunday, 9am. See Friday description.

1pm-3:30pm Sears Point Cougar Mountain Hike John Brosnan, Sonoma Land Trust Project Director, Sears Point Restoration. Meet at the San Pablo Bay NWR Headquarters. Directions: From Napa and Sonoma continue westbound from Hwy 12/121 through light at Sears Point to Lakeville Hwy. Make U-turn at light. Refuge is .25 miles on right. From Vallejo travel west on Hwy 37. Follow directions above. From Marin travel eastbound on Hwy 37, Refuge is .25 miles on right after Lakeville Hwy. Turn right at driveway of dairy farm. Traffic cones at entrance.

1:30pm-3pm Bird Migration
Environmental Education Center, Alviso, Led by Ed Kantack. For reservations 408-262-5513 ext 102.

2-4pm Guadalcanal Village Wetland Restoration Marsh Shorebird Observation Refuge volunteers with scopes. Refuge van shuttle leaves from the "Outing Tent" in front of Building 897 or pick up map at Expo for directions for short drive.

4pm-6pm Hudeman Slough Hawk Walk Repeats Friday 9am, Saturday 12noon and Sunday, 9am. Leader Brian Collett. See Fri. 9am description.

Sunday, February 8

7am-8:45am Sunrise Boat Marsh Tour of Napa's New Marsh
Same as Friday 9am [FLY7]

9am-12:30pm Hudeman Slough Hawk Walk Repeats Friday 9am and Saturday 12noon and 4pm Napa County hike leader Chip Bouril.

9:30am-12noon Shollenberger Park Wetlands Tour Repeats Fri. and Sat. 9am. See Friday description.

10am-12noon Tracking Through the Slough Search for Tracks
Environmental Education Center, Alviso Reservations required. Call 408-262-5513 ext. 104.

10am-1pm Bird Walk at Cullinan Ranch, San Pablo Bay NWR
Repeats Sunday, 1-3pm
Francesca Demgen, wetland biologist, President of Friends of San Pablo Bay NWR Directions: From Vallejo travel west on Hwy 37. The Ranch is 1.5 miles west of the Napa River Bridge. Turn right and follow signs to parking. From Marin or Sonoma: go to Mare Island exit, cross overpass, reverse direction. Follow directions above.

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Red-tail hawk, Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve
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Call 877-64-FERRY or visit www.baylinkferry.com

Auto Access From I-80 east or westbound exit Tennessee St., continue west to Mare Island. Follow Festival signs. **From Napa and Sonoma** travel south on Hwy 29 to Tennessee St., turn right and follow directions above. **From Contra Costa** I-780 west to I-80 east toward Sacramento, exit on Tennessee St. and follow directions above. **From Marin and Sonoma** travel east on Hwy 37 to Mare Island exit, turn right at the north entrance to Mare Island; continue to Festival.

Lodging

Vallejo Visitors Bureau www.visitvallejo.com
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Starr Mansion B & B: 866-645-816; 707-645-8164
American Canyon
Gaia Napa Valley Hotel: 707-674-2100; 888-798-3777
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Skyline Wilderness Park, Napa 707-252-0481

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