

ARTS/THEATER



Calling All Red-Haired Girls!

If you are a little (or not so little!) red-haired girl, you will receive free admission to the Charles M. Schulz Museum on Monday, February 14. They invite you to celebrate Valentine's Day with them, while showing your support for Charlie Brown and his affection for a certain little Red-Haired Girl.

All little red-haired children participating in the Museum's regularly scheduled Museum Mondays for Little Ones will also get in FREE on February 14. Museum Mondays for Little Ones will

feature story time, movement games and craft activities in celebration of Valentine's Day from 10 AM to Noon. Kids can make a special Valentine's Day card to take home or mail one to Charlie Brown at the Museum. They can also paint a Valentine's heart and make a charm bracelet.

The Charles M. Schulz Museum opened in August 2002 to fulfill its mission of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the art of Charles M. Schulz. The museum carries out this mission through changing exhibitions and programming

that: build an understanding of cartoonists and cartoon art; illustrate the scope of Schulz's multi-faceted career; communicate the stories, inspirations and influences of Charles Schulz; and celebrate the life of Charles Schulz and the Peanuts characters.

The Charles M. Schulz Museum is located at 2301 Hardies Lane in Santa Rosa. It is open Monday through Friday (except Tuesdays*) from 11 AM to 5PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 5 PM.

February Events at Pelican Art Gallery

Pelican Art Gallery, best known for its award winning custom framing and Masters of Today art exhibitions, has become a premier event destination for downtown plays, poetry readings, gatherings, story telling and even birthday parties.

"We love hosting community events and we look forward to even more fun and heartwarming gatherings," says Linda Postenrieder. "The addition of the "West Side Stories," the brain child of Petaluma resident and comedian Dave Pokorny, has been especially funny, touching and energizing. I highly recommend joining us on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM."

In addition to West Side Stories, there are several other special events at the Gallery in February and March of 2011. Pelican Art Gallery will be the finale in "For the Love of Art," a progressive evening of art, food, wine and dance on Valentine's Day

weekend, Saturday, February 12, starting at 6 PM. This benefit for the Petaluma City Ballet will have a Carnival style energy in which six of our leading galleries will lovingly roll out the red carpet for participants. The final stop at Pelican Art Gallery will feature dessert, including luscious ports from Petaluma's own Sonoma Valley Port Works. Dancing is sure to be contagious with music by a live orchestra. More details about the schedule and cost of this event can be found on page 3.

The first film presentation at the Gallery will take place this month. Pelican Art Gallery owner Linda Postenrieder graduated from the US Naval Academy (USNA). She is one of the nine USNA lesbian and gay alumni interviewed in the documentary film "Out of Annapolis," which tracks their challenges at USNA and beyond -- before and during the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy.

"I am thrilled with the

repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell.' When I agreed to participate in the film, I knew it would be a defining moment for me going forward. I invite the community to join us on Sunday, February 20, at 3 PM at the Gallery," says Postenrieder. The proceeds from this screening will go to USNA Out, a non-profit organization comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender alumni, supporters and friends. More information about "Out of Annapolis," as well as tickets for the screening, can be found at usnaout.org/ooa. March will see the return of the "Celebration of Creativity," an art exhibit featuring the art of the students at the Cats & Dragons Art Studio. This exhibit will be part of the celebration of Youth Art Month. The Artists' Reception is on Saturday, March 12. Pelican Art Gallery will resume showing the Masters of Today exhibits in April.



Living Earth Structures on Film

Petaluma native Miguel Elliott was inspired to do natural building at an early age by visiting General Vallejo's adobe fortress. Since then he has traveled the world, offering and developing his skills as a natural builder. He feels that natural building is a fantastic way of building community and is a great learning activity for children. He has done projects as varied as building an Earth bag dome in Africa, an earthen nightclub in Chicago, a school in Argentina, and an orphanage in Thailand. He has facilitated numerous workshops locally.

Elliott has now made a movie called "Living Earth Structures" which will be shown at the Petaluma Cinemas on Saturday, February 12 at 11 AM. The film will be shown at various other theaters in the county as well.

To learn more about the movie and to see the trailer you can go to livingearthstructures.com or call 707.320.3609. Proceeds from the film will go towards an upcoming trip Miguel is taking to the Middle East to build adobe ovens and benches in the conflicted regions.

Audition for American Dream Theater

Actors, singers, and dancers are being sought for two upcoming productions by American Dream Theatre: "West Coast Live," songs and skits a la "Saturday Night Live," and "Medicine Dream," a play about Indians. Native American actors and musicians are especially encouraged to audition for

the latter. Drop in at Coffee Catz in Sebastopol on either Saturday, January 22 or Sunday, January 23, between 1 and 3 PM. A prepared audition piece is welcome, but not necessary. For more information, call 707.478.1994 or 707.538.7543.