

September 7, 2008

Dear Members,

We are excited to announce a new event. Come and join us for:

Oyster Fest at Limantour Beach, Point Reyes

followed by a beach walk or hike

on Sunday, September 28, 12:30 pm

Enjoy an oyster picnic/BBQ in a most beautiful setting. Limantour Beach is the prettiest of the beaches at Point Reyes National Seashore, a long, wide stretch of sand backed by low cliffs, and is a great place for sand castle building. Because of its south-facing location and the shelter of the Point Reyes peninsula, its waves are calmer than at other beaches nearby, making it a good place for family activities. Wading is okay but no swimming because of the strong undercurrents and sharks.

Oysters, picked up in the morning from Tomales Bay, will be served raw and BBQ-ed, provided we get a fire permit. In case of strong winds, no permits are given out.

Following the picnic, a 5-mile moderate hike is optional. Of course, staying on the beach is an option, too.

On the way up to the beach (or back) a stop at the Bear Valley Visitor Center is recommended to enjoy a nice display with stuffed animals (fox, weasel, badger, bobcat, raccoon, gopher snake, and more).

DIRECTIONS

- Go north on HWY 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge.
- Follow HWY 101 about 9 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge to the Sir Francis Drake-San Anselmo exit (exit 450B).
- Make sure you are in the lane for San Anselmo (second lane from the right) and exit onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. heading west.
- Follow Sir Francis Drake west approximately 21 miles - passing through San Anselmo, Fairfax and Samuel P. Taylor State Park until it intersects with Highway 1 at Olema.
- Turn right on Highway 1 and proceed north about 100 yards.
- Take the first left turn at Bear Valley Road.
- Go for about 1.5 miles (from HWY 1) on Bear Valley Road.
- Turn left onto Limantour Road, and go all the way to the end, about 8 miles.
- Park your car and walk 8 minutes (leisurely walk) to the beach. We will most likely be on the left. Look for the Belgian flag.

WHAT TO BRING

For the picnic: oyster knife, gloves, drinks, and a picnic if you do not eat oysters. You may want to bring other food to accompany the oysters. We will provide oyster condiments such as lemon, pepper, cocktail sauce, and the BBQ with its supplies.

For the beach: sun hat, beach towel, beach chair, sunscreen, sand toys including shuffle, but also clothes for cold and windy weather! Point Reyes is notoriously known for its windy, foggy, and cold days!

REGISTRATION

Advance registration with oyster order is required so we know the amount of oysters to pick up in the morning. For cost, see registration form. You can also order to take home. Unopened oysters are good for 2 to 3 days. Make sure to bring a cooler with ice.

Send in the form with payment by *Wednesday, September 24*. For more information, call Sofie Vandeputte at 650 529-0689, or email at socie@bcnc.com. If you need to reach us the day of the event, you can try Sofie’s cell phone at 408 839-9686, but coverage is not guaranteed.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE OYSTER PICNIC EVENT
return by Wednesday, September 24

Write a check made payable to the *BCNC* and mail together with the registration form to:
Sofie Vandeputte, 405 Cervantes Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028

Name:

Number of people attending:

Phone Number: E-mail address:

Each order is half a dozen (6) at the cost of \$9/half dozen.

	Number of orders (1 order = 6 oysters/mussels)
Kumamoto oysters	
Small oysters	
Medium oysters	
Large oysters	
Large mussels ^a	

a. For BBQ only, or take-home in case we do not get a fire permit.

Number of orders: X \$9.00 = \$

And on the cultural side. we also would like to invite you to:

A guided tour at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco

on Saturday, October 4

Meet at 1:45 pm by the entrance

Our private tour will be a general introduction to the museum's collection galleries. Afterwards, enjoy a drink at Café Asia next door.

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is required. Children are welcome.

To register, send an email to ann@bcnc.com *before September, 19*. In the email, include the names and number of people who will attend, and a phone number.

Ann will be in Belgium until September 28, so she will not be able to respond to phone calls.

ADMISSION

Adults	\$12
Seniors (65 and older, with ID)	\$8
College students with ID and youths ages 13 through 17	\$7
Children 12 and under	Free
Asian Art Museum Members	Free

Attendees are responsible for the purchase of their own tickets.

DIRECTIONS

See <http://www.asianart.org/gettingthere.htm>

DID YOU KNOW THAT

- Trui Van Hove and Olivier Lauzeral have a baby daughter, Céleste, sister to Chloé, born on Friday, August 22. Congratulations and happiness to the entire family!
- The JW House is opening! The Knapen family and the Board of the JW House is inviting you to the Official Ribbon Cutting on October 24 from 2:00 pm until 4:30 pm at the new house: 3850 Homestead Road, Santa Clara. For more information, contact Anne-Mie Knapen, JW's mom, at anne-mie@jwhouse.org, or visit www.jwhouse.org. The Knapen family and the Board want to thank the Belgian community for their support.
- Guido Dutry, former Managing Director of the organization "Flemings in the World", is accompanying a Flemish group traveling in California. The group would very much like to meet Belgians who live and/or work in the Bay Area. The informal meeting will take place at Cafe La Trappe, 800 Greenwich Street, San Francisco on *Wednesday, October 1st at 8 pm*. If interested, please send an email to inge@bcnc.com.