

# ArtsMerced's Parties for the Arts 2011

*Help us keep  
the lights on!*

*The Merced County Arts Council is very pleased to present it's very first Parties for the Arts to the public! Look through the first array of dinners, tours, bicycle trips, and more that give you an opportunity to enjoy some special places in Merced County.*

*Party goers will help us raise the funds that are needed to support the beautiful Merced Multicultural Arts Center and the educational programs of the Merced County Arts Council. Though this is the first, it is definitely not the last. Next year we plan to have the booklet available in February to include some very special places that are beautiful in the Spring!*

*We want to say thank you to all the hosts, hostesses, volunteers, board members, donors, artists, cooks, bakers, drivers, sailors, sellers and buyers whose contributions work together to make all of these parties such fun for both the hosts and the participants!*

*Browse this collection of parties and choose as many as you can! You will have fun meeting our delightful hosts and other Arts supporters. Thanks for "Partying for the Arts 2011!"*

*Kathryn Hansen, Chairman*

*Judy Crow, MCAC Volunteer*

*Susan Lee, MCAC Board Secretary*

*Lara Ortez, MCAC Board*

## How It Works

Our Parties for the Arts 2011 book contains 5 parties. Reservations for parties begin at the Kickoff on Saturday, May 21, 2011 which will coincide this year with the MCAC's Casino Night at the Merced Multicultural Arts Center.

Remember – Merced County Arts Council members receive reduced pricing. If you are not a member and would like to take advantage of this discount, you may become a member and reserve your parties at the same time.

After the May 21 Kickoff event reservations are available online at [www.artsmerced.org](http://www.artsmerced.org). Reservations will also be accepted by mail. You can also call the Arts Council at 209-388-1090 to make reservations or to request additional information regarding parties. Many of the parties are limited in the number of reservations that can be taken; to avoid disappointment, make your reservations early. If the party you have selected is full, you may be placed on the waiting list, or you may select another party.

We ask that you include the full name and phone number of each person for whom you are making and paying for a reservation to insure accurate lists for our hosts.

Reservations are accepted and filled in the order payment is received. You will receive an e-mail confirmation upon our receipt of payment. Specific directions and information will be mailed to approximately 10 days prior to your party.

**See the reservation form attached, to reserve your party today!**

Thank you for supporting Parties for the Arts. Your generosity helps us to continue "to inspire and nurture the arts in Merced County." We want our parties to be fun and memorable experiences, and we will be glad to assist you with any needs or questions you may have.

## Sunset Sail on Lake Yosemite \*\*\*\*\* PARTY 1

Wednesday August 3, 2011 - 6:00

Yosemite Yacht Club, Lake Yosemite, Merced

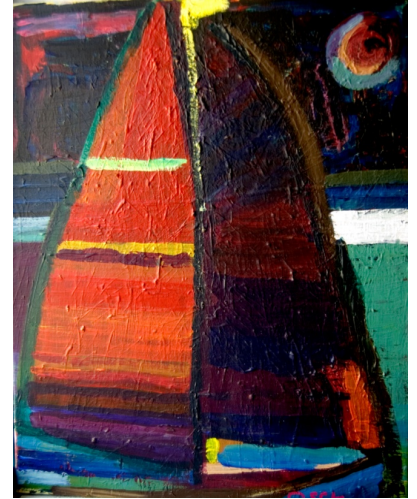
Cocktails and Boat Races and Dinner! Oh my! Enjoy cocktails and appetizers beside the lake before sailing on Lake Yosemite with a view of the foothills and UC Merced. Then savor the sunset as well as the rich dessert that follows your filet mignon gourmet dinner with specially chosen wine pairings.

HOSTS: Lee Andersen  
Kathy Hansen  
Kenra Bragonier

MCAC MEMBERS: \$100  
NON-MEMBERS: \$115

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 8

*Nightboat by Oscar Onsurez*



## Gold Country Bike Ride and Winery Tour\*\*\*\*\* PARTY 2

Saturday, Oct. 8, 15, 22, or 29, 2011 - TBD

Starts in Sutter Creek and goes to Volcano, CA

Grab your bikes and meet us in Sutter Creek. Begin your ride among the wineries of the Gold Country; tasting and sampling (any purchases will be ferried by the sag van.) Enjoy a gourmet picnic lunch provided by your hosts in historic Volcano. After lunch enjoy an exhilarating 12 mile downhill ride along a scenic river back to Sutter Creek. Buyers will provide their own bikes and transportation to Sutter Creek. Arrangements may be made for your hosts to transport your bikes.

HOSTS: Jeff Lee  
Susan Lee

MCAC MEMBERS: \$100  
NON-MEMBERS: \$115

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 4



*Grapes By: Sofia Mendez*

## Catfish and N'awlins Jazz \*\*\*\*\* PARTY 3

Sunday, September 11, 2011 - 6:00

Planada

Experience an evening at Stillmans' unique aquaculture pond near Planada, enjoying some lively N'awlins jazz played by a local N'awlins transplant. Your catfish can't be fresher or the setting more beautiful than eating beside the lake, where your dinner was caught, on a lovely late summer evening with a full moon!

HOSTS: Tom Stillman  
Joyce Stillman  
Sylvia Fuller  
Judy Crow

MCAC MEMBERS: \$70  
NON-MEMBERS: \$80

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 12



*Catch of the Day By: James Brizendine*

## Escape to the Island of Madeira \*\*\*\*\*PARTY 4

Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 7:00 - 10:00

Hansen Residence

Espetada, garlicky chunks of filet mignon cooked on skewers over an open wood fire, is a specialty of the Island of Madeira. They are brought to the table dripping with garlic butter and eaten with other traditional Portuguese dishes. Live music and Portuguese wine will round out an evening that will relax you like a mini trip to the islands.

HOSTS: Kathy Hansen MCAC MEMBERS: \$80  
NON-MEMBERS: \$90

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 8



*Cubicles* By: Hilda Cotta

## Kiddieland for your Kiddies \*\*\*\*\* PARTY 5

Saturday or Sunday 10 -12

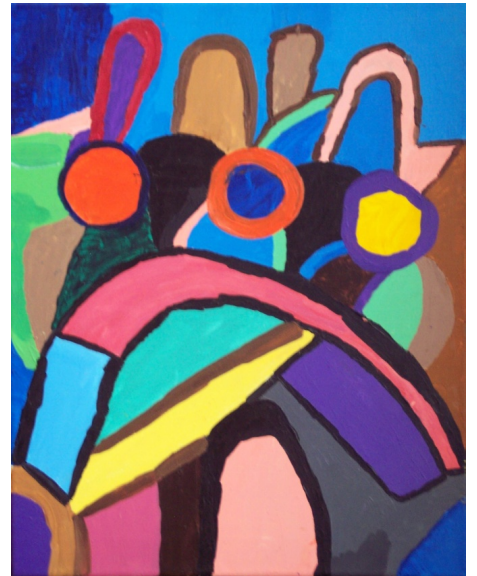
Applegate Park

Have a party at Kiddieland and don't bring anything except some excited children. They'll have the park to themselves and your host will provide the snacks, cake, goodie bags, drinks, and paper products. The kiddies will enjoy two hours of unlimited rides and two train rides at the end of the party.

(Minimum height requirement of 36 inches for all rides unless accompanied by an adult - Under 36 inches cannot ride the Go-Gater)

HOSTS: Greater Kiwanis MCAC MEMBERS: \$300  
Kathy Hansen NON-MEMBERS: \$350

NUMBER OF GUESTS: up to 25



*Rides!* By: Junior Vega

*A very special Thank you to the artists who provided the artwork that illustrates our fun parties. They are the artists from the Enrichment Center, a program of the Merced County Arts Council.*

