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"LET'S CHAT, BRISBANE..."



CREATING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

March 21, 2019 @ Mission Blue 6pm: Dinner | 6:30pm-8:30pm Workshop Childcare available @ BES (ages 5 and up)

Join us as we launch a series of community conversations to talk about the future of our community. As part of this process, Brisbane is working with Home for All, a county-wide collaborative that has been supporting cities with more inclusive and more informed engagement around housing.



With the passage of Measure JJ last November, many community members have been asking what happens next in Brisbane. While much planning still needs to be done, we believe it's time for a different type of conversation. It's time for our community to come together.

Talking directly with others who live and work in Brisbane – people who care about this city as much as you – builds a stronger foundation for our community's future. Before a shovel ever breaks ground, let's share our ideas about how to strengthen our community.

The City's aim now is to hear from you. We hope that you can join us on March 21st to express your experiences, hopes, and concerns. Questions to consider in advance of this first conversation include:

How are you and the people you know experiencing the issue of housing in Brisbane?

What hopes do you have for the future of our community?

How can development of the Baylands improve quality of life for the entire Brisbane community?

Please contact us at creatingcommunity@brisbaneca.org or (415) 508-2120 with your suggestions for how to make this conversation as inclusive as possible. We look forward to seeing you and your family at Mission Blue Center (475 Mission Blue Drive) on March 21st! Dinner is included and childcare will be available. RSVP online today at: www.brisbaneca.org/lets-chat-brisbane

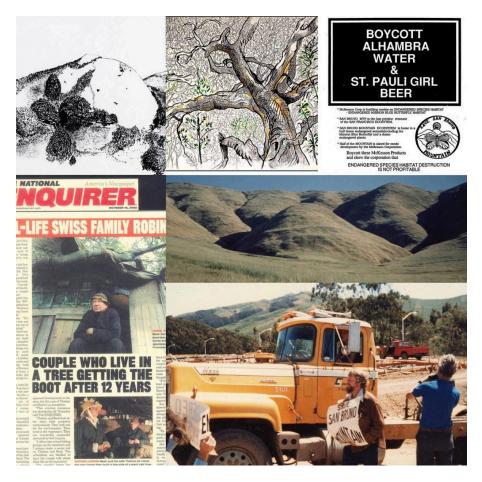


San Bruno Mountain Watch Launches Digital History Project

San Bruno Mountain Watch has recently launched the San Bruno Mountain Archives, a digital history collection that seeks to make the mountain's abundant stories accessible to the public. The archives, available online at <u>www.mountainwatch.</u> <u>org/archives</u>, are steadily growing; currently over 600 items are organized into 30 different collections covering a period of 150 years.

"The archives are meant to spark moments of discovery and reflection, both deepening and complicating the sense of familiarity and curiosity people feel towards San Bruno Mountain," said Ariel Cherbowsky Corkidi, Program Director for San Bruno Mountain Watch. "The collections reinforce that the mountain is not only a remarkable ecological landscape, but also a folkloric and profoundly dramatic place."

The archives include historic photographs, slides, letters, leaflets and documents that until recently were sitting on shelves or stacked in boxes at the San Bruno Mountain Watch office. In addition, hundreds of newspaper articles about the mountain from the late 19th century onwards are being methodically



clipped and added to the archives, sourced from digitized newspapers researched through the <u>www.newspapers.com</u> website. Artists and poets have also contributed their work.

Please contact Ariel at <u>ariel@mountainwatch.org</u> or (415) 467-6631 if you have materials you'd like to have scanned and added to the archives. Photos, artwork, writings, and more are welcome and encouraged.

LUNA FEST Support and Build Community With Your City

In order to support the City Council goal of building community through social and cultural events, the City of Brisbane will be hosting its first LUNAFEST screening at the Mission Blue Center on March 23, 2019. Through a partnership with the Brisbane Lions Club, event proceeds will go towards scholarships for young women pursuing degrees in male-dominated fields.

Doors will open at 6:00pm, and the screening will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Concessions will be available for purchase. General admission tickets are \$15 for early bird online purchases, \$30 for VIP seating (includes a beverage), and \$20 at the door (IF there are seats remaining). Tickets can be purchased online: www.brisbaneca.org/events/lunafest.

We invite you to share in the inaugural screening of LUNAFEST in the City of Brisbane and make a difference in our community. Suggested age: 13 and up. Get a sneak peek at the 8 short films by, for, and about women that will be screened at Mission Blue here: www.lunafest.org/filmmakers

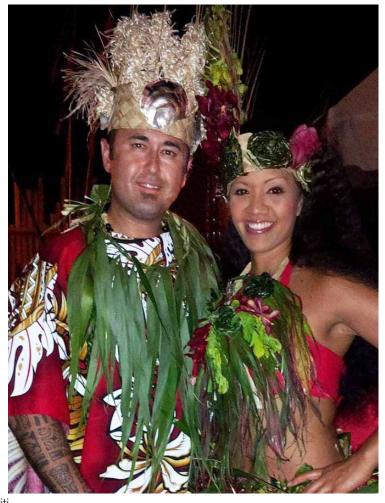


RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT Desiree Woodward-Lee & Kristopher Lee

Our "City of Stars" hosts a rich and vivid population of Artists, sharing their talents in town and around the Bay Area. You may recall seeing a performance by "O Hina'aro Nui" at a previous Artists' Evening of Sharing, or heard of the free show the Tahitian dance school held last November at Mission Blue Center, in partnership with the Brisbane Fire Department, where attendees were asked to bring new, unwrapped toys. Recently, the Brisbane STAR sat down with the founder of the school, Desiree Woodward-Lee, and her husband, Kristopher Lee. Desire is one of the first five graduates of the Conservatoire Artistique de la Polynesie Francaise "Te Fare Upa Rau" sanctioned by the Ministry of Culture in Papeete, Tahiti and certified to teach Ori Tahiti. She is also the only individual to have the prestigious "Mamie Louise Prix" certificate, which allows her to be an ambassador of the Tahitian Dance Culture abroad.

When did you start dancing and drumming?

Desiree: I started dancing Hula at the age of 7 in Kailua, Hawaii. Hula has been my first teachings in the Polynesian culture and is a big part of my bloodline and heritage. Hula was passed on to me by mother and my grandmother. I continue my family's heritage by dancing Hula here in San Francisco with Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu. It wasn't until I moved to San Francisco in 2004 that I began dancing Ori Tahiti, Tahitian Dance. I have studied the Tahitian culture here in the Bay Area and most importantly in Tahiti.



Kris: I started drumming and playing Tahitian music in 1996 in Hawaii. It is a part of my family bloodline and heritage. I continue to learn each time that I am back in Tahiti and I share what I have learned with those that want to know more here and abroad.

What brought the two of you to Brisbane?

Desiree: We moved to Brisbane about 5-6 years ago. We were looking to get more connected in the community and this amazing opportunity became available. We love living in Brisbane and enjoy being able to share our passion of art with the Brisbane Community.

Kris: Since living here in San Francisco, we have moved a few times and luckily ran across this "wonder place" called Brisbane.

When did you start teaching classes here?

Desiree: Our school, O Hina'aro Nui, opened its doors in January 2016. We were welcomed with open arms and we love being here.

Kris: Our school opened in January 2016, however the Drumming class didn't start until January 2018. There was a lot of interest within our school and a few individuals from other groups that wanted to learn more about drumming. It was my time to open it up and allow a venue for others to learn.

What can people who sign up for your class expect to experience?

Desiree: First and foremost, people can expect a very warm welcome from our members. At O Hina'aro Nui, we are about "family" and we open our doors as if we are opening our doors into our home. Second, you can expect a really good cardio workout. Most people think that they could never move their bodies like a Tahitian Dancer that you see on film or YouTube, but you would surprise yourself at what you can expect to learn about the Tahitian Culture. Not only in the form of dance, but also in the form of language and music.

Kris: My drumming class offers an insight to the importance of tradition to the culture of Tahitian music. It is not just a class to come and play an instrument. Every instrument has a history and a language to it and these are taught along with the mechanics, techniques, and the application of actually playing it. Although it is not a physical movement that will get you exercise it will enrich you and educate you in something that you probably would have never known before.

What does "O Hina'aro Nui" mean?

Desiree and Kris: O Hina'aro Nui means "the Great Desire". It stems from the bond that we have formed with our family and friends in Tahiti and the responsibility that we have to continue to share our knowledge and the knowledge of those that have taught us.

Do you have special performances that the public can attend?

Desiree and Kris: Since opening our doors here in Brisbane, we try to do seasonal showcases that are free and open to the public. We do these to share with our families and the community what our members have been working on. Our members enjoy participating in these mini showcases because it is fun and most of all, they get to do something for their families. And coming up on Saturday, June 8th, we'll be hosting a fundraiser show at Mission Blue Center. It is our 3rd Anniversary and we will be doing a full Tahitian themed dinner show. Tickets and further information will be available soon, so be on the lookout!

Do you have family that supports you in your passions?

Desiree: For myself, my main support is my husband Kris. He has been my rock and is the amazing, talented man that brings my passion for Tahitian dance to life. We also have the support of our parents, back home in Hawaii, and our extended family here in the Bay Area. They have been there for us from the beginning and

continue to support us. We also have had the honor and privilege to have the unending support from our extended family and many friends from Tahiti. They have been reassuring us each day and have supported us on our path to preserving and sharing their culture.

Kris: As the musician, I get the direct support from my wife who is the director and the Chef of the group. We also get our support from our parents who have dedicated their time and energy to supporting what we do, day in and day out, for it too is a part of their culture.

A Note from Brisbane PD

The Brisbane Police Department would like to share with you a list of significant events that are handled by the members of the Police Department. The Police Blotter is meant for information and for the interest of our citizens and does not indicate any difference in the levels of criminal activity as compared to past years. The crime rate in Brisbane continues to be very low compared to other cities within San Mateo County. The Brisbane Police Department continues to provide the highest quality of service to the residents and will continue to make our community a safe place to live and work.

The Police Blotter consists of only those incidents or investigations that may be of interest to the general public or city staff. For a more detailed list of police activity, you may request to view the police log at the station by contacting the Records Division at: (415) 508-2179.

Updates to the Police Blotter will be made around the 15th of each month for the prior month's activity. To read the Police Blotter, visit: brisbane.townblotter.com. You can click on "List" view (vs. "Map") and then the top right printer icon to get a printer-friendly version of the report. You can also view a "Simple Version", which looks like the following:



Clicking on any particular month brings up the printer-friendly version. If you need assistance, please contact the Records Division at the number above.



This is BEST/PTO's 10th annual Spring Thing and the theme is a Black & White masquerade ball, but don't fret, it's not a formal event, and they'd love to see you whether you choose to go formal, in costume, or in your casual best. Fun prizes will be awarded for creativity and style. Since 2010, the community has raised nearly \$600,000, funding hundreds of programs and needs in the schools: Technology, Library Aides and improvements, classroom modernization, playground remodels, online learning programs, you name it, your donations have helped fund it!



The event is on Saturday, April 27th, 2019, from 6-11PM, and tickets are on sale now at <u>www.thebestpto.org</u>. Tickets are \$60 online, and go up to \$75 on the day of the event. Every ticket comes with a complimentary drink token. See you there!

FREE Native & Drought Tolerant Landscape Design Workshop



Come learn how to garden beautifully while reducing your water use. The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA)'s Landscape Education Classes are designed to introduce homeowners, commercial property managers, landscape service providers, and others to the concepts of water-efficient and sustainable landscaping.

The City of Brisbane and BAWSCA are co-sponsoring an evening workshop on March 27th in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall that will focus on Native and Drought Tolerant Landscape Design.

Juanita Salisbury, a landscape architect, specializes in native species and pollinator gardens. She will be the instructor for this hands-on, deep-dive into sustainable landscape design. We hope you can join us!

Register at www.bawsca.org/conserve/programs/classes





Fridays, 10:30am - Bilingual Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Come and enjoy stories and songs in English and Spanish. Vengan y disfruten cuentos y canciones en inglés y español.

Friday, March 1, 2pm – Tech Showcase

Learn about the new maker tech we have available at various San Mateo County Libraries.

Monday, March 4, 4pm – Try-It-Truck

Join us for a visit from the Bay Area Discovery Museum's Try-It Truck! Get hands-on with both low-tech and high-tech tools. Learn about the engineering design process, take risks, and try new ideas.

March 5-7, 4pm – Sphero Hero

Learn how to use the Sphero robotic ball with an iPad, build obstacle courses, and challenge others to guide Sphero through the obstacle courses. Registration is required each day, because they are only 5 robots available each day.

Saturday, March 9, 2pm – Women's Self Defense Class

(Registration Space is Full, See Library for Waitlist) Learn the ABCs of self-defense: Awareness, Boundary setting, and simple Combatives. The minimum age for this class is 14. This will be in the Community Center. Registration is completely full, please see library for waitlist.

Monday, March 11, 4pm – Holi Festival Mandala Painting

Create a colorful mandala for Holi and celebrate the arrival of spring!

Wednesday, March 13, 4pm – Geeky Gatherings

Come gather at the library for snacks, games, anime showings, movies, comic book discussions, and other geeky activities.

Saturday, March 16, 10am – Qi Gong Meditation

Visit the Library before we open for some quiet meditation.

Saturday, March 16, 2pm – Holi Festival Dance Performance

Join us as we learn about Holi, the "Festival of Colors", with Pagrav Dance studio! We will learn about the significance of this holiday as well as enjoy a special dance performance. This will be in the Community Center.

Wednesday, March 20, 4pm – Women's History Month Cozy Robot Crafts

Simple crochet flowers: It teaches manual dexterity, has symbology for women's day and is in line with the type of crafts I teach. The flowers can be joined in a necklace, headband or attached to floral wire for a bouquet. (6+ years old)

Saturday, March 23, 2pm – Beginning Ukulele Class

Learn how to get started with a ukulele! We will cover tuning, basic strums and chords, and learn some simple songs. Bring your own ukulele or use one of ours (we will have 4 available). Registration is required. Ukuleles can also be checked out from any of our 12 branches!

Wednesday, March 27, 4pm – Create a Brush Bot

Turn a toothbrush into your own mini-robot, then race it against other brush bots!

Saturday, March 30, 10am – Australian Aboriginal Art

Learn about dot painting, practiced by the indigenous peoples of Australia's central and western deserts, and create your own artwork inspired by this style. All materials will be provided.

Recurring Events for Children and Families

Saturday Family Fun, 11:00am

March 2 - Lego Building. Bring your imagination and we'll supply the Legos. For ages 3+.

Mondays, 10:30am - Preschool Early Learning

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

Mondays, 4pm - Masterpiece Mondays

Create a masterpiece every Monday using various art supplies. Participants in this unguided program will have a chance to get creative and unleash their inner artist!

Tuesdays, 11:30am - Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time

Bring your bouncing baby to our weekly playtime, full of nursery rhymes and games you can play together to stimulate their development. Ideal for children from newborn up to 18 months old.

Wednesdays, 10:30am - Toddler Early Learning

Centered around parent/caregiver-child interactions, this participatory experience engages everyone in creating developmentally appropriate fun and early literacy practices of reading, singing, talking, writing, moving, and playing.

Recurring Events for Adults

Tuesday, March 19, 7pm - Friends of the Brisbane Library Meeting

Do you love your library? Would you like to have a say in its future? Come to a Friends of the Brisbane Library meeting. New people are always welcome.



There's still time to donate! Please visit <u>www.fobl.info</u> to donate and put your mark on the new Library today!



NORTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY PRESENTS EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS CLASS



SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 | 9:00- 11:30 AM SERRAMONTE LIBRARY | COMMUNITY ROOM 40 WEMBLEY DRIVE | DALY CITY, CA

LEARN ABOUT: HOW TO PREP YOUR HOME FOR AN EARTHQUAKE OR DISASTER HOW TO BUILD A DISASTER KIT FOR YOUR HOME/WORK/VEHICLE HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER & MORE

Learn how to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the next major earthquake.

CLASS IS FREE, BUT YOU MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND. VISIT WWW.NORTHCOUNTYFIRE.ORG & LOOK UNDER "UPCOMING EVENTS"



TALK AT 11AM: STORIES FROM THE SAN BRUNO MT ARCHIVES







Bring home super local native plants sourced from San Bruno Mountain! WWW.MOUNTAINWATCH.ORG



March City Calendar

Check the City's online calendar for the latest: <u>www.brisbaneca.org/calendar</u>. Residential Street Sweeping: 2nd Monday of Every Month Commercial Street Sweeping: Every Weds. AM (Visitacion Ave. enforced 3-6AM)

06, Wednesday, 11:30am-1:00pm

Office Hours with Councilmember Cunningham @ City Hall, Large Conference Room

06, Wednesday, 7pm Complete Streets Safety Committee Meeting

07, Thursday, 7:30pm City Council Meeting, B

09, Saturday, 9am-11:30am Earthquake Preparedness Class @ Serramonte Library Register at: <u>www.northcountyfire.org</u>

09, Saturday, 3-5pm Brisbane Village Helping Hands St. Patrick's Social @ Sunrise Center

13, Wednesday, 6:30pm Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, B

14, Thursday, 7:30pm Planning Commission Meeting, B

20, Wednesday, 6:30pm Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting, B

21, Thursday, 6pm Let's Chat Brisbane... Creating Community Together @ Mission Blue Center Register at <u>www.brisbaneca.org/lets-chat-brisbane</u>

23, Saturday, 6pm LUNAFEST @ Mission Blue Center Register at www.brisbaneca.org/events/lunafest

27, Wednesday, 5:30pm

Native & Drought Tolerant Landscape Design Class Register at <u>www.bawsca.org/conserve/programs/classes</u>

28, Thursday, 7:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting, B

Do you have questions about the STAR or have an article to suggest? Articles are due by the 15th of each month. Contact Caroline at <u>ccheung@brisbaneca.org</u> or call her direct at (415) 508-2157.



BRISBANE LIONS GLUB Scholastic Achievement Award Applications

Are now available at: https://tinyurl.com/2019BrisbaneScholars

Applications are due on April 5, 2019





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painted by the Federated Women's Club of Brisbane for the Bicentennial in 1976. Over the years there have been several restoration efforts, and with the help of the Parks & Recreation Commission, this project was revived in 2014 with great succes

DID YOU KNOW? Brisbane's fire hydrants were originally

RESTORATION WEEKEND

the tradition of painting Brisbane's historic hydrants. You too can make Brisbane history by participating in this great community event. All supplies will be provided to participating artists courtesy of the Brisbane Parks & Recreation department. Just show up, ready to paint, and wearing clothes you don't mind getting messy...because it's bound to happen!

Brisbane Village Helping Hands St. Patrick's Social!



WHEN: Saturday, March 9WHERE: Sunrise Center, Visitacion Ave.FROM: 3-5 with barbershop quartet



Fore more information:

- * Call 415-508-2185
- * Visit our website: Brisbanevillage.org
- * Email us at brisbanevillagehelpinghands.org

Learn about Brisbane Village Helping Hands

Fun, food and more

Learn how to become a Volunteer to help local seniors

Learn how volunteers can help you if you are over 55



MAY 11TH & 12TH 9:00AM-NOON BRISBANE COMMUNITY PARK



NOTE: Participants are required to reserve a hydrant in advance. All new hydrant designs must be formally proposed and approved by the Fire Department no later than Friday, May 1st. Reservations will be accepted from March 1st-May 3rd for both new designs and restoration requests. For a complete list of hydrants and additional information regarding the event itself, please call Sara Nahass at 415-508-2140 or email snahass@brisbaneca.org.





DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP! SPRING SWIM LESSONS

AT THE BRISBANE COMMUNITY POOL

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CAL 415-657-4320