

HERE IS A SNEAK PEAK AT OUR FABULOUS SUMMER EVENT!

Mt. Helix Park and Amphitheater will be the site of the August 23 “The HEART of Mt. Helix,” an event drawing its inspiration from the art colony that settled on Mt. Helix in the early 1900s. Local performing and visual artists will share their talents in a venue like no other in the County. Beginning at 5:00 PM and continuing until 9:30 PM, the event will also include silent and live auctions, delectable hors d’oeuvres, a special wine pouring by Presidio Winery and a gorgeous sunset over the Pacific. (Let's hope it is a clear evening!)

Owners of Presidio Winery, Doug and Angela Braun, grew up in the area and are pleased to contribute to the Park by donating and pouring their highly respected wines. This Santa Barbara County winery has been recognized in the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle for quality wines made out of organic grapes. It is an honor to have them participate in this first-ever fundraising event for the Park.

A unique aspect of the event is “Bubbles and Bling,” a drawing sponsored by Enhancery Jewelers and Thornton Winery. “Bubbles and Bling” offers a lovely glass of Thornton sparkling wine and a chance to win a one carat diamond for only \$35. Only 200 opportunities will be sold, guaranteeing one happy lady at the event. Winner must be present.

A new Auxiliary, chaired by Mt. Helix resident Kathy White, is coordinating the event which is slated to raise at least \$20,000 for the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of Mt. Helix Park. The Park, run by the Mt. Helix Park Foundation, receives no government funding but is open to the public 365 days a year. Funding is needed to keep this historic site a vibrant part of our community.

One highlight of The HeART of Mt. Helix will be the recognition of the Park’s “Hometown Heroes.” The two Park founding families, the Fletcher family and the Yawkey/White family, will be honored for establishing the Park which is called the Jewel of East County.

The evening will end with dancing to the Cat-illacs, a local group who play music that stretches from the 1960s to the 1990s. Parking and free shuttle service will be available from the corner of Vivera and Mt. Helix Drive. Tickets are \$50 per person for festival seating and \$100 for reserved table seating. Reserved tables of 10 are also available for \$1000. There are also underwriting opportunities.

Tickets can be purchased and more information is available at www.mthelixpark.org. If you are interested in supporting the event through underwriting or by taking out an advertisement in the program, please contact Tracey Stotz, Executive Director at (619) 588-4901. See you at the top of the hill!