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### Orchard Park Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday:  
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Solano Park Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday:  
8:00 a.m.—12:00p.m.  
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

### Special points of interest:

- November 11, 25, and 26 are University Holidays. All campus offices will be closed

## Enjoy Art Galleries in Davis

Submitted by Shakeela Kuthubdeen

Fall colors on trees are at their peak in November. Why not get artistic?

Enjoy the power of the colors and appreciate them. Here are some suggestions for some rainy day artistic fun to spend quality time with friends and family. The best thing is that they are free and located so close to you.

### 12 Voices: Traveling Art Quilt Exhibit

12 Voices, organized by the prestigious Studio Art Quilt Associates, showcases the power of a medium that melds traditional approaches to fabric and quilting, with

new digital technologies, painting, and poetry.

When: September 21 - November 14, 2010

Where: Pence Gallery  
212 D Street,  
Davis

More information at [www.pencegallery.org/](http://www.pencegallery.org/)

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Gooshi Hiçt, Du Kaak,  
Keilk – Yee Wduwa  
eexç  
(Killerwhale Fin  
House, Uncle, Nephew  
– You are invited)**

For this exhibition Tlingit/ Nisgaaç artists Larry McNeil.Xhe Dheç and Da-

ka-keen Mehner have created new works to explore ideas that inform our times, reflecting upon their ancestral & personal histories and global climate change. They use photography at the core of their art alongside lithography.

When: September 28 – December 05, 2010

Where: Carl Gorman  
Museum 1316  
Hart Hall, UC  
Davis

More information at [gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu/](http://gormanmuseum.ucdavis.edu/)

## Used Jewelry Sale

By Shawna Stevens

Source: City of Davis Recreation Schedule

The Davis Senior Center is hosting their annual New and Gently Used Jewelry Sale on Friday, November 5 from 9am-1pm. There will be a great selection of all types of jewelry, including necklaces, bracelets, rings

and earrings. The pieces are donated and all proceeds from the sale go to support programs at the Senior Center. For those of you who love jewelry, remember someone's trash may be your treasure!



# Raptors

Submitted by Casey Fawcett Source: <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/calraptor>

I am so excited that the California Raptor Center is coming to visit the Solano Park Community Center. Here is some background on these amazing birds for us to read about before the visit. Raptors truly are amazing creatures and definitely worth learning about!

## What are Raptors?

Derived from the Latin word *raptus*, meaning 'seized' or 'one who seizes,' raptor is a general term, which categorizes two unrelated but similar groups of predatory birds that occupy similar niches in the environment: diurnal birds of prey (*Ciconiiformes*), which include hawks, eagles, kites, falcons, and vultures, and owls (*Strigiformes*) most of which but not all, are nocturnal in their habits. The single most obvious physiological characteristic that distinguishes all these birds from other carnivorous birds (such as herons or robins) is the set of long, sharp, and powerful talons with which they seize and most often kill their prey.

## How Well do Raptors See?

Hawks have some of the most highly developed visual capacities. Raptors can see as well as someone with 8 power binoculars. However hawks do not have highly magnified vision, but do have small depressions on the retina that create a slight magnification. From an abundance of receptor cells in the retina, hawks are able to discriminate fine details at a much greater distance and in much less time than we are. While some species of hawks

have up to 8 times the receptor cells that we do scientists consider the degree of visual acuity of hawks to us to be about 2.5 or 3 times.

## Eye Protection

Hawks have a bony "brow" above the eye known as a *supraorbital ridge* believed to offer shading from glare and even protection when flying through dense cover and a kind of wind and dust deflector. Raptors including owls have a "third eyelid" known as a *nictitating membrane* which is used to moisten the eye, but also shut at the moment of attack, flying through brush, or even when feeding young-anytime there is a change of the eye being scratched or damaged. Owl eyes are so large that they are immobile in their sockets and the owl has to turn his entire head to bring objects into focus.

## Flight

What makes flight possible? Flight is achieved by air pressure. Air passing over the top of the curved wing must travel faster than air taking the shorter route beneath it; air pressure decreases above the wing generating lift. You can demonstrate this with a piece of paper. Hold the paper by the corners with the edge just below your bottom lip and blow over the top surface. The paper rises. There are many adaptations for flight:

- hollow bones
- air sacs
- massive flight muscles
- high metabolic rate
- rapid digestive system
- fused pelvic and shoulder girdles, vertebrae
- egg laying

- toothless; hollow light weight bill
- feathers

## Fascinating Raptor Facts

Did you know...

- Raptors are at the top of the food chain. Their only natural enemies are those that may eat their eggs or young.
- Female raptors are larger than males.
- A raptor's feathers weigh more than their skeleton.
- Eagles, hawks, and vultures can travel great distances without flapping their wings, by soaring using the thermals that are created as warm air rises from the ground.
- The correct term for hawk is "buzzard." It comes from the French word *busard*, or hawk. Early settlers transferred the name to vultures, and it remains an inaccurate term.
- In one year a Red-tailed Hawk may eat 1,000 mice, 100 small birds, 20 gophers, 18 small rabbits, 15 squirrels, 15 shrews, 9 quail, 7 snakes, 4 rats, and 2 weasels.
- The largest North American raptor is the CA Condor. They can weigh as much as 30 lbs and have a wingspan of 10 feet.
- The Turkey Vulture's sense of smell is used to find leaks in nature gas pipelines. The gas is laced with a "rotten-meat" odor.

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- DNA evidence puts New World Vultures in the Stork Family.
- A Golden eagle can see a rabbit from as far away as 5 football fields (500 yards) and can see a sheep from 3 miles away.
- A Bald Eagle's nest is strong enough to support a grown man.
- Ospreys are the only raptors that eat nothing but fish.
- A Peregrine Falcon can dive at 200 mph.
- Barn owls can catch their prey in complete darkness, using their sense of hearing to accurately pinpoint the location of the prey.
- A Great Horned Owl that weighs just half a pound (250g) needs to eat 1,125 mice a year.
- The Elf Owl is the smallest North American raptor weighing less than 2 ounces (0.11 lb).

## Call for Ornaments for Creche and Music Festival

Submitted by Jessica Loehrmann

A tree representing our community is going to be displayed in a local Christmas Festival in Woodland. All members of our community are encouraged to drop off an ornament representing who they are, where they're from, and/or what they believe or like to do. These will be collected by the RAs and carefully returned to you after Dec 5th. Include your APT NUMBER to ensure a quick return.

The Creche and Music Festival will be held December 3rd, 4th, and 5th in Woodland at 850 Pioneer Ave. from 3pm to 8pm each day. Music will be performed live by local community groups, including local professional instrumentalists and vocalists. Definitely a fun event to visit. Also crafts to make, photos to take, and artwork on display.

### Directions:

- Take a right off the Gibson Road exit when travelling on

113 N.

- Turn L at the first light.
- It will be on your left.

For questions, please email Jessica at [jessicaloehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaloehrmann@gmail.com)

## Community Programs

### Glimmer Paints

Let's mix up our very own puffy, glossy paint! We'll make up different colors and then create some artistic masterpieces with them afterwards. The recipe is easy and I'll have copies to take home. If you have any questions please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.



When: Wednesday,  
November 3 at 4pm  
Where: Outside Solano Park  
Community Center

### California Raptor Center Visit

The raptors are coming to us! The California Raptor Center is bringing two raptors to Solano Park. There is going to be a presentation so that we can learn about these amazing birds. It should be really fun! If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, November  
4 at 4pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

### Painting for Grown-ups

You don't have to be a pro to experiment with colors. I'll provide acrylic paints, brushes and canvas boards. Bring your

artistic self. Let your imagination create your next masterpiece. Come, have fun with paint. This is a class for grownups. NO KIDS please!!!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, November 5 at  
7pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

### Make a Thanksgiving Fortune Teller and Color

Make a device that will predict your future! I will be bringing templates for creating folded paper fortune tellers. I will also be providing paper and markers for creating some fall themed art! If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Tuesday, November 9  
at 4pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

### Self-Reliance Series: Canning

Learn how to bottle local produce for use throughout the winter! Bring home a jar of canned goodness! Questions? Call Jessica Loehrmann at 681-0883.

When: Tuesday November 9  
at 7pm  
Where: Orchard Park  
Community Center

### Chocolate Dessert Bonanza

Calling all the chocoholics for a yummy time!!! Bring your favorite chocolaty dessert to share with others. I'll bring an old fashioned triple chocolate

cake & hot cocoa to start with. Let your guard down just once to feast in the treats. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Wednesday,  
November 10 at  
4:30pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

### Jewelry Class for Adults

Need to release some stress? Want to start working on your Christmas gifts? Just want a night out of the house? Come over and join us for some jewelry making. I'll have supplies on hand to make either bracelets or earrings. Beginners are welcome. **This will be a kid-free event to give the adults some free time!** If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Wednesday,  
November 10 at  
7:30pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

### Indian Cooking Class

Craving for something sweet or spicy in the Saturday afternoon? We have both on the menu. Learn how to make "Upma", an all time South Indian favorite in two different ways with resident Revathi Akshay. All are welcome who like Indian food. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Saturday, November  
13 at 6pm  
Where: Solano Park  
Community Center

## Community Programs

### Pizza Party

Come have dinner on us! Pizza parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors. Don't miss out!

When: Sunday, November 14 at 6pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### Pine Cone Bird Feeders

This is a great project to prepare for the winter. We'll make a small bird feeder and



when you hang it up you can watch the birds enjoy it!!! Caution!! we will be using Peanut Butter. See you there!!!

When: Monday, November 15 at 4:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### Flower Power Rings

It may be fall, but we can still enjoy the flowers—on our fingers! Let's make some fun flower rings to wear. They're so easy, you could even make some extras for Christmas presents! If you have any questions please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Monday, November

15 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### November Birthday Celebration

Come celebrate you or your neighbors November birthdays together. We will be decorating cupcakes together. Get ready to have some fun, this event is for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Wednesday, November 17 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Pumpkin Pie, Oh My!

For the upcoming holidays, pumpkin pie is always my favorite. Let's cook some up. I'll make some ahead of time so you can get a sample. We can also whip up a few during the event! We had fun with this event last year. Come on, it's pie!

When: Thursday November 19 from 6:30pm until 8pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### Holiday Card/Gift Tags

Come create cards for Hannukah, Christmas, New Years, etc. Put a smile on someone's face with your creativity! (Little ones can come and fingerpaint. We don't mind getting out paints upon request as long as they have an adult with them!

When: Tuesday November 23 at 3pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### Christmas Tree Decorations

We would love for ALL RESIDENTS to be represented as part of the Orchard Park/Solano Park Community by making or bringing an ornament to put on the Orchard Park Christmas Tree, which will be displayed at a local Christmas Festival in Woodland on Dec 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It can represent something about you, your family, your country, your beliefs, your likes, or whatever you choose! **Feel free to drop off ornaments in the box by my door (#6325) to add to the tree if you cannot make it! Attach name to be sure I can return it to the right person!** Questions? Call Jessica Loehrmann at 681-0883.

When: Tuesday November 30 from 6:30pm until 8pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

# Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

- A combination of cold air and hot water create steam and condensation. Condensation builds up the most in your bathroom. Keep the bathroom fan running a little longer to pull the moisture from the air.
- Portable electric furnaces or heaters use lots of energy. Put a small oscillating fan by your gas wall furnace to help pull the warm air to those back bedrooms.
- We only get to clean our building's rain gutters once a year. Usually this happens in December when we can anticipate that the trees have lost most, if not all of their leaves.
- Please take note of the following materials which may stain your floor:
  - Asphalt
  - Wet cardboard
  - Dyes on magazines and other paper or cardboard
  - Rubber backed carpets or rubber mats
  - Rubber furniture rests
  - Black rubber wheels (carts, toys, etc)
  - Ink
  - Oil
  - Some black shoe soles
  - Cleaner containing pine oil
  - Poster paints and powder paints
- **When submitting repair requests, please only submit one repair per request. If you have multiple items to be repaired, please submit a separate request for each repair.**
- **ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTS:** Be sure to clean the grease that builds up on your kitchen range hood. Grease can clog the exhaust area and cause the fan to not work properly. If you need a new range hood filter, please come to the Orchard Park office for a replacement.
- If your pilot light goes out on your heater, please call your RA (if it is in the evening or a weekend) or the Park Office to have maintenance re-light it.

# Holidays and Anniversaries

## November 1 - Hmong New Year Celebration [U.S.A.]

This is the only formal holiday that every Hmong recognizes and observes, no matter where they live. Celebrated over two months in some California central valley communities, beginning around Thanksgiving. Although the Hmong have only one holiday, in order to make it possible for everyone to visit everyone, in America, the New Years celebrations are sometimes staggered, although not always consistently planned. New Years ceremonies can be found to begin as early as September and last until January. The full moon is often used as a guide, but some communities

use the American holidays such as Thanksgiving or Christmas to make the timing and travel easier for people.

## November 4 - Discovery of King Tut's tomb [Egypt]

The discovery of the tomb of Egypt's child-king was one of the most important archaeological discoveries in Egypt. The tomb of Tutankhamen, who became pharaoh at nine, was found more than 3,000 years after his death, and yielded priceless relics which can now be found at the National Museum in Cairo, Egypt. (1922)

## November 11 - Armistice Day, Veteran's Day, Death/Duty Day [U.S.A., Colombia, Belgium, France]

In a railway car in France in 1918 the Allied and Central Powers agreed to cease all hostilities at 11 am. Commemorates the soldiers killed in World Wars I and II.

## November 16 - Louis Riel Day [Canada]

He was the famous Metis leader who, in 1885, led a rebellion and lost against the Canadian authorities because he feared more Metis land would be taken away by the settlers. Today his name is a symbol for native independence.

# Calendar of Events

## November 2010

*\*\*All residents are welcome to attend all programs, regardless of location. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.\*\**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <u>Glimmer Paint</u> SPCC 4pm	<b>4</b> <u>California Raptor Center</u> SPCC 4pm	<b>5</b> <u>Painting for Grown-ups</u> SPCC 7pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <u>Make a Thanksgiving Fortune Teller</u> SPCC 4pm  <u>Self Reliance: Canning</u> OPCC 7pm	<b>10</b> <u>Chocolate Desert Bonanza</u> SPCC 4:30pm  <u>Jewelry Class for Adults</u> SPCC 7:30pm	<b>11</b> HOLIDAY  PARKS OFFICES CLOSED	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <u>Indian Cooking Class</u> SPCC 6pm
<b>14</b> <u>Pizza Party</u> OPCC 6pm	<b>15</b> <u>Flower Power Rings</u> SPCC 4pm  <u>Pine Cone Bird Feeders</u> OPCC 4:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>November Birthday Celebration</u> SPCC 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <u>Pumpkin Pie, Oh My!</u> OPCC 6:30pm-8pm	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <u>Holiday Card/Gift Tags</u> OPCC 3pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> HOLIDAY  PARKS OFFICES CLOSED	<b>26</b> HOLIDAY  PARKS OFFICES CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <u>Christmas Tree Decorations</u> OPCC 6:30pm- 8pm				



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[http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/current/park\\_messenger.asp](http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/current/park_messenger.asp)

**Did you know?**

➤ **Registration Reminder ~** Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks Apartments. **Students must have full-time registered status during fall, winter and spring quarters/semesters. Full-time status is defined at 12 units for quarter students and 10 units for semester students.** Students who do not meet the requirement are required to register for additional classes or submit notice to move out. Please

be aware of these requirements when you register for winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- If you plan to travel during the holiday period, please leave a travel form with your Park Office.
- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember a 42-day notice is required.
- **Movies ~** The Residence Halls are closed from December 11, 2010—

January 2, 2010 during which time movies on the Student Housing Television Channels will not be shown. Park resident do not pay for this service, therefore, the movies are not contracted during this time. Movies will resume January 3, 2011.

- **Packages ~** Please don't ask the Park Office to accept your incoming packages. We don't have space and security for them. Perhaps a neighbor could be designated to accept a package for you, or you might indicate your balcony for drop-offs.