



TAM VALLEY SPEAKER SERIES

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE ADMISSION

Tam Valley Parks and Recreation Commission announces the inaugural season of the Speakers Series. Notable individuals from a variety of fields, including the arts and cultural, environment, entertainment, and science will present in a Ted Talk format with audience Q and A at end. Each session will feature an expert speaker who will share insights, experiences, and expertise on a specific subject.

SAUSALITO HOUSEBOAT WARS: WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?



John Byrne Barry a writer, actor, director, longtime Community volunteer, and crossing guard. He is the author of four novels and three plays, including “Sausalypso Houseboat Wars Murder Mystery,” which he wrote and directed in 2023 at the Tam Valley Community

Center. He has since adapted the play into a novel, *Pirates of Sausalito: Houseboat Wars Murder Mystery*. The story is fiction, but inspired by true events. John will discuss his new novel and the fascinating, often-hard-to-believe history of the houseboat community and houseboat wars.

DATE: Sunday, 9 June 2024

TIME : 4:00- 6:00 PM

PLACE: The Tamalpais Community Cabin
60 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Wine and cheese.

Note: If RSVPs on Eventbrite exceed Cabin occupancy, event will be moved to the Tamalpais Community Center and respondents will be notified by email or text.



BASICS ON WRITING: WHETHER YOU'RE WRITING EMAILS, LETTERS, WEBSITES, DIARIES, SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, SPEECHES, SHORT STORIES, NOVELS, POETRY, OR SCREENPLAYS, ALL CAN BE ENHANCED WITH THE BASICS ON WRITING.



Michael Wisner is an author, screenplay writer. His early book, *Living Healthy in a Toxic World* was a best-selling environmental handbook. He started his professional writing career as an environmental speech writer for Tom Cruise. He wrote for Don

Henley's book; *Heaven is Under Your Feet* to save Walden Pond. He wrote and produced Earth Day for Disney. As head of Kirstie Alley's production company, he oversaw the CBS movie *Profoundly Normal*. He has four major screenplays in development. Recently, he wrote with Alexandra Duparc, the screenplay for the upcoming movie, *Monsanto*, Directed by John Lee Hancock (*Blindside*). It is the true David v. Goliath story of a young attorney who took on Monsanto and its toxic pesticide, Round Up, starring Glenn Powell, Anthony Mackie, and Laura Dern (Variety 8 May 2024). He will talk on the basics of writing. Attendees are welcome to bring writing samples to discuss. He will provide all attendees an extensive Reference Sheet of collected works on writing.

DATE: Wednesday, 24 July 2024

TIME : 4:00- 6:00 PM

PLACE: Tamalpais Valley Community Center
203 Marin Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Wine and cheese.



PETRICHOR: AUTUMN AND WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THE FALLEN LEAVES



Michael Bogart has been the Garden Manager at the Marin Art and Garden Center for the past four years. Previously, he was the Landscape Stewardship Supervisor at the Presidio for fourteen years. Prior to all this, Michael designed and built gardens throughout

the Bay area. The people and plants of public gardens are his passion, along with his family and surfing. Michael currently serves on the TCSD Parks and Rec Commission. His intimate knowledge and plain-speak-advice will equally help first-time homeowners and seasoned garden enthusiasts.

DATE: Saturday, 28 September 2024
TIME : 10 AM to 12 NOON

PLACE: The Tamalpais Community Cabin
60 Tennessee Valley Road, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Coffee and bagels.



HOW TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH FROM ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS IN FOOD, WATER, AIR, COSMETICS, AND OTHER CONSUMER PRODUCTS. WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.



Ken Cook, President and co-founder of Environmental Working Group (EWG), is widely recognized as one of the environmental community's most prominent and influential critics of industrial agriculture, U.S. food and farm policy and the nation's broken

approach to protecting families and children from toxic substances. Under Cook's leadership over the past 20 years, EWG has pioneered the use of digital technologies to expose the harms done by misconceived crop subsidies, crop insurance and runaway agricultural pollution. The organization has also empowered American families with easy-to-use, data-driven tools to help reduce their exposure to potentially harmful ingredients in foods, drinking water, cosmetics, and other household products. These unique digital resources are searched hundreds of millions of times by consumers, journalists, and policy makers. Mr. Cook is a widely sought public speaker on these and other environmental health issues and is frequently cited for the outsized impact that his and EWG's work has had on policy debates in Washington and state and local governments across the country. (www.ewg.org)

DATE: Thursday, 21 November 2024

TIME : 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

PLACE: Tamalpais Valley Community Center
203 Marin Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Wine and cheese.