



July 31, 2008

Dear Stargazers,

Welcome to *Starry, Starry Night: Art & Astronomy Slumber Party*! This event, taking place at Montalvo August 8-9, celebrates mankind's on-going fascination with the heavens and astronomy's influence on art through the ages. Coinciding with the opening of the Beijing Olympics and the Perseid meteor showers, *Starry Starry Night* 2008 looks at Jupiter, who (as in Greek mythology) is the father of the Olympic games. We're pleased to offer this annual overnight event exclusively to Montalvo members and their guests, and we thank you for joining us for this exciting program.

To help you prepare for your evening at Montalvo we've included a preview of the various activities you will enjoy, along with information about what to bring with you and what to leave at home. Please adhere to the list of approved items for set-up of camp – this evening is meant to be enjoyed by everyone and to remind us all of the simple pleasures of sleeping under the stars.

*Starry, Starry Night* officially begins in Montalvo's Carriage House Theater at 8:00 p.m. on Friday night. Montalvo's front gates will open for this event beginning at 6:30 p.m. Upon your arrival at Montalvo, please park in Lots 2, 3 or 4 before unloading your supplies. There should be no stopping on the roads or along the Front Lawn to unload. Guests may set up their sleeping area in the designated space on Montalvo's front lawn between 6:30-8:00 p.m. and will depart Montalvo's grounds at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning following breakfast at the Villa.

We look forward to spending a special evening under the stars with you. If you have any questions about the event, please don't hesitate to email us at [learn@montalvoarts.org](mailto:learn@montalvoarts.org) or call the Box Office, M-F 10:00-4:00 at (408) 961-5858.

With best regards,

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## Driving Directions

### From San Francisco:

Hwy 280 South. Exit Hwy 85 South. Drive 4.1 miles and exit at Saratoga Avenue. Turn right onto Saratoga Avenue Drive 1.8 miles to downtown Saratoga. Turn left at light onto Hwy 9 / Saratoga - Los Gatos Road. Drive 1/3 mile and turn right onto Montalvo Road. Continue approximately 1 mile to Montalvo grounds.

### From Oakland:

Hwy 880 South to Hwy 17 South. Take the Los Gatos, Saratoga, Hwy 9 Exit. Drive 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Montalvo Road. Continue approximately 1 mile to Montalvo grounds.

### From San Jose:

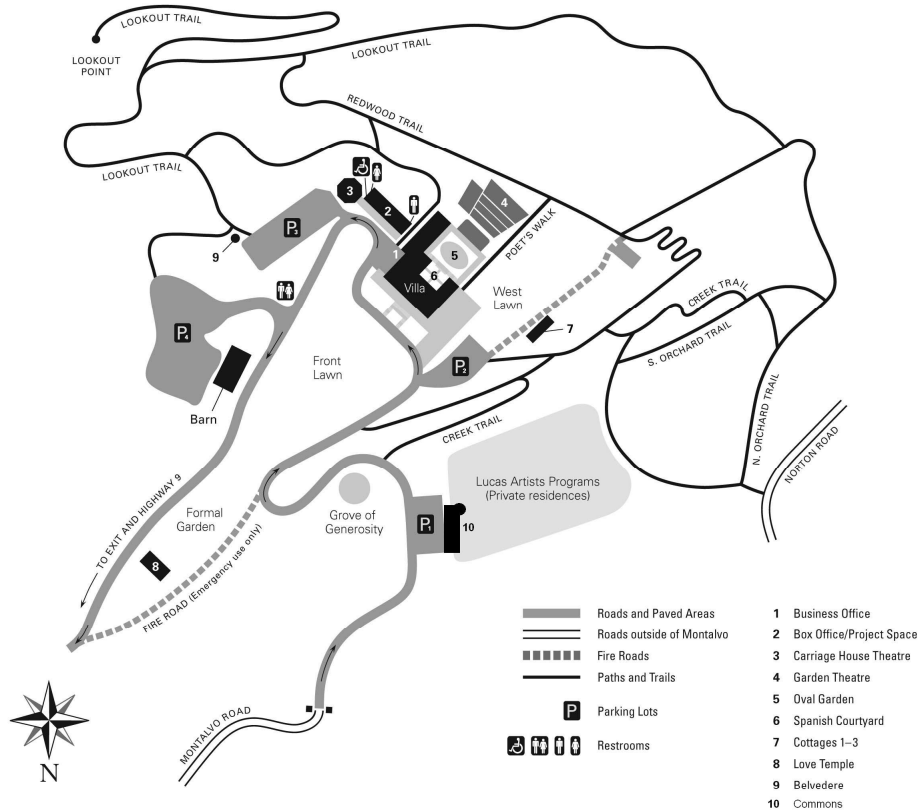
Hwy 280 North to Hwy 17 South. Take the second Los Gatos Exit (Los Gatos, Saratoga, Hwy 9). Continue 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Montalvo Road. Continue 1 mile to Montalvo grounds.

### From Santa Cruz:

Hwy 17 North. Take the Los Gatos, Saratoga, Hwy 9 Exit. Drive back over the freeway and continue 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Montalvo Road. Continue approximately 1 mile to Montalvo grounds.

Please note that most web-based mapping services (Mapquest, Yahoo Maps, etc.) will direct you to turn onto Mendelson from Hwy 9. Do not use these directions, it will lead you to our Exit Gate which is one-way only. The Main Gate is accessible from Montalvo Road only.

As you enter the Main Gate you will first arrive at Parking Lot 1 where the Artists' Residency is located off to your right. If you are coming to the Villa, GT, CH or to visit the hiking trails behind the Villa, continue through Lot 1 up the road past the Front Lawn. You will see parking lot 2 on the right side of the Villa and lots 3 and 4 on the left side of the Villa. Please drive slowly through the estate, we have many visitors walking the grounds including children, the elderly and deer.



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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- \* **Front Gate Schedule:** Guests are welcome on Montalvo grounds beginning at 6:30 p.m. to set-up sleeping bags on the Front Lawn. **Please be aware that the Front Gate will close at 9:30 p.m. on Friday evening.** Guests are free to leave the property during the event, but may not be readmitted onto Montalvo grounds.
- \* **Parking & Setup:** Please have your tickets ready to present to the front gate attendants upon your arrival at Montalvo. You will then be directed to park in Lots 2, 3 or 4. Please proceed to your respective parking lot and unload your supplies there. **There should be no stopping along the road or beside the Front Lawn.**
- \* **Snacks & Breakfast:** Montalvo will provide a midnight snack and pancake breakfast for all slumber party guests. In addition, simple concession snacks will be available for purchase during evening hours. You are also welcome to bring your own food and snacks, as you see fit.
- \* **Child Policy:** Montalvo is excited to host a variety of ages for this exciting event. Please remember that children under age 18 are solely the responsibility of their parent or guardian throughout the evening.

**PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Coinciding with the opening of the Beijing Olympics, *Starry, Starry Night 2008* looks at Jupiter, who (as Zeus in Greek mythology) is the father of the Olympic games.

- \* **Through the Telescope:** Powerful telescopes will be available on the Front Lawn for your viewing pleasure, courtesy of William Phelps and the San Mateo County Astronomical Society.
- \* **Star Stories:** Tom and Sandy Farley, Spontaneous Combustion Storytellers, bring us old and new stories of constellations and other things seen in the night sky. Their repertoire for tonight includes Greek myths, a traditional tale with Japanese and Chinese versions, a Norwegian folktale, Native American tales from the northwest and northeast, and a delightful origin story by a local author.
- \* **Finger Painting with Planets:** An interactive installation created by SHARE organizer Tim Thompson, the custom-built touch pads let you place objects in space, and the gravitational attraction between the objects produces graceful movements that are translated into visuals and sound.
- \* **Midnight Movies:** Relax under the stars in the Garden Theatre with films including the classic *2001: A Space Odyssey* and selected shorts.
- \* **Night and Sunrise Hikes:** Enjoy Montalvo's trails with our local county park rangers. Ranger Jason Ebling leads an interactive night hike, and Ranger David Farnese leads a sunrise hike to lookout point, returning before breakfast.
- \* **Pancake Breakfast:** Start your morning with a delicious pancake breakfast at Montalvo's beautiful Villa prepared by resident chef Jessie Benthien.
- \* **And More!**

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**WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP**

- \* **Warm Clothes:** We suggest you dress in warm layers and wear sturdy shoes for walking around the grounds. Montalvo restrooms will be available for your comfort.
- \* **Sleeping Bags & Other Bedding:** Sleeping under the stars is a wonderful experience. However, a night outdoors will be more comfortable if you have a warm sleeping bag to curl up in. Campers are responsible for their own sleeping bags. You may also wish to bring a tarp to protect sleeping bags from the morning dew.
- \* **Binoculars (optional):** Lots of stars can be seen by the naked eye, but binoculars can make a world of difference. If you want, bring a pair to use while you're away from the telescopes.
- \* **Flashlights (optional):** Please feel free to pack your flashlight, especially if you are planning on attending the hike. However, stars, planets, and meteors are seen best when there is no glare from artificial lighting. A soft red or blue light is best for viewing the night sky, and red film will be available to cover your flashlights. **Please be courteous and keep your flashlights covered at all times.**
- \* **Imagination & Awe:** How many meteors can you count? Which constellations can you find? Come prepared to view the night sky in all its grandeur.

**WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME**

In our attempt to reduce noise and light pollution, and in an effort to make this night an enjoyable experience for everyone, please respect the following requests:

- \* **Tents & RVs:** Please enjoy the wondrous heavens by joining us in sleeping under the open night sky. Tents and RVs will impede the view of other guests and will not be allowed on the property.
- \* **Barbeque & Other Cooking Equipment:** Please feel free to bring prepared food, coolers and snacks. However, all barbeque grills and other cooking equipment should be left at home. No fires or heating devices will be allowed on the property.
- \* **Radios & Boom Boxes:** This is a night to appreciate nature at its finest, including the peaceful night sounds that we often overlook. Please leave radios and boom boxes at home.
- \* **Alcohol:** Please help to create a safe and fun evening for everyone by leaving all alcoholic beverages at home.
- \* **Valuables:** Montalvo is not responsible for any misplaced items during the event. We suggest that campers leave all valuables at home or locked safely in the car.