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Fair emphasizes family, art, agriculture and environment

You do not want to miss the 2017 Marin County Fair this summer! This year's fair themed Let the Funshine in! is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer of Love emphasizing Marin's dedication to some of the things we treasure most in our community: family, art, agriculture and the environment.

Some of you may know that in 1967 the Summer of Love kicked off with a two-day concert on Mt. Tamalpais called the Fantasy Fair and Magic Mountain Music Festival. This summer's Marin County Fair will celebrate that 1967 spirit with music, art, fashion, photography and daily 60s fashion parades.

The fair will run June 30 through July 4 from 11am to 11pm. This year children's day is Friday, June 30 when kids 12 and under are admitted for free. For your convenience, tickets may be purchased on-line at: <https://www.marinfair.org/2017/fair-guide/plan-your-day>. As always, your admission includes: carnival rides, free concerts and a spectacular fireworks show every night at 9:30pm.

The Fair's musical line-up does not disappoint. This year's fair includes UB40, The Commodores, The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension, Ann Wilson of Heart, The Happy Together Tour and more!

Over 12,000 exhibits are featured, the barnyard farm animals will be back on show (including the beloved petting zoo), and the Community Stage will offer popular contests in Hip Hop and Break Dance, Dancing Stars, Singing Stars and performing arts competitions.

The Marin County Fair is celebrated as the greenest county fair on earth. With a solar-powered carousel and solar-powered performance stage; 94% waste diversion to compost and recycling; water conservation; energy generation through a 750-panel rooftop array; and energy efficiency through modern HVAC units (both leading to a 57% reduction in electrical use in 5 years), the County is proud to conserve the environment while providing family fun for Marin County residents and beyond.

For more information and to view a complete list of concerts, exhibits, and activities, visit the Marin County Fair website at: [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org). Or, if your smartphone is your preferred method on the go, the Marin County Fair app is available and makes information about the fair such as schedules, food options, special exhibits and activities readily available. I hope to see you at the fair!

On a very sad note, Novato lost one of our civic treasures, J. Dietrich Stroeh. The Board of Directors of the Novato Theater has announced the creation of a memorial fund to honor Diet who passed away on May 31 at the age of 80. Diet served as President of the Board of the Novato Theater for several years and was the organization's leading champion. Of all the many civic institutions he helped support over many years, the restoration of the Novato Theater was closest to his heart. He shared stories dating back to his time as a youngster watching films in the Novato Theater in the 1940's and was fully committed to the renovation of the Theater, donating time, money and his engineering expertise.

The Novato Theater Board, of which I am an advisory member, is asking supporters to make a donation in Diet's name to the Novato Theater. Memorial Donations may be made online at [NovatoTheater.net](http://NovatoTheater.net) and in the "order notes" section add Diet Stroeh or may be mailed to Novato Theater, 936B Seventh St #132, Novato, CA 94945.

Diet's sense of humor, positive attitude, passion for the arts and commitment to civic affairs in Novato will be deeply missed. Let's turn on the Theater lights for Diet!

As always, please contact me if I can be of assistance to you. You can reach me at [jarnold@marincounty.org](mailto:jarnold@marincounty.org) or 415-473-7331.