

# Calendar of Events for Marin County

## JANUARY

### **Whale Watching on the Coast**

*Pt. Reyes National Seashore, Pt. Reyes*  
Witness the California gray whale migration south to Baja. Continues through March.  
(415) 464-5100 [www.nps.gov/pore](http://www.nps.gov/pore)

## FEBRUARY

### **Marin Show: Art of the Americas**

*Marin Center, San Rafael*  
The most substantive and extensive showcase focused on the indigenous arts from across North, Central and South America. With more than 200 noted dealers, the show is described as the "Superbowl of Native American art collecting".  
(415) 472-3500 [www.marinshow.com](http://www.marinshow.com)

## MARCH

### **Antique Show**

*Marin Center, San Rafael*  
Over 65 distinctive dealers selling fabulous antiques and collectibles ranging from pieces of furniture to jewelry and vintage clothing.  
(415) 472-3500 [www.goldengateshows.com](http://www.goldengateshows.com)

### **Egret and Blue Heron Nesting**

*Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach*  
A rare glimpse of these majestic birds. Audubon Ranch is open late March through early July, on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For week days, please call for appointment.  
(415) 868-9244 [www.egret.org](http://www.egret.org)

### **Tiburon International Film Festival**

This event seeks to provide a greater understanding of the world and its many cultures through the artistic medium of film, and through the top quality films from around the world.  
(415) 381-4123 [www.tiburonfilmfestival.com](http://www.tiburonfilmfestival.com)

## APRIL

### **Opening of Yacht Season**

*Tiburon, Sausalito*  
Pleasure craft are decorated and blessed during celebration.  
(415) 435-4771

### **Egg Hunt on the Lawn**

*Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael*  
Children enjoy a romp on the grass in the shade of a Victorian mansion.  
(415) 485-3328

## MAY

### **Human Race**

*Marin Center, San Rafael*  
Benefit 10K run-walk for all Marin non-profits. (415) 479-5660

### **Business Showcase & Career Fair**

*Civic Center Exhibition Hall, San Rafael*  
San Rafael's largest business-to-business and business-to-consumer trade show draws over 2,000 guests. Food tastes, gifts, prizes.  
(415) 454-4163 [www.sanrafaelchamber.com](http://www.sanrafaelchamber.com)

### **May Madness Classic Car Parade and Street Dance**

*Fourth Street, San Rafael*  
The County's oldest and biggest classic car show and parade, with live rock 'n roll throughout the day.  
(415) 720-5591  
[www.downtownsanrafael.org](http://www.downtownsanrafael.org)

### **Marin Open Studios**

Art tour of over 280 studios during two Weekends throughout Marin County.  
(415) 499-8350 [www.marinarts.org](http://www.marinarts.org)

### **Grecian Festival**

*Nativity of Christ Church, Novato*  
Greek food and entertainment. Held on Memorial Day weekend.  
(415) 883-1998 [www.nativityofchrist.org](http://www.nativityofchrist.org)

## JUNE

### **Annual Home Show and Jazz Festival**

*Marin Center, San Rafael*  
(415) 456-5209 [www.marinhomeshow.com](http://www.marinhomeshow.com)

### **Antique Fair**

*Creek Park, San Anselmo*  
Over 200 dealers specializing in a wide number of antique areas and periods are represented within 30 establishments.  
(415) 457-1266

### **Dipsea Foot Race**

*Mill Valley*  
1,500 runners navigate a tortuous, hilly route in this famed cross-country race.  
(415) 331-3550 [www.dipsea.org](http://www.dipsea.org)

### **Italian Street Painting Festival**

*A Street between Fourth and Fifth, San Rafael*  
Artists use chalks to create visually stunning works on pavement squares.  
(415) 457-4878 [www.youthinarts.org](http://www.youthinarts.org)

### **Marin Art Festival**

*Marin Civic Center Lagoon*  
Elegant lawn party featuring a juried exhibit of toplevel art, a variety of ethnic foods, and music ranging from jazz to classical.  
(415) 388-4836 [www.marinartfestival.com](http://www.marinartfestival.com)

### **Mountain Play**

*Mount Tamalpais, Mill Valley*  
Musical performed in amphitheater on Mt. Tam for six weekends, through June. Theater has spectacular views of the Bay.  
(415) 383-1100 [www.mountainplay.org](http://www.mountainplay.org)

### **Novato Art, Wine and Music Festival**

*Grant Avenue, Old Town Novato*  
Artists and craftspeople, two dozen wineries, food and continuous free entertainment.  
(415) 897-1164 [www.novatochamber.com](http://www.novatochamber.com)

### **Annual Fairfax Festival**

Come for an "only-in-Fairfax" parade, food, drink and live music.  
(415) 453-1584 [www.townoffairfax.org](http://www.townoffairfax.org)

### **San Anselmo Art & Wine Festival**

Buy exceptional art directly from the artists at the best prices!  
(415) 258-4600 [www.sananselmoarts.com](http://www.sananselmoarts.com)

### **Mill Valley Wine & Food Tasting**

Taste many hard to find wines, plus imports. Gourmet food tasting under the redwoods.  
(415) 388-9700  
[www.millvaleeywinefestival.homestead.com](http://www.millvaleeywinefestival.homestead.com)

### **Larkspur Flower & Food Festival**

On Magnolia Avenue, an exciting daylong schedule of colorful festivities surrounding the theme of flower related arts & crafts and gourmet food exhibitors.  
(415) 383-3470 [www.larkspurcityhall.org](http://www.larkspurcityhall.org)

## JULY

### **Marin County Fair**

*Civic Center Fairgrounds, San Rafael*  
Annual fair features free carnival rides, fireworks on the lagoon, and special juried exhibits.  
(415) 499-6400 [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org)

## **JULY**

### **Corte Madera-Larkspur Fourth of July Festival and Parade**

*Corte Madera and Larkspur*

Hometown parade for Marin's Twin Cities.

(415) 924-0441 [www.cortemadera.org](http://www.cortemadera.org)

### **Indian Big Time Celebration**

*Point Reyes at Kule Loklo*

Native American celebration involving native dance, song and food.

(415) 464-5100 [www.nps.gov/pore](http://www.nps.gov/pore)

## **AUGUST**

### **Marin Shakespeare Festival**

*Dominican University, San Rafael*

Weekend performances of Shakespeare under the stars. Amphitheater seating.

(415) 499-4488 [www.marinshakespeare.org](http://www.marinshakespeare.org)

### **Carrera de San Rafael**

*Downtown San Rafael*

World-class professional competitive bicycle race. Begins and ends on Fourth Street.

(415) 485-3465 [www.carrerasanrafael.com](http://www.carrerasanrafael.com)

### **San Rafael Food and Wine Festival**

*Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael*

Come taste the wine, plus food and entertainment on the grounds of a Victorian mansion.

(800) 310-6563 [www.sresproductions.com](http://www.sresproductions.com)

### **Annual Sand Sculpture Contest**

The Sunday of Labor Day Weekend in Point Reyes at Drakes Beach

(415) 464-5140 [www.nps.gov/pore](http://www.nps.gov/pore)

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **Marin Designers Showcase**

Marin's top interior designers take over a stately Marin home to create an interior fantasy.

(415-) 479-5691 [marindesignersshowcase.com](http://marindesignersshowcase.com)

## **Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival**

Fine Art exhibit with food booths and live entertainment in a redwood grove.

(415) 381-8090 [www.mvfaf.org](http://www.mvfaf.org)

## **Great American Blues & BBQ Festival**

Downtown Fourth Street celebrates San Rafael and Marin's outstanding heritage of great music, it's world famous musicians and the great American roots of the blues.

(415) 383-3470 [www.proevent.com](http://www.proevent.com)

## **OCTOBER**

### **Vincenzo Food and Wine Festival**

The always-spectacular fundraiser and auction raises vital funds and community awareness for St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael.

(415) 927-1239 [www.cccyo.org](http://www.cccyo.org)

### **Mill Valley Film Festival**

*Sequoia and Rafael Film Centers*

This eleven-day fest includes screening that draw 40,000 ticket holders, both film fans and professionals.

(415) 383-5256 [www.cafilm.org](http://www.cafilm.org)

### **Pumpkin Field**

*St. Vincent's School for Boys, San Rafael*

Pumpkin patch and farm animals.

(415) 507-4214 [www.](http://www.)

### **Trick-or-Treat Down Fourth Street**

*Downtown San Rafael*

(415) 720-5591 [www.downtownsanrafael.org](http://www.downtownsanrafael.org)

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Winter Wonderland/Parade of Lights**

*Downtown San Rafael*

A candle-lit walk through downtown San Rafael. There's even a man-made snow bank for sledding and making snowmen.

(415) 720-5591 [www.downtownsanrafael.org](http://www.downtownsanrafael.org)

## **DECEMBER**

### **Marin Ballet's Nutcracker**

*Marin Center, San Rafael*

(415) 453-6705 [www.marincenter.com](http://www.marincenter.com)

### **Victorian Holiday Celebration**

*Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael*

The evening spotlights live holiday performances, hosted by Mr. Charles Dickens himself with characters in Dickens attire, old-fashioned caroling and an authentic Father Christmas. Storytelling will take place for kids of all ages.

(415) 485-3436 [www.cityofsanrafael.org](http://www.cityofsanrafael.org)

## **YEAR ROUND EVENTS**

### **Marin Center, San Rafael**

National and International touring acts.

(415) 499-6800 [www.marincenter.org](http://www.marincenter.org)

### **Kanbar Center for Performing Arts**

200 No. San Pedro Rd., San Rafael

Indoor and outdoor events for all ages.

(415) 444-8000 [www.marinjcc.org](http://www.marinjcc.org)

## **FARMERS MARKETS**

### **Marin Farmers Market**

Year round on Thursdays and Sundays at the Marin Civic Center. Sells farm-direct specialty foods and organically grown produce.

(415) 472-6100

[www.marinfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.marinfarmersmarkets.org)

### **Downtown San Rafael Farmers Market**

Only from April through October on Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00 on Fourth Street. The market features food, produce, live entertainment, arts and crafts, and more.

(415) 472-6100

[www.sanrafaelmarket.org](http://www.sanrafaelmarket.org)



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