



NEWSLETTER
Mid-February 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some fun and active events coming up. We hope to see you there.

Upcoming Events

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Other Planned Events

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux.

April 22 - New Conservatory Theater: Locusts Have No King

April 29 - Metropolitan Opera Simulcast: Champion (opera of a gay boxer)

May 7 - SF Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) welcomes MAX

Note: *Upcoming Events also are listed on the MAX website/calendar at www.maxsf.org. Clicking on a newsletter link herein and then seeing "Page not found (error 404)" indicates link was corrupted. Please go directly to the website to register if the hyperlinks herein do not work. Or cut and paste the url to use.*

Scotch Tasting Social

Saturday, February 25. 5:00-7:00pm. Join your fellow MAX members for a scotch tasting on February 25. Warm up your insides while you learn about the various types of Scotch and methods for creating one of the worlds most unique alcoholic beverages. Five scotches will be served along with light appetizers.



The cost is \$40 per person. Space is limited to 15 people, but a waitlist will be available for cancellations. No refunds after February 17. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5096050>

Host site is by the Castro near Sanchez and 18th Streets. Host has a no shoe policy inside, so wear nice socks! Address will be provided at a later date to those who register. For more information, contact Ken at ken.cleveland@maxsf.org or Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org.

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **March 3rd** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Hike Through Berkeley (plus optional lunch)

Saturday, March 5. 11:00am-2:30pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for a relatively easy hike around beautiful Berkeley. The entire hike takes about 3 hours, 30 minutes, not counting optional lunch, afterward. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. The hike itself is about 4 miles in length, and involves just a few climbs up small hills, but this is an urban walk and not too strenuous, as long as you are in decent shape, physically. This is NOT recommended for those who have physical limitations that affect your ability to walk at a normal pace along city streets that have some hills.

We will start and end at the Downtown Berkeley BART Station, meeting on the plaza just at the top of the main escalator, on street level. Our journey will take us past a small neighborhood with houses that look like they are out of a Dr. Seuss storybook; then up "holy hill" to the campus of the Berkeley Graduate Theological School; then uphill a little bit more to the Berkeley Rose Garden. After that, we go downhill to visit "gourmet ghetto" and the famous eateries along Shattuck Avenue in north Berkeley. We will stop for some optional authentic gelato. Finally, we will traverse some of the sites on the University of California campus, including the bell tower, the library, and Sproul Plaza, site of the student protests in the 1960s. The campus has some small hills.

After the hike, those who wish to eat lunch are invited to join us at Eureka, a friendly restaurant just around the corner from Downtown Berkeley BART Station. The restaurant has an extensive full bar, as well as gourmet hamburgers and other sandwiches, and some lunch and dinner entrée items, including vegetarian options. **IMPORTANT:** Bring your own money (cash is preferred) if

you want to buy gelato or buy lunch at Eureka.

There is a limit of 20 people for this event, but a waiting list will be created, if we exceed that number. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5128573>

For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **March 16th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 18. 4:00pm-7:00pm. Join us on Saturday, March 18 for a Post St Patrick's Day Celebration of homemade dinner of lean corned beef and the usual trimmings, along with appetizers and hosted beverages consisting of white wine, Irish beer, Irish coffee and a non alcoholic selection.

The event will be held at one of our members beautiful loft in San Francisco off Van Ness and near CPMC. The event will begin at 4 with dinner served at 5:30 pm. Exact address to be given one week prior to event upon registration.

Cost is \$42 per member or \$50 per non-member. We must limit this event to the first 20 people. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. Sorry, no refunds after March 11. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5144735>

Please contact Jerry Tusan with any questions at: jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

Unspeakable Vice: Walking tour of Historical Gay North Beach

Saturday, April 1. 10:30am-12:00pm (excluding optional lunch). This will be an interesting walking tour of historical Gay North Beach, with an optional lunch at one of North Beach's famous Italian restaurants. This tour is part of the San Francisco Historical Society's tour series, and is led by a very knowledgeable and engaging historian. Starting at the SF Historical Society (608 Commercial St.), we'll zig zag our way by more than a dozen lost queer bars, and hear about gay life going all the way back to the Gold Rush. Hear how the "unspeakable vice" of the Victorians found its place and, through the process, gained a voice. Tour ends around 12:00 with a drink at Maggie McGarry's pub, the site an infamous lesbian hook-up spot at 1353 Grant Ave (drink included in the tour

price). Then we will walk to a nearby restaurant for lunch at about 12:30. (Lunch is optional, location TBD).

The cost is \$30 per person. Tour is limited to 16 people. No refunds after March 25. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5179978>

For more information, contact Stephen Geisheker at stephen.geisheker@maxsf.org
