



NEWSLETTER

Mid-September 2022

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have many wonderful events coming up and hope to see you there.

Memberships

Thank you to those who renewed or joined MAX! We are excited you are part of our community and hope you will enjoy the fellowship within MAX.

MAX will remain open to everyone although being a dues-paying member offers benefits. Non-members still can participate in MAX events and have access to the MAX website and most activities.

Upcoming Events

September 15 – Third Thursday

September 18 – Dinner at Poesia in the Castro

September 24 - Smuin Ballet

October 1 – Presidio Walk II – Tunnel Tops, Battery Bluff & Exclusion Exhibit

October 7 - First Friday

October 8 – Thai Cooking Class with Sunshine

Other Planned Events

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux. Contact a board member to champion or help with an event!

October 5 - Lunch at the University Club

October 22/23 – Dim Sum

October 29/30 – Tour of Camron-Stanford House

November 12 – Member Appreciation Day

November 19 – New Conservatory Theater – A Picture of Two Boys

November 21 – Volunteer at Project Open Hand

December 3 - White Elephant Exchange and Social

Third Thursday

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on September 15th at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Dinner at Poesia in the Castro - Only 2 spaces left

Sunday, September 18. 5:30pm for cocktails / 6:30pm for dinner.

Join event champions, Gary Keener and Jim Tom, for a delicious multi-course Southern Italian dinner at Poesia Osteria Italiana located at 4072 18th St. (off Castro St.) in San Francisco. We'll meet at 5:30 pm for an unhosted cocktail hour in the new first floor cafe where we will begin serving dinner at 6:30 pm. Happy Hour prices shall apply until 6:30 pm. The meal will be prix-fixe with a set menu that is served family style. Diners will share four courses consisting of:

- Bruschetta al pomodoro (fresh farmed tomatoes)
- Frisée - baby kale salad, peaches, walnut, goat cheese, honey lime dressing
- Rigatoni pasta with Bolognese beef-pork ragu and Parmigiano
- Fusilli pasta with tomato sauce, cherry tomatoes, Parmigiano

Wine/alcohol for dinner is unhosted and available at the bar. Unhosted dessert menu will be available upon request. This event is only \$55/person for MAX members and \$65 for non-members, including tax and tip. Price does not include beverages or dessert. No refunds after September 12.

To reserve a spot and pay, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4895388>. Deadline to register is September 12. Event is planned for 20 people, but a waitlist is available for possible additional spaces. For additional information, contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org.

Smuin Ballet – Dance Series 1

Saturday, September 24. 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm for ballet; 12:00pm for optional pre-performance brunch. Join MAX for a performance of Smuin Ballet's fall

performance, *Dance Series 1*, a mixed repertoire program that includes crowd-favorite, *Take Five* choreographed by Smuin alumnus Rex Wheeler, aka Lady Camden, *RuPaul's Drag Race* finalist. *Dance Series 1* also includes *World Premiere* by Cuban choreographer Osnel Delgado.



For more information on the program, go to:

<https://www.smuinballet.org/discover-smuins-2022-23-season/>

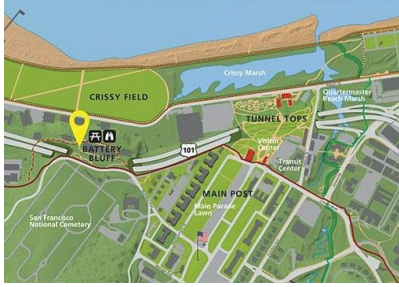
Individual tickets go on sale August 1st. Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX members for this performance. Those interested may also sign-up to join event champion, Paul Munro, for brunch at Greens Restaurant before the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. Go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4909491> to RSVP and to read the details, including how to get the discount, and how to reserve a space to join Paul for brunch at before the show.

The ballet will be performed at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture at 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco. Green's Restaurant also is in Fort Mason Center.

Presidio Walk II – Tunnel Tops, Battery Bluff and Exclusion Exhibit

Saturday, October 1. 10:30 am- 1:30 pm. Join MAX for an approximate 5-mile walk and exploration of the Presidio to visit Tunnel Tops and Battery Bluff, two recently completed parks that sit atop the Presidio Parkway tunnels. Tunnel Tops opened in July 2022 and Battery Bluff in April 2022. Both offer sweeping bay views. Tunnel Tops unites Crissy Field with the main post and was designed by the firm that created New York's High Line to create another next-level "urban nature" destination.



But wait! There's more! The Presidio also has other interesting sites. We will start with the Yoda fountain in the Letterman-Lucasfilm area, go by the Palace of Fine Arts for a walk on the San Francisco Bay Trail along Crissy Field to Torpedo Wharf. We then will loop back by the Pet Cemetery toward to the new parks and also stop by the Korean War Memorial. Then we will visit the Officers Club featuring a free exhibit "Exclusion" that explores the Presidio's Role in the World War II Japanese American Incarceration. Plan to spend about 15-20 minutes at the Officer's Club.

Pack a lunch as we will stop and eat somewhere along the walk. Consider layering for the weather and bringing water and a hat. Walk is considered moderately easy and will be canceled in the event of moderate rain.

The group size is limited to 20 people, but a waitlist will be available. To register, please go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4896465> Event is free. If you register and cannot make it, please cancel so others can go. For additional information, contact event champion, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org.

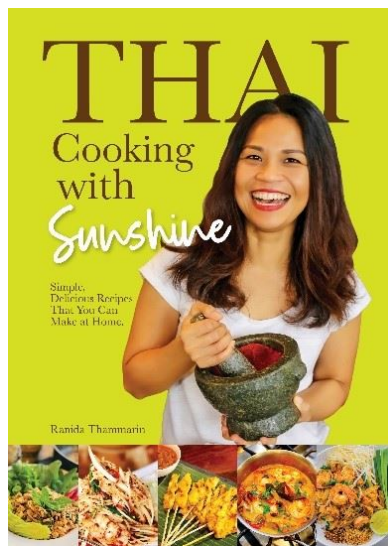
Meet at 10:30am at the Lombard Gate entrance to the Presidio at Lombard & Lyon Streets. Google map link is: <https://goo.gl/maps/W6J3NggGQgmvFtMm8> Street parking on Lyon is 3 hours.

First Friday

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **October 7th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Thai Cooking Class with Sunshine

Saturday, October 8. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Learn how to cook Thai dishes with Ranida "Sunshine" Thammarin in a former church converted to event space and residential. We will learn about ingredients and techniques and will get hands-on-experience and guidance to make an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Menu will consist of Tom Yum Gai, Pad Thai Shrimp, Kanom Krook plus wine provided by MAX. Cooks likely can switch between chicken and shrimp for the soup and entrée. We eat what we cook!



The class is located at 439 Guerrero Street, off 16th Street, in the Inner Mission. The 16th/Mission Street BART Station is 2.5 blocks away. Website for the class is at: <https://thaicookingwithsunshine.square.site/>. Sunshine also has a cookbook available for sale if you are interested. Please note that Sunshine has a no shoes policy inside. Consider wearing interesting socks!

The maximum class size is limited to 12 people. No refunds after September 28. To register, please go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4897987> Cost is \$95 for MAX members and \$115 for non-members. Price includes wine provided by MAX. For additional information, contact event champion, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org.