

Art reception, poetry slam and reading

Bona Fide Books is hosting an art reception, poetry slam and reading for Reno-based poet and artist Benjamin Arnold on April 7, 7-10pm at Bona Fide HQ.

This event is free and open to the public. Singer-songwriter Athena McIntyre of Rockin' Minerva will provide music starting at 9pm.

This interactive National Poetry Month kick-off will feature an "imPROMPTu" poetry slam. Participants are given paper and a pen – no existing poems are allowed – then given 10 minutes to create a poem to slam. There will be three rounds of competition, and the judge-selected winner gets to choose one of Arnold's prints as a prize.

The art reception will feature Arnold's latest work, including digital art printed on aluminum, broadsides, "smallsides" and acrylic and oil paintings.

Benjamin Arnold is a teacher, poet, writer, and artist living in Reno. He is the author of "Synaptic Traffic: Intersections of Prose & Poetry".

Bona Fide HQ is located at 1069 Magua St., No.4, behind the Getaway Café in Meyers.

For more information on this or other Bona Fide events, contact Kim Wyatt at editor@bonafidebooks.com.

Sierra Nevada Alliance conference

Sierra Nevada Alliance's annual conference is Sept. 21-22 at Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe.

For more information, go online.

Rick Springfield

Rick Springfield will be at Harrah's Lake Tahoe on May 12 at 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$65 – 800.786.8208.

Fair Play Wine Festival

The annual Fair Play Wine Festival is the weekend of June 2-3, 11am-5pm each day.

Sixteen wineries are participating.

Tickets are \$20.

Go online for more information.

Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Festival

The largest eco-event in the North Lake Tahoe-Truckee area – the Tahoe Truckee Earth Day Festival – is April 21 from 11am to 5pm at the Village at Squaw Valley.

This all-ages, community sponsored event gives participants an opportunity to learn about recycling and composting, alternative energy, sustainability, watershed and forest health, and reducing ecological footprints via a diverse array of agency representatives and earth-friendly vendors.

Earth Day is a zero waste event. Typical trash receptacles will not be available in an effort to drastically minimize waste at the event. Booth participants are requested to minimize handouts and implement other forms of waste reduction. All food vendors will be using biodegradable take-out containers made of either paper or PLA, a high tech starch-based plastic provided by Tahoe Green Products. Food and biodegradable waste will be collected by volunteers and IVGID Waste Not and composted by Full Circle Compost in Minden.

This year's theme is Do One Thing. All participants are asked to consider and implement their pledge to help the environment and cool the climate.

For more information, go online or contact info@tahoetruckeeearthday.org.

Snowshoe event on North Shore

Alpenglow Sports is partnering with Tahoe Institute for Natural Science to bring a unique type of guided snowshoe to the North Shore. The tour will last approximately three hours and will focus on winter survival strategies of the flora and fauna found throughout Page Meadows.

Meet at Alpenglow in Tahoe City on March 31 at 10am. Bring warm clothes. Participants will carpool to Page, leaving about 10:30am. The hike is free, but space is limited to 25 slots. Preregister by emailing will@tinsweb.org.

For more information, call (530) 583.6917 or email brendan@alpenglowsports.com.

Joe Cocker/Huey Lewis & The News

Joe Cocker/Huey Lewis & The News are part of the Harveys Outdoor Concert Series on Aug. 17 at 7:30pm. Tickets go from \$49.50 to \$99.50.

Journey at Harveys

At the Harveys' Outdoor Concert Series will be Journey, with Pat Benatar and Loverboy on stage July 22 at 6pm. Tickets range from \$59.50 to \$199.50.

Unity at the Lake open house

Unity at the Lake is having an open house March 24 from 1-4pm at 1195 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

There will be food, camaraderie, children's activities and fun for all ages.

The music ministry, OneVoice, will perform throughout the day.

For more info, call (530) 544.2266.

Basics of Prayer class

Unity at the Lake is offering "Basics of Prayer" classes.

The class will be taught by Stew Bittman, Unity's co-spiritual leader, and will be offered March 25 from 11:30am-1pm and March 29 from 6:30-8pm.

Classes will be in the annex at Unity's spiritual center, 1195 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

For more info, call (530) 544.2266.