

QuickBooks workshop

Beginning QuickBooks Workshop part two involves data entry.

This workshop teaches people how to fill out sales forms, memorize transactions, record customer payments, record deposits, enter bills, use accounts payable, pay bills, write checks, use registers, transfer money between accounts, and reconcile bank accounts.

Cost for Feb. 22 1:30-5pm class is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Registration is required – (775) 588.1728, ext. 303.

QuickBooks workshop

Beginning QuickBooks Workshop will teach people how to create and customize chart of accounts, enter and pay bills, use the check register, apply payments and make deposits, and reconcile bank statements.

Cost of the Feb. 15 1:30-5pm workshop is \$25 for members of Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce and \$40 for non-members. Registration is required.

The class is in Lake Tahoe Community College's Aspen Room, South Lake Tahoe.

To register or for more information, call Emily Abernathy at (775) 588.1728, ext. 303.

Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival

Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area and Alpenglow Sports present Viva The Backcountry Film Festival benefiting the Tahoe Cross Country Ski Education Association.

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival made its world premiere 11-11-11. This is a celebration of the winter experience.

The seventh annual world tour of the Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival highlights the beauty and fun of the winter backcountry experience. Submissions come from renowned filmmakers who travel every corner of the globe to submit their best backcountry work, and from grassroots filmmakers who take a video camera out on their weekend excursions and submit their best film short. The films are juried by a select panel of judges and the top films are assembled into a 90 minute program.

The festival was created to highlight Winter Wildlands Alliance's efforts to preserve and conserve winter landscapes for quiet users.

This year's program includes nine films including festival award winners "Solitaire" (festival cut) from Sweetgrass Productions, voted Best of Festival.

The films will be shown Feb. 10 at the Sawtooth Ridge Café, Tahoe City. Film starts at 7pm. Admission is \$10 and tickets can be purchased at the door. Sawtooth Ridge Café will serve dinner and drink specials starting at 5:30pm.

TRPA Code of Ordinances meetings

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is hosting two public workshops to help orient customers to the reorganization of TRPA's Code of Ordinances, which go into effect on March 1.

These workshops are designed to help property owners considering home or building improvement projects, along with planners, consultants, contractors, and land-use attorneys.

The workshops are:

Jan. 26, 6-7:30pm, TRPA Conference Room, 128 Market St., Stateline.

Feb. 2, 6-7:30, Donald W. Reynolds Community Nonprofit Center, 948 Incline Way, Incline Village.

Topics to be covered in the workshops include comparisons of the old and newly reorganized code, tips on how to quickly find information, and updates on the e code changes in progress.

For additional information, call Kristi Boosman at (775) 589.5230 or email kboosman@trpa.org.

Writers in the Woods

Environmental novelist Li Miao Lovett is the first author of the Writers in the Woods series this year at Sierra Nevada College.

Her visit includes a reading, book signing, and reception Feb. 10 at 7pm in the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences in Incline Village.

This evening is free and open to the community.

Lovett will also teach a fiction writing workshop from 9am-noon on Feb. 11. Workshops are open to the community and available for credit. Students are free. There is a \$50 registration fee for community members. Register in advance online.

Lovett began her writing career after a 600-mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail where she encountered a stalker, a compulsive poet, and 10,000 mosquitoes. She has been a frequent contributor to the *San Francisco Chronicle* and KQED Perspectives. Her literary and environmental writing has also been published by *Narrative Magazine*, *Earth Island Journal*, *China Rights Forum*, and Sierra Club's *The Planet*.

Supporting the mission of Words Without Borders, she has organized events showcasing the works of dissident and censored writers.

The Gizmo Guys

Tahoe Arts Project continues its 25th season with the comedy/juggler duo The Gizmo Guys on Jan. 27 at the MontBleu

theater.

Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker have amazed and amused audiences around the world. They work in a variety of venues, including theaters, corporate functions of all types, cruise ships – you name it, they've done it. They've made numerous television appearances, won international juggling competitions, and taught at top circus schools.

But what makes their act so appealing is their uniquely winning combination of technique and humor.

The Gizmo Guys will bring their Objects in Motion show into the South Shore schools Jan. 23-27 to teach children how juggling relates to science and math.

Their full show can only be seen on the South Shore on Jan. 27 at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. They may be purchased in advance at the California and Nevada visitors centers on the South Shore.

To charge tickets by phone or for more information, call Tahoe Arts Project at (530) 542.3632.

Measure S/R meeting

The board that oversees how Measure S/R money is spent on the South Shore is meeting Jan. 20 at 9am at Lake Tahoe Airport.

Here is the agenda.

Key items on the agenda include voting on whether the bonds go from being non-taxable to taxable. South Lake Tahoe, one of three partners of the joint powers authority, is asking for this change so operators of the ice rink may turn a profit.

IRS rules say entities are not allowed to be for-profit operations when tax-exempt bonds are paying for the facility. The ice rink was built with Measure S money.

Other items include appointing committees to oversee how ball park and bike improvement funds should be spent.

Blood drive

Blood drive officials are asking people to give pint before the first punt. That's because the blood drive is Super Bowl Sunday.

It is at Kahle Community Center in Stateline on Feb. 5 from 11am-4pm.

More information is on the flyer.

Discussion about Truckee aquatic center

The Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District is hosting a public information meeting to present the preliminary plans for the proposed Truckee Aquatic Center.

The architect will be on hand to answer questions and receive input from the public.

The meeting is Jan. 19 at 6:30pm at the Community Recreation

Center.

Contact Amanda Oberacker for more information at amanda@tdrpd.com or (530) 582.2361.

Freeride Flow Fest

Kirkwood Mountain Resort is hosting the inaugural Freeride Flow Fest on March 16-18.

The three-day event brings together novice and recreational winter athletes with professional athletes, backcountry experts and top industry vendors for clinics, demonstrations, electronic disc jockeys, performances and a whole lot of après ski.

Tickets are on sale online.

Confirmed athletes include: Sage Cattabriga-Alosa, professional big mountain skier; Alison Gannett, leading the KEEN Ripplin' Chix Backcountry Camp and Steeps Clinics; legendary ski pioneer Kent Krietler, as backcountry guide and yoga instructor; Lorenzo Worster, world renowned telemark skier; Hanna Hardaway, two-time Olympian; Brooke Edwards, freeride instructor and Tough Guy Productions event coordinator; Maeve Nevins, backcountry instructor; and Wendy Lautner, published author and backcountry enthusiast.

Clinics focus on backcountry skiing including avalanche and beacon search, alpine, telemark and snowboard freeriding, women's only clinics, park riding, big air bag jumping and yoga. As well as being a leave no trace earth conscious event, a portion of the proceeds from the festival will go to Protect Our Winters, an environmental center point of the global

winter sports community, united towards a common goal of reducing climate change effects on sports and local economies.