Live painting by Tahoe artist at Lava Cap Winery

Lake Tahoe fine artist Reds Regan will be performing a live painting execution and displaying his primitive contemporary artwork at Lava Cap Winery during the Passport event in Apple Hill this weekend.

Regan is exhibiting his internationally recognized acrylic paintings at the winery and will be undertaking a live painting execution demonstrating his ambidextrous painting style throughout the weekend.

Regan's exhibition will add a cultural element to the Passport Weekend event at Lava Cap. Twenty-six El Dorado wineries are hosting the Passport festivities which feature wine and food pairings, barrel tastings, and art and music.

Background on Reds Fine Art

Regan has been a professional artist for 25 years. The intensity of his paintings is rooted in his Irish heritage. He studied Celtic and other primitive art forms while developing his own unique style which is called primitive contemporary. His unique composition and energetic expression create a poetically simplistic yet boldly relaxed style. Regan's work has been associated with Salvador Dali, Joan Miro and Picasso.

Lava Cap is located at 2221 Fruitridge Road, Placerville.

For more information about Lava Cap wines, click here.

For more information about Reds Regan's artwork, click here or call (530) 577.5298.

Scottish Tenor Kenneth McKellar dies in Tahoe

By BBC

Scottish tenor Kenneth McKellar has died at the age of 82 after a very short illness.

Mr. McKellar passed away at the home of his daughter Jane, in Lake Tahoe in the United States.

The singer was known for his recordings of Scots songs, particularly those of Robert Burns, and appeared in musicals, on television and on radio.



Kenneth McKellar

Jane McKellar, 46, said her father had died just one week after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Read the whole story

Lake Tahoe Concours d’Elegance

The 38th annual Lake Tahoe Concours d’Elegance will be Father’s Day – June 18-20 – at the Sierra Boat Company in Carnelian Bay on Lake Tahoe’s North Shore.

“We changed the date from August to June last year for the first time, allowing our event participants a full summer’s use of their cherished woodies, and providing attendees with a fun Father’s Day weekend activity,” Dave Olson, chairman of the 2010 Lake Tahoe Concours d’Elegance and president of the Tahoe Yacht Club Foundation, said in a press release. The Concours offers a unique opportunity for an up-close look at more than 85 antique and classic boats, with great food, live music and exhilarating wooden boat rides all part of the show experience.

In addition to the dozens of restored wooden boats from all makes, models, and years, the Marque Class for 2010 will be “Classic Glass” (up to 1964), and will consist of two subclasses: “Transitional Fiberglass,” to include boats manufactured with wood hulls and fiberglass accessories such as fins, hard tops, or decking, and “Full Fiberglass,” boats manufactured primarily out of fiberglass. Come feast your eyes on early models from Chris-Craft, Century, Arenacraft, AristoCraft and Correct Craft, featuring gleaming afterdecks, ‘vertical’ tails and swooping rear fins constructed of fiberglass.

Proceeds go to educational and charitable opportunities that enhance the expertise or understanding of maritime skills in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Event details and tickets are at (530) 581.4700.

Now through May 15, discounted ticket prices are $25 for one

day, or $30 for a two-day pass, with kids under 12 admitted free.

Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival

The Tahoe Earth Day Foundation is hosting two screenings of the Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival at two venues.

The first screening is April 20 at the Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences (291 Country Club Drive, on the campus of Sierra Nevada College) in Incline Village. The second screening is April 23 at the Resort at Squaw Creek (400 Squaw Creek Road) in Olympic Valley.

Each screening will begin at 7pm and feature 90 minutes of selected environmental films, chosen among hundreds screened at SYRCL's 8th Annual Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival in Nevada City.

The film festival is the first of several events scheduled for the Tahoe Truckee Earth Day celebration. The films will address a variety of topics, including water, climate change, energy, conservation, wildlife, and adventure. Each venue will feature different packages of film, featuring Flathead Wild in Incline Village and Generations at Squaw. Food, beverages, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at both events.

Tickets are $10 and advanced tickets are available at New Moon Natural Foods in Truckee and Tahoe City. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door, though seating is limited.

Photo exhibit captures off-beat Nevada



Sierra Nevada College is hosting the exhibit “Stop the Car, Dad!” a series of photographs by artist Erik Lauritzen.

While traveling the often deserted roads of Nevada, photographer Lauritzen was captivated by the evidence of human presence affecting the Western landscape. From abandoned military installations to roadside vernacular architecture, the sites Lauritzen photographed reveal a certain irony often underlying everyday encounters in the Nevada desert.

“Stop the Car, Dad!” is on display through May 21 at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, Prim Library, main floor.

The series “Stop the Car, Dad!” takes its name from the moment of curiosity that often accompanies the discovery of a roadside attraction. Whether bizarre, beautiful, or disturbing, these unexpected sites are strangely alluring. Lauritzen’s images in particular record places where development has given way to dilapidation. Now abandoned, these way stations are evidence of the “boom and bust” lifestyle accompanying the mining industry of Nevada.

Solitary signs and deserted buildings emerge as intriguing records of history. Lauritzen often traveled the Silver State as part of the Nevada Arts Council’s Artist in Residence Program.

Lauritzen founded the photography department at Truckee Meadows Community College and is founding director and curator of the Red Mountain Gallery.

Organized by the Nevada Arts Council, “Stop the Car, Dad!” is part of the Nevada Touring Initiative – Traveling Exhibition Program, and is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Nevada State Legislature. The Nevada Arts Council is a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information or to schedule a group visit, please contact Library Director Betts Markle at emarkle@sierranevada.edu or (775) 881.7511.

‘Fire’ exhibit at LTCC



Artist Peter Goin will have an exhibit at the Haldan Art Gallery at Lake Tahoe Community College in South Lake Tahoe from April 15-June 18.

The opening reception is April 15 from 6–8pm.

There will be an artist’s talk April 15 from 5–7pm in the Aspen Room.

The title of the exhibit is “Fire” and is chromogenic development print in 16-inch by 20-inch.

Th Haldan Art Gallery is open Tuesday-Thursday, 11am-5:30pm; Friday from 11am-2:30pm.

The gallery is free and open to the public.

New Zealand dance company coming to South Shore

Kahurangi – Maori Dance Theater of New Zealand performs April 30 at MontBleu Casino in Stateline. Doors open at 6:30; performance at 7pm.

Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children and seniors.



For information, call Tahoe Arts Project at (530) 542.3632.

Elton John tickets go on sale Monday



Sir Elton John will make his Lake Tahoe debut on July 25 at 8pm.

The legendary singer is part of the Harveys Outdoor Concert Series at Stateline.

Tickets go on sale April 12 at 10am through Ticketmaster. They range from $95.50 to $235.50, plus service fees.

V-Day performances on the South Shore

On April 16 (Spanish version) and April 23 (English version) at 7pm, V-Day Lake Tahoe will present a benefit reading of “A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer” at Opal inside of MontBleu Casino at Stateline.

This is the eighth year a V-Day event has been conducted in Lake Tahoe.

Local beneficiaries are Tahoe Youth & Family Services, El Dorado Court Appointed Special Advocates, and South Lake Tahoe Women’s Center.

Last year more 4,200 V-Day benefits took place around the world raising funds and awareness toward ending violence against women. Since 1998, V-Day and these events have raised more than $70 million for local beneficiaries working to end violence against women and girls.

Hopes for this year are to raise more than the $4,000 from local 2009 events in Tahoe.

“A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer: Writings To Stop Violence Against Women and Girls” is a collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights, edited by Eve Ensler and Mollie Doyle.

For more information, call (775) 843.7142 or email nategoddess@yahoo.com. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at

the door.

Multicultural writer to speak at LTCC

Lake Tahoe Community College Writers' Series and the Multicultural Committee present poet, playwright and editor Nathalie Handal on April 23 at 7pm in the LTCC Library in South Lake Tahoe.

The event is free and open to the community.

Handal is an award-winning poet, playwright, and writer. She has lived in Europe, United States, Caribbean, Latin America and Arab countries.

She is the author of the poetry collections "The NeverField, The Lives of Rain and Love and Strange Horses" (2010, University of Pittsburgh Press), and the poetry CDs "Traveling Rooms and Spell". She is also the editor of "The Poetry of Arab Women: A Contemporary Anthology" and co-editor of "Language for a New Century: Contemporary Poetry from the Middle East, Asia & Beyond" (W.W. Norton, 2008).

She has been involved either as a writer, director or producer in more than 20 theatrical and/or film productions worldwide.