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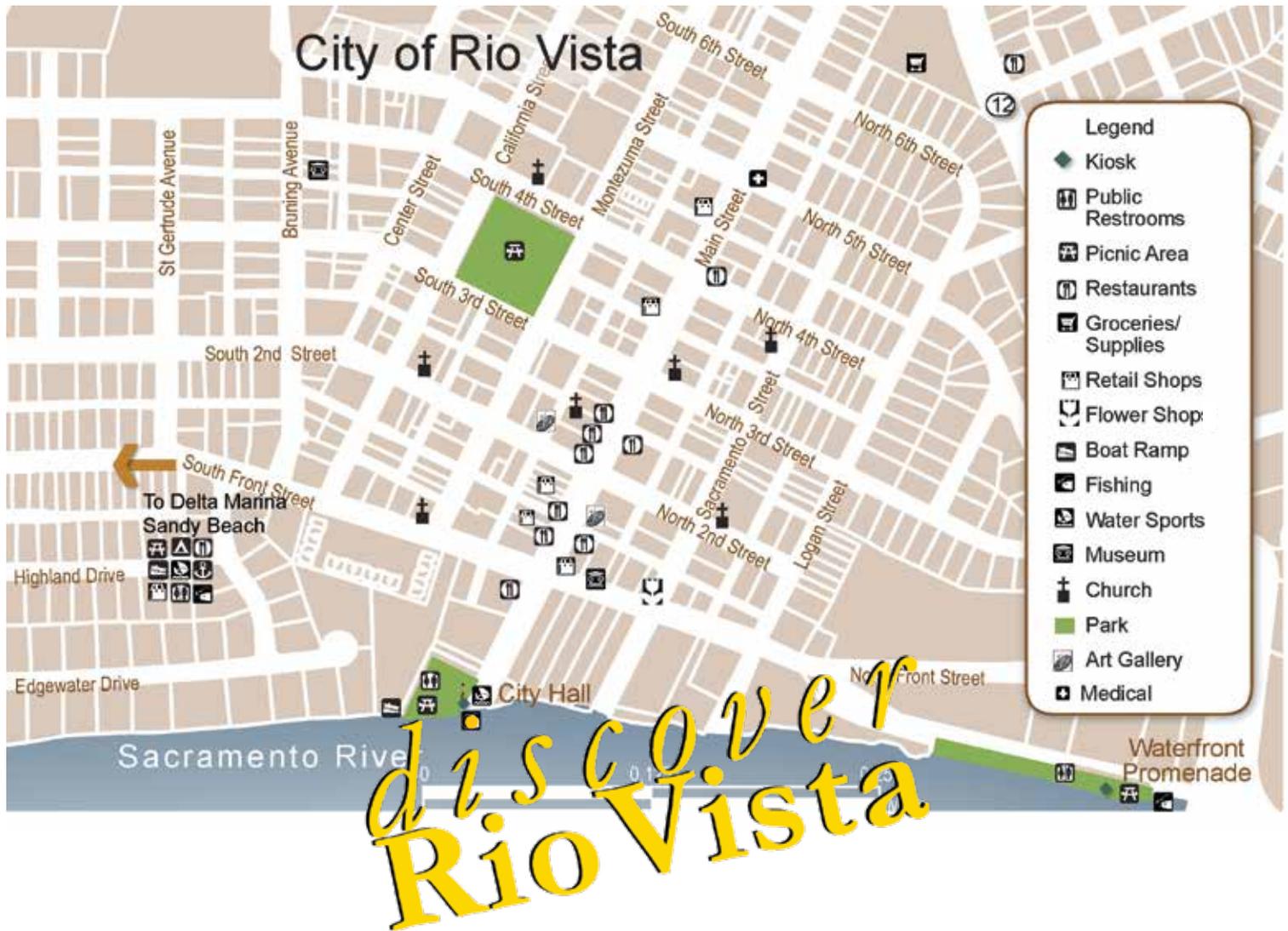
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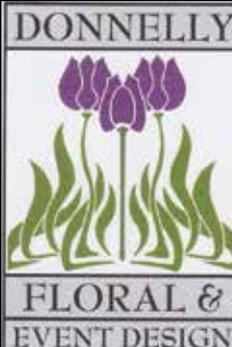
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RioVision Roundup

About Discover Rio Vista Magazine

Story by Susan Whitesell

Photo by Amy Schmidt

This is the first in an ongoing series about RioVision – the organization, projects and people effecting change in Rio Vista. It seems apt to begin this new series with an article about our magazine, Discover Rio Vista, including the people behind the scenes, and how the magazine fits into the larger RioVision organization.

What would become RioVision first began in 2012 as the brainchild of several forward-thinking people. As the organization gained momentum and direction, RioVision Articles of Incorporation were filed Oct. 7, 2013.

In May of 2013, RioVision applied to be a participant in the Regional Urban Design Assistance Program (RUDAP). After a rigorous selection process Rio Vista was accepted. From February 28 – March 3, 2014 the RUDAP team assembled in Rio Vista for an intensive work session that culminated in a visionary development plan for our town. The March 3, 2014 results meeting, held at D.H. White School, was attended by over 400 people. RioVision filed as a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) July 24, 2014.

RioVision is chartered with developing a long-range vision for Rio Vista with input from the entire community, key stakeholders and with the professional assistance from experts at AIA (American Institute of Architects) and R/UDAT (Regional Urban Design Assistance Team). The organization's goals are to set realistic milestones, maintain momentum, and achieve objectives through sustained community and civic involvement. The group is represented by a diverse set of constituents that includes residents and businesses residing in the Downtown District, Trilogy, Homecoming, Vineyard Bluffs and outlying areas including Liberty Island.

A Board of Directors oversees the organization and committee activities and is critical to prioritizing, directing and bringing the organization's projects, programs and events to fruition. RioVision consists of four key committees plus what are called, "Ongoing Programs," such as the RioVision Gallery.

The RioVision committees are:

- *Development* – Oversees and develops fundraising, sponsorships for events and organizational grants.
- *Projects & Programs* – Reviews potential projects, programs and events and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- *Events* – Formed to plan and execute various events such as the Sheepdog Trial, Hog August Bites, Holiday Home Tour and Hunter Hall Silent Movies.
- *Promotions & Communications* – Supports the communication and promotional activities for all Rio Vista events, especially those supported by RioVision such as Hog August Bites, Turkey Trot and Sheepdog Trial, plus *Discover Rio Vista* magazine and web site and community Events Calendar.



The Discover Rio Vista magazine team, left to right, Distribution team leads Don and Paula Coombs, Assistant Editor Jan Vick, Editor Susan Whitesell, Ad team Laurie Oleksiewicz, Carolyn Azbell, and frequent contributor and artist Linda Solomon. Not pictured, P&C Team Lead Robie Williams and Ad team member Donna Armanino.

The Promotions & Communications Committee, initially headed by Donna Armanino and now headed by Robie Williams, is the largest RioVision committee with over 50 members including social media specialists, public relations experts, web site developers, writers, reviewers, artists, photographers and distributors. Robie and P&C members

oversee *Discover Rio Vista* magazine and are critical to the advertising and promotional activities that make events such as Hog August Bites a success.

Discover Rio Vista functions primarily as a tourism magazine, although it disseminates key information about events and things to do for Rio Vista residents too!

The P&C is proud of the magazine's progression from a half fold 12-page newsprint insert (initiated by Laurie Oleksiewicz and then-editor Lynn Hansen) and a distribution of 8,000 in the Fall of 2014 to a 20-page 8" x 11" displayable with glossy cover and a typical distribution of 16,000. Valued partner, Cindy Green of *The Rio Vista Beacon*, inserts and direct mails 5,500 copies to Rio Vista residents. The remaining copies are distributed by a dedicated team of *Discover Rio Vista* magazine distributors.

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A Moment The Magical

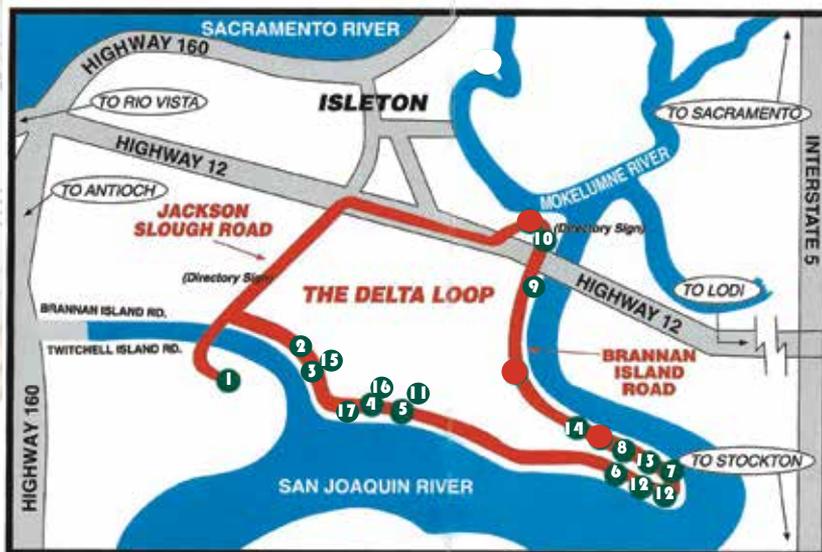
Story and Photos

Imagine an island where time seems to stand still. A place of wandering rivers and sloughs, wetlands, and tules. Where ducks, birds, otters and fish live and play. Where “Delta Time” rules — do it today? No, tomorrow is fine, or whenever it gets done. The sun always shines and the wind always blows. This is the Delta Loop, just outside of Rio Vista in the heart of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. You want to fish, water ski, sail, or just lie in the sun? This is the place for you.

The “Loop” runs along 7-Mile Slough, the San Joaquin River and the Mokelumne River on Brannan Island. The levee road is lined with marinas, campgrounds, and a few restaurants. Most of the marinas on Brannan Island Road are protected by small islands, or tule berms, which make it easier for boats to go in or out, decreasing the pull of the current.

The Loop is easy to find. Go east on Highway 12 from Rio Vista and look for Jackson Slough Road. Turn right and meander alongside Jackson Slough to the levee accessing the Loop from the west. From I-5, go west on Highway 12 just past the Mokelumne River Bridge to Brannan Island Road, turn right, accessing the Loop from the east.

River and cargo ships can frequently be seen on their way to and from the Port of Stockton. The levee road is lined with islands of tules. Off to the west Mt. Diablo can be seen



Bucolic Owl Harbor.

Starting from the west and driving up Jackson Slough Road is an adventure as it is buckled and curvy. Wild blackberry bushes line the slough, though many have been

removed. At the Brannan Island Road junction, Owl Harbor is straight ahead across 7-Mile Slough. Turn right to get to this gated marina. Turn left to go east on Brannan Island Road, following 7-Mile Slough. This narrow channel is home to two marinas. The former Bruno’s Island, is now Brother’s Island Time Marina situated on an island in the middle of the slough. The marina is home to the Delta Sailing School, which offers a wide variety of classes from beginner to advanced. Beyond this marina is Rivers Edge Marina and RV Park with a guest dock, and groceries in the campground.

Rounding the corner at the end of 7-mile Slough, the view opens up to what seems to be a bay. It is the San Joaquin

– it is always protecting the Delta. Sunsets are spectacular here. Along this stretch of Brannan Island Road is the Sacramento Delta Bay Marina with a general store, bait and tackle.

Delta Kayak Rentals, formerly at Lighthouse, is here as well. They hope to be open May 1st. On the land side of the levee is Park Delta Bay with RV sites and tiny

homes for rent. The marina is protected by a tule berm filled with birds. Keep watch for otters at play. Further on is Spindrifft Marina that has guest berthing for the night, a week or a month. Across the road is Spindrifft Restaurant, recently reopened with food, bands, karaoke and games.

Continuing from Spindrifft, the road passes many homes with private docks. Some are vacation homes, but many are year round residences. There is virtually no parking on the levee in this stretch. The road curves approaching the Mokelumne River and Korth’s Pirates Lair Marina, family-owned since 1937. Covered berths are nestled among trees. The Pirates Lair Cafe serves breakfast and lunch with the added bonus of a gift shop. The marina includes a fuel



Tranquil Brother’s Island Time Marina.

Out of Time Delta Loop

by Jan Vick

dock, two guest docks and picnic facilities. Further up the Mokelumne River is the Riverboat Marina and Moore's



Trees surround Park Delta Bay.



The Pirates Lair picnic area.

only. Willow Berm Marina is secluded with many amenities including a 600 foot guest dock, picnic areas for berthers and a clubhouse. The guest dock offers a view of the Highway 12 Mokelumne River Bridge. The newly reopened Lighthouse Restaurant and Sports Bar across from the Lighthouse membership RV park offers Island Pizza. They serve breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays and in the summer they have an outdoor bar.

At the end of the Loop is Perry's Boat Harbor, which sits on a private island just south of the Mokelumne River Bridge on Highway 12. It has both covered and open berthers

Riverboat Restaurant. The marina is protected by a tule island that teems with wildlife. Moore's Riverboat Restaurant overlooks the river, and offers a quiet view. There are guest docks available for diners.

This stretch of the river is lined with marina's and RV parks, though the campgrounds are membership

and lots of trees. The last resort before Brannan Island Road meets Highway 12, is B&W Resort and Marina. This

resort has a boat launch and gas dock, covered berthers and rustic cabins with boat slips available. There is a private beach, BBQ area and a store. Brannan Island Road continues past the boat storage facility to Highway 12. Turn right for Rio Vista and left for I-5 and Lodi.

Summer is a busy time on the Loop, crowded with boats, fishers, RVs and day-trippers. Spring and Fall are beautiful and much quieter; businesses slow down but there is still much to do. Winter brings colder weather and over-wintering ducks and geese fill nearby fallow fields. Plan to enjoy this special place in the heart of the Delta.

The businesses identified on the map and covered in this story are listed below.



Moore's Riverboat Restaurant overlooks the river.



B&W Resort features a covered berthers and more.

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Restaurants

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Louis Church Home - 520 South Second

By Phil Pezzaglia Photos from the Rio Vista Museum

The stately former residence of Louis Henry Church and his family is one of the few remaining elegant homes that lined picturesque South Second Street during the turn of the last century. Although 106-years-old, the Church home is remarkably well preserved, which is a testament to both the craftsmanship of local builder Jens Peter Mortenson and the love for the home that each one of its owners have had for it. To get a real sense of the style and design of the house, one must learn first about the man who contracted to have it built to fit his family's needs.

In 1891, the Church's had expanded their family to seven children. It was the right time to erect a larger home to make life a little more comfortable. Louis and his wife Mary purchased Lots 5 and 6 of Block 31 of Drouin's Addition to the Town of New Rio Vista. The combined lots totaled 7,405 sq. ft. with an alley bordering the lot on the south and west. The couple intended to build a 3,624 sq. ft. craftsman style two-story home with detached garage.

Constructed in 1914, the original configuration of the home was three bedrooms, sewing room, bathroom and built-in linen cabinet on the second floor. The entry, living room, formal dining room, kitchen, and a bathroom, were on the first floor. The rooms had curved ceilings and hardwood flooring. The living room featured a fireplace with built-in bookshelves on either side and a mirror over the top. The dining room was stained wainscoting with dish rail and a beautiful built-in china hutch with etched mirror. There were three windows facing the front porch. In 1990 the blueprints for the home were still sitting in the bottom drawer of the built-in hutch. The home also featured a large basement and a detached two car garage, which faced the back alley. The exterior of both home and garage were covered with shake shingles.

When the home was built, the street was already lined with beautiful two-story homes, owned by the Drouin, McKinnon, Dirr, McCormack, Fleischer, Larsen, and Sullivan families. It was one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in town. In the late teens, Second Street was paved for automobiles, and in 1918 the grammar school was constructed across the street from the Church home.

Each subsequent owner injected their own decorating style and improvements to the home. The most notable being the built-in pool, during the Halloran's ownership.



Chief Howard Heringer

Heringer Family (approx. 1926-1954)

The second family to move into the Second Street home was Howard and Hazel Heringer. Mr. Heringer was the elected Assistant Fire Chief, under Chief Louis Kerner, when the Rio Vista Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1926. This was coincidental, since the second recorded "fire call" by the newly organized department was at this address.

Smith Family (approx. 1957-1964)

The most notable change during the Smith era was a room constructed in the basement for Grandpa Smith.

Tudehope-Halloran Era (1967-1990)

During this era quite a few changes took place. The kitchen was remodeled, a drop ceiling was installed, a doorway was removed between the kitchen and living room, and a spiral staircase off the kitchen was installed to the basement. A laundry room and

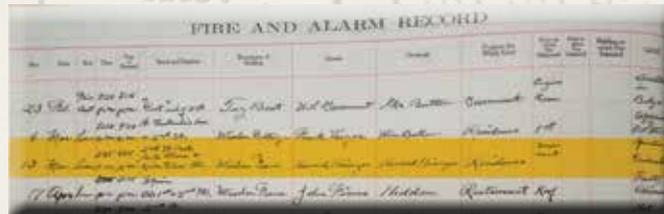
bathroom were reconfigured, and a back-family room was constructed. A covered back porch was erected and a built-in swimming pool with solar heating were added. The master bathroom on the second floor was remodeled and a pink sunken tub installed. The laundry shoot to the basement was kept in operation.

During the early 1980s, the home still maintained much of its 1970s fashion with green and white shag carpet in the dining room, entry, stairs, and landing. The living room was decorated with light blue walls

and around 1989 yellow vinyl siding was installed on the front of the home.

Later Years (1990-2014)

During these years the home saw changes by several owners. At one point the wall between the kitchen and family room was removed and the laundry room was removed, creating an open-air concept between kitchen and family room. The door between the living room and kitchen was reopened, and the kitchen was remodeled once again with granite counters, subway tile back splash, and new cabinets. The swimming pool was filled in, returning the area to a large spacious backyard. Currently the home retains much of its original charm with curved ceilings and the wainscoted dining room.



Record of a basement fire in the Howard Heringer home.



A page from *This is Our Town 1958 Centennial Scrapbook*. The Smith home is in the upper left.

Rio Vision Gallery

A Showcase for Delta Artists

Story by Linda Solomon Photos by Susan Whitesell

RioVision Gallery opened at 116 Main St. in Dec. 2019, almost a year and a half ago. The Gallery operates as a RioVision non-profit project, displaying art and selected crafts from Delta artists. With support of the community the Gallery is a thriving entity that enriches the hearts and souls of both art lovers and dedicated artists and contributes to the betterment of Rio Vista, as stated in the RioVision mission.

As the magazine goes to print, the Gallery is temporarily closed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Despite this setback, local artists are hard at work and ready to display their creations as soon as the stay-at-home order is lifted. Hopefully by the time this magazine reaches you the Gallery will be back stronger than ever with new and insightful art, photography, and original crafts for your enjoyment.

This unprecedented opportunity to innovate applies to everyone, not just artists. Maybe everyone needs a long rest, to evolve from humans “doing,” to humans “being.” Perhaps you are taking this time to become better in every way... more patient, kind and helpful – things long overlooked because you are typically too busy. Maybe you are a budding artist who doesn’t feel that you have what it takes to exhibit your art. Perhaps you are using this time to paint, take up an instrument or start a new hobby to release the creative soul lurking inside? If you are, bring your creation to the gallery and let others enjoy it too. The Gallery accepts new art near the first of each month.



A view of the Gallery from Main Street.

If your creativity doesn’t manifest itself as art, come to the Gallery to enjoy what others have created, appreciate their imagination, visit with the artists and enjoy the experience.



The Gallery interior in October 2019.

Your support is needed now more than ever to continue RioVision’s mission. Look for an event to celebrate reopening, once it is safe to do so. Look for an announcement in The Beacon and on Nextdoor.

Many artists are using social isolation as a time for introspection and some are moving in new and exciting directions with inspiration from circumstances and the simple beauty of spring. Although some may look at recent hardships as a negative, artists are using the time to rest, think, and innovate – something that many have ignored for a long time.

The Gallery is a welcoming, no pressure atmosphere; just come in and enjoy. Gallery artists live for praise so be generous with that. Leave a note about a piece that captures your attention so the artist gets that feedback and appreciation. Of course all pieces are for sale if you are so inclined – that is the ultimate appreciation.

You can also contribute by volunteering your time as a docent. Many of our volunteers are not artists but art lovers. It only takes a few hours each month, but the rewards are great, the surroundings are beautiful and inspiring.

The Gallery’s normal hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm daily except Sunday. Watch for announcements about reopening and upcoming events.

Trilogy Art Guild Presents 17th Annual Awards Art Show

Story by Jan Vick Photos by Doris Noriega

Come to the Vista Club at Trilogy to appreciate and buy the wonderful variety of art produced by the artists at Trilogy.



Dorie Solomon's 2019 award winning oil.

At print time the new proposed date for the 17th Annual Awards Art Show and Wine Tasting is August 29th and 30th.

There is art exhibited in many categories, from oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings to photography, mixed media and 3-D works. Ribbons are awarded in all categories. In addition to judged art work, there is a section of non-judged art for sale.



2019 award winner Yvonne Camper with her entry. Yvonne's photo of this boat was featured on the Discover Rio Vista May-August 2019 cover.



Kathie Boissiere's 2019 award winning mixed media.

The show opens Saturday, June 13th at 5:00 pm for Trilogy residents and guests. This is a "Meet the Artist" reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. On Sunday June 14th the show opens at 11:00 am until 3:00 pm for the general public. Refreshments are served. In addition to the superb art being shown, there is a raffle for a number of baskets filled with art, gourmet food and other delights.

Check *The Rio Vista Beacon* and NextDoor to verify the current event date.

Spotlight On D&S Press

Story by Dennis Dooley & Laurie Oleksiewicz
Photo by Cheryl Martucci

Welcome to "Spotlight On," your chance to learn about some of the unique businesses in and around Rio Vista, and the people who own and staff them.

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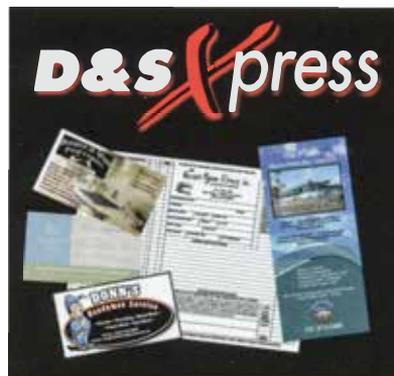
Dennis Dooley, the owner of D&S Press, brings a valuable service with a personal touch. He has been interested in the printing business since high school when he took a printing class at a vocational school in Campbell, California. In the late 90's Dennis started his career in Stockton, California as a wholesale printer for other print shops. It was 2006 when Dennis moved his printing skills and outgoing personality to Rio Vista where he opened D&S Press. He continues to support the community and provide a needed service to individuals and businesses.



D&S Press owner, Dennis Dooley.

Dennis married his wife Sharron after graduating from high school in the San Jose area. They moved several times over the next few years before settling in Stockton. The couple has two children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. You often find Dennis golfing with friends and helping with fund raisers. He is always up for a laugh, friendly conversation and the chance to meet someone new. Dennis and Sharron plan on making Rio Vista their permanent home.

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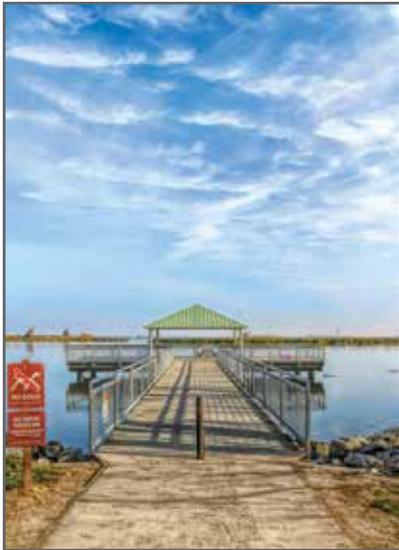
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Big Break pier.

development of the entire 1,150 square mile Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta region. It was opened in 2005, covers 1,648 acres, and is one of the few locations in the Delta with improved public access to the shoreline. Big Break was originally farmland but is now part of the East Bay Regional Park District. The park sits along a small estuary at the edge of the San Joaquin River where salty seawater mixes with the runoff of fresh water from the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Because of this brackish water environment, it is an ideal home for a wide variety of bird and fish species.

In addition to being one of the richest environments along the western coast for plants and animals it also has been the home for centuries to many different people. The Julpun tribe was the first to settle in this part of the Delta. They relied on the plants and animals in the area for their survival. Today's Delta Native Americans are very diverse but all carry on and preserve their values, language, and culture.



A yellow crested sparrow.

The Spanish arrived in the 1770's on several different expeditions and then were followed by the American and French trappers. In the 1800's throughout California the Spanish mission system was established. Although there were no missions in this immediate

area, there were Mexican "ranchos." In 1846 John Marsh purchased one of those ranchos. After his death his family sold some of the land that eventually became the eastern portion of the park. The Delta was then significantly impacted by the California Gold Rush starting in 1849.

Settlers came into the area and began draining the wetlands. This was the beginning of the "reclamation" efforts in the area that continued for almost 100 years. Delta land, which is rich in nutrients, attracted people who wanted to farm and ranch and as a result, levees, roads, railroads, docks and shipyards needed to be built. Chinese, Portuguese, Italians, and Dutch migrated to the Delta to do this work and made the Delta their home. The name of the park came from a "big break" in the levee back in 1928 when a large section of an asparagus farm was submerged. Much of the Delta reclamation projects were completed by the 1930's.



Big Break shoreline.

There are now 57 man-made islands covering over 500,000 acres. Prime agriculture land is now used for growing corn, grains, tomatoes, vegetables, pears, and other specialty crops such as grapes.

Today there are many park activities for visitors to enjoy. People come to hike, fish, bike, horseback ride, and bird watch. There are several picnic areas and a 100 foot observation pier where families are often seen fishing. A California fishing license is required to fish from the pier or shoreline. Out in the water one can see kayakers and canoeists. The on-site beach launch is a short walk from the parking lot. Throughout the park are several easy hiking trails. Enjoy a quiet walk through the



A curious river otter.

park and look out on the scenic beauty of the San Joaquin River. One can see the Antioch Bridge and the "windmills" (technically, wind turbines) on the other side of the water.

There is an abundance of mammals: river otters, beavers, mink and muskrat. These animals can be found in the open

Shoreline & Bethel Island the San Joaquin River

Doris Noriega

waters and tidal sloughs. The Delta is along the Pacific North American Fly Way, which enables visitors to see a wide variety of geese, swans, and ducks. There are also wading birds like white egrets, and blue herons. Big Break also offers habitats for pheasants, turkeys, quail, loons, grebes, pelicans, owls, and a wide assortment of other birds. It is interesting to observe the Western pond turtles, lizards, and snakes. Amazingly there are over 70 species of birds, mammals, and other wild life.



Big Break Visitor Center.



The Delta Discovery Experience.

Big Break is especially proud of its visitor center that was built in 2012. The center has several educational and interactive displays. Park District naturalists are on staff to conduct guided tours, run activities, give out information and answer questions. There is a complete science lab for experiments, microscope work and other science related activities. Each month there is a series of classes and programs for children and adults. Go to the East Bay Regional Park District website for the list of classes, some requiring preregistration, while others are on a drop in basis. Examples of classes are “Plant Paradise,” “Arachnid Adventures,” “Critter Clues,” and “Meandering Minks.” Kayaking classes are also offered.

A fascinating outside installation called the “Delta Discovery Experience” shows a 1,200 square foot map depicting the water movement through the region and the state. In that same area is a picnic site, amphitheater, and sand-play area.

Drop by Big Break for an hour or stay the entire day! There is so much to learn and do. For more information about the park contact the following:

www.ebparks.org

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Visitor Center 510-544-3050

Bethel Island

Another popular recreation area is Bethel Island. It is about a fifteen minute drive from Big Break. It too is on



Bethel Island Marina.

reclaimed farmland that was created between 1859 and 1870. It was named after Frank and Warren Bethell, who were the original landowners. Bethel Island covers over 6 square miles and is actually below sea level. A series of levees protect it from flooding. It is the “go to place” for fishermen, boaters, and other water sports enthusiasts. There are 13 marinas such as the Sugar Barge Marina and Restaurant, Bethel Harbor, Russo’s Marina, and Sunset Harbor Marina in nearby Oakley. The San Joaquin Yacht Club has its home on Bethel Island.

A very lively and popular restaurant is the Rusty Porthole, which offers cold beer on tap, cocktails, food specials, and live music on the weekends. Two other restaurants that both local and tourists enjoy are the La Villa Mexican Restaurant and the Delta Sports Bar and Grill. Though there are no motels on the island, there are RV parks, waterfront beach houses and houseboats for rent.



Sugar Barge Restaurant and Marina.

In addition there are a variety of social activities to be enjoyed on the island such as the “Heart of the Delta” Festival that includes a car show, queen contest, duckie races, and arts and crafts vendors.

One of the newest home developments on the island is the Davidson Collection at Delta Coves, built along a private lagoon and marina. Once completed there will be over 100 luxury waterfront homes each with their own private boat dock. Delta Coves offers “world class” facilities with pools, recreation areas, private club house, exercise classes, water sports, and social activities.

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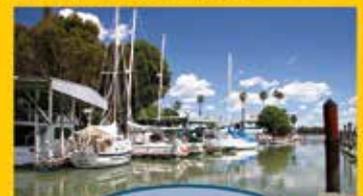
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Tequila Y Mas

Expand Your Knowledge & Palate

Story by Edwin Okamura
Photos by Hector De La Rosa

Saturday, July 11, 2020, Rio Vista Rotary Club hosts their 5th Tequila Y Mas at The Point Restaurant, located at 120 Marina Drive. General admission is from 5:00-7:30 pm, with VIP access beginning at 4:00 pm.



An enthusiastic brand ambassador for Tezcazul Tequila.

Tequila Y Mas features seven to ten artisan tequila and mezcal brands, with each showcasing multiple products—ranging from blanco to extra anejo styles. A taco bar satisfies attendees appetites and there is always beer and wine available. The atmosphere is festive, yet educational for those seeking knowledge from the brand ambassadors.

Participants learn the history of agave plants, the distillation process,

and how to appreciate the unique aromas, tastes, and finish of each brand. Tequila characteristics come from select Blue Agave plants that are harvested at their prime, to create the sweetness and earthiness of the high and lowlands regions from which the plant is grown. Each style (blanco, reposado, anejo, and extra anejo) have an infinite number of flavors that exhibit citrus, fruit, spices, honey, vanilla, butterscotch, pepper, and oak. These tastes come from the process used to make tequila, as well as the barrels (oak, bourbon, whiskey) used to age the spirit.

Rotary International, the world's first service club, was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris with the goal of fellowship and friendship. Rio Vista Rotary was chartered in 1953. Fast forward to 2013, a Rotarian wanted to showcase his enthusiasm for tequila, and to dismiss the long-established misinformation about this spirit. Since its inception, Tequila Y Mas has grown in attendance because of the aficionados that attend, and the brand ambassadors who have introduced attendees to Oro De Jalisco, El Llano, Partida, Don Pilar, Gran Dovejo, Manana, Aroma, Peligroso, and many others.

The funds raised by Rio Vista Rotary Club are used to award scholarships to graduating high school students. Each year, Rotary raises over \$4,000, and distributes 100% of the proceeds to college-bound students.

Tickets are available for \$40.00 per person or \$50.00 for VIP access. For more information, email Rotaryofriovista@gmail.com or leave a message at (707) 374-5042.

7th Annual Rib & Chili

Come For the Food, Stay

Story and Photos

The 7th Annual Hog August Bites is back on Saturday, August 22, 2020 with a few new additions and some tried and true experiences that shouldn't be missed. Set in downtown Rio Vista with the Sacramento River in the background, the

event starts at 10:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm.

This entertaining family event delights attendees with great food, cold drinks and plenty of activities for the kids. Send the kids down the water slide or into the bounce house for a



memorable fun time. Then stop by the selfie-station, grab some props, and strike a pose. Bring dancing shoes to salsa, mamba, twist and boogie woogie throughout the day. Music starts at 10:00 am and features some returning bands and a couple of new ones. There is a second band

location this year. Enjoy the vendors on Main Street with a variety of tempting offerings. People can get their boots scooting to the music until 11:00 pm.

Cheer daredevil boys and girls ages 7 through 15 at downhill races set up at 5th and Main Streets. A safety check is performed on all downhill race cars after 10:00 am and prior to the races beginning at approximately noon. There are awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and Best of Show.

Is your car an awesome oldie, a classic restoration, or a car or truck that's under construction? How about a hot rod? There's always room at the car show location for classic cars, trucks, and even some unique foreign models. Get car show applications in early to ensure a goodie bag; complete with T-shirt and dash plaque for \$30.00 or sign-up the day of the event (goodie bags available while they last).

Chili and rib cookers mix it up on Main Street and in the City parking lot where you can watch and chat with the cooks. Just follow your nose to the enticing treats that they'll be preparing. Local Delta Fire Departments have been invited to compete with their favorite firehouse chili as well as local businesses. Challenge a friend or neighbor to bring the heat and submit their entry. The first application has already been received and Rio Vista Youth Services is a new entry into the game. Entry to the chili contest is free, but requires a \$50.00 refundable deposit. Past attendees consider this event to have some of the best dang chili cooked on the Delta! Chili teams gather early in the morning with their secret ingredients to cook-up huge pots of chili for tasting. To participate, purchase a tasting kit for \$5.00 from the Chili & Rib Tasting Booth located at Front and Main Street. After their surprising 2nd place win in 2019 can the Byron Family make a comeback and bring in a first this year?

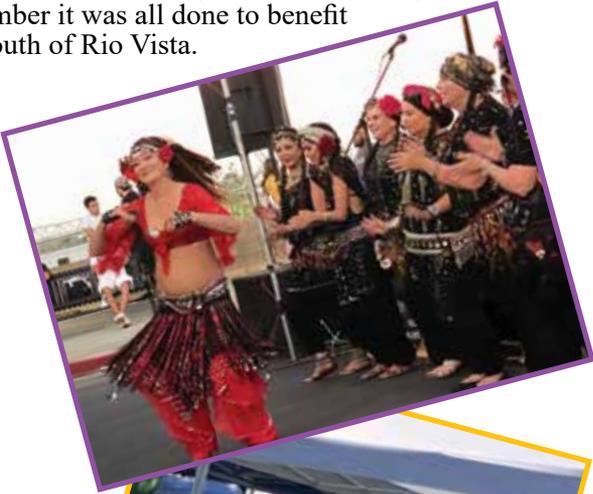
Rib cookers from all over the Delta, East Bay, Sacramento and of course local home-town favorites tantalize everyone with the smell of ribs being cooked according to the rules of the Kansas City Barbeque Society. While this is not a KCBS sanctioned event, it is judged using their criteria for flavor, texture and appearance of the ribs. Once again, Hog August Bites is lucky to have Tracy Allen lead the local panel of judges. Tracy is a Kansas City Barbeque Master Judge. Returning this year is the People's Choice Award for the best ribs! Stop by the Chili & Rib Tasting Booth to purchase tickets to sample the ribs and vote for your favorite.

Vendors line the streets providing information and plenty of creative things to buy from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Don't forget to stop in the local stores as some are having surprise sales or offering discounts. For that warm August weather there are cold slushy margaritas available for the adults to cool down with and Rotary members pour icy chilled beer. Hot August weather means slushies and ice cold lemonade, too. Chili and ribs not your thing? There is food available on Main Street as well. Mee Maw and Pee Paw have already signed up to return with their wide variety of offerings and Lockeford Sausage returns too.

Cookoff For the Fun!

by Robie Williams

And at the end of the day, when people are done tasting chili, sampling ribs, dancing, shopping and having a good time with friends, both old and new, remember it was all done to benefit the youth of Rio Vista.



Applications for the car show, downhill racing cars, or more information about the chili or the rib contests can be found on the web at www.hogaugustbites.com or on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/riovistahogaugustbites/>. Submit completed applications online, via mail to P.O. Box 89, Rio Vista, CA 94571 or at the RioVision Gallery, 116 Main St. along with any required contest fees. Dates for submission are included on the applications.

RioVision Roundup About Discover Rio Vista Magazine

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Editor Susan Whitesell “manages” an amazing *Discover Rio Vista* magazine team. Most of the talented and hard-working individuals that started the magazine in 2015 are still contributing. As editor, Susan is also responsible for determining magazine content (often with team or community input), identifying writing, reviewing, publication and distribution tasks, laying out content (with the exception of ads), and shepherding the magazine through publication. Susan also creates the PDF version of the magazine that is posted to the *Discover Rio Vista* web site.

Assistant Editor Jan Vick is responsible for ad creation and layout. She’s a whiz at all things photo and a talented graphic artist and photographer. Jan also manages a gifted cadre of local photographers who regularly contribute to the magazine and whose photos grace the front cover.

An early magazine challenge was self-sufficiency. It’s not easy to support a publication that costs over \$5,000 to publish and distribute. A wonderful ad team has steadily grown the magazine’s advertisers, making the publication largely self-supporting for the past three years. The public face to new and renewing advertisers is perky and energetic Carolyn Azbell, who reaches out to local businesses on a regular basis. Advertising is sometimes a tough sell. Despite this, Carolyn is always upbeat and positive. Hard-working Laurie Oleksiewicz identifies the magazine’s advertising needs, supporting existing advertisers, determining ad pricing, and maintaining the advertising log. Laurie keeps the magazine’s advertising on track and is critical to keeping *Discover Rio Vista* in the black. Staying behind the scenes, but no less important, is Donna Armanino, who manages the money end of things.

Key to the magazine’s success is a large crew of fantastic writers and reviewers – unfortunately, too many to list here. Early on, “the next article” was a constant concern. After all, Rio Vista is a small town... how much could be going on? What an unexpected surprise to find Rio Vista and the Delta brimming with delightful tales. Writers, reviewers and community members regularly suggest great stories – making this particular part of magazine production a joy.

Last, but certainly not least, is a wonderful distribution team headed by Don and Paula Coombs. Once every four months Don drives to Sacramento and picks up over 10,000 magazines, dropping them off to volunteer distributors including he and wife Paula, Ann Jacobs, Debra King, Laurie Oleksiewicz, Debra Schwab, Tom Surh, Jan Vick and Susan Whitesell to drop locally, around the Delta and other outlying areas.

Note from Editor Susan Whitesell:

I managed many corporate teams in my career but never with a more supportive group of people than those who contribute to Discover Rio Vista magazine. This is all the more amazing when you consider that we are all unpaid volunteers! This is my last edition as editor. I am so thankful and grateful to have had this opportunity to grow our magazine into self-sufficiency, meet and work with wonderful people, and share fascinating stories of Rio Vista and the Delta with our amazing community. I hope our readers have enjoyed learning about this community and surrounding area as much as I have.

Event Calendar

NOTE: All dates are subject to change due to ongoing state and city directives associated with the COVID-19 outbreak. Check The Beacon and NextDoor for updated information.

Begins Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Farmers Market
 Downtown Rio Vista



Enjoy locally grown fruits, vegetables, artisan baked goods and foods as you enjoy the spectacular view of the Sacramento River.

Third Saturdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sidewalk Saturday
 May 16, June 20, July 18 & August 15
 Downtown Rio Vista

Enjoy shopping in our unique and picturesque downtown. Monthly themes liven up your shopping experience.



Saturday, May 16, 11:30 am
Mad Hatter's Tea Party
 Rio Vista Museum, 16 N Front St., Rio Vista



Come on down the rabbit hole for the 2nd Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Don't miss out on this fun event. Raffle prizes, photo booth, games and delicious food. Tickets are limited, so act fast. Contact Renee Tingey at (707) 374-2455. Or tickets are available at Rio Vista Muffler. Contact

Nora Crane for more info at (707) 334-6191.

Monday, May 25, 11:00 am
Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
 Parade, 7th St to City Hall, Service, City Hall, Rio Vista



Celebrate, honor and remember the men and women who served or died in military service for our country. See www.RioVista.org or call (707) 374-2700 for more info.

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Trilogy Community Garage Sales
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Thursday, June 18 - Sunday, June 21
Solano County Fair
 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo



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Saturday, June 27 - Sunday, June 28, noon to 5:00 pm
Buddhist Church Bazaar
 14105 Pine Street, Walnut Grove

Enjoy the great food and games for all! There was no info about the 2020 event at time of print, so check their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wgcbazaar/> before you go.



Saturday, July 11, VIP 4:00 pm, General 5:00 - 7:30 pm
Tequila y Mas
 Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr, Rio Vista



See the *Tequila Y Mas* article on page 15 for more details.

Sunday, July 28, 9:00 am - 6:30 pm
Courtland Pear Fair
 180 Primasing Avenue, Courtland

Enjoy the pancake breakfast, country run, kids area, arts and crafts, parade, live music, quilt show, car show, wine, beer and more! See <http://pearfair.com> for more info.



Friday, August 7
"Kinser Cup" Golf Tourney
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American Legion Post 178 hosts the 6th Annual "Kinser Cup" Golf Tournament. Call (707) 374-6554 for more info.

Saturday, August 22, 10:00 am - 11:00 pm
Hog August Bites
 Downtown Rio Vista

See the *7th Annual Rib & Chili Cookoff* article on page 10 for more details.



Saturday, August 29, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Clothing Exchange
 D.H. White School Tapella Auditorium, 500 Elm Way



St. Brigid's Episcopal Church holds its semi-annual Children's Clothing Exchange in the multipurpose room at D.H. White Elementary School. Bring your child's outgrown clothing to exchange for free usable garments. Please, childrens clothing only! For more info, contact Karin Zilla at (925) 351-3771 or zilla.kzilla@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (public)
TAG Art Show
 Trilogy Vista Club, Diablo Ballroom, 1201 Clubhouse Drive

See the *Trilogy Art Guild Presents* article on page 11 for more details.



Saturday, September 12
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Rio Vista CARE plans a fund raiser event Saturday, September 12th so save the date! More details to follow in the Sep-Dec 2020 DRV magazine.

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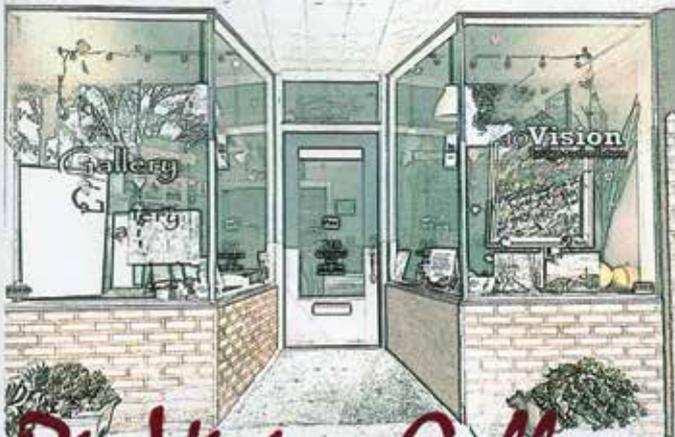
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