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Annual Conference on Food

Join us April 25 to celebrate 'Fun Food Fest'

Join us on Saturday, April 25, for the International House annual spring conference, which this year will focus on food.

Each spring, International House-Davis hosts an annual conference.

Typically, the activities of the conference focus around one country or region of the world. This year, I-House proposes to do something a little different. This year I-House will celebrate food from around the world in a celebration called "Fun Food Fest: What's on Your Plate?"

"All over the world, food inspires individual family roles, rules and traditions. What we eat, with whom we eat and how we interact as we eat stimulates and strengthens the bond of families, communities and even countries," said Shirley German, annual conference committee chair.

The events on April 25 will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. as I-House explores the history, customs, culture, and distinctive characteristics of foods from various regions of the world. There will be a number of lively and informative presentations by several distinguished scientists and researchers from the UC Davis Departments of Food Science and Technology and Nutrition as well as from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA).

Speakers will include Professor Charlotte Biltekoff of UC Davis, Professor Charlie Bamforth of UC Davis, Daniela Barile, UCD post-doctoral researcher, Professor Lou Grivetti of UC Davis, and Director Chris Loss of the Ventura Foods Center for Menu Research and Development at the Culinary Institute of America.

Biltekoff will give a talk on culture and food while Bamforth will talk about beer -- the rich diversity of the world of beer as seen in different cultures, different beers and different attitudes. Barile will talk about "Exotic Foods from Around the World." As we all know, many food delicacies have origins that would generally be considered repulsive. In this presentation we will



explore the universe of bizarre foods. Perhaps we can also discuss how to politely decline food without giving cultural offense.

Grivetti will talk about a perennial favorite -- chocolate. Chocolate was widely used in Central America at the time of initial Spanish contact, and spread globally during the 16th-19th centuries. This presentation will consider the introduction of chocolate into California during the Mission Period and will look at chocolate use during the Gold Rush Era.

Loss of the CIA will address the international education of culinary students.

Admission at the door will be \$7 for IHD members and \$10 for non-members.

For your entertainment, there will be an interpretive dance depicting "The Making of Cheese," and local stand-up comedian Denise Hoffner will offer her offbeat observations on food.

Additionally, a no-host beer garden will serve adults and there will be live music. Children (under 12 are admitted at no charge) age 4 to 10 will be accommodated with movies and simple crafts. Food vendors will set up stalls, too. Those who come to the conference will be able to help locally, too, by bringing three food items for STEAC -- Davis' Short Term Emergency Aid Committee and receiving \$2 off the entrance fee.

Upcoming Events at International House

Thursday - Saturday, April 2-4

2009 Davis Film Festival: International House-Davis is a sponsor of this festival that takes place Thursday through Saturday at the Varsity and Veterans' Memorial Center. Tickets are \$10, \$7.50 for students. For more information go to www.davisfilmfest.org.

Friday, April 3

International Film Series: "Big Night." For foodies! This film links to our Annual Conference on April 25 in that it is a celebration of food. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m., movie at 8 p.m. sharp.

Monday, April 6

Docents' Present Lecture: Faith Boucher, clinical associate professor in the department of public health sciences at UC Davis School of Medicine, will speak at noon on "Why I Went Into Public Health." She also is part of the Sacramento Valley Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, which serves Davis. Docents will meet at 11:30 a.m., Boucher will speak at noon in the Community Room. Free, public invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, April 10

Art reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Jerry Schimke of Davis featuring his photographs from around the world. The April art exhibition of color photography is titled "The Essence of Time in Two Hemispheres." The exhibit will run from April 10 through May 4. Free, public invited.

Friday, April 17

International Film Series: "Ratatouille." This animated film also is for foodies! Like "Big Night," this film also links to our Annual Conference on April 25 in that it is a celebration of food. Refreshments at 7:30 p.m., movie at 8 p.m. sharp.

Saturday, April 18

Picnic Day!

Sunday, April 19

International Storytelling features Heidi Bekebrede of Davis who is an artist, story-teller and singer/songwriter. Doors open at 1:45 and the event runs from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Appropriate for kids

Tuesday, April 21

International House Davis Annual Meeting. All members are invited to attend this meeting that honors outgoing board members, introduces new officers, and reviews the year just past. Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. This is an important event that all members should attend. Please phone I-House at 753-5007 to RSVP.

Saturday, April 25

I-House Annual Conference from 1 to 5 p.m.: This year the theme will be global food as in a "Fun Food Fest." We will have speakers addressing geopolitical and cultural topics of controversy and interest. We will have a no-host beer garden, stand-up comedian, children's activities and plenty of food! The chair is Shirley German, who can be reached at: sgerman@internationalhousedavis.org. Tickets \$7 for IHD members, \$10 for non-members.

International Film Series

The International Film Series is winding up the 12th successful and well-attended year. Films are shown on the first and third Friday nights and are sponsored jointly by the United Nations Association of Davis and International House.

There is no charge, but donations are welcome and gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of video/DVD rental, facilities use, cups, plates and the refreshments that are served at 7:30 p.m. Programs begin promptly at 8.

The April 3 – April 17 schedule includes two food-themed films to tie in with the April 25 Annual Conference celebrating food.

April 3, 2009 "Big Night" (1996, U.S., directed by Campbell Scott and Stanley Tucci, 109 min.) Two brothers, recent immigrants from Italy, run an authentic Italian restaurant called the Paradise. While the chef, Primo (Tony Shalhoub), is a genius who condones no shortcuts, his brother Secondo (Stanley Tucci) admires his perfection but realizes the restaurant is going broke. Rival restaurateur Pascal (Ian Holm) promises to arrange for a famous singer and his band to eat at the Paradise. The brothers prepare the feast of a lifetime for the big night. This film is about a passion for excellent food, about language, about the importance of family and friends and about sticking to one's principles. Also with Isabella Rossellini and Minnie Driver.

April 17, 2009 "Ratatouille" (2007, U.S., directed by Brad Bird, 110 min.) The hero of this animated film, the rat Remy (voice of Patton Oswalt), is a culinary wizard with refined senses who dreams of becoming a great chef. He turns up at a famous Paris restaurant, Gusteau's, where soon he secretly directs dishwasher Linguini (Lou Romano) to make astonishing dishes that get rave reviews. Food critic Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole) creates tension, chef Skinner (Ian Holm) is jealous and Colette (Janeane Garofolo) is Linguini's great love. Rats and humans alike develop some tolerance as they learn about each other.

Mark your calendar for Monday, May 11 - Game Time!

International House-Davis is proud to announce the members of the team it has assembled to take on the Harlem Ambassadors basketball team here in Davis at a fund-raising basketball game on May 11.

Ready? Playing for International House-Davis are Don Saylor, Steve Souza, the Rev. Tim Malone, Jeff Loux, James Hammond, Rev. John Pamperin (coach), Kevin Nosek, Bob Dunning, Father Bong Rojas, Rose Conroy, Ed Prieto, Mona Prieto, Police Chief Landy Black, Aly from Davis Africa Club, the Rev. Mary Lynn Tobin, Jason Fisk, Joe Teramoto, Jen Gross, Masud Monfared, Ted Puntillo, Sherry Puntillo, Carey Sullivan, Dan Gonzalez, Adrian Blanco, Debbie Davis, Yolo County Clerk Freddie Oakley, Koen Van Rompay, Cate Klepacki, Carey Johnson and David Greenwald.

The captain of the the Davis All-Stars team is the Rev. John Pamperin. The co-ed team is made up of fierce competitors including but not limited to Ted and Sherry Puntillo, Sheriff Ed and Mona Prieto, Councilmembers Stephen Souza and Don Saylor, Cate Klepacki of Amnesty International, the Rev. Mary Lynn Tobin, Fr. Bong Rojas, Davis High School Coach Dan Gonzalez, and Assistant Coaches Jen Gross and Joe Teramoto from UC Davis women's basketball team.



"Other players include Davis Police Chief Landy Black and Davis Fire Chief Rose Conroy," Pamperin said.

"The Davis/Woodland rivalry will be exploited by inviting team player Woodland Fire Chief Carey Sullivan to show Chief Black how to dribble," said Pamperin.

"The Davis All-Stars is a mighty team and even though our motto is: 'We don't need to practice,' I will call one or two practices just for fun. The Harlem Ambassadors better watch out."

In the meantime, \$7 tickets for the community event on Monday, May 11, 7 p.m., at the Davis High School New Gym, can be purchased at I-House, 10 College Park. The

game is a fund-raiser to remind people in Davis and throughout the county that the non-profit International House is a place for all residents, local and international.

"Anyone interested in current events, languages, potlucks and world peace will find something to interest them at I-House," said Executive Director Elisabeth Sherwin.

Call I-House at 753-5007 for more information about buying tickets or buy tickets through Paypal on the IHD website at www.internationalhouse.davis.org.

"This is going to be a terrific community event," said Sherwin. "Join us!"

Storytelling on April 19 features Heidi Bekebrede

On April 19, Heidi Bekebrede (www.cuteware.net) will present an afternoon of original stories and favorite songs especially for children. The April program of International Storytelling at International House will begin at 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:45 p.m.

Heidi will sing some of her favorite songs: "Pickled Tickle Finger" and the "Davis Song." She will tell the stories "The Haunted Hotel" and "Mother Luck." "Haunted Hotel" is Heidi's take on an urban legend. "Mother Luck" is her musical adaptation of a Latvian folktale.

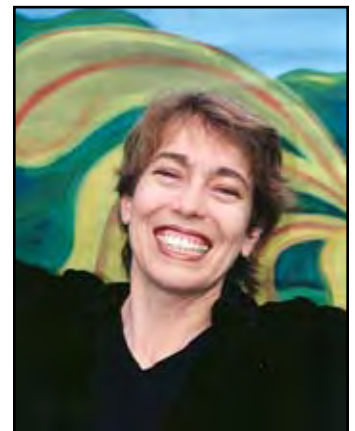
Cameron Yanoscik, 22, fourth-year student at UC Davis who is graduating this June with a degree in comparative literature, has been assisting with the program as a volunteer intern for the past year.

"I've been getting experience with children -- it reminds me when I volunteered at the Seal Beach Library for the summer reading program," he said. "I'd like to be a teacher of some sort -- I'm still thinking about it and looking into everything," he added. "It's fun to watch the children get involved with the performers. Sandy Holman was great, but then so was Francie Dillon and

Robert Greygrass -- I enjoyed those three the most because they are the most professional and got the children to get up and dance and sing.

"The purpose of our program is to get children interested in different cultures and the medium is through story-telling meaning song, dance and theater. We're trying to make a connection."

Jean Jackman is the last story-teller of the year. She will appear at I-House on Sunday, May 17 to tell her down-home tales about the Davis area. The programs are appropriate for children age 5 to 10. Members are invited to attend for free and suggested donations for non-members are \$2 per person or \$5 per family.



Heidi Bekebrede

Join us on April 10 for Schimke's photography



Jerry Schimke of Davis is the featured artist showing at International House this month. The April art exhibition of color photography is titled "The Essence of Time in Two Hemispheres."

The artist's reception will take place on Friday, April 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibition will run from April 10 through May 4 at I-House, which is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schimke said: "I consider myself a product of the West Coast who lived on the East Coast for 15 years. I started my fam-

ily in Concord, Mass., before returning in 1981 to live in Davis. My professional career centered on oceanography and environmental consulting in the private sector, and emergency planning as a civil servant, for the state of California. I have been retired from civil service since 1997.

"A born traveler, I have visited Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand in addition to North America and the Arctic and have carried a camera with me for over 50 years. It has been my good fortune to be present many times when circumstances and light came together in wonderful scenes, waiting to be recorded. I have collected thousands of images.

"I believe every photographic image speaks for itself and every individual viewer interprets its ultimate meaning through their own reference frame.

"However, I find it stimulating to choose a theme as an organizational attractor to help choose a set of images for presentation.

"In the current work, 'The Essence of Time in Two Hemispheres,' each image was selected because I interpreted it to have, illustrate or represent some aspect of time. While the primary subject matter comprises a variety of natural landscape features, nearly one-third of the images also contain some type of man-made structures. I have attempted to express aspects of the essence of time through selecting images that speak to me, and arranging them in a manner to reflect how time works or is related to mankind."

Thank you, members, for your generous support of I-House

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I-House members receive a monthly newsletter on upcoming events. Our membership year is September-August.

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Thank you!

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I-House Recent Pics



Dorothy Foytik and Jarka Wilderer of Munich were re-united recently at a Connections meeting at I-House. Jarka first met Dorothy and the crew in 1980-81 when she came to Davis with her husband and three small children. When Jarka returned to Germany, she started a Connections group in Munich. Last month marked the first time Jarka returned to Davis in 15 years.



Seth Masarik recently moved to Davis from Idaho. He has a background in catering, among other skills, and was the culinary genius behind the appetizers at the Chancellor's Champagne Reception and the dinner at the Annual Auction. Many thanks to Seth.



Listeners fill the Community Room at a recent I-House event on the Mideast.

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International House • Davis promotes respect and appreciation for all people and cultures. We encourage a global community by providing many opportunities for cross-cultural interaction and exchange.

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<i>CLASS</i>	<i>DAY & TIME</i>	<i>INSTRUCTORS</i>
English Diction English Diction	Mon 9:45-11:20 am Thurs 1-3 pm	Lee Bixson: leebixson@comcast.net
English-Speaking Salon English-Speaking Salon English-Speaking Salon	Mon 6-7 pm Thu 5:30-6:30 pm Fri 5:30-6:30 pm	Kathy Phung: kathy.phung@gmail.com Katie Webber: kwebber@ucdavis.edu Kathi Hickey: kathihickey@yahoo.com
French	Wed 10 am	Leiti Truong: laprovence@sbcglobal.net
German	Wed 6-7 pm	Paul Grant: pwgrant@mac.com
Italian	Wed 7:30-9:00 pm	Mike Hoffman: mahoffman@ucdavis.edu
Japanese, Beg. (off-site so check with instructor)	-	Amy Sakabe: amysakabe@yahoo.com
Spanish-Speaking Salon	Tues 6:30-8pm	Julita: jledesm@att.net
Turkish, Inter. Turkish, Beg.	Mon 6:30-8:00 pm Thur 7-8:30 pm	Ali Ercan: aercan@ucdavis.edu Erol Layikte: elayikte@me.com
Arabic	Wed 6:30 pm	Rihab al-Shamari and Ali Mehdi: contact Ali at Aaalmehti@ucdavis.edu

*If you want to practice or learn **Vietnamese**, contact Tanh: tnqu@ucdavis.edu

*If you want to learn **Korean**, contact Marie: mhypark@gmail.com

Regular Meetings at I-House

Amnesty International - 1st Thursday of every month, 7 p.m. Contact: Cate (415) 734-8323

Connections - Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Meet friends and share information about life in Davis. Children welcome!

Connections - Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 p.m. Contact: Anesiades Leonard (530) 756-3188