

FALL 2019 PUBLIC EVENTS SHAPING SAN FRANCISCO

FREE PUBLIC TALKS

Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm
at 518 Valencia (near 16th) in San Francisco

September 11

ART & POLITICS: San Francisco Poster Syndicate

The San Francisco Poster Syndicate has been creating inspiring silkscreen posters at protests, demonstrations, street fairs, art events, and parties for the past decade or more. A steady stream of new participants has kept it fresh, and tonight we'll hear from veterans and newbies alike. **Art Hazelwood, Jos Sances, Lucia Ippolito**, and more!

September 25

Neighborhood Corridors: Memory and Ecology

Efforts to integrate history and ecological restoration are tucked away in neighborhood greenways and corridors. **Sophie Constantinou** helped create the Buchanan Street Mall project and is involved in reshaping an open space along the Bernal Cut. **Fran Martin** of the Visitation Valley Greenway talks about the years-long effort to create an educational, recreational, and green space and how that has influenced ongoing neighborhood planning.

October 2

Storytelling and the Memory Keepers

Story shapers, sharers, and collectors take a look at how "talk spaces" move beyond the anecdotal in exploring personal memory and can include left out and unheard voices. **Susan Schwartzberg** hosts a discussion series at the Exploratorium's Bay Observatory intertwining science and stories to understand climate change. **Brandi Howell** and **Mary Franklin Harvin** are podcasters digitizing the stories of forgotten people and places of North Beach, and **Joe Lambert** has 25 years collecting oral histories with the StoryCenter.

October 9

Expanding San Francisco's Common Wealth

Rejecting capitalist San Francisco, let's look at a radically expanded Common Wealth, starting here, but with implications for our entire society: A public bank, free broadband internet, a low-cost public electricity system, dense community gardens and public orchards, widespread high-quality social housing and expanded land trusts, bicycles and free public transit, free innovative childcare, a renovated public school system to match a new urban economy, and and and... **Della Duncan, Julie Levak-Madding, Julia Glanville**

TUESDAY, October 15

For the Record: Eyewitness Testimonies of the police murder of Luís Gongora Pat

Luís Gongora Pat, a Mayan indigenous man, was murdered by San Francisco police officers on April 7, 2016 on Shotwell near 19th Street in the Mission. His family pursued every legal avenue available, finally settling a civil case in January 2019. The truth of this brutal murder is at risk of being buried because the family never got their day in court. But Luis's story must be told. **Adante Pointer**—the family's lawyer—and two primary eyewitnesses—**Christine Pepin** and **S. Smith Patrick**—will put the facts onto a public record.

In connection with the San Francisco Public Library *One City One Book* program

October 23

Shellmounds, Indigenous Culture, and Ecology on the San Francisco Bay

250 years ago, life along the edges of the bay changed forever when the Portola Expedition came upon this hidden, magnificent body of water—a thriving home to thousands of people, not to mention abundant life in water, sky, and on land. **Gregg Castro, t'row'traahl Salinan/rumsien** Ohtlone, and **Robin Grossinger**, San Francisco Estuary Institute, explore the thousands of years prior to European arrival, and how these ways of life persist in spite of colonial conquest and urbanization.

November 6

Alcatraz Occupation: A Beginning

On November 20, 1969, the Indians of All Tribes began an 18-month occupation of Alcatraz Island. This act of self-determination emerged from conditions faced on reservations and in urban centers, from the activism of the Third World Strike at San Francisco State, and resulted in major changes in federal policy and on the ground as well as a new consciousness of sovereignty.

Mary Jean Robertson, host of the radio show *Voices of the Native Nations*, discusses the far reaching impacts of claiming "the Rock".

November 13

Progress to Poverty: Land and Rents

On the 140th anniversary of Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*, his land tax and radical reform of land use are worth a critical re-examination. Geographers **Francesca Manning** and **Richard Walker**, along with **Ted Gwartney** of the California chapter of Common Ground USA untangle what George proposed, what happened as a result of his ideas, and what the future holds.

In conjunction with the San Francisco Public Library

Who Owns the Earth exhibition Henry George's *Progress and Poverty* 140 years later.

December 4

Seattle/WTO Shutdown: 20th Anniversary

On November 30, 1999 the World Trade Organization was prevented from meeting in Seattle by unprecedented phalanxes of self-organized protesters who filled the streets, tied up key intersections, blockaded the convention center, and used video and the internet in ways they'd never been used before. Bay Area activists were in the middle of it all, and veterans of that experience will revisit *that* moment to help us rethink *this* moment. With **Anuradha Mittal, David Solnit, Eddie Yuen, and Starhawk**.

December 11

Valencia Street as a Lesbian Corridor: Living Memories

Oseto Bathhouse. Amelia's. Artemis Cafe. Old Wives Tales. Modern Times Bookstore—they are part of the living memory of Valencia Street. Long before it descended into the white tablecloth, boutique-filled, gentrified peculiarity of today, the Valencia Street corridor was a hotbed of radical feminism and lesbian culture. **LisaRuth Elliott** moderates a conversation with some of the women who helped create the sites and participated in the intellectual and nightlife of the 1970s and 1980s. With **Canyon Sam, Molly Martin, and Ruth Mahaney**.

WALKING TOURS

\$20-\$30 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away). **Tours start at NOON.**
RSVP to shaping@foundsf.org. See shapingsf.org/tours.html for meeting places.

Saturday, September 21

Jackson Square Historic Architecture

Saturday, September 28

Cutting Corners: Rincon Hill to South Park

Saturday, October 12

Rancho San Miguel Hilltopper

Saturday, November 9

Mission History: 10 Years That Shook the City

Saturday, December 14

Sea Level Rise Mission Bay

BICYCLE TOURS

\$20-\$50 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away). Less than 5 RSVPs cancels.
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Saturday, September 14

Ecological History North

Saturday, October 19

Food Politics History

Sunday, November 3

Colma Cemeteries

Saturday, December 7

Ghosts of Transit Past

OFFSITE EVENTS

Please see shapingsf.org for details on locations and starting times.

Wednesday, August 28 • Mechanics' Institute

Mapping the 1854 City

Tuesday, October 8 • San Francisco Public Library, Main branch

Chris Carlsson on the Digital Commons

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