



**News Release
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THE HOLIDAYS ARE A TREAT AT MARIN COUNTRY MART!

*Come Share the Holiday Spirit - Celebrate a Month of Festivities for Families & Adults,
Enjoy Over 100 Special Events & Complimentary Treats,
Shop at Leading Boutiques and Dine at Artisanal Eateries*

LARKSPUR, CA, NOVEMBER 29, 2013 - Marin Country Mart has announced a month-long calendar of festive activities for families and adults, featuring holiday treats, music and special events to make the season bright. Beginning November 29 through Christmas Day and beyond, Marin Country Mart welcomes guests to enjoy a delightful program of holiday activities, edibles and music - most of them complimentary - in the Courtyard, shops, eateries or Saturday Farmers' Market.



Reflecting what a magical time the holidays are for children, many festivities focus on kids. The program of activities includes traditional British-style Punch & Judy shows, ornament making and snowflake making at Poppy Store; children's story time at DIESEL, A Bookstore; and art workshops, Festival of Lights activities, and wrapping-paper making. Tutu School hosts its Annual Holiday Party, featuring sweet treats from Miette, crafts with Poppy Store, and ballerina photo-ops by the pink Christmas tree. On several occasions, Santa Claus takes time from his busy schedule to visit Marin Country Mart - for complimentary photos with the whole family (the family dog is invited, too!) by a professional photographer, and to hear what kids want for Christmas and whether they've been naughty or nice.

Grown-ups are sure to enjoy the festivities as well. Hudson Grace features a candle workshop on scenting the home, and DIESEL hosts a presentation on the "Best Book Ever" so adults can buy the ideal book for kids on their gift list. Food and drink is a significant part of the festivities, with holiday bubbly at Erica Tanov, and complimentary treats or special offerings at Miette, Belcampo Meat Co., El Huarache Loco restaurant and Tha Siam Thai restaurant. Rustic Bakery launches Enoteca Thursdays, featuring a changing selection of three appetizers complemented by a glass of wine for \$12. To begin its month-long holiday celebrations, Marin Country Mart features complimentary latkes, complete with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon. Marin Brewing Co. offers a \$3 discount on growlers of its seasonal Hoppy Holiday Ale on Wednesdays, and a 10% bonus on gift cards all month long.

For visitors young and old, there's an art workshop for the whole family to make Danish hearts and stars - a Christmas tradition made of woven paper - with the Hot Chocolate Lady, who also offers Angelina Hot Chocolate weekly. Music adds to the festive ambience throughout the month, with Klezmer music to celebrate Hanukkah, and various vocal and instrumental groups to herald Christmas.

On December 14, Marin Country Mart and the Farmers' Market host their Holiday Celebration. The occasion is full of fun, family-friendly activities - including writing and sending a letter to Santa, complimentary photos and a sing-along with Santa, holiday cookie decorating, children's entertainment, face painting and pony rides. Adults can enjoy holiday treats and beverages - and peruse the Farmers' Market selection of delectable foods, holiday greenery, and culinary arts & crafts - many of them great for gifts.



For those less fortunate, Marin Country Mart shares the holiday spirit in two ways - and welcomes others to do the same. First, two Giving Trees at Marin Country Mart (one in Poppy Store and another in Toy Crazy) invite visitors to pick a tag from the tree and give that boy or girl a holiday present, such as toys or clothing. To facilitate this for Marin Country Mart shoppers, gifts can be wrapped at the Marin Country Mart Trading Post and dropped off at Poppy. All contributions for Marin Country Mart's Giving Tree benefit Children of Shelters, a San Francisco nonprofit organization that provides support and education for children living in or being served by the homeless shelter system. Second, Marin Country Mart holds its Holiday Toy Drive, presented by EcoMom Alliance of Marin. Donations of gently used and new toys are accepted at the Farmers' Market on December 1 and December 14; collection bins are available under the big Farmers' Market tent and in the post office. Donations, which need not be wrapped, benefit Marin City Community Services District and Homeward Bound of Marin.

As a special welcome to Bay Area neighbors, San Francisco residents and visitors are invited to take a complimentary ride aboard the Golden Gate Larkspur ferry to visit Marin Country Mart, just steps away from the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. Details on this continuing special promotion and the downloadable ferry ticket are available at: goldengate.org/MCMPromo.

Come share the holiday spirit at Marin Country Mart!

- THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR AT MARIN COUNTRY MART -
www.marincountrymart.com/calendar

Fri Nov 29	3 – 6 pm	Festival of Lights Art Workshop, featuring Hanukkah crafts for children
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
	5:30 – 8:30	Dave Getz – Straight-Up Jazz
Sat Nov 30	12 – 2 pm	Ellis Island Old World Folk Band at the Farmers' Market

	4 – 5 pm	DIESEL: “Best Book Ever” or How to choose great books for children, with refreshments
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
Sun Dec 1	12:30 – 2:30 pm	Orchestra Euphonos, a modern Klezmer ensemble
	3 – 4 pm	DIESEL: Jon Agee discusses & signs Little Santa
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
Mon Dec 2	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Mexican Hot Chocolate
	4 – 6 pm	Joshua Smith Duo, holiday jazz
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
	4 – 6 pm	El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros
Tues Dec 3	4 – 6 pm	Jazzukkah, Klezmer jazz
	4 – 6 pm	Belcampo: “Sip, Snack & Shop” Meat and Wine pairings
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
Wed Dec 4	12 – 10 pm	Marin Brewing Co.: Hoppy Holiday Ale special
	3 – 6 pm	Orchestra Euphonos, a modern Klezmer ensemble
	3 – 6 pm	Poppy: Festival of Lights Kids’ Art Workshop
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
	4 – 6 pm	El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros
Thu Dec 5	10:30 – 11:30 am	DIESEL: Children’s Story Time with Clare
	4 – 6 pm	Tha Siam: Complimentary hot Thai tea
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Latkes, topped with crème fraîche and applesauce or smoked salmon
	4 – 7 pm	Rustic Bakery: Enoteca Thursday, with Doe Zighi Baci, Italian holiday music
Fri Dec 6	3 – 5 pm	Miette: Complimentary Eggnog Macarons
	4 – 6 pm	Erica Tanov: Holiday Bubbly
	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Holiday Vibraphone Ensemble with Piro Patton
	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Complimentary Angelina Hot Chocolate
Sat Dec 7	9 am – 2 pm	Farmers’ Market
	10 am – 2 pm	Complimentary photos with Santa
	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Vintage Grass with bluegrass & holiday favorites at the Farmers’ Market
	4 – 6 pm	Complimentary hot cider
	4 – 7 pm	Jamie Findlay Trio
Sun Dec 8	12:30 – 2:30 pm	The Willie Nillies play holiday favorites

	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Complimentary eggnog Jamie Findlay, holiday guitar
Mon Dec 9	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Complimentary Mexican Hot Chocolate Hudson Grace: Scenting the Home, a candle workshop David Correa Latin Trio El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros
Tues Dec 10	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Belcampo: “Sip, Snack & Shop” Meat and Wine pairings American Nomad duo
Wed Dec 11	12 – 10 pm 3 – 6 pm 3:30 – 4 pm 4 – 6 pm 5 – 5:30 pm	Marin Brewing Co.: Hoppy Holiday Ale special Poppy: Ornament making for kids Poppy: Punch & Judy Holiday Show – traditional British-style fun for the whole family El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros Poppy: Punch & Judy Holiday Show – traditional British-style fun for the whole family
Thu Dec 12	10:30 – 11:30 am 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 7 pm	DIESEL: Children’s Story Time with Clare Marin Singers, youth carolers Tha Siam: Complimentary hot Thai tea Rustic Bakery: Enoteca Thursday
Fri Dec 13	3 – 5 pm 4 – 6 pm 5:30 – 8:30 pm 5:30 – 8:30 6 pm	Miette: Complimentary Eggnog Macarons Erica Tanov: Holiday Bubbly Redwood Tango Ensemble Complimentary Angelina Hot Chocolate
Sat Dec 14	9 am – 2 pm 9:30 – 10:30 am 10 am – 3 pm 11:30 am – 2 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 7 pm	Farmers’ Market Holiday Celebration, including writing a letter to Santa and cookie decorating Kids’ Sing-along with Santa Complimentary photos with Santa Dirty Cello at the Farmers’ Market Complimentary hot cider David Correa and Cascada
Sun Dec 15	12:30 – 2:30 pm 3 – 6 pm 3:00 – 4:30 pm 3 – 6 pm	The Farm Band, featuring holiday brass Low Ding Zone, a holiday bell ensemble Tutu School: Annual Holiday Party Complimentary eggnog
Mon Dec 16	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	David Correa Latin Trio El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros Complimentary Mexican Hot Chocolate
Tue Dec 17	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Robby Elfman Trio, holiday jazz Belcampo: “Sip, Snack & Shop” Meat and Wine pairings

Wed Dec 18	12 – 10 pm 3 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 5 – 7 pm	Marin Brewing Co.: Hoppy Holiday Ale special Poppy: Snowflake-Making Art Workshop for Kids El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros Claudia Russell Trio Erica Tanov: Holiday event, featuring “Found Faces: Sculptural Works by Tali Barr”
Thu Dec 19	10:30 – 11:30 am 4 – 6 pm 3 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 7 pm	DIESEL: Children’s Story Time with Clare Erica Tanov: Holiday bubbly Wrapping Paper Workshop for Kids Tha Siam: Complimentary hot Thai tea Rich Armstrong Duo, holiday music Rustic Bakery: Enoteca Thursday
Fri Dec 20	3 – 5 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 7 pm 5:30 – 8:30 pm	Miette: Complimentary Eggnog Macarons Erica Tanov: Holiday Bubbly Glass Harp Jazz Trio Complimentary Angelina Hot Chocolate
Sat Dec 21	9 am – 2 pm 9 am – 2 pm 11:30 am – 2 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Farmers’ Market Complimentary photos with Santa Adam Traum & Friends at the Farmers’ Market Complimentary hot cider Douglas Lee Glass Harp, a wine-glass symphony
Sun Dec 22	12:30 – 2:30 pm 3 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Shabang Steel Drum Band, holiday sounds from the Caribbean Kids’ Art Workshop – Ornament Making Complimentary eggnog
Mon Dec 23	3:30 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm 4 – 7 pm	Art Workshop for the whole family: Making Danish Hearts and Stars, with the Hot Chocolate Lady Complimentary Mexican Hot Chocolate El Huarache Loco: Holiday Churros Larry and Carla, holiday hand-bell duet
Tue Dec 24	4 – 6 pm 4 – 6 pm	Neo Trio, 60’s Funky Christmas Belcampo: “Sip, Snack & Shop” Meat and Wine pairings
Wed Dec 25	–	Merry Christmas!
Thu Dec 26	10:30 – 11:30 am	DIESEL: Children’s Story Time with Clare
Fri Dec 27	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Stacks Jazz Trio
Sat Dec 28	11:30 am – 2 pm	Wendy DeWitt at the Farmers’ Market

Sun Dec 29 12:30 – 2:30 pm Folkish Festival

Please note: Calendar is subject to change. For the most current information and details on these events, please visit: www.marincountrymart.com/calendar.

Marin Country Mart is located at 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939. There's lots of free parking. For more information, contact us by phone 415-461-5700, email at PR@marincountrymart.com or online at www.marincountrymart.com.

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About Marin Country Mart

In 2009, J.S. Rosenfield & Co. purchased Larkspur Landing, transforming it into Marin Country Mart through extensive upgrades and new retail offerings with independent brands that better reflect the preferences of residents and visitors. The open-air shopping destination, comprised of 12 barn buildings and over 173,000 square feet of space, features appealing boutiques, dining options, services and special events (see purveyors below). Marin Country Mart has two sister venues in Southern California, Brentwood Country Mart and Montecito Country Mart, which are favorites among residents for exceptional shopping and dining. All are conceived with a spirit of community in mind, as lively gathering places that evoke simpler, more gracious times. Inspired by the idea of the village square, Marin Country Mart is a welcoming destination where local residents and visitors enjoy talented artisans and entrepreneurs who ply their trades with pride and skill, in a congenial environment shared with families, neighbors and friends.

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