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## **SHARE THE LOVE AT MARIN COUNTRY MART IN FEBRUARY!**

*Marin Country Mart is for Lovers – So Bring Your Valentine and  
Enjoy Complimentary Activities and  
Special Offerings at Leading Boutiques and Artisanal Eateries*

**LARKSPUR, CA, FEBRUARY 2, 2015** – Marin Country Mart has announced an array of lovely activities and promotions to celebrate Valentine’s Day. Under the theme of ‘Marin Country Mart is for Lovers,’ February festivities include great holiday events for families and adults, special offerings from merchants, and complimentary dance, music and treats. While some Valentine specials are available to enjoy in early February, holiday activities reach their peak on Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14.

Back again because of last year’s popularity, the Valentine Milonga (Tango Party) encourages adults to put on their dancing shoes and tango attire. Full of stirring music and dance, this exceptional event welcomes visitors on Saturday, February 14 from 6:30-10:30 pm in the heated Big Tent, rain or shine. The party features a concert by Redwood Tango Sextet, a tango lesson and tango performance by noted instructors Jonathan and Olivia, and milonga with live and DJ music.

Admission to the Valentine Milonga is complimentary when guests reserve their spot by February 10 on Brown Paper Tickets. (After February 10, the event is \$20 per person; tickets are available at the event.) To further enhance the evening, a special tango menu by Rustic Bakery is also available, featuring sweet and savory items, beverages – and a red rose, a tango signature! Guests can reserve their complimentary admission – plus tango menu options – by February 10 at: [brownpapertickets.com/event/1152588](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/1152588).



To kick off the Valentine festivities, Marin Country Mart offers complimentary cupcakes from Miette on Friday, February 13, for a sweet treat at lunchtime in the Courtyard. Again this year, the Rose Cottage doors are open on February 13 and 14, where dozens of roses are in bloom to delight your honey. At the Trading Post on Friday and Saturday, an old-fashioned photo booth offers complimentary pictures that capture the Valentine spirit. To commemorate the occasion in verse, Vanessa Rose, the 'Bardess of Love,' composes personalized, on-the-spot poems on both days. Love-ly music is featured throughout the weekend.

In addition, some merchants feature offerings focused on the Valentine holiday, including Erica Tanov, Hutchinson Fine Jewelry and Roberta Roller Rabbit. Eateries with Valentine specials include Belcampo, Farmshop and Rustic Bakery.

Some of the holiday's special events are geared specifically for children, including cupcake decorating at Poppy Store and a Valentine-making party at Tutu School. On Saturday, the Farmers' Market features its Saint Valentine's Festival, with family fun from 9 am-2 pm. Among its many activities are sugar cookie decorating, a heart art project, poetry from the Valentine poet, music and more - plus shopping for delicious local wares, including beautiful tulip bouquets.

**Come share the love at Marin Country Mart!**

- VALENTINE-RELATED ACTIVITIES AT MARIN COUNTRY MART -

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Here's a recap of the activities and offerings that welcome adults and families in February:

#### MARIN COUNTRY MART

##### **The Rose Cottage**

*February 13 & 14*

Located in the Courtyard, the Rose Cottage offers a wide selection of the highest quality roses - all at very reasonable prices, ranging from \$45-15. Choices include a dozen long-stemmed, short and spray roses, as well as potted roses. A custom arrangement for that someone special is also available onsite by Lizzie Garneu. During the day, the Bardess of Love shares her sonnets.

##### **Valentine Milonga**

*February 14*

*6:30-10:30 pm*

Our tango party takes place under the heated Big Tent, rain or shine, starting with an opening concert by the Redwood Tango Sextet from 6:30-7:15 pm. From 7:15-8:15 pm, an absolute beginner tango lesson is given by Jonathan Yamauchi and Olivia Levitt, noted Bay Area tango instructors - after which Jonathan and Olivia give a featured performance. All visitors are welcome for the class (and



experienced dancers are encouraged to come and help the novices!). Dancing continues for everyone from 8:15-10:30 pm with Tango DJ Jonathan and more live music by the Redwood Tango Sextet.

Adding to the evening's pleasure, a special tango menu by Rustic Bakery is also available; we recommend tickets be purchased in advance. Choose among sweet and savory fare (kale & romaine Caesar salad, Argentinian-style empanadas, grilled steak sandwiches with chimichurri sauce, or a Valrhona chocolate brownie for two), and beverages (red or white wine, Pellegrino, or a fresh-fruit punch) - plus a red rose, a tango necessity!

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### **Musical Entertainment**

*February 13-15*

Throughout the weekend, musical groups serenade visitors, focusing on love songs. On February 13, Duo Volver performs at lunchtime from 11:30 am-2:30 pm. On February 14, Peter Chung performs at the Farmers' Market from 12-2 pm and Redwood Tango Sextet kicks off the milonga at 6:30 pm. On February 15, Cupid's Arrow with Rich Armstrong entertains from 12:30-2:30 pm.

## **FARMERS' MARKET**

### **Saint Valentine's Festival**

*February 14*

*9 am-2 pm*

Share the love! Bring the kids to the Farmers' Market on Saturday, February 14 for the annual Saint Valentine's Festival the whole family will enjoy. Festivities include sugar cookie decorating, a creative reuse heart art project, an old-fashioned photo stand, face painting, pony rides, and live music. Shop for delicious Farmers' Market treats for your sweetie, like organic and locally grown tulip bouquets, handmade caramels, candied walnuts and jams. As always, weekly kitchen staples are also available, including organic greens and root vegetables, citrus and apples, artisan cheese, pastured eggs and meat, local crab, and bread.

## **SHOPS & SERVICES**

### **Hutchinson Fine Jewelry**

*February 5*

*12-5 pm*

For a Valentine's present she's sure to treasure, jewelry is high on the list. To facilitate the ideal selection, Hutchinson Fine Jewelry - Marin Country Mart's newest shop - presents beloved designer Jennifer Meyer with an exclusive preview.





**Tutu School**  
 February 8  
 2-3 pm

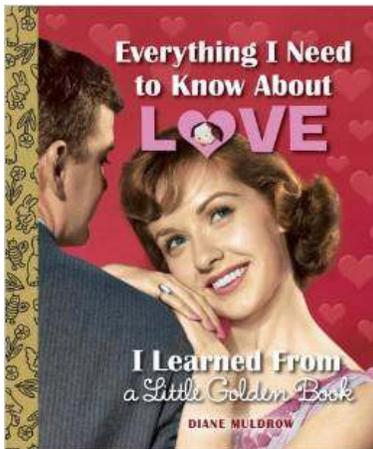
Join the Valentine-Making Part at Tutu School Enjoy cupcakes, pink lemonade, and valentine card crafting!

**Poppy Store**  
 February 12  
 3-6 pm

Children are invited to Poppy Store for tasty Kids Cupcake Decorating Valentine fun, featuring cupcakes and lots of decorations, from 3-6 pm.

**Erica Tanov**  
 February 14

At Erica Tanov on Valentine's Day, enjoy sparkling wine and chocolate in the afternoon - plus savings on jewelry all day long.



**Roberta Roller Rabbit**

Visit Roberta Roller Rabbit for the perfect Valentine's Day Gifts. From their Heart Pajamas for both adults and children to accessories and journals, visitors will find the perfect way to say "I love you."

**DIESEL, A Bookstore**

Find the perfect Valentine card at DIESEL. Or choose a sweet little book like "Everything I Need to Know About Love I Learned From a Little Golden Book."

## EATERIES

**Belcampo**  
 February 14  
 5-9 pm

Join Belcampo Meat Co. for a special four-course Valentine's Day Dinner, sure to be savored by meat lovers. The *prix fixe* menu for two includes a buttermilk fried quail appetizer, wild

arugula salad, choice of entrée (New York steak or rack of lamb), a Belcampo Chocolate Surprise and two glasses of Brut Rosé. (\$120 per couple; call 415-448-5810 for reservations & details)

### **Farmshop**

*February 14*

In addition to Farmshop's regular menu, Valentine visitors will experience other dishes full of love by Chef Jason such as caviar & oysters, and Brandt Family Farm bone-in ribeye for two. (For reservations, call 415-744-6700.)

### **Rustic Bakery**

*Through February 14*

Seeking sweet treats for your sweetie? Rustic Bakery features its Valentine's Day gift collections - two bountiful baskets that are sure to delight. The "Sparkling Lover" basket offers a gorgeous California sparkling with decadent treats, including Rack & Riddle North Coast Brut méthode Champenoise, Michael Recchiuti champagne truffles, Rustic Bakery almond cacao nib cookies and fluted crystal sugar hearts (\$75). The "Pinot Lover" basket is another delectable option. Also available are old-fashioned cookies - hand-cut and hand-decorated - including pink & red "Velvet Hearts," mini-sweetheart chocolate & vanilla butter cookie bags, vanilla & chocolate shortbread hearts dipped in El Rey chocolate, and more. Mini sweetheart cookies in a glass jar are tied with a raffia bow and a gift tag. Seasonal bread - dark cherry & chocolate levain - is available in early February. For a calorie-free Valentine treat, choose BKR water bottles in pink, red, white with a heart motif and black with a heart motif.



**Please note:** Calendar is subject to change. For the most current information and details on these events, please visit: [marincountrymart.com/calendar](http://marincountrymart.com/calendar).

Marin Country Mart is located at 2257 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur, CA 94939. Parking is free. Additionally, parking on weekends and nights is available at no cost at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal Building, just a short stroll over a pedestrian bridge from Marin Country Mart. For more information, contact us by phone 415-461-5700, email at [marketing@marincountrymart.com](mailto:marketing@marincountrymart.com) or online at [www.marincountrymart.com](http://www.marincountrymart.com).

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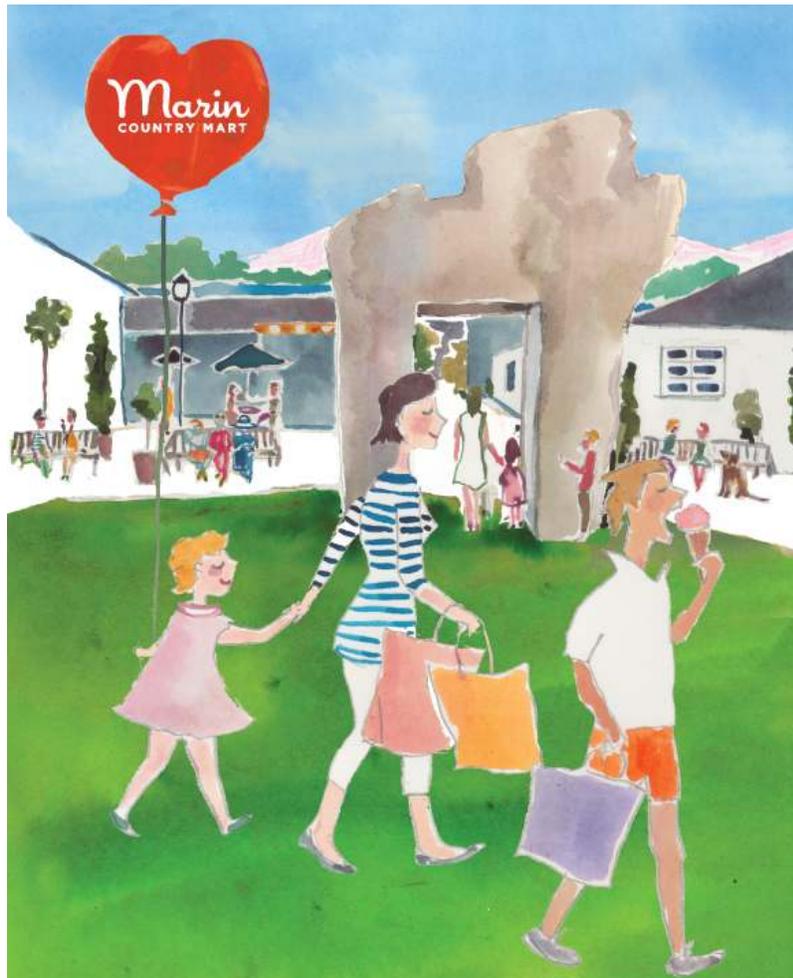
### **About Marin Country Mart**

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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 Starbucks • Sushi Ko • Tha Siam • Three Twins Ice Cream • Togo's SHOPS Bed Bath & Beyond • Benjamin Eyewear  
 Calypso • Calypso Home • Diesel, A Bookstore • Erica Tanov • George • Hudson Grace • Hutchinson • Intermix • James Perse  
 Lark Shoes & Repair • Malla Mills • Poppy Store • Roberta Roller Rabbit • Space NK • Toy Crazy • Unionmade • US Post Office &  
 Trading Post SERVICES Barber Lane • Cooper Alley Salon • Larkspur Landing Optometry • Maxwell the Cleaner • SoulCycle  
 Tutu School • Yogaworks

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