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**43rd Annual LIVE OAK PARK FAIR
Launches Edible Tastings
June 8 & 9, 2013 - 10am to 6pm
Free Admission**

The Fair is best known for its original hand-made Art & Crafts, and the family-friendly entertainment; this year for the first time, attendees can also enjoy Tastings & Samplings. All at an exquisite historic park in Berkeley, California. www.LiveOakParkFair.com

(Berkeley, California – April 8, 2013) – The Bay Area’s 43rd Annual LIVE OAK PARK FAIR is set for June 8 and 9 in Berkeley, California - a free two-day event featuring over 100 high-caliber artists and craftspeople. The Fair brings together art collectors, art appreciators, art aficionados as well as foodies, families and fun-seekers. The Fair showcases affordable contemporary art, fine crafts, handcrafted jewelry and accessories, couture adult and kids’ clothing, handmade quilts and baskets, plus sculptural and functional objects in clay, fiber, glass, metal and wood.

Producer Jan Etre says, “I am gratified to welcome back our evolving family of long-time exhibitors and excited about the new artists exhibiting this year.” Jan finds utmost satisfaction in bringing artists and the public together in Live Oak Park’s natural setting, “where children and adults alike can find inspiration and appreciation for the functional and the beautiful.” Longtime exhibitor Eileen Goldenberg, a ceramics and encaustics artist from San Francisco, confirms the “Live Oak Park Fair is a wonderful, relaxed venue to sell art to people who really appreciate and collect. Jan is great as a producer and really cares about the artists and the fair. She is professional and thorough. She makes the fair fun!”

The Fair is ideal for families, featuring continuous playful entertainment and musical acts for kids and kids-at-heart. The Fair is well known for its incredible selection of delicious food including Brittany Crepes & Gallettes, Carmen's Taqueria with fresh mango on a stick, Yali's Cafe and Peter's Kettle Corn that can be enjoyed in a comfortable seating area among the heritage oaks and redwoods or alongside the delightful meandering Codornices Creek. Leah Amzel, who attends every year with her family, espouses “The Live Oak Park Fair is a great family outing. The kids love roaming free to listen to the live music, watch magic shows and get their faces painted, there is always great coffee and food to enjoy in the lovely outdoor setting and of course many treasures of art and whimsy to be found.”

Jan Etre is celebrating her 26th year producing Live Oak Park Fair. This year for the first time, *Edible East Bay* magazine will be presenting a special designated area in the center of the park, called ***Edible Tastings***. There

fairgoers will be introduced to quality items and can taste edibles and sample body products – all at no cost. With the help of *Oakland Kitchener*, invitations are going out to local and national companies that specialize in quality olive oil, cheese, chocolate, jam, honey, salsa, pickles, vinegar, mustard, tea, herbs, tinctures, soap, lotions and potions. Proceeds from *Edible Tastings* benefit *People's Grocery* in Oakland.

Live Oak Park Fair's media partner, *The Arts and Crafts Cooperative* in Berkeley (ACCI,) will showcase six artists - images of their work are below (left to right): jewelry by Astrid Shishkin-Hill – ASH Designs, Bugbee by Carol Rose, jewelry by Daria Salus, paintings by Jane Kiskaddon, jewelry and metal work by Kirk McCarthy and jewelry by Anna Whitmore.



Other featured artists (images of their work are below, left to right) include baskets by Peggy Anders/Lightship Baskets, jewelry by Kara Raymond, woodworking by Jeffrey Nelson/Hudson River Inlay, clay & cloth cooking & dining by Amy Halko, clothing by Waka Ozawa/Waka, jewelry by Vanessa Mellet/Musi & Vanessa Jewelry, clothing by Jodi Mullen/Yeah Yeah Pony Prince!, whimsical art by Robin Senour/Sacred Laughter, and gourds by Kay Van Housen/ East Bay Gourd Patch.



Rachel Swan (East Bay Express) writes this about Live Oak Park Fair, “Etre's fairs stand out for their integrity. Her fests are imaginative and tasteful, and always feature a hand-picked selection of artisans.”

Fair partners include BART, ACCI Gallery (Arts and Crafts Cooperative, Inc.), Berkeley Rep, East Bay Express, North Shattuck Association of Berkeley and Edible East Bay Magazine presenting ‘Edible Tastings.’

Come meet, celebrate and support quality artists and craftspeople while finding excellent values on some of the finest handmade treasures at the Live Oak Park Fair!

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What: 43rd Annual **Live Oak Park Fair**

When: Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th, 2013; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Live Oak Park (5 ½ acre historical park) - 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), No. Berkeley, CA 94709.

How: Street parking. Free shuttle runs every 30 minutes from the North Berkeley BART Station to the Fair throughout the weekend. The park is wheelchair accessible with paved pathways for strollers.

No Cost: FREE Admission

Information: Phone (510) 227-7110 or www.liveoakparkfair.com.

Photos: Hi-Res jpg images are available for easy download at www.liveoakparkfair.com