

Food, Festivals & Fun

Check Out the Delta Summer Scene!

Story by Marilyn Nelson

Sure, you can spend “lazy, crazy days of summer” on the Delta, but if you want to have fun, enjoy fantastic food, and experience some great festivals, then the Delta is just the place to be.

Saturday Farmers Market

Saturdays, beginning May 12, 2018 – 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Foot of Main Street, Rio Vista



Choose local fresh produce and tasty baked goods. Find crafters offering beautiful hand made goods and jewelry, such as Heidi’s EZ Wear. Barton Blossoms returns with beautiful fresh flowers and Achadinha Cheese from Petaluma offers a yummy variety of artisan

cheeses. A new vendor, Oaxadan Tamales, promises delicious tamales like you’ve never had before. Come and see the many other vendor offerings at the market.

California Endive Experience

Saturday, June 9, 2018 – 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
California Endive Farms, 15 Poppy House Rd., Rio Vista



This tasty and fun experience returns for the 5th year. California Endive Farms in Rio Vista is the largest American producer and a leading worldwide innovator in the complex process of growing high-quality endives.

This event offers tours of the indoor farm, endive tasting, a delicious dinner, music and entertainment. The ticket price also includes raffle tickets for beautiful prizes. The event is co-sponsored by the

Rio Vista Lions Club and net proceeds go towards erecting a new “Welcome to Rio Vista” sign. Reservations are needed. Individual tickets are \$55; individual reserved seating is \$60. A reserved table for 8 is \$580 or \$700 for a reserved table for 10. Buy tickets at Pets 4 All in town or online at www.Eventbrite.com and search for “endive.” For more info contact Constance Boulware at constance.boulware@yahoo.com or (707) 639-7175.

Walnut Grove Buddhist Church Bazaar

Saturday, June 30 & Sunday, July 1, 2018 – noon to 5:00 p.m.
14105 Pine Street, Walnut Grove



Enjoy a big happening in a small town. Bring your family and friends to the 64th Annual Walnut Grove Buddhist Church Bazaar. Find something for everyone, big and small. There are lots of games, handmade crafts, a beer booth, snow cones, hot dogs, nachos and baked goods, as well as some of the best teriyaki chicken and other traditional Japanese cuisine. Don’t

miss out on the annual raffle with a cash grand prize!

Courtland Pear Fair

Sunday, July 29, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
180 Primasing Avenue, Courtland

Celebrate the Bartlett pear harvest! Courtland is only about a 30 minute drive up scenic Highway 160 from Rio Vista.

A Delta tradition since 1972, the Pear Fair is full of activities for the whole gang, such as live music, great food, beer and wine, arts and crafts, a parade, and fun rides and activities for the kids and more. No pets are allowed. Admission is free, but there is a \$10.00 parking fee for vehicles. The official parking lot is recommended to avoid being towed. Various tickets for rides,

food items and craft items for sale support the local and regional economy. Come early and stay late to enjoy all that the Fair has to offer! For more information see the website at <http://PearFair.com>.



Hog August Bites

Saturday, August 18, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Downtown Rio Vista

See the *5th Annual Hog August Bites* article by Robie Williams for more details.



CARE Wine Pull

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Veteran’s Memorial Hall, 610 St. Francis Way, Rio Vista



CARE Counseling Center presents an evening about wine. A \$30.00 ticket includes a souvenir glass with wine, hors d’oeuvres, desserts, and a bottle of very good wine to take home. An extremely knowledgeable Sommelier speaks about wine and wine appreciation. Buy a raffle ticket to win some lovely prizes.

Tickets go on sale in July. Purchase your tickets at Pets 4 All at 167 Main St., the Visitor Center at 33 N. 2nd Street, Books Rio V at 187 Main St., or the CARE office at 125 Sacramento St.