

# Festivals & Events

THROUGHOUT THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## JANUARY

**6: Annual Christmas Tree Burn:** Supervised by the Santa Barbara County Fire Department, in the fields of Old Mission Santa Inés, this is one of the largest community gatherings on the Central Coast. Christmas trees are piled high in a huge bonfire. Enjoy free live music, plus food, and warm drinks for purchase. 5 - 7 pm, 805.688.7529

**22-28: Santa Ynez Valley Restaurant Week:** Presented by VisitSYV, dine on three course tasting menus for \$20.17 at participating restaurants throughout the Santa Ynez Valley (excludes tax, tip & beverage). DineSYV.com

## FEBRUARY

**24-26: Farstrup-Mortensen Lecture Series:** Bethania Lutheran Church hosts public programs featuring renowned philosophical & spiritual leaders. 805.688.4637, FmLectures.org

## MARCH

**11: SCOR Solvang Century & Half-Century:** An annual 50 or 100-mile amateur bike ride for charity. 562.690.9693, BikeSCOR.com

**19: Buellton Wine and Chili Festival:** A chili cook-off, salsa competition and wine



81st Annual Solvang Danish Days



Santa Ynez Valley Restaurant Week



Santa Ynez Elks 4th Annual Classic Car Show



Solvang Village Farmers Market

tasting event with live music and beer. Flying Flags RV Resort and Campground, 805.688.7829, BuelltonWineandChiliFestival.com

**15-19: Taste of Solvang:** In its 25th year, a culinary journey through Solvang, where wine country meets "dine country". Sponsored by Solvang Visitors Bureau, events include Sip + Savor; Tasting Trail; Beer & Wine Tasting Walk, and more. 805.688.6144, SolvangUSA.com

## APRIL

**15: 28th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Egg Hunt:** 10:00 am sharp. The Valley's largest egg hunt is in Buellton at River View Park. After the hunt, enjoy activities, games, Easter crafts, a picture with the Easter bunny and more! Plus the 2nd Annual Adult-only egg hunt. Free. 800.324.3800, VisitBuellton.com

**20-23: Santa Barbara Vintners Spring Weekend & Festival Grand Tasting:** The Santa Barbara Vintners Spring Weekend & Festival is a spring wine release weekend with the Big Bottle Bash Friday night event, Festival Grand Tasting on Saturday at the Riverview Park in Buellton, winery open houses on Sunday, and the four day Vintners Visa wine country tasting pass. SBCountyWines.com

## MAY

**6: Rancheros Visitadores:** Hundreds of "visiting ranchers" commemorate traditional rides on horseback and in wagons ride to a traditional public blessing at Old Mission Santa Ines, followed by private encampment. 805.962.3000

**6: Buellton Brew Fest:** Guests are invited to sample craft beer from over 40 brewers, enjoy a variety of food, live music, games, vendors, and fun. This takes place at River View Park in Buellton. 805.688.7829, BuelltonBrewFest.com

**13: Santa Barbara Wine Country Half Marathon:** Enjoy a scenic course, running from downtown Santa Ynez through Los Olivos into Solvang. Celebrate at the post-race Wine & Music Festival in Solvang Park. Run the half marathon or the two-person relay. 7-12 pm, Santa Ynez, 707.933.1769, DestinationRaces.com

## JUNE

**3: Los Olivos Jazz & Olive Festival:** Features wines poured by local wineries with food prepared by thirty chefs, plus olive product vendors, and world-class live jazz. 1-4 pm, Lavinia Campbell Park, downtown Los Olivos, 805.325.9280, JazzandOliveFestival.org

**9-11: 8th Annual Wine Country Bike Trek:** Choose from a 20, 30, 50, 100k mile route (a one or three day ride) through the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. This is a go at your own pace ride for cyclists of all levels and experience. All funds raised benefit the programs at People Helping People. 805.686.0295, SYVPhp.org

**10: Old Santa Ynez Day:** The town celebrates with a street fair, parade, kids' games, food, antiques, arts & crafts, live music and entertainment. All proceeds benefit Elks Charities and local Valley schools. 805.688.3448, SYVElks.com

**16-18: Live Oak Music Festival:** Held annually at the beautiful Live Oak Campground, musicians from all across the globe perform traditional, folk, bluegrass and gospel, blues, jazz, classical and world music. LiveOakFest.org

**24: 6th Annual Santa Ynez Valley Polo Classic:** A celebration and polo match featuring several of the highest rated players in the world and local Santa Ynez

Valley polo celebrities, benefiting People Helping People. Happy Canyon Vineyard, 805.686.0295, SYVPhp.org

## JULY

**4: Independence Day Parade, Festival & Fourth of July Fireworks Solvang:** Festivities take place in downtown Solvang with a parade in the morning, BBQ at Solvang Park, and activities and fireworks at Old Mission Santa Ines. 805.688.6144, SolvangUSA.com

**22: 3rd Annual Vintners 5 Miler & Wine Walk:** This unique trail run has a one-of-a-kind Finish Line Festival which celebrates the upcoming 2017 harvest with wine tasting, local food, live music and a kids zone. The race starts and finishes at Sanford Winery in Lompoc. 5010 Santa Rosa Road, 805.688.0881, SBCountyWines.com

**29: Buellton BBQ Bonanza:** Enjoy a barbeque, activities, demonstrations and learn about local clubs and organizations. River View Park, 800.324.3800, VisitBuellton.com

## AUGUST

**18-20: Wine and Fire:** Winemaking members of the Sta. Rita Hills Winegrowers Alliance showcase the wines they produce from the appellation, featuring an opening party Friday night, followed by a weekend of seminars, wine tasting and food. StaRitaHills.com

**26: Wheels 'N Windmills Car Show:** 300+ vintage vehicles line the streets of Solvang. 805.688.6112, WheelsnWindmills.com

## SEPTEMBER

**15-17: 81st Annual Solvang Danish Days:** Celebrate 105 years of Scandinavian heritage with authentic foods, free music, live entertainment, dancing, 3 parades (Torchlight on Friday night, Main Parade on Saturday afternoon and Children's on Sunday afternoon), arts & crafts, Living History exhibits, plus aebleskiver

breakfasts, beer & wine garden and more. 805.688.6144, SolvangDanishDays.org  
**22-24: 71st Annual Los Alamos Valley Old Days:** Fun for the entire family as the community gathers to honor, preserve and celebrate the town's authentic Western heritage. 805.344.1717, LosAlamosValleyOldDays.com

**22-24: Buellton Vintage Trailer Bash:** Over 180 vintage travel trailers from California and the West Coast gather for a fun weekend at Flying Flags RV Resort & Campground. Trailers open for public viewing on Saturday from 11-3 pm. 805.688.3716, FlyingFlags.com

## OCTOBER

**7-8: 22nd Chumash Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow:** Native American music, dance contests, drum competitions, food, arts and crafts, pottery, jewelry and more. Live Oak Campground, 805.688.7997, SantaYnezChumash.org

**7: Santa Ynez Elks 4th Annual Classic Car Show:** A fulfilled day of cool cars, food, vendor booths, music and prize drawings. Held along Sagunto Street in downtown Santa Ynez, 805.688.3448, SYVELks.com

**6-9: Celebration of Harvest Weekend & Festival Grand Tasting:** Presented by the Santa Barbara Vintners this four day wine and food celebration includes



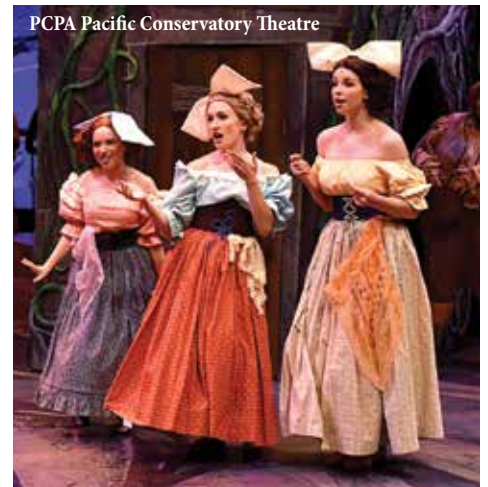
Taste of Solvang



28th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Egg Hunt



Old Santa Ynez Days



PCPA Pacific Conservatory Theatre

winemaker dinners, winery open houses, vineyard walks and the Saturday Festival Grand Tasting which features wineries, restaurants, seminars, live music and a silent auction on the front lawn of the Old Mission Santa Ines in Solvang. SBCountyWines.com

**21: Los Olivos 38th Annual Day in the Country:** Experience the unique small town charm and friendly Los Olivos lifestyle, where good friends, great food, and local fun show off the best of Los Olivos. Enjoy the Fun Runs, local parade, booths, and live music. Grand Avenue, Los Olivos, LosOlivosCa.com

**1-31: Santa Ynez Valley "Scarecrow Fest":** During this month-long festival enjoy the scarecrow sights and related events. The Valley boasts more than 200 scarecrows, with the public invited to judge and vote for their favorites. SYVScareCrows.com

**30-31: 24th Annual Halloween Haunted House and Street Fest:** 6:00-9:30 pm. Scary, wholesome family fun in the transformed Solvang Festival Theater; accompanied by food, drinks and games along Second Street, courtesy of Solvang Parks & Recreation Department. 805.688.7529, CityofSolvang.com

**31: Santa Ynez Halloween Street Faire:** 5:00-8:00 pm. Fun for all ages including live music, food vendors, costume contest, games, lots of candy, free pony rides from Ponies & Paints, a tricycle racetrack & bounce houses. 805.350.8517, SantaYnezChamber.org

## NOVEMBER

**3-5: 30th Annual Quickdraw and Arts Festival:** Step into "virtual studios" and observe talented artists as they work to complete original pieces of work within one hour. Visitors can explore the Artwalk, featuring original handmade work by artisans, listen to live music and enjoy delicious food and wine. Flag Is Up Farm, 805.886.0858, SantaYnezValleyArts.org

**4: 9th Annual Buellton Holiday Bazaar, Arts and Craft Fair:** 10am-3pm. Start your holiday shopping early and enjoy all of the creative talent the Santa Ynez Valley has to offer. Free. Buellton Rec Center, 805.688.1086, BuelltonRec.com

**10-12: 33rd Annual Vaquero Show & Sale:** A celebration honoring the lifestyle & renowned horsemanship of the California Vaquero, including food, demonstrations and live music. Held at The Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum and Parks-Janeway Carriage House, 805.688.7889, SantaYnezMuseum.org

**25: Turkey Trot:** 10 am 5k fun run/walk to benefit the local Salvation Army chapter in the Santa Ynez Valley. Starts at Sunny Fields Park in Solvang. 805.688.7529, CityofSolvang.com

## DECEMBER

**1: Santa Ynez 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:** Enjoy the lighting of a 75-foot tall redwood tree (5:30 pm), the largest Christmas tree in the Santa Ynez Valley, along with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus (4:00 pm), visits with Santa, live entertainment, cookies and cider. The tree lighting will occur at 5:30 pm. 805.350.8517, SantaYnezChamber.org

**2: Olde-Fashioned Christmas in Los Olivos:** A fun-filled day of activities for the entire family, including a variety of crafts and activities for the kids and shopping for adults. 2-8 pm. Los Olivos, LosOlivosCa.com

**3: Buellton Winter Fest:** Start the morning with Breakfast with Santa, a concert

in the afternoon, followed by an evening of fun on the Avenue of Flags featuring 20 tons of snow for the kids, music, food, wine, beer, spirits, vendors, light parade, tree lighting, and Santa. 800.324.3800, VisitBuellton.com

**1-31: Solvang Julefest (Yule-fest)** Holiday celebration featuring thousands of twinkling lights throughout the village, open houses and special concerts, 100+ Christmas trees on display, community tree-lighting (12/1), Parade (12/2), and Nativity Pageant (12/19). Free Santa visits in Solvang Park, Holiday Wine & Beer Walk & more. 805.688.6144, SolvangUSA.com

## YEAR ROUND//SEASONAL

**Solvang Village Farmers Market:** Every Wednesday, featuring local and organic produce, meats, herbs, cheeses, jams, honey, flowers and more at First Street between Mission Dr. (Hwy 246) & Copenhagen Dr., 2:30-6:30 Summer, 2:30-6 Winter, 805.962.5354, SBFarmersMarket.org

**Solvang Third Wednesday:** Held monthly with over 60 stores, restaurants, bakeries & wine tasting rooms offering special discounts all day; plus Beer & Wine Walk; Summer Concerts in the Park and more. 805.688.0701, SolvangThirdWednesday.com

**Los Alamos 3rd Saturday Stroll:** Held every month with seasonal themes, hosted by the town's merchants, galleries and restaurants. LosAlamosValley.org

## JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER

PCPA Pacific Conservatory Theatre presents critically acclaimed, professional live comedy, drama and musical performances under the stars from June – September at Solvang Festival Theater. 2017 schedule includes *Beauty and the Beast*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *Newsies* and *Twelfth Night*. 805.922.8313, PCPA.org



**For complete listings: VisitSYV.com**