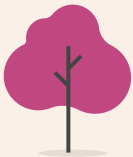


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Presented by the Los Altos Village Association (LAVA) — a 501(c) 6 not for profit organization whose mission is to promote Downtown Los Altos as a great place to shop, dine, explore and discover — the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival raises funds to support LAVA's promotional and advertising programs, as well as beautification efforts in Downtown, including the design and installation of colorful light post banners, beautiful flowers throughout Main and State Streets, and year-round tree lighting, all making Downtown Los Altos a truly magical place.

As it was when LAVA was founded in the early 1960's — when new regional shopping centers drew customers away from downtowns across the nation — the association's membership is comprised of business and property owners — and area residents — who work together to address issues affecting the Downtown Los Altos triangle. What began with an Easter egg hunt hosted by member businesses, continues today with more than a dozen activities and events for the community to enjoy the unique charm of our Downtown.



To continue the tradition of high-level community events and promotions, the Los Altos Village Association has established the Los Altos Village Fund through the Los Altos Community Foundation. Anyone can contribute to the fund, and contributions are tax deductible. Those wishing to contribute can donate online at www.downtownlosaltos.org, visit www.LACF.org and make a payment via PayPal, or call the LAVA office at (650) 949-5282 for more information.

We hope you will explore the many fine Downtown businesses while you visit the 2021 Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival. The charm and uniqueness of the area are a result of many hours and efforts on the part of the City of Los Altos, the Downtown business community and our residents. We take great pride in our shops, restaurants and service businesses — and, we hope you will, too! Make sure to follow Downtown Los Altos on Facebook (@DowntownLosAltos) and Instagram (@dtlosaltos) to keep up to date on events and happenings. Visit our website at www.DowntownLosAltos.org for more information and to join our mailing list. See you at the festival!

Scott Hunter
Executive Director, Los Altos Village Association

Shannon Geary
Program Manager



While 2020 will long be remembered as a time when we all stayed apart, LAVA's upcoming events will be remembered as safe places for visitors to come out of hibernation and enjoy being together.

THE CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF 2021 INCLUDES:

- **Los Altos Farmers' Market**
every Thursday from
4 to 8 p.m. on State Street,
through September
- **Halloween Spooktacular**
October 29
- **Holiday Stroll**
November 12
- **Small Business Saturday**
November 27
- **Trim-a-Tree Los Altos**
November-December
- **Holiday Tree Lighting**
December 3

It's Festival Time Again



SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Celebrating its 42nd year, the annual Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival is scheduled Saturday and Sunday in downtown Los Altos.

What began in 1979 as a much smaller version of the current event, the festival has now grown to include more than 300 craft and arts booths, two food courts and three stages of live entertainment.

It is presented by the Los Altos Village Association, a not-for-profit organization founded in the early 1960s by merchants and property owners concerned that nearby shopping centers would lure customers away from the downtown triangle.

Funds raised at the festival are used for events and programs promoting downtown businesses. Additionally, funds support LAVA's downtown beautification efforts, including decorative plantings, colorful banners and twinkle lights that fill more than 250 trees along Main and State streets, and in the adjacent parking plazas.

Support from many organizations and businesses is crucial to the success of this event, according to Scott Hunter, LAVA's executive director, who cited the generosity of stage sponsors Star One Credit Union and State Street Market, in particular. Both businesses are new to town and have booths set up on the festival's sponsors' row.

An array of community groups and organizations also help make the festival happen, Hunter added. They include the Boy Scouts, the Service League of Boys, the Rotary Club of Los Altos and local Community Emergency Response teams and ham radio operators. In addition, GreenTown Los Altos again staffs the free Bike and Stroller Valet Parking area off Third Street near Main Street.

Hunter said LAVA is also grateful for continued support and guidance from the city of Los Altos, the Los Altos Police Department and the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Since 2006, Pacific Fine Arts of Pine Grove has been tasked with selecting the festival's participating artisans and craftspeople. Aided by LAVA's Arts & Wine Festival Committee, Pacific Fine Arts owners Dana and Troy Hale-Mounier aim to bring a wide variety of artwork, jewelry, crafts and creativity to the festival, according to Hunter.

Bands perform on the Main Stage (located in Central Plaza) and Community Stage (Veterans Community Plaza) throughout both days of the festival. Saturday's LAVA-sponsored concert featuring The Megatones is set for 5-7 p.m. on the Main Stage.

The Kidzone Stage, offering family-friendly entertainment, moves to the center of the festival this year, near the Community Stage off State Street. Longtime masters of ceremonies Lori and RJ are known for getting kids up and dancing.

Commemorative beer and wine glasses are available to purchase at any one of the five glass booths, where attendees also can get a "proof of drinking age" wristband required at the wine and beer booths. Those who leave the festival but plan to return later that day or the next are asked not to remove their wristbands.

Seven boutique wineries from the area host booths at which representatives are pouring their creations and talking about them. Beer aficionados can find popular brands and selections from local breweries at other booths.



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The Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival features art that appeals to just about all ages.

Those who drive to the festival are encouraged to park at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., and take the free shuttle downtown. Pick up and drop off at the festival is on Edith Avenue, next to shady Village Park.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Please leave pets at home. ✨

For more information on the festival and LAVA, call 949-5282 or visit losaltosartsandwine.com.

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Musical entertainment abounds at this year's Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival. Musicians will be performing live both days – on three stages.

A rundown of who's performing – including when and where – follows.

MAIN STAGE

SATURDAY

JJ BROWN | NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

Country singer/songwriter JJ Brown is known for his lyrical stories and high-energy shows. A U.S. Navy veteran, he has shared the stage with the likes of Clint Black, Kevin Costner, Peter Frampton and the Doobie Brothers. His blended sound – country, rock and Americana – has been compared to Keith Urban, Eric Church and Bruce Springsteen. ➤



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LIVEWIRE | 2-4:15 P.M.

The Bay Area dance cover band Livewire plays an upbeat mix of current and classic rock and pop hits – from Journey to the Jackson 5 and Taylor Swift. Livewire performs at corporate, public and private events.

THE MEGATONES | 5-7 P.M.

Voted the Bay Area’s Best Cover Band in 98.5 FM KFOX’s Last Band Standing contest, The Megatones have been a staple at the festival. Two of the members live in Los Altos. The band is known for its wide-ranging repertoire, creative mashups and up-tempo dance beats. Along with musicians playing guitars, keyboards, bass and drum, The Megatones feature four vocalists who add harmonies to hard-rocking classics, R&B, funk, modern country, reggae and contemporary pop hits that get people dancing.



MAIN STAGE

SUNDAY

COUNTRY COUGARS | 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Performing country music with a little bit of rock ‘n’ roll thrown in for good measure, the Country Cougars cover an array of favorites. The list includes songs by Johnny Cash, Brooks and Dunn, Reba McEntire, Shania Twain and Dolly Parton, as well as newer artists such as Miranda Lambert, Luke Bryan and Little Big Town.

PHIL ‘N THE BLANKS | 1-2:30 P.M.

After premiering online at last year’s virtual Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival, Phil ‘n The Blanks make their ➤



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live debut at the event. Specializing in classic rock, modern rock and country/rock dance music, the band has performed throughout the Bay Area and beyond for more than a decade. A one-time semifinalist in KFOX's Last Band Standing contest, the group plays favorites from AC/DC, Boston, Bon Jovi, Journey, Van Halen, Guns N' Roses, the Eagles, the Doobie Brothers, Foreigner, Styx, the Rolling Stones and more.

THE HUSEROCKERS | 3-5 P.M.

A festival regular, The Huserockers were anointed "Best Cover Band in the Bay Area" by KFOX after winning the station's Last Band Standing contest. Known for their high-energy sets, the band covers songs by such artists as Bruno Mars, Earth Wind & Fire, Bruce Springsteen, the Rolling Stones, Huey Lewis and the News, Stevie Wonder and the Steve Miller Band.



COMMUNITY STAGE

SATURDAY

THE JAZZ CONNEXION | 10-11:30 A.M.

Entertaining audiences with the Great American Songbook for more than two decades, the Jazz ConneXion features Dale Nesbitt on piano and John Sylvester on saxophone and vocals, backed by Michael Schwartz's guitar work, Preston Carter's upright bass and Giovanni Malloy's trumpet.



STEVE KRITZER | NOON TO 1 P.M.

Steve Kritzer, a Bay Area music veteran, is an award-winning singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, instructor and jam leader. His sets feature originals, bluegrass, country, classic rock, big-band swing and traditional folk, all woven together by his guitar, ukulele, banjo and mandolin. ➤



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BLUE HOUSE | 1:30-3 P.M.

With a blend of acoustic-based rock, country and R&B, Blue House combines the talents of two longtime friends, Marlies de Veer and Amy Beasley. The duo enjoy mixing a rocker's attitude with an acoustic sound, highlighted by their close-knit harmonies. They cover an eclectic mix of songs with good friend Shelley Hoefer on percussion/ drums.



COOK 'N FENNY COMBO | 4-6 P.M.

Presenting a mix of folk, blues, country, classic rock, roots, Americana and originals, the Cook 'n Fenny Combo features Mark Fenny, Cathy Cook and Sean Woodward. Fenny is a harmonica player and singer/songwriter who combines those skills with his guitar playing and vocals. Cook brings warm vocals and harmonies in addition to

percussive background on her West African shekere. Woodward completes the mix on mandolin, slide guitar, acoustic guitar and electric lead guitar.

COMMUNITY STAGE

SUNDAY

**JOHNNY NERI
11 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

Johnny Neri has been playing his acoustic music for audiences in the South Bay since 1983. Neri said he thrives on making people happy while performing.



MARY ELLEN & THOM DUELL | 1-3 P.M.

A duo in life and music for more than three decades, Mary Ellen & Thom Duell also have played with bands throughout the country and in the recording studio. Emphasizing music from the 1960s to the '80s – with some standards and current music thrown in – both sing, and Duell plays guitar.



RANDY SAURO DUO | 3:30-5 P.M.

Randy Sauro and Peter Cor play high-energy music. They cover diverse selections that include classic rock, blues, Motown and more.



KIDZONE STAGE

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
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Festival's food frenzy returns

SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Food and beverages won't be hard to come by at this year's Los Altos & Arts Wine Festival.

Attendees can find more than two dozen food vendors, offering Indian dishes, hand-shaken lemonade, Hawaiian specialties, Chinese egg rolls, Philly steak sandwiches, local beers and more.

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The two food courts include several returning festival favorites.

The Rotary Club of Los Altos again hosts a booth serving Chef Chu's Chinese chicken salad. India Gourmet is back offering vegan and vegetarian choices, as well as lamb and veggie wraps, and rice bowls. Aroma Concessions sells fried calamari and crab cakes, along with corn dogs and garlic fries. Gourmet Faire features its crab rolls and crab garlic fries, while chicken kabobs are on the menu at Hawaiian BBQ.

Then there's the barbecue. Lockeford Meat and Sausage grills its popular foot-long sausages on a roll, and California Corn Roast serves roasted corn on the cob and bacon-wrapped hot dogs.

In addition, B Foods International sells gyros, Philly steak sandwiches and falafel.

Pre-packaged specialty foods to take home can be found along the Third Street food area. They include Nan's Gourmet Foods (aged and



MEGAN V. WINSLOW / TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO
The Hawaiian Shave Ice stand is a popular place for refreshments at the festival, especially on a warm day.

infused balsamic vinegars, olive oils, grilling sauces and handcrafted pasta) and Mike & Niki's Honey (a selection of honey, honeycomb and honey sticks). Additionally, HYGH Express brings its frozen coffee to the festival for the first time.

Those looking for sweets in the heat can keep cool with hand-shaken lemonade from Barrett's Lemonade. Dippin' Dots and Olde Tyme Kettle

Korn return to the festival as well.

The food courts are located along Second and Third streets, between State and Main streets. There are plenty of tables and chairs with umbrellas for shade adjacent to each food area and near the Main Stage.

Attendees seeking something other than festival food can pop into one of downtown Los Altos' many restaurants. ❀

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- 11:30 am **Marti's Dance Studio**
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- 12:00 pm..... **Puppet Company presents: "The Kings Problem"**
Based on the tales of The Panchatantra, a book of moralistic fairy tales from India, a talking storybook tells four tales of wonder and enchantment.
- 12:30 pm..... **The Magic of Gerald Joseph**
The latest and most incredible style of magic with lots of humor and audience participation.
- 1:15 pm..... **Melita's Music**
Let this award-winning folk musician transform, uplift, and inspire you with her beautiful music.
- 2:00 pm **Broadway Babies and Kids Singers**
Future Broadway Musical stars.
- 2:30 pm **Puppet Company presents: "The Kings Problem"**
- 3:15 pm..... **The Magic of Gerald Joseph**
- 4:00 pm **Lori & RJ - Kids Music with A Grove**
Singing and dancing that's fun and funky for the whole family. Award winning entertainment for all ages.

Sunday, Sept 26

- 11:30 am **Marti's Dance Studio**
Marti's Dance Studio is more than just dance classes, it's a unique experience.
- 12:15 pm **Lori & RJ - Kids Music with A Grove**
Singing and dancing that's fun and funky for the whole family.
- 1:15 pm..... **Puppet Company presents: "Three Dinosaurs Gruff"**
Granny Brachiosaurus is telling her friend Grumpy Greta, a Pterodactyl, the tale of three dinosaur brothers.
- 2:00 pm..... **Broadway Babies and Kids Singers**
Youth singers that will knock your socks off. Be inspired!
- 2:45 pm..... **Marti's Dance Studio**
- 3:30 pm **Puppet Company presents: "Three Dinosaurs Gruff"**
- 4:00 pm **Lori & RJ - Kids Music with A Grove**
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Saturday, Sept 25

- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm ... **JJ Brown**
Country singer/songwriter
- 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm..... **Livewire**
High-energy dance band
- 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm ... **The Megatones**
Award-winning pop/rock band



JJ BROWN



PHIL 'N THE BLANKS



COUNTRY COUGARS



Sunday, Sept 26

- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm... **The Country Cougars**
A lot of country and a little bit of rock
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Phil 'n the Blanks**
Classic rock
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm... **The Houserockers**
Rock and Soul

STATE STREET MARKET LOS ALTOS

State Street Market COMMUNITY STAGE

Saturday, Sept 25

- 10:00 am – 11:30 am . **The Jazz Connexion**
Smooth jazz
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm .. **Steve Kritzer**
Award-winning Bay Area singer/songwriter
- 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Blue House**
Blend of acoustic rock country and R&B
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ... **Cook & Fenny Combo**
Acoustic folk, blues, country and rock



COOK & FENNY COMBO

Sunday, Sept 26

- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm... **Johnny Neri**
Acoustic classic & contemporary rock
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.... **Mary Ellen Duo**
A trip down musical memory lane
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ... **Randy Sauro Duo**
Rock and pop



BLUE HOUSE



JOHNNY NERI



RANDY SAURO DUO

DOWNTOWN LOS ALTOS



MAP LEGEND

- M** Margaritas
- B** Beer
- S** Soda/Water
- G** Glassware
- Ψ** Food Village
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 - W2** Fernwood Cellars
 - W3** Naumann Vineyards
 - W4** Page Mill Winery
 - W5** Domenico Winery
 - W6** Bass Note Sangria
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Area wineries pour into festival

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The seven vintners pouring wine this weekend are all festival returnees, including Byington Vineyard & Winery, which has a tasting room in downtown Los Altos.

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Byington representatives are pouring a 2016 Blanc de Blancs and a 2016 Chardonnay, both from Tin Cross Vineyards, at the festival.

Find the Byington booth at Second and Main streets.

For more information on Byington, visit byington.com.

DOMENICO WINERY

Domenico Winery, named by Dominick and Gloria Chirichillo as a reflection of the commitment to their Italian heritage, returns to the festival for a fifth year.

The history of the winery is rooted in family; in 1955, Dominick was introduced to wine traditions by his Nonno (grandfather) Domenico Giovinazzo. Nonno showed Dominick the wine press in the basement of their New York home, and Dominick said that began his generational love of handcrafting wine.

Dominick moved to California so that he could select his grapes from vineyards in Napa Valley, Sonoma's Central Coast, Alexander Valley, the Russian River Valley, Amador County and the Lodi District. He is a member of the Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Association, where he sources Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes.

Domenico representatives are pouring a 2018 Sirene Rosé, a 2019


Santa Cruz Chardonnay and a 2018 Lodi Old Vine Zinfandel at the festival.

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Fernwood is located on property that has been in Oetinger’s family for six generations – stretching back to 1863, when his great-grandfather Charles built the family’s first home there. Matt was first introduced to winemaking by his father, Lew, owner of Hummingbird Hill Vineyards.

Fernwood representatives are pouring a 2020 Rosé, a 2019 Chardonnay, a 2016 Carignane and a 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon at the festival.

Find the Fernwood booth near the corner of Third and State streets.

For more information on Fernwood Cellars, visit fernwoodcellars.com. ➤



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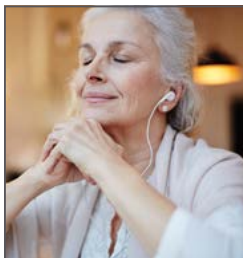
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Thomas Fogarty representatives are pouring a 2016 Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot Noir, a 2018 Wirz Vineyard Riesling and a 2016 Gewurztraminer, along with a 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon from Lexington Wine Co., at the festival.

Find Thomas Fogarty's booth near the corner of Main and State streets.

For more information on Thomas Fogarty, visit fogartywinery.com.

NAUMANN VINEYARDS

Naumann Vineyards returns to festival for the 14th year. Naumann's vineyard is located in Cupertino on Montebello Road, 2,000 feet above the Silicon Valley floor. All work in the vineyard is performed by hand, with the goal of producing low-yield, high-quality fruit.

Vintner Don Naumann's most successful wine may be his Tre Rosso Cali, which won a Silver Medal in the San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and Gold Medal in The Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

Naumann representatives are pouring a 2011 Tre Rosso Cali, a 2014 Merlot, a 2018 Rosé and a 2018 Chardonnay at the festival.

Find Naumann's booth at Third and Main streets.

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PAGE MILL WINERY

Page Mill Winery has participated in the festival since its start in 1979, just three years after Dick and Ome Stark founded the winery in the large cellar below their Los Altos Hills home.

For 28 years, the winery was located on Page Mill Road, just a short drive from Los Altos. It has since moved to Livermore.

Page Mill representatives are pouring a 2020 Chardonnay, a 2019 Pinot Noir and a 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon.

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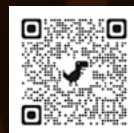


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Mtn. View resident turns love of glass into a business

BY NATALIE WU

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

By lining up glass pieces in various hues of green and soldering them together snugly like a puzzle, Mountain View resident Reshma Bhoopal is hard at work creating her next glass piece.

Her artwork consists of several glass mediums, including stained glass, mosaics and fused glass. Bhoopal has turned her hobby into a business, Arts from Glass, which is featured at this year's Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival.

However, making art for others wasn't always Bhoopal's plan. Seven years ago she started working with stained glass as a hobby for her own home she was building in India. A couple years later she moved to the U.S. and took a class in San Mateo, where she was encouraged to make a stained-glass piece of the Golden Gate Bridge.

"I was exploring the city," Bhoopal said. "To also be doing that in glass was something I loved."

From there, her hobby took off. She started taking more classes, learning from artists and practicing different techniques.

Soon enough, Bhoopal said she was "passively selling" her work to friends and acquaintances. She even invested in a fusing kiln to make more pieces, and right before the pandemic hit, she decided to give her work a brand.

"There's always a degree of art and craft," she said. "To me, this is art because there's so much creativity and techniques involved."

Thus, her Arts from Glass studio was born.

During the lockdown, Bhoopal converted a spare bedroom in her home into a studio.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RESHMA BHOOPAL
Reshma Bhoopal's artwork includes "Pocket Hugs," top, and a scene of San Francisco, above.

“That was really nice,” she said. “It was from scratch, but the experience I’ve had over the years helped me set up the studio one thing at a time.”

Now, Bhoopal mainly works from home. She occasionally commutes to the studio in San Mateo to cut glass because she said she’s not comfortable cutting glass around her 10-year-old daughter.

With her daughter in elementary school with “longer after-school activities,” Bhoopal said she’s been able to take up Arts from Glass full time.

Her pieces range from cocktail stirrers to talisman-inspired fused glass hearts she calls “Pocket Hugs” and stained-glass suncatchers and even larger windows, and they can take anywhere from an hour to days to make.

“I really like working along themes,” Bhoopal said. “That’s something I really enjoy.”

Last year, she explored a mushroom and gnome theme where she made mushroom plant stakes and



COURTESY OF RESHMA BHOOPAL
Reshma Bhoopal’s stained-glass creations include colorful butterflies and hearts.

mushroom suncatchers. Remnants of the mushroom theme can be found in Bhoopal’s backyard. A little red mushroom sits with a bug on the dome, and mosaic gnomes stand next to each other guarding the tree.

In October, she made a lot of pumpkins and Halloween-inspired pieces.

Recently, she she’s been working on a plant theme – even creating trendy houseplants such as Monstera and pink princesses out of glass.

“A lot of my work is influenced by nature,” Bhoopal said. “Bugs are one of my favorite things to make, actually.” ➤



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— Reshma Bhoopal

Inspired by what she sees in her garden, bees, butterflies and dragonflies all make appearances in her work. Bhoopal also likes to make functional items such as trinket dishes and bowls, often with flowers and vines engraved.

All of Bhoopal's items will be available for purchase at the festival. While she participated virtually at last year's event, this year will be her first time in person as a vendor.

"I love coming to the festivals; I love the whole vibe and meeting artists," she said. "This time I'll be an artist displaying my work, so I'm very excited but also nervous." ❀

For more information on Bhoopal and her work, visit artsfromglass.com.

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Phil 'n The Blanks

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BY KELLY YANG

TOWN CRIER EDITORIAL INTERN

What started out as a casual conversation among musicians at the Foothills Tennis & Swimming Club in Palo Alto has evolved into a band that's been performing for 17 years.

Phil 'n The Blanks performs regularly approximately twice a month, and its next show will be at the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival. The band is slated to perform 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday on the Main Stage.

The cover band – comprising Philip Wiseman, Derek Granath, Scott McClung, Matt Padgett and Nick Maris – has a long and varied playlist.

“We like mixing it up,” lead singer Wiseman said, “all with the goal of keeping people up dancing.”

Band favorites include Styx’s “Come Sail Away” and Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believin’,” he added. Wiseman and bass player Granath are also part of Trifecta, a tribute band to three classic rock bands: Journey, Styx and Boston.

Phil 'n The Blanks began playing the Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival some 15 years ago – even performing via video at last year’s virtual event – and the band is also a regular at the Los Altos Summer Concert Series.

Granath, a Los Altos resident, said

he’s “really looking forward to playing (the festival) ... especially since it’s in my backyard.”

Throughout the pandemic, Granath said the band managed to stay in touch with its music – aided by the fact that the members have individual recording studios and large rehearsal studio space.

“We were able to socially distance and still rehearse a bit,” he said. “It wasn’t as frequent as it was before COVID, but we could still safely rehearse and keep ourselves sharp. We were really ready to go when things opened up again.”

“We like mixing it up, all with the goal of keeping people up dancing.”

– Philip Wiseman

Working individually allowed the band members to hone their skills and prepare demo recordings, which can be found on the band’s website, Granath noted. While Phil ’n The Blanks were able to make the best out of a tough year, Granath said the band is eager to return and fulfill what he characterized as a “thirst for live music.”

That thirst seems more apparent now than ever.

“With COVID keeping us all apart for so long, there’s a lot of pent-up demand for in-person, live music and dancing and being together,” Wiseman said. “Since COVID lightened up a little bit in the past couple of months, we started playing

gigs back in June. There’s a demand for fun – there’s really no substitute for live music.”

While the band strives to bring lightness and fun to the community, according to its members, they haven’t forgotten the toll the pandemic has taken on many.

“One of the sad things is that some of the places where we used to play

have had a difficult time keeping their businesses running, and some of the other bands that have good friends of ours in them have dissolved because of COVID,” Granath said. “I feel real fortunate that we’ve been able to continue and come back stronger than ever.” ❀

For more information on Phil ’n The Blanks, visit pntb.net.



COURTESY OF PHIL 'N THE BLANKS
Phil 'n The Blanks, formed 17 years ago, will perform Sunday afternoon at the festival.

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Tips for enjoying the festival

Following are some quick tips to help make this weekend's 42nd annual Los Altos Arts & Wine Festival more enjoyable.

RESTROOMS

Festival organizers provide more than 40 portable restrooms for the weekend, located on the numbered streets (First, Second, etc.) near the entrances to the parking plazas in downtown Los Altos. Seven hand-washing and sanitizing stations are located near the portable restrooms. Please refrain from asking to use merchants' bathrooms.

PETS

Heat, small children, strollers and pets are not a good mix. Festival organizers request that attendees leave their pets at home.

SHUTTLE BUS AND PARKING

Parking spots in and around downtown Los Altos fill up quickly

during the festival, so many attendees opt to skip the hassle and park their cars at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., less than a mile away. Free shuttles ferry festival attendees continually – approximately every 15 minutes – between the Los Altos High parking lot and the drop-off spot on Edith Avenue near San Antonio Road, next to Village Park.



MEGAN V. WINSLOW / TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO
Festival organizers discourage people from bringing their pets to the event.

BICYCLES

Every year, hundreds of festivalgoers leave their cars at home and ride bicycles to the festival and park them at the Bike and Stroller Valet Parking area at no charge. Volunteers from GreenTown Los Altos guard the corral to ensure that items remain safe. Strollers may be parked there as well. The bike/stroller corral is located in the South Plaza area, just off Third Street.

STREET CLOSURES

The downtown triangle is scheduled to close to all street traffic beginning 5 p.m. Friday and will not reopen until 10 p.m. Sunday. The closures include Main and State streets, Central Plaza and Second and Third streets between Main and State streets. ❁

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