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Plays on the Patio Saturday, June 8, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Rescheduled from May 18, the first major event of the summer is coming up on June 8th. For the past five years, Main Street Theatre Works has produced their One-Act Festival as a spring fundraiser for the company. This year, they're expanding their efforts to produce Plays on the Patio at the Preston Castle in Ione. Tickets are \$40, which includes wine and dessert tastings from some of Amador's best restaurants and wineries, plus a wine glass to commemorate the event. Visit www.mstw.org for tickets and information.

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POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 8th!

2nd Annual

Plays On The Patio

At the Preston Castle

One-Act Plays, Tasty Desserts & Fine Wines

Join us for a night of One-Act plays, scenes and monologues, perfect for those with short-attention spans, performed on the patio of the Preston Castle by Main Street Theatre Works.

Also on the patio are some of your favorite Amador wines, as well as desserts from The National Hotel in Jackson. Come sample wine, desserts and live theatre under the stars. Don't miss this one-night only event benefiting Main Street Theatre Works and The Preston Castle Foundation.

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Tastings start at 6:30; Show 7:30 - 9:00pm
The Preston Castle ~ 900 Palm Drive, Ione, CA 95640
Tickets \$40 each, includes wine & dessert tasting, souvenir wine glass, and the show

Tickets are limited so reserve yours today at
mstw.org



Photo Day Sundays, June 9 and August 18

On Photo Day, you can roam the Castle and grounds on a self-guided tour. New this year, we are offering 3 separate 2 hour sessions on each Photo Day, limiting the number of visitors to 30 per session. Prices are \$30 for one session, \$50 for two consecutive sessions, and \$70 for all three on any one of the Photo Days. See our website for details and schedule of the sessions.

Preston Castle 2019 Photo Day

April 14 June 9 August 18

- Come photograph a one of a kind historic location
- New and exciting format
- Maximum 30 tickets per session
- Pro-Photographers on hand to help
- Camera Vendors onsite
- Models and Actors onsite
- Contest for best promoted photo

#PrestonCastlePhotoDay

www.prestoncastle.com

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If anyone wishes to add or change anything in the newsletter, or would like to get copies of past issues, please let us know at info@prestoncastle.com or at the next meeting. We always enjoy hearing from our readers!

Don't Miss Our 2019 Events

Join us for one or all of the Preston Castle Foundation's events in 2019. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.prestoncastle.com, or call 209-256-3623.

ParaCon at the Castle

Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15.

We are so excited about our Fifth Annual Preston Castle Paracon! And this year it coincides with the 125th Anniversary of the Castle! In 2019, we have some amazing activities planned for our guests. Of course fantastic speakers, authors and the foremost experts in the Paranormal field will return to present their most current research and fascinating experiences with YOU. Take a class or two to brush up on your investigative techniques, or shop for unique and handmade treasures from vendors from the metaphysical and holistic community. Psychic and energy readers will be on hand to astonish you with their accurate assessments and predictions.



But wait, the star of the weekend, the Castle herself, will enchant you as you investigate her hallways and many rooms during the evening investigations. We have a few surprises planned as well. For more information, please visit www.PrestonParacon.com

Quasquicentennial - 125 Year Anniversary

Sat., June 29, 10 am to 2 pm

You won't want to miss the celebration! The Preston Castle's Quasquicentennial (125th anniversary) will be a day filled with history and pageantry.

Come for complementary self-



Events continued

guided tours which will wind you through the Castle halls and transport you into another era. There will be a reenactment of the first 7 boys to arrive at the Preston School of industry. The Castle will come alive with actors portraying figures from the past. There will be information booths and food trucks available.

Movie Night on the Patio

Saturday, July 20, 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Join us for our Castle Movie Night, where you are sure to have an evening of fun and thrilling entertainment. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the Castle's back patio setting with a fantastic movie. TV personality Mark S. Allen will be present to introduce our very special and top secret feature film for the night. Food vendors will be present for your mid-movie cravings. You will not want to miss this! Tickets: \$20

Preston Castle Yard Sale

Sat., Aug. 10, and Sun., Aug. 11, 8 am to 4 pm

The 3rd annual Preston Castle Community Yard sale has been rescheduled to August 10th and 11th, from 8 am to 4 pm. Spaces will be available for the community to purchase: \$40 for a 10x10 space. We are limiting it to 10 spaces to leave room for parking, etc. Please no appliances or large electronic items. Any items that are not sold are to be taken with you after the yard sale is over. All proceeds will go towards the preservation and rehabilitation of the Preston Castle. To purchase your space please visit PrestonCastle.com, spaces must be reserved and paid for by July 1st, 2019. Any questions, please call the Preston Castle at 209-256-3623

Preston Castle Haunt

Friday, Oct. 11 *, Saturday, Oct. 12,

Friday, Oct. 18, Saturday, Oct. 19,

Friday, Oct. 25, Saturday, Oct. 26,

starting at 7 pm each night

* special opening night pricing

Join us in celebrating 10 years of Haunting at the Preston Castle! The Haunt will be even bigger and better this year. Details forthcoming, at www.prestoncastlehaunt.com

Christmas at the Castle

Saturday, December 14, 10 am to 4 pm

President's Message

The winter that would not end. While we all appreciate the abundant rainfall of this past winter, it caused problems for events in May. The Plays on the Patio was rained out completely and was rescheduled for June 8. The Annual Preston Castle Yard Sale was likewise postponed due to predictions of rain on Saturday and heavy rainfall on Sunday. The yard sale has been rescheduled for August 10 and 11. Learn about all of our events on the previous 2 pages, as well as on our website: www.prestoncastle.com

In spite of the unsettled weather public tours began as scheduled on April 6. We have public tours now every Saturday through August, with the exception of Father's Day weekend. The Foundation is blessed with a large number of returning experienced tour docents and several new and eager volunteer docents. Sybil Griffith is coordinating tours and docents. If you are interested in joining us and helping with public tours or private arranged tours feel free to contact Sybil.

The Foundation is also active on a number of projects this year. Several safety upgrades for volunteers and guests are planned for the Castle. Panic hardware for all exit doors will be installed. A number of new cameras for the video security system are being installed to help thwart the ongoing number of unauthorized entries of the grounds and Castle. On that note three teenagers were arrested for breaking into the Castle in May. They were identified by the existing security camera footage.

Jim Bennett built a new stage for our event season. The old stage was the victim of age and a large tree limb falling on it. The stage will host the Plays on the Patio on June 8 and the Amador Arts Council TGIF concert on June 21.

The Foundation is working with a Structural Engineer and a Historic Preservation Architect to design repairs and waterproofing to stop the water seepage that occurs through the front wall of the Castle every winter. This seepage is bad for the foundation of the Castle.

As you can see it is a very busy summer for the Preston Castle. Please join our events as a guest or volunteer to help us in our efforts to save the Preston Castle.

Karl Knoblauch
President

Ione 3rd Graders visit the Preston Castle

On May 30 all of the third grade students from Ione Elementary School visited the Preston Castle. At 8:30 in the morning they left the elementary school headed for the Castle on foot. After an invigorating uphill walk, all sixty plus students, parent chaperones and teachers arrived at the Castle, lead by our Tour Coordinator, Sybil Griffith. Many of our regular tour docents came in to lead the tours for the students and give them the history of the Castle. One of our longtime docents Donnie Page was thrilled to lead the third grade class that included his granddaughter Ellie. The students had a wonderful tour and then marched back down the hill to the elementary school. This walking field trip by the third grade is an annual affair.



Volunteering

Preston Castle is an amazing place to volunteer. Each season brings new and returning volunteers. These volunteers are the backbone of our tours and events. Each one brings with them a special contribution that makes for a pleasant and fulfilling visit to the Castle. Time to mark your calendar for that special event or tour that will complete your summer. Please check our website for all dates and times.



Jim Bennett putting up new patio lights