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Here we are, coming into the home stretch before the holidays and things are really popping here at Big Monkey Group. We have launched our third community magazine, *The Spanos Park Monthly*. Please go check our new addition out on line at www.spanosparkmonthly.com. We are proud to be able to serve more communities in Stockton and hope to build our readership for all of our magazines.

As we expand, we promise to continue to bring you all in-depth, informative and entertaining editorial content highlighting the lifestyles of residents such as yourself while addressing issues important to our community. Without your support, we could not be as successful as we are. So a big thanks to all of you for being a part of the Big Monkey Group.

As you may have noticed, we have had some glitches in some editorial content here and there. Please bear with us as we continue to get settled in. Especially while we expand! I am still learning the in's and out's of the editing field (this was all new to me a few months ago) and we are just now realizing that saving files from my PC and transferring them to my publishers MAC, can sometimes mess up files. Go figure! We think we have that figured out now (crossing fingers and Big Monkey toes) so hopefully we won't have any more big oops! Please continue to let us know when you do find editorial errors. I am always open to good old fashioned constructive criticism.

While you are making the necessary preparations for your traditional Thanksgiving holiday, take a moment and read this month's issue full of neighborhood events and special activities. Big Monkey Group is already planning our December issue and I'd love to hear about the decorated homes and Holiday traditions in our neighborhood that we can share with others. We promise to stay involved in your community and provide the information right here so you won't miss a thing!

-Jennifer Silcocks | Editor

I want to hear from you, do you know a leader in the community, how about a teacher that goes beyond the call of duty? We're looking for story ideas for our 2008 editorial calendar. Give me a call at 209.986.2080 or send me an email at jennifer@bigmonkeygroup.com with your suggestions or story ideas!

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Brookside School Information.

All schools will have a **minimum day on November 5th** and will observe **Veterans Day on November 12th** as well as the week of **November 19th through November 23rd** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Brookside Elementary

They will have their **Scholastic Book Fair Reading Rainforest from November 9th through November 17th**. The PTSA meeting will meet on November 9th at 7:30pm.

Claudia Landeen

The sixth graders are going to **science camp** from November 5th through November 9th. There is an exciting **Variety Show and Spaghetti Dinner set for November 15th**. There are two meetings set for the month,

school site council at **6pm on November 27th** and then at **7pm there is the PTSA Meeting**.

Don Riggio Elementary

The school will be doing a play called **Sandcastles on Nov. 8th and 9th**. This will be produced and preformed by **3rd and 4th grade students**.

Lincoln High

All Seniors will have a chance to **order their cap and gown on November 2nd** from 7:15am through 6pm in the Lincoln HS Theatre Lobby.

Tutoring Available For LHS Students

Students with a **D or F** in Math, English, Science or Social Studies are welcome. **All students are expected to attend at least two sessions a week**. All you need to do is bring your

homework or class assignments. For more information check with LHS office.

Brookside Real Estate Market

For the Month of September, **101 Brookside homes were for sale, 6 are pending, 7 sold, 9 expired and 7 were withdrawn or cancelled**. For properties sold, **average days on the market were 49**, median square footage price was \$202.22, median sold price was \$452,571 and median size was 2238 square feet. Properties currently available are priced from \$270,000-\$2,350,000. *Current market data taken from the San Joaquin County Trend Grapix, courtesy of Sheree Cox, Real Estate Broker, Coldwell Banker Grupe 955-5522.* www.brooksidebroker.com

Your Community Blood Bank

Brookside Blood Bank is facing a shortage of **O negative, B negative and AB negative blood**. If you have any of these types, please come in and donate blood today. 2888 West March Lane.

Some Fall Advice From Quail Lakes Nursery

It is as important now, as any other season, to **fertilize your lawn**. With the weather cooling, so does the soil. Because the temperature of the soil is cooler bacterial growth does not occur. Without bacteria to break down the nitrogen in fertilizer, we must be prudent in changing the fertilizer we are using this time of year. GreenAll Fall and Winter Feed contains nitrate nitrogen which

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An Evening Of Great Wine & Food

Mark your calendars for November 13th! **De Vega Brothers Italian Cuisine** will be hosting an evening of wine, featuring the Central Coast including Paso Robles and Napa Valley. They will also be **servicing up some culinary bliss** for the evening. Space is very limited for this unique event so please call to RSVP at 957-3839, the cost is \$65.00 per person.

Woman's Center Of San Joaquin

2007 Major Gifts Campaign, Ending Fear, Creating Hope. The campaign brings education and awareness to the community, renews donor commitments and establishes new partnerships. The committee will be challenged to **raise \$60,000** over the next several months. The campaign accounts for a generous percentage of the agency's operating budget and is a critical in helping sustain services for the 24,000 plus victims that are served annually. Funds raised through the annual campaign help the Center provide life-changing and often life-saving services to those who would otherwise have no where to turn. We invite you to participate in this year's campaign to help end the fear that victims face, and create hope for a safer community for all of us. As families get ready for the holidays and plan our Thanksgiving meal there are families out there that



Advertising Representative, Rachel Castillo and Big Monkey Group Publisher, Shawn Crary.

A Lot Of Monkey Business Going On

Last month, Big Monkey Group, parent company of *Brookside Monthly Magazine*, attended the Stockton Chamber of Commerce Tradeshow. A special thanks to Zach, a student from Delta Drama who was our mascot for the evening. He handed out bananas and was more fun than a barrel of monkeys! Congratulations to Teresa Brown, Program Developer from California State University, Stanislaus, who stopped by our booth and dropped off her business card and won a \$150 Le Bistro Gift Card! www.bigmonkeygroup.com

don't have money to prepare a regular meal let alone something special. The Woman's Center of San Joaquin are accepting **donation of gift cards to Safeway, Food 4 less, Winco, Food Max in \$25.00 and \$50.00 increments.** For more information, please contact Joelle Gomez or Kate Macek by calling 941-2611.

Just A Sip Away

Did you know that **Wine Styles** is the new place to watch football? **Every Sunday** they have Champagne and appetizers as you watch the game. On **Monday nights** you can catch the game with Valley View Beer and appetizers as you catch the game. For those who prefer wine you can always get that by the glass or bottle! Please call Wine Styles to get more information and times as they can change from week to week. 478-8036

The California Cougars Are Kick'in

Come out and watch your California Cougars this month.

They are playing the **La Raza de Monterey** on November 10th with a game time of 7pm, then on November 17th at 7pm the Cougars are playing **Detroit Ignition** and the last game of the month is against **Philadelphia KiXX** on November 25th at 6:15pm.

For more information you can log onto www.californiacougars.com or call the Stockton Arena at 373-1400.

Stockton Thunder Hope To Put This Month Opponents On Thin Ice

This month the Stockton Thunder will host four teams at the Stockton Arena. The first homestand will be against the **Idaho Steelheads** they play on November 2nd and November 3rd with a 7:30pm start time for both games. **Fresno Falcons** will be next on November 11th at 4pm and November 12th at 7pm. **Alaska Aces** will skate in next on November 21st with a 7pm start time and then on

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November 22nd and 23rd with a 7:30pm start. The last team to play the Stockton Thunder will be the **Utah Grizzlies**. This game will start at 7:30pm on November 24th. For more information you can log onto www.stocktonthunder.com or call the Stockton Arena at 373-1400.

Franklin High School Class Of 1997 10 Year Reunion

November 3rd will be the **10 year reunion for Franklin 1997 graduates**. This event will take place at the **Commercial Exchange Club** 2201 W. Washington St. at 6pm.

For more information you can e-mail questions to franklin97grads@yahoo.com

Disabilities Awareness Fair

November 2nd **The Mayor's Task Force on Persons With Disabilities** is hosting the second annual Disabilities Awareness Fair from 9am - 4pm at the **Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium**. This day will focus on success and discovery of present resources available to maximize abilities through education, information and training. Display tables are available for agencies and organizations serving the needs of disabled individuals. Key Note Speaker & Workshop Presenter: **Cindy Lou Daniels**, Disability Coordinator, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Workshops: **Javier Ramos**, District Attorney Investigator, San Joaquin County District Attorney - Power Against Fraud **Daniel Nuss**, Coordinator, University of the Pacific Services for Students with Disabilities **This event is free and open to the public**. Lunch is available for \$7 per person. Please RSVP for lunch. For more information please call Julie Lalonde at 937-8499 or log onto www.stocktongov.com/disabilities



A Night Of Hilarious Stand Up Comedy With Chelsea Handler

November 2nd As if her good looks and attention-demanding charisma weren't enough, **Chelsea Handler's** skewed outlook on society proves that having a good time can always be justified. This can be seen in her hilarious onstage not so politically correct rants.

Chelsea's standup talent led to her becoming a correspondent for **The Tonight Show with Jay Leno** as well as her starring role in **Oxygen's Girls Behaving Badly** for all four of its seasons. Chelsea currently hosts her own standup/comedy show on E! titled **The Chelsea Handler Show**, and this month she will debut her late night talk show. Show time is 8pm with the doors opening at 7pm. Ticket price is \$28.75 (Additional fees apply). For more information you can log onto www.bobhopetheatre.com

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Trading Card Design Class

A new class begins Saturday, November 3 at **Jagged Lines Imagination Academy**, 4422 N. Pershing, #D24, \$25 for three weekly classes and the times are from 9:30am to 10:30am Are you a gamer or collector? Put your experience into pictures and make your own cards in this class with instructor **Jon Guerzon**. You've got the character, let's play the game! For boys and girls, all ages over 5. All

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Stockton Art League Features Original Photography Of Maria Flumiani

November 10th at 6pm there will be an exhibition of original photographs by **Maria Flumiani** will be on display at the gallery throughout the month of November. The reception which will be including **refreshments and live music, with feature her gallery of photographs**, flanked by galleries of original paintings by other members of the **Stockton Art League**. Maria captures compelling images of outdoor scenes showcased by natural light, and using digital

technology. She is Vice-President of the **Stockton Art League** and Board member of the **Peace & Justice Network** of San Joaquin County. The Stockton Arts League is located at 1902 Pacific Ave for more information you can call 466-6604.

56th Annual Home Tour—Living In Style

The Stockton Branch of the **American Association of University Women** Presents its **56th Annual Home Tour** on November 4th from 10am to 4pm Funds from the event benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation, local scholarships, and branch community projects. **Five distinctive homes will be featured** on the tour this year. They are located in the **Brookside and Country Club** areas of Stockton. The cost of pre-purchased tickets will be

\$25.00. Tickets will be available on the day of the tour for \$30.00. Tickets will be available for pre-purchase at: **Architectural Amenities** on Pacific Avenue's **Miracle Mile**, **C.R. Porter in Lincoln Center**, **Fine Wines of Stockton in South Lincoln Center**, **Larsen's Hallmark in College Square** on March Lane, **Lino Bella** on Pacific Avenue's **Miracle Mile** and **Stockton Floral in Quail Lakes Shopping Center**. AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Membership is open to all women and men who hold a bachelors or higher degree from an accredited college or university. Student affiliate memberships are also available. For more information you can call 951-0604.

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Powerful Teen Manners

November 14th there will be **Manners Classes**. You may know how to say please and thank you, but this class takes things a step further, teaching you how to be comfortable in a variety of situations. Teens that enter the adult world with better social skills will get ahead and stay there. Learn to deal with any situation comfortably, from jobs/job interviews, to formal dinners before prom, job fairs and professional mixers. Table and Dining Etiquette - Be prepared and confident the food for practice included. Classes are from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the **IMPACT Teen Center**, 725 N. El Dorado (one block north of the **Cesar Chavez Library**). Powerful Teen Manners classes are \$20 per workshop (\$4 mate-

rials fee for food during 11/14 class). Register at any **Stockton Parks and Recreation** location. Call 937-8206 or 937-7351 for information.

Stockton Symphony Classics

Spend the evening of November 15th and 17th at the **Atherton Auditorium** at **Delta College** to listen to Symphony Classics with **soprano Aimée Puentes**. Mahler's beloved Fourth captivates us with whimsical sleigh bells, dramatic excursions with passionate climaxes, and a peaceful closing song of Heavenly Life. This Romantic masterwork is introduced by a Classic gem, one of Mozart's crowning symphonic achievements. The event starts at 8pm on both nights. For more information you can call 951-0196 or log onto www.stockton-symphony.org

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Nunsensations!
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LAS VEGAS MUSICAL REVUE

Stockton Civic Theatre Presents Nunsensations!

November 14th through December 9th at the **Stockton Civic Auditorium** watch as the **Nonsense Vegas Revue** takes the sisters on a brand new adventure. When a parishioner volunteers to donate \$10,000.00 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that iwhat happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nonsense show ever! Performing in The Pump Room at the **Mystique Motor Lodge**, the sisters experience show-biz like never before. You'll meet Sin City Sue, find out who's Black and White with Her Money on Red, and try to win a new car with the Holy Rollers Giant Slot Machine. Taking a line from another show, a critic pointed out, It's a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin' on! Nunsensations! is the sixth show in **Dan Goggin's** series of NUNSENSE shows. Rated PG for "A little naughtiness." For more information you can log onto www.sctlivetheatre.org or call 473-2424

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Brookside Developers Host Competition

Fritz and Phyllis Grupe, developers of Brookside, hosted the 2007 CAI-B Shady Oaks at their ranch in Lodi the weekend of October 4 – 7, 2007. They welcomed 47 competitors with nearly 80 horses to the property where they competed over 4 days, in three venues Dressage, Marathon and Cones. The CAI Shady Oaks is the only internationally recognized combined driving event in the western United States, attracting competitors from across the US and Canada. Drivers may compete with a single, tandem, pair or four in hand of horses or ponies. The event was open to the public and in addition to the great horse sporting included a wonderful equestrian flavored Trade Fair and on Saturday featured a live remote with Kitty Cougar from KAT 103. Event dates for 2008 are September 25 – 28th. Division Champions: Preliminary Single Pony – Doris Leacy, AZ; Preliminary Pair Pony – Walter Ashford, CA; Preliminary Single Horse – Anne Hansen, OR; Preliminary Pair Horse – Katherin Dancer, CA; Preliminary Tandem – Jay Hubert, CA; Intermediate Single Pony – Phyllis Grupe, CA; Intermediate Single Horse – Gene Hagberg, CA. International FEI level winners: FEI Single Pony – Tasha Wilkie, USA; FEI Pair Pony – Merrie Morgan, USA; FEI Single Horse – Leslie Berndt, USA; FEI Pair Horse – Fritz Grupe, USA and FEI Horse Multiples – Josh Rector, USA.

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The Nutcracker Ballet Returns

Embrace the holiday spirit as P.O.P.A., and Ballet San Joaquin come together with the beauty and tradition of The Nutcracker Ballet. The magic of the holiday season comes alive with the music and dancing mice, dolls, snowflakes, soldiers, and of course the Nutcracker and Clara, and the many other characters of this beloved fairy tale. **Directed by Dorothy Percival**, this Christmas favorite cast includes local children and adults.

Ballet San Joaquin is the county's premiere dance company providing Stockton, Tracy, Lodi, and surrounding areas with quality dance performances. They are proudly affiliated with the Professional Organization for Performing Arts (P.O.P.A. Inc.). Their non-profit status offers many businesses within the community a unique opportunity to support local arts.

A performance is scheduled in Sonora on Saturday, December 8th at 6:30pm at **Sonora High School**. There will be two performances in Stockton on Friday, December 14th at 1:30pm and 7:30pm at the **Faye Spanos Concert Hall**. Ticket prices are \$25/adults, \$16/children, and \$16/senior. Tickets for the Stockton performance are available at: Pacific Box Office (UOP), 1040 Dave Brubeck Way, Stockton, Ca 95211, also by phone (209) 946-2474, or on-line www.stocktonnutcracker.com

Run And Walk Against Hunger

November 25th there will be a **5K and 10K Run and Walk Against Hunger**, starts at 8am in the **Stockton Ports Baseball Park**, loops the scenic deep

water Channel and **downtown Stockton**. It finishes at the ballpark's home plate. 2,000 serious runners, family runners and walkers expected; and, special 1/2 mile Kid's Run/Walk for children 9 and under. This event benefits the **Emergency Food Bank of Greater Stockton**. For more information you can log onto www.stocktonfoodbank.org or call 464-7369.

San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber Of Commerce

Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Business Conference "Meet the Buyers," Saturday, November 3, 9am to 2pm at **San Joaquin Worknet** located at 56 S. Lincoln Street, Stockton. Topics include: Procurement Workshop, Buyers of Corporations & Government Agencies, How to Become a Certified Business Owner. For more information, call 943-6117.



Ozzy Osbourne & Rob Zombie

November 16th enjoy an evening with **Ozzy Osbourne** and **Rob Zombie** at the **Stockton Arena**. Show stats at 7:30pm for more information you can visit www.stocktonarena.com

Ice On The Delta Moves To New Location

Outdoor holiday fun moves to DeCarli Waterfront Square (at Channel and El Dorado) when Ice on the Delta begins Saturday, November 24.

River City Bank will sponsor this year's eight-week outdoor holiday skating event. The new venue will feature concessions, a birthday party tent, and the city's user-friendly synthetic skating surface (great for the kids - no wet and cold spills!).

Admission is \$5 per session, including skates. Skate sessions begin every hour beginning at 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays and Tuesdays through Fridays at 5 p.m. from November 24 through January 21. The last skate sessions are at 7 p.m. Sundays, at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday

and at 9 p.m. Fridays and

Saturdays. Ice on the Delta will feature an expanded session schedule December 23 through January 6 and will remain open after the winter break through January 21.

Tuesdays are Family Fun Days at Ice on the Delta. Family members buy three skate admissions and receive one free skate admission. Wednesdays are Grandparents Day. All grandparents accompanied by their grandchildren skate for free.

On Friday, December 11, it's Karaoke Night. Dress for the weather, warm up your vocal chords and sing for prizes on the rink during the 7, 8 and 9 p.m. skate sessions.

On Corny Christmas Sweater Day, Friday, December 21, put on your corniest Christmas

sweater and show it off for prizes during the 7, 8 or 9 p.m. skate sessions.

For 70's Night, Friday, December 28, put on your disco styles and skate to the groovy



sounds of the 1970's all night long. Prizes for the best 1970's styles and fashions on the rink will be awarded during the 7, 8 and 9 p.m. sessions.

In January, look for Crazy Hair and Hat Day, Saturday, January 12 and 80's Night,

Saturday, January 19. A series of high school spirit nights is also planned, starting with McNair High School Night Thursday, November 29. Students, faculty and staff of the night's school will receive half off admission with current school ID during the 7 p.m. session. Awards will be given at the end of the event for the highest student body and highest faculty/staff attendance on the rink. A complete schedule of Ice on the Delta skate sessions and a list of theme nights can be viewed online at: www.stockton.gov/iceonthedelta.

For more information on Ice on the Delta or to book a skate session reservation for your business, agency or group, call Stockton Parks and Recreation at (209) 937-8099.

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Delta College Hosts Nearly New Sale

The Fashion Club at Delta College is once again hosting its popular semi-annual Nearly New Sale! This year, the event will be a two-day sale on Friday and Saturday, December 2nd and 3rd, from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday and from 8 am to 2 pm on Saturday! This sale features brand new and nearly new apparel, shoes, and accessories for men, women and children of all ages and sizes, as well as home décor items and personal care items for sale at a fraction of the retail prices. The most popular items include jeans for \$5 and up, t-s for as low as \$1. In past sales, the inventory was donated by many retailers and manufacturers, including San Francisco manufacturers like Westonwear, Two Star Dog, Cut Loose; New York manufacturers like Kenneth Cole and Carsten's Leather and retailers from Lincoln Center,

including Stage Two, Gary Long's Jewelers, Galetti's, Spike's, Boggiano's, CR Porter; and local retailers like Pret, City Girl, Fashion Safari, Sierra Adventure Outfitters, Top Fashion, The Perfect Fit, Cottage Rose, Vanessa's Bridal, Wish List and Simply Charming. Apparel for sale includes t-s, jeans, pants, skirts, dresses, men's jackets, sweats and workout wear; home décor items will include candles, candleholders, framed art, bedding/bath linens, tabletop accessories and more. Accessories for sale includes handbags, belts, scarves, fine and costume jewelry, shows. Many items have never been used and still have tags attached, and all items will be sold well below retail prices.. Many items are well known designer brands and are either currently in fashion or are of vintage quality.

Any items that are not sold on the day of the sale will be donated to local charities, including the American Cancer Society, Goodwill and the Stockton Shelter.

The event is one of several fundraisers hosted by the Fashion Club, a non-profit student organization of San Joaquin Delta College. Proceeds from fundraisers help pay for educational costs and field trips to local and national industry centers, including the annual New York Fashion Industry Tour in June, where students get the opportunity to meet with industry professionals, such as designers, forecasters, stylists, buyers and others from such companies as Ralph Lauren., Bergdorf Goodman, Henri Bendel's, Kate Spade, and Kenneth Cole, The Fashion Club is a student organization com-

prised of and run by students studying fashion. Other events conducted by these students to raise needed funds include annual art and gift fairs, held in the fall and spring, candy sales and garage sales. The fashion students also participate in philanthropic endeavors, such as the Annual American Heart Walk and the Care Dinner at Delta College.

The Nearly New Sale will be held in Danner Hall, which is located in the center of the Delta College campus (maps are posted throughout the campus to help eager shoppers find their way). The students and staff welcome the public to the Delta College campus for a beautiful fall day of shopping. Admission is free.

For additional information, please contact Leslie Asfour, Fashion and Interiors Program Coordinator at 954-5573.



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Tiara Stovall, Opera Guild's 2007 Scholarship award winner.

A Brand New Vision

By Jennifer Silcocks & Photos By Shawn Cray

Thirty-two years ago, nine women met in the home of founder Marietta Atherton and formed "The Stockton Opera Guild" to work in partnership with the Stockton Opera Association promoting public interest in opera. Today, that small group has grown to 25 members, determined and eager to keep opera alive and vibrant in Stockton. The extraordinary and enthusiastic members of the Guild provide important financial support through a variety of fund raising events. This year marks a very special beginning for the Stockton Opera Guild and its new President Judy Goldstrand

who has had a new vision for the Stockton Opera Guild since becoming President. One of Judy's visions as President was to start a Speakers Series where she brings in people to speak in front of the Opera Guild members at their monthly meetings at Le Bistro. This past month, she brought in Peter Jaffe who of course was a huge hit. At the meeting, they also spoke about their upcoming season kick-off event.

The annual Opera Season Kick-off event will be held on Thursday evening, November 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Brookside Country Club. The Curtain Goes Up featuring Stockton Symphony Director Peter Jaffe, who is entering his thirteenth season as music director for the

Stockton Symphony, and soprano Tiara Stovall will provide the entertainment. Fine wines and hors d'oeuvres will be served during the reception.

Tiara Stovall was the Stockton Opera Guild's 2007 Scholarship award winner and is a graduate of the University of Missouri-St. Louis where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Music with an emphasis in Vocal Performance. Shortly before relocating to Stockton, Tiara participated in Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's opera production of Trial by Jury and was also winner of their Concerto/Aria competition. Tiara is presently singing with Sacramento Opera Company, and the Townsend Opera Players, with whom she will debut as Clara in their February production of Porgy and Bess. She is also the 1st place winner of the 2007 Stockton Opera Guild Young Artist Competition.

Another one of Judy's visions will come to light during the reception where The Stockton Opera Guild will honor past president and charter member Kathe Underwood by re-naming their annual scholarship program for her. Kathe has provided many years of service and financial support of Opera and the Arts in Stockton and new president Judy Goldstrand had a vision of renaming the Stockton Opera scholarship after Kathe Underwood since her inception. Kathe Underwood is a shining example of what one person can do in a growing community as a giver, as a mentor and as a one who has shaped the music scene in her community for decades. Beginning this year, the program will be named the iStockton Opera Guild Kathe Underwood Scholarship.

Tickets for the event are \$45.00 per person.

For additional information phone: 957-0107

Interested in Genealogy?

The San Joaquin Genealogical Society will feature Bill Maxwell as their speaker on Thursday, November 15th. He is the curator of Bank of Stockton pictorial Archives. He will speak on what is available in the archives, and also explain how we can preserve our own pictures and genealogical files, for future generations.

The Society meets at Brookside LDS Church, (800 Brookside Road, Stockton) at the Southeast corner of the building. Meetings start at 7 p.m. We welcome all who are interested in Genealogy.

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