

At a Glance:

What: Fisherman's Wharf Association Presents the 11th Annual Whalefest Monterey

When: Tuesday – Friday, January 26-29, 2021 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm streamed for free

Where: There will be several ways to access the programming. Go to montereywharf.com for links.

Websites: www.montereywharf.com and www.whalefest.org will feature program schedule and background information on the presentations and music

About:

Whalefest Monterey 2021 is a free virtual video event held over four evenings, January 26-29, 2021 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. In place of the traditional scientific Symposium, exhibits, entertainment and activities around Fisherman's Wharf; each night's program features a variety of fascinating talks and cutting-edge presentations by world-renowned scientists; videos from local marine, environment and sustainability-oriented non-profits sharing their goals, research and activities; history walks, arts and crafts demonstrations, an eclectic array of mostly original music performances, and more for all ages.

The event will be live-streamed each night. For links, go to the Whalefest page at www.montereywharf.com. Afterwards, it will be posted on the Whalefest You Tube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKT222sMxS9PK30L7_3_Crg?sub_confirmation=1

About the program

This year's program will have presentations about Minke whales, dolphins and porpoises, leatherback turtles, intertidal gastropods, orcas, and amazing creatures from the deep sea. Other topics cover new ways to prevent whale entanglements, the latest developments in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and the connection between vineyards and the ocean environment. A final treat explains the art and science of whale song and how to compose with whales.

Local non-profits will share their research and activities covering marine mammal rescues, tiny creatures in Elkhorn Slough, mighty condors in Big Sur, sea otters, and killer whales. Learn how to get involved in beach cleanups, learn to surf, or operate underwater ROVs.

Local history will come alive with stories about the native people of Monterey, the whaling days, fishing and the sardine industry, and all about abalone, including a tour of today's abalone farm. Arts and craft demonstrations illustrate the art of scrimshaw and the ancient Japanese way of gyotaku.

Musicians provide original entertainment in between presentations and there will be lots of gorgeous footage of local sea mammals to view.