

# FUN IN THE SUN

## If you're looking for parties loud or cultures proud, here are some ideas

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**L**OOKING FOR something fun to do this summer? Despite appearances, there are a few other things besides the U.S. Open happening in and around town. Here's a small sampling of the various offerings of local festivals and fairs.

### ■ Culture and Art

Happy birthday to the Carmel Valley Garden Club's annual flower show. It's nothing to sneeze at as it celebrates its golden anniversary with the theme, "50 Years of Flower Power." Organizers say the event, to be held May 4-5 at Hidden Valley Music Seminars, will reflect "both the enduring power of plants to delight us, and the club's sustained commitment to improving Carmel Valley." Free activities and exhibits suitable for young and old alike, live music and vendors will help guests join in the fun. Find more info at cvgardclub.org.

Garden and architecture lovers also enjoy Carmel Heritage Society's self-guided house tour, held at various locations throughout Carmel on June 22. So far, there are three confirmed houses — the Frank Lloyd Wright house, Harmony House (home of Bach Festival founders Denise Denney and

Hazel Watson), and Tres Pinos. Local noted architect Robert Littell will also be featured. For tickets and more information, drop in to carmelheritage.org.

The Carmel Art Association's 26th annual show and plein air painting competition comes to town May 17-19. Once more, you can enjoy sculpture in Devenshof Park, live music, and an opportunity for children to make their own masterpieces. Check it out at carmelartfestivalcalifornia.com.

Not to be outdone, Carmel Valley Art & Wine Celebration will be held at various locations throughout Carmel Valley Village on June 22. The beautiful works of sculpture, photographs, jewelry and paintings will be complemented by local wineries and food booths from favorites like Roux and Jerome's Carmel Valley Market. See more info at carmelvalleyartandwine.com.

The Feast of Lanterns is a longtime tradition in Pacific Grove, celebrated the last week in July — this year from the 20th-27th. Old-fashioned parades, live entertainment, yoga with the festival's royal court and plenty of other family activities culminate with a pageant at Lovers Point. Proceed to feast-of-lanterns.org for more.

On Aug. 3-4, the Monterey County Fairgrounds will be filled with the sounds of bagpipes and the smell of haggis, but go anyway. The 52nd annual Monterey Scottish Games

and Celtic Festival feature colorfully costumed re-enactors, games that once helped train Scots for battle, and whisky tasting seminars.

Although they're in October, the Language Capital of the World's cultural festival (Sunday, Oct. 6, [lccwfest.com](http://lccwfest.com)) and the Old Fisherman's Wharf birthday party (Oct. 13, [montereywharf.com](http://montereywharf.com)) both take advantage of our warm summer weather to celebrate DLI's students and teachers and the historic home of fishing in the Monterey Bay.

### ■ Things that go zoom in the day

The Quail Motorcycle Gathering returns to Quail Lodge on May 4. For motorcycle lovers, there's nothing more glorious than wandering the lawn in the sun and bikes from all

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