

TIP OF MY TONGUE

## Valentine's brunch at Keller Estate

Keller Estate is bringing back its brunch tasting menu next month. Take in the sweeping views of Keller's vineyard and olive grove, while Chef Richard Visconte prepares a unique Valentine's Day menu.

Each month's brunch will focus on a different theme. This month, it's a nod to a favorite local delicacy, mushrooms. February's brunch is perfectly paired with a flight of Keller wines, including Brut Bubbles, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. If you have not yet visited Keller Estates off Lakeville Highway and Cannon Lane/Mangle Ranch Road, this is a perfect opportunity to do something special for your sweetie, and see one of Petaluma's true gems.

Seatings are at 10 a.m. and noon on Feb. 13 and 14. Tickets are \$40 per person, but Ana Keller has graciously extended a 15 percent discount online at [www.kellerestate.com](http://www.kellerestate.com), using the code HEART-KELLER.

### Crab feeds

As mid-December coastal waters cooled, my optimism ran high for the impending Dungeness crab season, but alas, our crab boats are still moored due to a persistent high level of neurotoxin in the water. But don't fret. If you love Dungeness, they are plentiful right now in cooler waters of Oregon and Washington, and are being shipped in for our Petaluma crab feeds. Check these clubs' websites for the most current info:

Petaluma 7-11 Lions Club, 5 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Petaluma Veterans Building.

Boys & Girls Club, 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Lucchesi Park Clubhouse.

Pacific Empire Chorus, 5 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Petaluma Veterans Building.

Petaluma Woman's Club, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at 518 B St.

Rotary Club of Petaluma, 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Petaluma Veterans Building.

### Barber Cellars

As promised, Barber Cellars tasting room has its first Cheesemaker Night on the calendar. On Jan. 29 at 6 p.m., Barber will host Sonoma County favorite, Redwood Hill Farm.



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The \$20 ticket price includes a healthy dose of four Redwood Hill Farm cheeses, accompanied by salami and prosciutto from Zoe's Meats, as well as two glasses of Barber's excellent wine.

You can also purchase and bring home everything you taste, in case you want to snack on more later. Seating is limited. Check their website, [www.barbercellars.com](http://www.barbercellars.com), in order to secure a spot. Barber Cellars is located at 112 Washington Street in the Hotel Petaluma building.

### 2016 Artisan Cheese Festival

On the weekend of March 26-28, Petaluma will again host California's Artisan Cheese Festival. Back for a 10th year, the fest is bigger and better this year.

The event offers farm tours, brunches, dinners, chef throw-downs, educational seminars and the ever popular Sunday tasting and marketplace. This year even includes some farm tours of Sacramento-area artisan cheese makers. Tours sell out early — one is already completely booked — so don't wait to make a reservation.

### The Block, on Kickstarter

Developers behind The Block, [www.theblockpetaluma.com](http://www.theblockpetaluma.com), are moving forward with plans to build a food truck marketplace on East Washington Street, behind Autozone, in the shadow of Dairyman's feed mill. A one-stop location for craft food and drinks, the location will have a clubhouse taproom, indoor and outdoor dining and socializing areas and play area for the kids, in addition to a lot full of unique

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food trucks.

The Block's Kickstarter campaign runs through the end of January but people have been signing up fast for the limited spots. Although getting your name on their donor page and plaques is neat, the good stuff is the invite

to the pre-launch party and the beer club subscriptions.

Contribute \$100 and you'll get a free pint of beer every time you visit The Block for the first six months they are open. For just \$50 more, you can extend that free pint to a full year.

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