

# *La Dolce Vita*

Wine Country Garden Party

Saturday, May 13 • 4-8 pm

FERRARI-CARANO  
*Vineyards and Winery*



A benefit for  
cloverdale *arts* alliance

[www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org](http://www.cloverdaleartsalliance.org)

## *Welcome letter from the CAA President*

For twenty-one years, the Cloverdale Arts Alliance has enriched the communities of northern Sonoma County by providing year-round events. Most people know us for our awesome summer-long concert series, Friday Night Live at the Plaza. Perhaps less well known is the eclectic array of events and classes we offer the other three seasons of the year.

Our beautiful Gallery on North Cloverdale Boulevard features an ever-changing display of works by regional artists. And, on many evenings, it is transformed into a hot music venue featuring THE Jazz Club, Blues Night, Americana Night, and music workshops.

We have been honored to collaborate with the Cloverdale Unified School district music program to support a vibrant music program for every student in our public schools.

Additionally, Cloverdale Arts Alliance offers numerous classes to feed your mind and soul, including hands-on art and music classes, as well as wine and art appreciation classes.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our community of donors. Thank you so much for joining us for our first post-pandemic fundraiser. You can always count on the Cloverdale Arts Alliance to bring a full range of artistic experiences to our community.



*Steve Tellez*  
President, Board of Directors

## ***Schedule of Evening***

*~times approximate~*

***4:00 - Opening Reception***

***6:00 - Silent Auction closes***

***6:00 - Live Auction***

***6:30 - Food served & Live Music***

***8:00 - Event Concludes***

## **Gala Giving: 5 Great Ways to Give**

### **1. Bid on Silent Auction:**

Snap up deals on dozens of luxury items, including premium wine, wine and food experiences, art, entertainment, and accommodations.

### **2. Purchase your spot at a fun and memorable *Buy-In Party!***

### **3. Win at the Live Auction:**

Bid on 4 fabulous live lots, including an Italian Villa stay, Afternoon on the Bay, Weeklong stay in Tahoe and a Paella Party at your house!

### **4. Raise your paddle in support of the Cloverdale Arts Alliance.**

### **5. Click “Donation” at the bottom of the online ticketing page and make a donation of any amount - large or small, it all makes a difference!**

## ***Special thanks to the following:***

*Ferrari-Carano & Foley Family Wines!*  
*Sam Sayad, Alexandra O’Gorman & Katie Andrews*

### **Emcee/Auctioneer:**

*James Gore*

### **Event Caterers:**

*Diavola Pizzeria & Salumeria*  
*Foley Family Wines Culinary Team*

### **Entertainment:**

*Steve Pile Band*

### **Audio Engineer:**

*Glenn Dennler/Audio North*

### **Auction Committee:**

*Beverley Madden*  
*Chris & Alexandra O’Gorman*  
*Dan Richert*  
*Drew Damskey*  
*Laura Drake*  
*Nancy Harris Dalwin*  
*Steve Tellez*  
*Sue & Mark Tharrington*



# Live Auction Items

## *Live Lot 1: Paella Party Brought to you*

### *Exclusive Paella Party in your garden!*

This is a one-of-a-kind experience for up to 14! We will provide a fabulous Paella Dinner Party prepared by Cloverdale Arts Alliance Executive Director, Mark Tharrington and his band of merry people, including, sous-chef Rich Schaefer. Dinner also includes appetizers, and delectable desserts from acclaimed chef Amy Schaefer. We will serve fine local wines to enhance the flavors of this savory dinner, and to top it off you will be entertained with music provided by Steve Tellez and friends, who will serenade you with an assortment of acoustic favorites! This promises to be a most memorable and intimate evening in the sanctuary of your own beautiful garden! Do not miss out on this one!

**Date & Time:** By mutual agreement

**Value:** Priceless

**Minimum Bid:** \$1,000



## ***Live Lot 2: Relaxing Lake Tahoe Cabin with High End Hot Tub -1 Week Stay***

Up to 7 days and nights at a cozy cabin in Tahoma. The home comes with easy access to Lake Tahoe (10-minute walk) with a beach - perfect for kids of any age. Tahoma is next door to Homewood ski area and within an easy drive of Palisade Tahoe and Northstar. The area's natural beauty can be seen at Tahoe State Recreation Area and Ed Z'berg Sugar Pine Point State Park, while Hellman-Ehrman Mansion and Tahoe Maritime Museum are cultural highlights. The cabin has 3 beds, 2 baths and sleeps 6 guests. Midweek to midweek rental based on availability. Expires 5/14/24. The cleaning fee will be covered by the donor.

**Donated by: Rich & Amy Schaefers**

**Value: \$5,600**

**Minimum Bid: \$1,000**



### ***Live Lot 3: A Day on the Bay***

Iconic San Francisco Bay experience for 8. Gather your friends and spend an afternoon cruising around the beautiful San Francisco Bay with captain Ron Longo and his crew, on a classic 42', 2019 Grand Banks Classic Yacht, hand built in Singapore. Enjoy a barbecue wagyu beef lunch with premium, vintage wines, followed by a private concert from the Longo Tellez band. This is truly a unique experience!

**Donated by: Ron & Christel Longo**

**Value: \$3,800**

**Minimum Bid: \$1,000**



## ***Live Lot 4: One Week at an Italian Villa, up to 13 Guests***

One week in La Pietra, a villa on the border of Tuscany and Umbria, with six double bedrooms and four bathrooms, an infinity pool, and many other amenities. This classically restored stone villa sits on a 155-acre estate, 30 minutes east of Cortona. Experience the deep pleasures of Umbrian country life in a location of extraordinary natural beauty with easy proximity to some of Italy's richest artistic, culinary and cultural treasures. Situated high on a hilltop with views of castles, woods and rolling farmland, the property is within easy distance of ancient hill towns famous for art, wine, wild mushrooms and the mystical traditions of Saint Francis. [www.altabella.com](http://www.altabella.com)

**Donated by: Altabella Italian Properties**

**Value: \$6,000**

**Minimum Bid: \$2,500**



# ***Buy-In Parties***

## ***What is a Buy-in party?***

***It's a ready-made party. Just buy-in and show up!***

Unlike the highest bidder winning items in the silent auction, everyone who signs up for a buy-in party is a winner. If a party is for 20 guests, then 20 people will be allowed to buy this item for the stated price. The item is open as long as space remains. Each entrant will be charged the same per person fee, as stated in the buy-in party description. If you want to buy more than one seat, indicate the number you are buying.

Each buy-in party has a specific date, time, and location. It is a ready-made party for you and your friends and an excellent way to meet new people and experience many wonderful venues in and around Cloverdale.

***Don't hesitate. These fun events are sure to sell out fast!***

### ***Buy In #1: First Growths and Dumplings***

Incredible bottles of beautifully aged Bordeaux paired with amazing dumplings!

The wines are from the cellar of Winemaker Drew Damsky (Palmeri), who feels they will be best shared with friends and soon to be friends. The wine menu includes 1983 Chateau Latour, 1998 Chateau Ausone, and 2015 Chateau Mouton Rothschild, whose combined value exceeds \$2,500.

Chef Scott Felgner (French Laundry's culinary garden, Brickmaiden Breads) will prepare the dumplings. Scott's mother is from Taiwan, so a lot of the food he grew up eating were steamed dumplings. You will be left thinking.... *Mother of God! That was delicious!*

**Date/Time: Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 6-10:30 p.m.**

**Maximum 10 guests**

**Cost: \$200 per person**

**Location: To be determined**

**Restrictions: Must be 21 years or older to attend**



## ***Buy-In Party #2: Ska-B-Que Pool Party***

Hosts Chris & Alexandra O’Gorman welcome you to this island-themed pool party. Co-hosts include “semi-pro” partiers Mark & Sue Tharrington, Gordon Drake, Andrea Poggetto, and Dan Richert.

Grab your bikini and come “chillax” in the pool while DJ Gordy spins old skool Ska, Reggae and Calypso dance grooves. The burr in the background is the blender, as your new favorite bartender concocts tasty, tropical frozen cocktails. Delicious and plentiful island-themed food served hot off the grill. Door prize for the “most casually dressed” and poolside cornhole round out this memorable summer afternoon!

**Date/Time:** Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 2 to 6 p.m.

**Maximum 40 guests**

**Cost:** \$100 per person

**Location:** O’Gorman residence, 435 N Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale

**Restrictions:** *Must be 21 years or older to attend*



### ***Buy-In Party #3:***

### ***Collectible Whiskeys from Around the World ~ A Tasting***

This is an incredible opportunity to attend a curated tasting of an eclectic collection of rare and collectible whiskeys from around the world. The current market value of these whiskeys approaches \$2,500.

*Van Winkle 12 yr (Bourbon)*

*Balvenie Sherry Cask 15 year (Scotch)*

*Jameson 18 year (Irish)*

*Middleton Very Rare 2016 (Irish)*

*Rampur Double Cask Single Malt (Indian)*

*Komagatake Single Malt 2018 (Japanese)*

**Date/Time: Saturday, October 14, 2023, starting at 6:30 p.m.**

**Maximum 16 guests**

**Cost: \$125 per person**

**Location: To be determined**

***Restrictions: Must be 21 years or older to attend***





