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In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month 2012

The House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros

September - November 2012 Events

Fri. Sept. 7, 5pm — ***EXHIBIT OPENING***

First Friday: Latination 4, a juried art exhibit dedicated to celebrating and exploring Latino life featuring paintings, ceramics, sculptures, photography and glass. Art pieces will be on display during the month of September. *FREE. Metro Galleries, 1604 19th St., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 634-9598.*

Thurs. Sept. 13, 11am — ***KICK-OFF EVENT***

Kickoff for the 2012 One Book Read will feature special guest speakers, scenes from the play version, and a tour of the historic Noriega House. *FREE. Noriega House, 1325 Baker Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305 (661) 633-9016.*

Thurs. Sept. 13, 6pm — ***EXHIBIT OPENING***

Paul Strand: The Mexican Portfolio – Bakersfield Museum of Art presents one of the towering figures of American 20th century photography. *The Strand* exhibit features twenty images depicting the landscapes, people, architectures and religious objects he encountered in Mexico in the early 1930s. *$5 adults; $4 seniors; $2 students. Bakersfield Museum of Art, 1930 R Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 (661) 323-7219.*

Mon. Sept 17 – Nov 19 / Wed. Sept 19 - Nov 21, 7pm — ***WRITING WORKSHOPS***

The (In)Visible Memoirs Project Bakersfield – Nick Belardes of Random Writers will teach two 20-hour workshops in which participants will write either prose or poetry, detail scenes from their lives & learn memoir writing techniques. *Limited seating; for full workshop information & fees please contact nickbelardes@yahoo.com for details; location TBA.*

Thurs. Sept. 27, 7pm — ***BILINGUAL DRAMATIC READINGS***

An Evening of Celebration / Una Noche de Celebracion – Latina Leaders celebrate the inspiring language of The House on Mango Street with an evening of selected bilingual vignettes from the book performed in both English and Spanish; refreshments will be served prior to the event. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

Thurs. Oct. 11, 6pm — ***LATINA PANEL DISCUSSION***

Local Latina Success Stories: Why This is Now the 'Norm' – Add your voice to an important community conversation about overcoming life's obstacles, traditional roles, and achieving career success with local leaders Olivia Garcia, Editor - *Bakersfield Life Magazine*; Irma Cervantes, Television Host - Univision; Ida Tagliente, Interim Executive Director - Kern Adult Literacy Council; & Maria Mercado, Director - play version *The House on Mango Street. FREE. Russo's Books at The Marketplace, 9000 Ming Ave., Bakersfield CA 93311 (661) 665-1643.*

Sat. Oct. 13, 10:30 & 3pm — ***MUSIC & STORYTELLING***

Poetas de Cultura – Celebrate the rich heritage of Mexico with musician and storyteller, Martin Espino in a nontraditional, interactive performance which will appeal to all ages. *FREE. 10:30am - Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 East Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest CA 93555 (760) 384-5870.*
FREE. 3pm – Tehachapi Branch Library, 1001 West Tehachapi Blvd., Suite A-400, Tehachapi CA 93561 (661) 822-4938.

Sun. Oct 14, 7am-12pm — ***HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR***

Binational Health & Resource Fair – A series of activities including workshops, insurance referrals, vaccinations, and medical screenings; part of a large mobilization effort in the Americas to improve the health and well-being of the Latino population. *FREE. Hosking Avenue Swap Meet, 1000 E. Hosking Ave., Bakersfield CA 93307 (661) 868-0203.*

Sun. Oct. 14, 10am-5pm — ***CULTURAL FESTIVAL***

Guelaguetza 2012 – A festival celebrating Oaxacan indigenous culture with folkloric dance, music, art, crafts, and food. For more information, please visit upbj.org. *$7 admission fee; children under 12 free; with free parking. CSUB Outdoor Amphitheatre, 9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield CA 93311 (661)778-9159.*

Mon. Oct. 15, 7pm — ***AUTHOR VISIT***

Evening with the Author – Bakersfield College Foundation presents a visit with Sonia Nasario, author of *Enrique's Journey*. It is the story of a teen boy left alone in Honduras by his mother at age five. After eleven years alone, he set off to find her in the U.S. by making a dangerous trek up Mexico clinging to the sides and tops of trains. *FREE. Bakersfield College - Forum East, 1801 Panorama Dr., Bakersfield CA 93305 (661) 395-4011.*

Thurs. Oct. 18, 7pm — ***POETRY SLAM COMPETITION***

Mango Street Poetry Slam – Local poets and writers are invited to compete in a poetry slam inspired by the themes of *The House on Mango Street*; cash prize offered. Art Exhibit 7pm / Poetry Slam 8pm. The Art Show, *Windows on Mango Street*, will feature local artists inspired by the book's themes; window art will serve as the set design and will be available for sale. Poetry Slam is for mature audiences; refreshments will be served. *$10 admission fee or $5 for Poetry Slam competitors. The Empty Space Theatre, 706 Oak Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304. For more information, please contact Kevin Shah at (661) 832-8112 or themelaman@yahoo.com.*

Sat. Oct. 20, 1pm — ***FICTION WRITING WORKSHOP***

Rites of Passage: Writing Coming of Age Stories – Join local notable author Nick Belardes from Random Writers Workshop for a working fiction writing session based on the coming of age themes from *The House on Mango Street*. How do you reflect the turmoil, joy, pain, surprise, confusion, and exhilaration felt in adolescence in your writing? Does ethnicity affect your storytelling? The workshop focus will be on ethnic and coming of age storytelling; be prepared to write and discuss. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Tejon Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

Sat. Oct. 20, 2pm — ***DRAMATIC READINGS & DISCUSSION***

Mango Street Vignettes – Celebrate the inspiring poetic language of *The House on Mango Street* with an afternoon of selected vignettes; followed by audience discussion and Q&A. *FREE. Tehachapi Branch Library, 1001 West Tehachapi Blvd., Suite A-400, Tehachapi CA 93561 (661) 822-4938.*

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Tues. Oct. 23, 4pm — ***BOOK DISCUSSION***

A Place Called Home – Teens and adults are invited to join a unique book discussion focusing on the central themes of *The House on Mango Street*: the power of one's home to define who they are and what they become, especially in today's vagabond society. Conversation leaders will be Thomas G. Robinson, Russo's Books and Mark Olsen, Independence High School. *FREE. Russo's Books at The Marketplace, 9000 Ming Ave., Bakersfield CA 93311 (661) 665-1643.*

Thurs. Oct. 25, 4pm — ***CHILDREN'S ART EVENT***

Art in the Afternoon: Draw Your Home – Children will create their vision of home, will learn various art techniques and expand their creativity; fun for the entire family. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Children's Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

Thurs. Oct. 25, 8pm — ***DRAMATIC MONOLOGUES***

Mango Street Monologues: Local Lives - An ensemble of local performers will express the themes of *Mango Street* in monologues reflecting their own life experiences; evening will also feature art, music, refreshments and is for mature audiences. *$10.00 admission fee. The Empty Space Theatre, 706 Oak Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304. For more information, please contact Kevin Shah at (661) 832-8112.*

Fri. Oct. 26, 6pm — ***DRAMATIC READINGS***

Personal Stories – Local writers will be presenting scenes from their own lives in poetry and prose as well as excerpts from *The House on Mango Street*. Dramatic readers are from Nick Belardes' Random Writing Workshop and The (in)Visible Memoirs Project Bakersfield, a unique anthology project made possible through Memoir Journal Inc. and a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

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Sat. Oct. 27, 11am — ***WRITING WORKSHOP***

Creative Writing Inspired by The House on Mango Street – Explore your creativity through reading selected vignettes in *The House on Mango Street* and be inspired to write your own poetry, prose, and brief vignettes; be prepared to write and discuss. Workshop led by Kern County writer and teacher Kevin Shah. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Tejon Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

Thurs. Nov. 1 – Sat. Nov. 17, 8pm — ***PLAY / LIVE THEATRE***

The House on Mango Street – The play version of the acclaimed book written by Sandra Cisneros and adapted for the stage by Amy Ludwig. Local actors will bring the central heroine Esperanza and the other memorable characters from the book vividly alive; all ages welcomed. Play produced by Thomas G. Robinson, tgrJams Productions, and directed by Maria Mercado. *$18 admission fee; $15 children under 12; call for additional admission prices. The Spotlight Theatre, 1622 19th St., Bakersfield CA 93301 (661) 665-1643.*

Fri. Nov. 2, 4pm — ***CULTURAL CELEBRATION***

Día De Los Muertos Expo – A Mexican cultural event featuring community shrines, live music, folkloric dancers, poets, painters, puppeteers, and other performing artists. The public is encouraged to masquerade in skull theme. *FREE. Golden State Mall, 3201 F Street, Bakersfield CA 93301 (661) 345-5842.*

Fri. Nov. 2, 5pm — ***CULTURAL CELEBRATION***

Altares De Familia: A Día De Los Muertos Celebration – The evening in the gardens will feature beautifully designed family altars, authentic Mexican cuisine, regional music and dance acts, crafts, vendor booths and much more. *$1 admission fee, children under 6 free. Bakersfield Museum of Art, 1930 R St., Bakersfield CA 93301 (661) 323-7219.*

Sat. Nov. 3, 11am or 1pm — ***MEXICAN GENEALOGY LECTURES***

Genealogy of Mexican Heritage – Researcher Alicia Davila De Laurie will describe the search for her family roots portrayed in her book *The Cactus on My Forehead, Your Mexican Heritage.* The book illustrates and reveals the Mexican qualities of perseverance, strong cultural values, and family ties. After both lectures, Kern County Genealogical Society members will be available to help participants start their own family history research. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Tejon Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA (661) 868-0745.*

Thurs. Nov. 8, 7pm — ***AUTHOR VISIT***

Evening With the Author: Sandra Cisneros – CSUB presents an evening with the best selling author of *The House on Mango Street*. Cisneros will discuss the remarkable coming age story of Esperanza - sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous. The book's highly discussable themes of language barriers, poverty, struggle for self-definition, and the achievement of ones hopes and dreams despite societal roadblocks will be highlighted in her talk; book signing will follow. *FREE. Parking Lot "I" is free after 6pm. CSUB Icardo Center, 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield CA 93311 (661) 654-6281.*

Sat. Nov. 10, 11am — ***LOCAL HISTORY LECTURE***

The Family Stories of Historic Houses in Kern County – Chris Livingston, the Local History Room Librarian - Kern County Library, will present the family legacies behind well-known historic homes in Kern County such as Lopez House, Guild House, and the Noriega House in photo displays, archival materials, and historical documents. *FREE. Beale Memorial Library - Tejon Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301 (661) 868-0745.*

For full event listings, visit kerncountylibrary.org

Community Book Discussions

Create a community conversation about the language, themes, and the characters in *The House on Mango Street. FREE.*

Fri. Sept. 14, 11am — *Wasco Branch Library, 1102 7th St. (661) 758-2114.*

Fri. Oct. 12, 3pm — *McFarland Branch Library, 500 West Kern Ave. (661) 792-2318.*

Fri. Oct. 12, 6pm — *Kern River Valley Branch Library, 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella (760) 549-2083.*

Sat. Oct. 13, 3pm — *Delano Branch Library, 925 10th Ave. (661) 725-1078.*

Thurs. Oct. 18, 5:30pm — *Southwest Branch Library, 8301 Ming Ave., Bakersfield (661) 664-7716.*

Family Storytimes

Enjoy a family hour of stories, songs and crafts inspired by Mexican, Hispanic and Latino cultures. *FREE.*

Tues. Sept. 25, 11am — *Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield (661) 868-0745.*

Tues. Oct. 2, 11:30am — *Frazier Park Branch Library, 3732 Park Dr. (661) 245-1267.*

Thurs. Oct. 4, 11:45am — *Taft Branch Library, 27 Emmons Park Dr. (661) 763-3294.*

Wed. Oct. 10, 11am — *Southwest Branch Library, 8301 Ming Ave., Bakersfield (661) 664-7716.*

Tue. Oct. 16, 11:30am — *Northeast Branch Library, 3725 Columbus St., Bakersfield (661) 871-9017.*

Tue. Oct. 16, 12pm — *Arvin Branch Library, 201 Campus Dr. (661) 854-5934.*

Thurs. Oct. 18, 11:30am — *Tehachapi Branch Library, 1001 W Tehachapi Blvd., Suite A-400 (661) 822-4938.*

Fri. Oct. 19, 2:30pm — *Lamont Branch Library, 8304 Segrue Rd. (661) 845-3471.*

Mon. Nov. 5, 4pm — *Baker Branch Library, 1400 Baker Street, Bakersfield (661) 861-2390.*

Wed. Nov. 7, 5:30pm — *Wilson Branch Library, 1901 Wilson Rd., Bakersfield (661) 834-4044.*