

Escape

a chronicle of the christie lodge owners association

Art & Culture Abound in the Avon Area!

VILAR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



In February of 1998 the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek became a reality. This luxurious 530-seat theatre, owned and operated by the Vail Valley Foundation, presents a variety of year-round performances including jazz, comedy, dance, film, Broadway musicals, theatre, rock concerts, family shows and more.

After a blockbuster winter season, the theatre is marking its 10th anniversary with an unbeatable line-up of headliner events for the summer season of 2008. The diversity of its year-round offerings provides incredible opportunities to see truly awe-inspiring performances in a uniquely intimate setting. To find out more about all shows, you may visit <http://www.vilarpac.org/vpac/> to view their calendar, to see in-depth descriptions of the artists, photos and videos, as well as links to the performers' websites.

The Vilar Center is located directly beneath the outdoor ice skating rink. You can ride a bus up to the VPAC at no charge, directly from the Christie Lodge's front door.

Summer '08



Since the *Bravo!*
Vail Valley Music
Festival was
founded in 1987,
its purpose has

Bravo!
VAIL VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

been to stimulate and foster public interest and appreciation of the performing arts, especially music. By presenting and sponsoring concerts, activities, and events of the highest international standards, the Festival hopes to assist the economic base of the Vail Valley and to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The group also offers educational opportunities by providing free and affordable opportunities for students, teachers, families and visitors such as Christie Lodge owners and guests to explore diverse musical endeavors. Events are plentiful and scheduled throughout the summer. Visit <http://vailmusicfestival.org/> for more information and a complete summer schedule.

Rodeo!

Turn the page for this exciting cultural activity!

More Avon Area Art & Culture . . .

Rodeo!

Not everyone will consider rodeo to be an art, but nobody can deny that it is a part of American culture that affected the foundations of the country. Avon enjoys a piece of this Wild West as the *Beaver Creek Summer Rodeo Series* spreads excitement throughout the valley. The Rodeo is held on Thursday nights throughout the summer and is located behind Chapel Square in Avon. You can enjoy events like Bull Riding, Team Roping, a Calf Scramble and "Mutton Bustin".



Mutton Bustin' is pictured above and is an entertaining competition where future cowpokes put on protective armor and try to ride wild-'n'-wooly sheep like the real cowboys ride wild horses and bulls! In a Calf Scramble, the first five young buckaroos to capture ribbons from the tails of a group of friendly calves win prizes! An-

other fun event is Burro Racing where moms and dads create 3-person teams that test their donkey handling and riding abilities!

Of course, all the usual events like Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Team Roping and Bareback Bronco Riding will showcase the skills of real cowboys and cowgirls. There are also pony rides and a petting zoo. Food vendors ranging from BBQ to sushi are on hand to keep you well fed.



If you've never been to a rodeo and are planning a visit to the Christie Lodge this summer, you might want to check out this exciting activity! The Christie Concierge can help you with details, or you can visit Beaver Creek online for more info at <http://beavercreek.snow.com/info/summer/evt.rodeo.asp>.

VAIL INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

The 2008 Vail International Dance Festival happens this summer from July 27 to August 10. The Festival hosts an unparalleled collection of ballet, modern and other fascinating dance groups from around the globe. The performers vary from year to year, but always include guest artists from a distinguished array of world-class companies.

This summer's venues include a fantastic collection of dance including the Paul Taylor Dance Company, Morphoses/The Wheeldon Company from the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Noche Flamenca from Keigwin + Company, Buckets and Tap Shoes, the brilliant stars of the International Evenings and the thrilling champions of Ballroom's Best.

The Festival will also be welcoming back their wonderful dance outreach program, Celebrate the Beat. Most of the performances are at the Vilar Center for the Arts and the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, an outdoor venue in Vail where some people sit in the seats, but many more recline on blankets on the surrounding lawn. Again, contact the Christie Concierge for help in getting tickets and more information.



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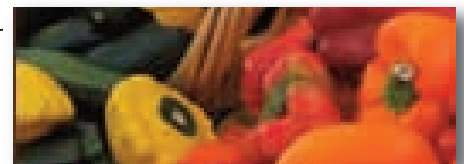


This event is local culture at its best! In tiny Minturn, about 5 miles east of the Christie Lodge, (you can get there by a bus that picks you up at the front door of the Christie Lodge!) this first market in the valley has grown to feature 110 varying vendors per week, two live music stages, children's activities, and ambiance that cannot be beat.

For 2008 the Minturn Market is open on Saturdays until September 6 and features a varied assortment of items from farm-fresh and organic produce to great lunch and breakfast items to gourmet foods and gifts, clothing, jewelry, handmade crafts, items for the home, fine art and more. Over the course of the summer, the Minturn Market brings over 45,000 people to town to see, taste and enjoy a great variety of items in the clear mountain air.

For some great information you can virtually visit the market at <http://minturnmarket.org/index.html>. In addition to about anything you might want to know about it, a plethora of recipes are featured on the website that require fresh foods available from the vendors. Most of these dishes can be prepared with the utensils provided in your unit! It's a great alternative to eating out and will make your stay feel even more like home.

You may also explore additional local offerings at the Edwards Farmers Market on Saturdays and the Vail Farmers Market on Sundays.



Winners -

Owners who pay maintenance fees when they are due are essential in making the Christie Lodge Owners Association fiscally sound. Those owners are eligible for a free exchange week from RCI or II. We randomly draw three names each billing period to determine the winners. This period's winners are:

Paul & Joni Turner
Muscatine, Iowa

Larry & Kim Clark
Alvarado, Texas

Shirley Jean Kerbow
Wichita Falls, Texas

Annual Meeting to Elect Three CLOA Board Members

The 2008 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled on Saturday, October 4, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. MDT. The meeting will be held at the Christie Lodge in Avon, Colorado.

Owners will have the opportunity to elect three owners to become members of the CLOA Board of Directors. All owners interested in becoming candidates in this election should submit their resume to the CLOA Executive Office, P. O. Box 1196, Avon, CO 81620-1196. All resumes must be submitted and received on or before August 1, 2008.

Board member services include attending about 3 or 4 meetings per year. There is no remuneration for Board member services, but travel, meals and lodging expenses are reimbursed for attendance to Board meetings. Board members must review periodic financial information and be available for input on other various issues. Officers of the Board invest additional time.

Christie Lodge will arrange discounted room rates available to owners interested in booking a stay in conjunction with this Annual Meeting. More detailed information will be included in the Official Notice and Agenda to be sent to all owners, closer to the meeting date. Please plan to attend and take part in this important meeting.

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Epic Pass is a New Winter Option . . .

Vail Resorts has introduced The Epic Season Pass for the upcoming ski season. The Epic Pass allows for unlimited access to 5 of Colorado's best ski areas: Beaver Creek, Vail, Breckenridge, Keystone, and Heavenly. The pass has no blackout dates, giving an unequaled skiing experience.

Pricing for the Epic Pass is \$579 for adults, and \$279 for children ages 5-12. A \$49 down payment secures your pass for the upcoming ski season, with the remaining balance being billed to you in September. Passes may be purchased only until November 15th.

For more information or to purchase your Epic Pass, visit www.snow.com/epicpass.



Rez Hotline: 1-888-325-6343

We are here for you! Please call us, as far in advance as possible, to discuss your reservation needs. We will help make it work!

Christie Lodge Enjoys Philanthropic Activities . . .

We are proud to announce that the Christie Lodge and the Grand Lodge on Peak 7 in Breckenridge again volunteered to be co-sponsors for the Vail Valley location of the sixth annual Christel House Open international charity golf tournament. The local event took place on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the Eagle Ranch Golf Club in Eagle, Colorado, about twenty miles west of the Lodge. Proceeds from the event were raised for Christel House International and the Vail Valley Charitable Fund.

Christel House International is a non-profit public charity helping children around the world to break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Christel House learning centers – located in India, Mexico, South Africa, the United States and Venezuela – provide education, nutrition, health care, character and life-skills development for children. The organization has received a Four Star rating from Charity Navigator and is celebrating its tenth year anniversary in 2008.

The Vail Valley Charitable Fund (VVCF) helps people who live and work in Eagle County that have overwhelming financial needs due to medical crises. To date, the organization has assisted six hundred individuals and families in Eagle County, and has raised and dispersed more than \$5 million dollars.

The local event the Christie Lodge helped sponsor was one of 21 tournament sites spanning five continents. More than 2,000 golfers teed off from locations in India, Mexico, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and the



It is a fact that golf balls travel further in the thin atmosphere of high altitudes. Maybe not so much at the 6,500' at Eagle, but in Leadville at 10,200', you will notice a difference!

United States. The final global proceeds are expected to top \$800,000. One hundred percent of proceeds are used for programs and services directly benefiting the 2,700 children of Christel House.

This is the biggest philanthropic event of the year for the Christie Lodge. This marvelous day of golfing was enjoyable



Attention golfers: you need not be a pro to participate in this charitable event next year! Every golfer is welcome. Contact the Christie Concierge for details on how to join us next year.

for the occasional golfer and the serious enthusiast. Golfers at the Eagle Ranch Golf Club joined an exclusive group of individuals and sponsors who have chosen to unite for the special cause of aiding children in many countries. Some of the golfers participating in the event enjoyed a stay at the Lodge. Our management and personnel are very proud to be a host sponsor of the tournament and contribute to this fantastic charity.

On your next visit, if you would like to play golf at this great Rocky Mountain course, give our Concierge a call and they will help you set up a tee time. Any golfing enthusiast who has ever played the sport in the Rocky Mountains knows that golfing just doesn't get any better than it is up here!

For more information on The Group RCI Christel House Open, log on to www.chopen.org and to learn more about the VVCF go to <http://www.vvcf.net/>.

Carpet on the Catwalks

Changing the subject a bit, we are proud to inform you that the catwalks carpet has been replaced. The new carpet has earth tone colors and a decorative pattern that makes a great presentation throughout the lodge. With new padding it has a comfortable feel underfoot and is sure to offer years of use.



“There’s no use in having new carpet without giving the interior a fresh look overall.” said chief engineer Robert T. Seufferer. Team engineering meticulously went through the entire common area and painted all the walls, and what a difference it makes. They also replaced the wooden moldings that edge the catwalks. We at the Christie Lodge are very proud of our buildings so be sure to come by and have a look.

Blue Plate Bistro is the Latest Eatery at Christie Lodge!



Guests particularly enjoy the patio seating.

“The Blue Plate Bistro is good food done right,” says owners Adam and Elli Roustom. Adam, who is also the chef, further states, “Blue Plate is both our name and our food. It’s scrambled eggs with bacon and it’s pulled pork sandwiches with just the right amount of sauce. We are good food done right for a great price.”

classically trained and has worked in the Vail Valley area for years, so he knows where to find the best in locally grown and raised ingredients, from Colorado lamb to fresh river trout and everything in between. His rolls are always oven fresh and their service, supervised by Elli, is top notch. The Christie Lodge management and staff highly recommend that you try the Blue Plate Bistro during your next visit.

The bistro is closed on Mondays only. Brunch is served on Sundays from 8am till 2 and dinner on Sundays is 5:15- closing time. On every second Sunday of the month there is live music from 10:30 am-1:30 pm featuring a “true blues brunch” with music by local musicians Dave Andersen and Peter Fontanese. And, they offer discounts for Christie Lodge guests! For more information you can call our Concierge or visit their webpage at www.blueplateavon.com.

The Blue Plate features what is considered a “scratch” kitchen which means everything is prepared on site by Chef Adam. He is

Summer 2008 Calendar of Events

July

Vail Lacrosse Shootout	1 ~ 6
Bud Light Hot Summer Nights	1, 8, 15, 22
Bravo! Vail Music Festival	
21 days this month - see website*	most days
FREE Beaver Creek Concert Series**	2, 12, 19, 26
Beaver Creek Rodeo	3, 10, 17, 24
Avon’s Riverfront Resort Salute to the USA	3
Beaver Creek Independence Day Celebration	4
Vail America Days	4
Bravo! (Cabaret Pops with Andrea Marcovicci)	5
Minturn Market	5, 12, 19, 26
Edwards Farmers Market	5, 12, 19, 26
Vail Farmers Market & Art Show	6, 13, 20, 27
Vail Jazz @ the Market	6, 13, 20, 27
Lionshead Family Friday Afternoon Club	11, 18, 25
Clint Black in concert	12
Todd Rundgren in concert	13
Plum TV’s Dunk-n-Dash	14, 21, 28
Emmylou Harris in concert	17
Avon Fine Art & Wine Affaire	18 ~ 20
Vail International Dance Festival	27 ~ 31
Avon’s Lakeside Cinema	25
Rocky Mountain Antique Festival	25 ~ 27
Jazz @ Vail Square	31

August

Avon’s Lakeside Cinema	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Vail International Dance Festival	1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9
Rocky Mountain Antique Festival	1 ~ 3
Lionshead Family Friday Afternoon Club	1
Beaver Creek Art Festival	2, 3
Minturn Market	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Edwards Farmers Market	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Vail Farmers Market & Art Show	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Vail Jazz @ the Market	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Plum TV’s Dunk-n-Dash	4, 11
American Crown Circus	5 ~ 7
Bud Light Hot Summer Nights	5, 12, 19
Vail Dancing in the Streets	7
Jazz @ Vail Square	7, 14, 21, 28
Vail Wine and Spirits Festival	7 ~ 10
Vail Valley Wine Auction	7 ~ 10
Pat Benetar & Neil Giraldo in concert	11
Beaver Creek Rodeo	14, 21
Willy Wonka Jr.	15, 16
Creedence Clearwater Revisited	17
Little River Band in concert	21
Colorado Stage Int’l Cycle Classic	22 ~ 24
Vail Labor Day Weekend Jazz Festival	29 ~ 31
Beaver Creek’s Oktoberfest	30, 31

* <http://web.vail.net> then click “Things to do” and then click “Events Calendar” - top notch musicians performing

** featuring America, James Aaron Kelley and the Jordanares, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Lez Zeppelin (all-female Led Zeppelin tribute band)

NOTE: For more information on these or other activities that interest you, give the Christie Lodge Concierge a call and we will be glad to make reservations, offer more information and help you enjoy your stay to the fullest.

Getting to Know Us . . .

Mike Morris came to the Christie Lodge in 1995 for a 90-day project. He liked working here so much that he wouldn't leave!

About a year later he became the Assistant Director of Operations and assisted the Lodge management with special projects.

One project was the production of this very newsletter, from writing to layout to liaison with the printer.

After a couple of years he became homesick and decided to return to his home town of Durant, Oklahoma, to help in the raising of his two children, Lori and Kurt.

Even though he was not an active on-site employee, Mike continued

to edit this newsletter and in fact to this day still performs that duty!

Over the years Mike has remained a friend of the Lodge and worked on many projects remotely from Oklahoma. He has a love for the Lodge and although he visits often and is still a part of the Christie family, he lives in Oklahoma where he is a professor of computer science and mathematics at a local university.

One apple of his eye is his 20-year-old son, Kurt, who has Down Syndrome. As he so often points out, that is a true blessing! Lori just received an MBA and is working as



Mike has toured 49 of the 50 states on motorcycles (missing only Alaska). After 41 years and nearly 500,000 miles of riding he finally got a Harley and fell in love with it!

an auditor for a Big-4 accounting firm in Oklahoma City.

You might run into him at the Lodge or more likely, somewhere cruising the back roads of America, maybe even in Alaska, on his beloved motorcycle with his wife Melody, just about to reach that half-million mile marker!



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