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Experience “A Taste of the Coast” in San Jose at 6pm January 26, 2019

*Peninsula Open Space Trust and Forager Tasting Room celebrate local
ranching and farming with a farm-to-table dinner, talk and music*

Palo Alto, Calif. – January 10, 2019 — [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) is joining forces with [Forager Tasting Room](#) in downtown San Jose to present an evening of local food, talk and music, highlighting ranchers and farmers along the San Mateo coast. The event takes place at 6pm on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

“We’re proud to showcase our farming and ranching partners and to celebrate the fruits of their labor with a sumptuous farm-to-table meal,” said **Walter T. Moore**, president of POST. “POST has worked hard in recent years to reverse the trends of disappearing farmland on the Peninsula. In addition to tasting delicious creations, attendees will learn how food gets from the fields to your table and how that can happen sustainably.”



Doniga Markegard will be speaking on her life of ranching with her family, as well as her new book Dawn Again which details her life's journey to become a skilled wildlife tracker

Diners will experience a range of foods farmed throughout the Peninsula, including locally raised [Markegard Family](#) grass-fed beef, produce from [Pie Ranch](#), [Blue House Farm](#) and [Fifth Crow Farm](#), and a local brew from [Alvarado Street Brewery](#). The menu will include handmade burgers, coconut curry with wheat berries and rice, roasted Brussel Spouts and turmeric fingerling potatoes, with fresh-baked pies from Pie Ranch for dessert.

Music will come from [The John H. Clare trio](#), which plays original acoustic music with Latin, Spanish and American influences.

The event features a short talk and book-signing by Doniga Markegard, rancher and author of the new book [Dawn Again](#). Along with her husband and four children, Markegard owns and

operates Markegard Family Grass-Fed, raising grass-fed beef, lamb, pastured pork and chicken. The family leases more than 10,000 acres of land in the Bay Area and works to enhance their property's waterways by mimicking natural systems with regenerative agriculture practices.

Diners will also hear a short talk by farmer Nancy Vail of Pie Ranch, an organic farming operation near Pescadero. Pie Ranch aims to cultivate a healthy and just food system from seed to table through food education, farmer training and regional partnerships.

The event is supported by [Slow Food South Bay](#) and the [Santa Clara County Food System Alliance](#).

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and include the meal and diners' first beer or soda. Those who wish to simply enjoy the music, talk and book-signing can attend for free, although reservations are required. Both options are available until Sunday, January 20 at www.openspacetrust.org/event/taste-of-the-coast.

The event highlights POST's [Farmland Futures Initiative](#), which works to permanently protect thousands of acres of farmland in San Mateo county.

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About Forager Tasting Room and Eatery

[Forager Tasting Room and Eatery](#) is a proving ground for the food and arts community on South First Street in downtown San Jose. It aims to partner with the passionate to provide a place for their ideas to be refined and successful. Forager hosts a variety of community events and is also a venue for private gatherings in the heart of San Jose.

About Markegard Family Grass-Fed

[Markegard Family Grass-Fed](#) provides the community with locally born, raised and processed certified grass-fed beef and lamb, chicken and pasture-raised pork. Customers can order beef, lamb and pork online to be delivered to pick-up locations and farmer's markets in the Bay Area.

About Pie Ranch

[Pie Ranch](#) cultivates a healthy and just food system from seed to table through food education, farmer training and regional partnerships. The farm is located near Año Nuevo State Park on the San Mateo Coast and is known for its farmstand, monthly workdays, barn dance and tasty pies.

About Blue House Farm

[Blue House Farm](#) grows an incredible diversity of certified organic vegetables, fruits and cut flowers year-round on 60 acres, nestled at the end of a small agricultural valley in Pescadero. Now in its thirteenth growing year, Blue House supplies farmers' markets, CSA, an on-site farmstand and wholesale accounts with the highest-quality produce available.

About Fifth Crow Farm

[Fifth Crow Farm](#) is a dynamic and diversified organic farm in Pescadero, CA. Founded in 2008 on a shoestring budget, a supportive local community, and ambitious dreams, it strives to bring eaters the highest quality, best tasting, and most nutritious food possible. The farm situated in the Cloverdale Valley, 45 miles from San Francisco and 35 miles from Santa Cruz.

About Slow Food South Bay

[Slow Food South Bay](#) actively promotes local food communities so everyone can enjoy good, clean and fair food. The South Bay Chapter, originally the Silicon Valley Convivium, was formed in October 1997, as one of the first five of 225 convivia organized in the US. Today, there are more than 1,300 convivia around the world.

About Santa Clara Food System Alliance

[Santa Clara County Food System Alliance](#) is one of a growing network of county Alliances and Food Councils that allow for consensus actions and policy recommendations from food and agriculture stakeholders. The Alliance was formed in 2009 with the support of the Health Trust as part of its program to promote a healthier Santa Clara County.



About Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)

POST protects open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay for the benefit of all. As a private nonprofit land trust, POST has been responsible for protecting more than 76,000 acres over the last 40 years. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to connect people and nature. Visit openspacetrust.org for more information.

CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:

****CALENDAR LISTING****

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WHEN: **Saturday, January 26, 2019**
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE: **Forager Tasting Room and Eatery**
420 S 1st St, San Jose, CA 95172

COST: Dinner: \$40

Talk and music only (no dinner): Free, but reservations are required
Tickets and reservations available [here](#).

MORE INFO: For more information on “A Taste of the Coast”
<https://openspacetrust.org/event/taste-of-the-coast/>

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