



## Last Month: Bay to Breakers Viewing

Thanks to all the neighbors that came out to gathered early to watch the Bay to Breakers run go by. With coffee in hand and some light snacks to share, we caught up and enjoyed the creative costumes and energy of the race. It was a nice way to start the day together.

## This Month: VMD Picnic Potluck!

6.21 11-1pm

We're getting together for a relaxed afternoon at Victoria Manalo Draves Park and would love for you to join. Bring your lunch, something comfortable to sit on, and if you'd like, something labeled to share with others. It's a chance to connect, enjoy the park, and spend time with neighbors in the heart of SOMA West. Hope to see you there.

Interested in Writing for our Newsletter? Let us know at [info@somawestneighbors.org](mailto:info@somawestneighbors.org)

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## June's Happenings

6.1 11am-3pm

**SOMA Blooms**

[Victoria Manalo Draves Park](#)

6.5 10am-5pm

**NEW! Free First Thursdays at SF's Museum of Craft and Design**  
[RSVP](#)

6.5 4pm-9pm

**Downtown Hoedown on Front St.** [RSVP](#)

6.7 6pm

**SF's Free Outdoor Movie Night: "Wicked"** @Yerba Buena Gardens [RSVP](#)

6.13 5pm-10pm

**SF's Filipino "Be Free" Festival 2025 (SoMa)**  
Kapwa Gardens, [Free Ticket](#)

6.14 2pm

**Hawaiian Dance Festival**  
Yerba Buena [Learn More](#)

6.19 6pm

**SOMA CBD Happy Hour**  
Bergerac

6.21 11-1pm

**Picnic Potluck w/ SWNA**  
VMD Park

6.28 6-9pm

**Opening Reception: Venarum Mundi by Faith XLVII**  
[RSVP](#)

6.29 10am

**SF Pride Parade**  
*Begins at Embarcadero Plaza*

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## SOMA BUSINESS EVENTS IN JUNE

6.18 6:30–8PM

SCHOOL OF DECANT: INTRO TO SAKE  
[MORE INFO](#)

6.5 8-11PM

GEMS @THE EAGLE  
[MORE INFO](#)

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you'd like listed? Email our  
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with the details.

## SF EVENTS & FESTIVALS

6.14–6.15 11AM–7PM

[2025 NORTH BEACH FESTIVAL](#)

6.18–6.28

[FRAMELINE SAN FRANCISCO](#)

[INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ+ FILM FESTIVAL](#)

6.19–6.22

[ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO BLACK FILM  
FESTIVAL](#)

### HERON ARTS BUILDING



CINDY CASEY

## SOMA HISTORY

by Cindy Casey

If you attended the SOMA CBD Happy Hour at Heron Arts to view the Hari & Deepti show “Forgotten Places,” you may not have realized the building was once a laundry. This system, with a capacity of 30,000 gallons an hour, was called a Kennicott type and was the largest on the Pacific coast; the details of which can be read in its entirety in the article.

The electricity also supplied 50 electric hand irons and “washers, extractors, mangles, and ventilating fans.”

The laundry, delivered by wagons, was marked by hand for identification and then segregated into types. These would have been blankets, flannels, towels, and starched pieces that required different treatments. There were 110 washing machines, 40 wringers, eight mangles, five conveyor dryers, and three lines of shirt machines.

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