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## Mother's Day in the East Bay

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### For the Active Mom

With the Little Ones: Bounce houses. Live music. Beer. Wine. Mimosas. What more could you ask for? The **Park Street Spring Festival** is back and ready to celebrate Mom with this two-day event. From petting zoos and delicious food to more than 150 arts and craft vendors, this fest is the place to stay and play. *Park Street between Encinal and Lincoln avenues, Alameda, Sat., May-Sun., May 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., free, (510) 523-1392, [shopparkstreet.com](http://shopparkstreet.com).*

With Your Teen: Get those hiking boots out and spend the day exploring nine miles of canyons on this Mother's Day **Mount Olympia Hike**. All you have to do is bring your lunch, drinks, and lots of layers. Leave the rest up to the experts. No reservation is necessary. *Meet at Mitchell Canyon Trailhead, Sun., May 10, 10a.m.-5:30p.m., \$6 per vehicle, [mdia.org](http://mdia.org).*

Adult Children Only: All aboard! Set sail for a three-hour cruise of the San Francisco Bay with **Wylie Charters**. Snacks and complimentary beer, white wine, and champagne will keep you company as you and Mom enjoy the gorgeous 65-foot yacht and scenery of the Bay. *Pier 40, San Francisco, Sun., May 10, 1-4 p.m., \$115 per person, (415) 580-0335.*

All Ages: Spend the day cheering on the defending World Champs as they take on the Miami Marlins. The first 20,000 fans will get a **San Francisco Giants** World Champions infinity scarf. If the kids are old enough, check out The Yard, a new addition to the AT&T Park experience that features an Anchor Brewing Company beer garden and an Off-the-Grid food truck park. *24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, Sun., May 10, 1:05 p.m., see website for ticket prices, (415) 972-2000, [sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com](http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com).*

**Barre3** is partnering with Christy Turlington Burns' non-profit **Every Mother Counts** to support moms everywhere. Barre3 will be offering free childcare on the first Monday of every month with the suggested \$5 donation going to EMC. Onesies will be sold online and in Barre3 studios with 40% of sales going to EMC. Check out Barre3's "Welcome Back Mama" package, which includes three months of unlimited classes, an online workout subscription, and a 10-pack of childcare sessions for only \$350. *406 Hartz Avenue, Danville, see website for exact prices, (925) 362-4836, [barre3.com](http://barre3.com).*

### For the Foodie Mom

No need to wait until Black Friday for a shopping extravaganza with mom. Call in sick and spend the day at **Stoneridge Shopping Center's** Fashion+ Fun for Moms for a day of discounts, food and beverage samples, and beauty demonstrations. The first 200 people registered at Guest Services will receive a Simon branded crocodile bag filled with samples and other goodies. *1 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton, Fri., May 8, 10 a.m.-8:30 pm, free admission, (925) 463-2778, [simon.com](http://simon.com).*

If you want to explore, you and Mom may as well fill your bellies along the way. The SF-based culinary tour **Edible Excursions** has you covered with three different tours and fun treats, including sparkling wine and mimosas.

Berkeley: Pastries, pastrami, and sparkling wine are just some of the delights you'll taste along the way during a tour of Berkeley's **Gourmet Ghetto**. Attendees will stop at nine different locations, including Imperial Tea Court for tea and hand-pulled noodles, and Love at First Bite to pick out cupcakes. *Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$102 per person, (415) 806-5970, [edibleexcursions.net](http://edibleexcursions.net).*

San Francisco: Any tour that begins with mimosas, "scuffins," and a cookie and jam plate is a good thing. The **Ferry Building and Farmers Market** tour in San Francisco will rightfully spoil Mom, and includes a stop at Recchiuti Confections for a Mother Day's truffle, Out The Door's for spring rolls, and Miette for a special gift. Yum! *Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$78 per person, (415) 806-5970, [edibleexcursions.net](http://edibleexcursions.net).*

Oakland: Take a bite out of Oakland with the **Temescal Tastes** tour. The eclectic selections at the Sunday Farmers Market will have you munching on "doswaffles" (south Indian dosas meet Belgian-style waffles), chai from Juhu Beach Club, Korean BBQ from Bowl'd, and fresh Baja-style tacos from Choluta Linda. Save room for a sweet treat from Curbside Creamery in Temescal Alley. *Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$102 per person, (415) 806-5970, [edibleexcursions.net](http://edibleexcursions.net).*

## For the Culinary Mom

Learn how to prepare the perfect Al Fresco Dinner Party with Mom at **Back to the Table**. From goat cheese, honey, and pistachio crostini to prosciutto-wrapped pesto chicken breasts and chilled wine, this evening is sure to impress and relax everyone. *271 Lafayette Cir. Lafayette, Fri., May 8, 6-9 p.m., \$85 per person, (925) 284-1120, [backtothetablecookingschool.com](http://backtothetablecookingschool.com)*

**Epicurean Exchange**'s olive oil and balsamic vinegar tasting event will feature selections from Amphora Nueva. You and Mom will not only learn about how this family-owned olive-oil company produces its products, but also how to use it in your own home. *7 Fiesta Ln., Lafayette, Fri., May 8, 7-9 p.m., \$35 per person, (925) 368-4181, [epicureanexchange.com](http://epicureanexchange.com).*

Spend the day at **Spun Sugar** learning how to make gum-paste flowers. Recipes, supplies, and lunch are provided as you and Mom create orchids, tiger lilies, daisies, and cherry blossoms. *1611 University Ave., Berkeley, Sat., May 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$125 per person, (510) 843-9192, [spunsugar.com](http://spunsugar.com).*

**Kitchen on Fire** has a full weekend of kitchen fun planned for you and your main lady. You'll learn about pie dough, pastry cream, Meyer lemon basil-curd pie, and four other bits of deliciousness in the Mother's Day French Tarts class. *Multiple Berkeley locations, Sat., May-Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$95 per person, (510) 548-2665, [kitchenonfire.com](http://kitchenonfire.com).*

## For the Curious Mom

Take a trip down to the **Oakland Museum of California** to pan for gold and to see the *Bees: Tiny Insect, Big Impact* exhibit. While you're there, don't miss the California Art and History tours that happen only on weekends. *1000 Oak St., Oakland, Sun., May 10, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., free-\$15, (888) 625-6873, [www.museumca.org](http://www.museumca.org).*

You've heard that the best things in life are free, and sometimes, it's really true! Skip across the Bay to spend a day at the **Exploratorium**, where admission is free on Mother's Day. *Piers 15/17, San Francisco, Sun., May 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free, (415) 528-4360, [exploratorium.edu](http://exploratorium.edu).*

If Mom has a green thumb, take her for a stroll among thousands of succulents in **The Ruth Bancroft Garden**. Moms can celebrate with free admission, docent led tours, and special family activities in the garden. Pack a picnic lunch and make a full day of it. *1552 Bancroft Rd., Walnut Creek, Sun., May 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. free for moms, members, and kids under 12; \$10 for adults; \$8 for students, (925) 944-9352, [ruthbancroftgarden.org](http://ruthbancroftgarden.org).*

## For the Thirsty Mom

Take your special lady out a day early for a brewski at **Schubros Brewery** taproom. With rotating taps and a bright and airy atmosphere, Mom may want to stay even after closing time. *12893 Alcosta Blvd., Ste. N, San Ramon, Sat., May 9, 12-6p.m., all beers \$6, (925) 327-0700, [schubrosbrewery.com](http://schubrosbrewery.com).*

Tour and taste your way through **St. George Spirits**, where variety is key. The tasting menu boasts a sparkling selection of vodka, brandy, rum, gin, absinthe, and liqueur made on-site. Grab brunch nearby (Nido, Hopscotch, Flora, or Boconova are some favorites), or bring lunch and eat on the deck before tasting. *2601 Monarch St., Alameda, Sun., May 10, 12-5 p.m., tastings are \$15; tours are \$20, (510) 769-1601, [stgeorgespirits.com](http://stgeorgespirits.com).*

If your mom is a sake lover, then a trip to **Takara Sake** could be the perfect way to spend the day. Taste and learn about sake production in the 2,260 square foot tasting room before you tour the museum. *708 Addison St., Berkeley, Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. tastings start at \$5, (510) 540-8250, [takarasake.com](http://takarasake.com).*

Pack a lunch and taste the best of **Concannon Vineyard**. This charming family-owned winery is still home to the historic "Glen Ellen" Victorian house, which serves as a gorgeous backdrop to yours and Mom's perfect day. *4590 Tesla Rd., Livermore, Sunday, May 10, 11a.m.-4:30p.m. tastings are \$10 per person, (925) 456-2505, [concannonvineyard.com](http://concannonvineyard.com).*

The **Darcie Kent Vineyards** is calling your art-and-wine-loving mom's name. The tasting room is also an art gallery showcasing work by the vineyard's very own Darcie Kent. Come down and sip on a wide variety of single-vineyard wines. *7000 Tesla Rd., Livermore, Sun., May 10, 11a.m.-4:30p.m. flights are \$10-\$15, (925) 243-9040, [darciekentvineyards.com](http://darciekentvineyards.com).*

Cruise on down to Jack London Square to enjoy a glass of wine at **Cerruti Cellars**. This urban gem is sure to leave mom smiling. (Just don't let her get on the tractor out front after she's had a few glasses). *100 Webster St., Ste. 100, Oakland, Sun., May 10, 1-6 p.m., flights are \$12 and glasses of wine are \$6-\$12, (510) 550-2900, [cerruticellars.com](http://cerruticellars.com).*

Bring Mama to sip the suds of more than 100 brewers at the **San Francisco International Beer Festival**. An assortment of local businesses such as Swan's Oyster Depot and Kitchen Stereo will also be there, so even if Mom's a light-weight, she'll last for the long haul. *Fort Mason, 2 Marina Blvd., Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, Sat., May 9, 7-11 p.m., \$75-\$175, [sfbeerfest.com](http://sfbeerfest.com).*

Wente Vineyards is hosting an afternoon featuring a mimosa and cheese reception, a lunch and dessert buffet, and live music in its **Estate Tasting Room**. Reservations are required. *5565 Tesla Rd., Livermore, Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$55-60, (925) 456-2305, [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com).*

## For the Artsy Mom

If Mom loves classical music, take her to one of the **Contra Costa Chamber Orchestra's** closing performances of the season. With three concerts over Mother's Day weekend, the Orchestra's "Some Assembly Required" program features the full orchestra, as well as the brass, wind, and string sections performing individually, and the full orchestra assembles to perform Haydn's "Symphony No. 1 in D Major." *Fri.-Sun., May 8-10, times and locations vary, \$5-\$10, [ccorch.org](http://ccorch.org).*

Don't have a gift for Mom yet? **Orchard Supply Hardware's** annual "Paint-a-Pot for Mom" is happening Saturday, May 9, at all store locations in the East Bay. Kids (ages 12 and under) can customize their pot for mom and pick out a plant to go in it. *Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Orchard Supply Hardware, free, visit [osh.com](http://osh.com) to find a location near you.*

You and Mom can tap into your creative sides as you learn how to paint Van Gogh's *Sunflowers* at **Canvas and Cabernet**. Supplies are included, and wine and beer can be purchased separately. *1421 Locust St., Walnut Creek, Sun., May 10, 2-5 p.m., \$45 per person, (925) 287-1614, [cavascabernet.com](http://cavascabernet.com).*

Pack up some appetizers and desserts, and spend the day painting and sipping at **Pinot's Palette**. Pick between two classes, Red Tulip Trio and Tuscan Wildflowers, for a lovely day with Mom. Supplies are included, and beer and wine can be purchased at the bar. *410 Sycamore Valley Rd. W., Danville, Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m., \$39 per person, (925) 743-9900, [pinotpalette.com](http://pinotpalette.com).*

Pick out a dish or another fun ceramic with Mom, and paint it the way you like at **Color Me Mine**. After they put it in the fire, you can take it home or give it to her. *1950 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, Sun., May 10, 11a.m.-6p.m, cost varies by plant, (925) 937-1559, [colormemine.com](http://colormemine.com).*

## For the Brunch-Loving Mom

**Berkeley:** Impress mom with **Five's** all you-can-eat brunch buffet under stunning chandeliers and elegant decor. Menu highlights include pork loin alla parmigiana with eggplant caviar and a create-your-own omelet station. Take time to wash all of the goodness down with bottomless mimosas. *2086 Allston Way, Berkeley, Sun., May 10, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., \$65, (510) 225-6055, [five-berkeley.com](http://five-berkeley.com).*

**Danville:** Treat mom to **Basil Leaf's Cafe's** brunch buffet of baked salmon, BBQ chicken, eggs benedict, and sautéed veggies, plus bottomless mimosas. Reserve a spot on the patio. *501 Hartz Ave., Danville, Sun., May 10, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$32.99 for adults and \$15.99 for children, (925) 831-2828, [thebasilleafcafe.com](http://thebasilleafcafe.com).*

With six serving stations that include a seafood bar and an outdoor grill, **Blackhawk Grille** might have the brunch buffet to end all brunch buffets. If that's not enough for you, come back when the restaurant reopens for a three-course Mother's Day dinner. *3540 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, Sun., May 10, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., \$55-\$65, (925) 736-4295, [blackhawkgrille.com](http://blackhawkgrille.com).*

Head to **Piatti's** outdoor patio for rustic French toast, a chopped prawn omelet, and a glass of wine. Mother's Day always sells out, so be sure to make reservations. *100 Sycamore Valley Rd. W., Danville, Sun., May 10, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., price varies by plate, (925) 838-2082, [piatti.com](http://piatti.com).*

**Lafayette:** Surprise Mom with a stunning brunch on the outdoor patio of **Metro Lafayette**. Enjoy a prix fixe brunch with selections including warm buttermilk biscuits and Dungeness crab benedict. *3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, Sun., May 10, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., \$39, (925) 284-4422, [metrolafayette.com](http://metrolafayette.com).*

**Livermore:** Take a trip to Livermore Wine Country to enjoy a sumptuous brunch filled with carving and omelet stations, waffles, and bottomless mimosas at **Garre Winery**. 7986 Tesla Rd., Livermore, Sun., May 10, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$42 for adults, \$15 for kids 4-12, kids under 3 are free, (925) 371-8200, [garrewinery.com](http://garrewinery.com).

Let someone else worry about the details and spend the day with **Wente Vineyards** for brunch, lunch, and live music. The prix fixe brunch will include fresh organic ingredients right from Wente's own garden. 5050 Arroyo Rd., Livermore, Sun., May 10, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., check with the winery for brunch pricing, (925) 456-2450, [wentevineyards.com](http://wentevineyards.com).

**Walnut Creek:** No membership is required to spend this Mother's Day at the award-winning **Walnut Creek Yacht Club**. Due to such a large demand on Mother's Day, the restaurant, which is normally closed on Sundays, offers a prix fixe menu in addition to its full lunch and dinner menus. 1555 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek, Sun., May 10, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., \$30, (925) 944-3474, [wcyc.net](http://wcyc.net).