

# FALL 2020 PUBLIC EVENTS SHAPING SAN FRANCISCO

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## SPEND THE FALL OUTDOORS WITH US

Our entire schedule for Fall 2020 will be held outdoors. Rather than taking our usual indoor Public Talks online, we invite you to join us for our new experimental Urban Forum: Walk & Talks. All of our outdoor programming will follow City public health guidelines related to Covid-19 with physical distancing and mask requirements.

### URBAN FORUMS: WALK & TALK

A new kind of outdoor gathering. These short urban walks will feature guest speakers and an endpoint where we can gather (safely) outside and have an open conversation on history and public space.

FREE, bring lunch/snacks.

All Urban Forums start at 12 noon.

Saturday, August 29

#### SF General and Potrero Hill

We begin with a brief but spirited discussion on the current pandemic, public health and the public sphere, mutual aid, mutual responsibility and the State followed by an urban trek. We visit community gardens and other open spaces and get good views of transit corridors and the Bay.

Meet at the Potrero Ave. entrance between 22nd and 23rd Streets

Saturday, September 19

#### India Basin and Heron's Head Park

Tour India Basin's shoreline open space, parks, and nearby historic sites in this much neglected part of San Francisco. We discuss San Francisco's efforts to plan for sea level rise and witness the new efforts to make the waterfront publicly available like never before.

Meet at Heron's Head Park at Jennings Street entrance

Saturday, October 24

#### Black Point and Fort Mason

We traverse the grounds of the old military base and discover histories of farms, soldiers, abolitionists, and a lost lagoon. From the Fontana Towers to Aquatic Park we discuss urban development, ecology, slavery, World's Fairs, and militarism.

Meet at Fort Mason Chapel

Saturday, November 14, 11 a.m. start time!

#### McLaren Park/Philosopher's Way

Enjoy the remarkable circumnavigation of McLaren Park provided by the Philosopher's Way loop, prompting discussions of various aspects of southeastern San Francisco history. Enjoy scenic overlooks and this delightful open space.

Meet at parking lot at Mansell and Visitacion Avenue

## OFFSITE EVENTS

See <http://shapingsf.org/public-talks/index.html> for details and updates.

Thursday, August 20 • 6 PM • via Zoom

#### SF Heritage Lecture: SF Bay View with LisaRuth Elliott

September 25–27 • mostly virtual

#### San Francisco History Days 2020

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## WALKING TOURS

\$20-\$30 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away). **Tours start at NOON.**

See [shapingsf.org/tours.html](http://shapingsf.org/tours.html) for meeting places.

Limited capacity, RSVP required: [shaping@foundsf.org](mailto:shaping@foundsf.org)

Saturday, August 15

#### Market Street: The Contested Boulevard

Saturday, October 10

#### Rancho San Miguel Hilltopper

Sunday, December 13 (10am-12noon)

#### King Tide/Sea-Level Rise Mission Bay

## BICYCLE TOURS

\$20-\$50 donation requested (sliding scale, no one turned away). **Tours start at NOON.**

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Sunday, October 18

#### Food Politics

Farmers markets, community gardens, urban farms, industrial food processing, fisheries, bay shrimp, coffee, canning, agricultural workers, and California cuisine.

Sunday, November 1

#### Haunting Tour of Colma Cemeteries

Find out who is buried in the many cemeteries of Colma in this "spirited" tour of San Francisco's past.

Saturday, November 7, 10am-3pm

#### Beholding SF's Birds Pedal by Pedal

See and hear over 80 species of birds with Josiah Clark (Habitat Potential) as your birding guide on this marathon tour of northwestern San Francisco.

## "CITY FRONT" BAY CRUISES

\$55 / [shapingsf.org/boat\\_tours.html](http://shapingsf.org/boat_tours.html)

Friday, August 28: 5 pm • Friday, Sept. 18: 5 pm • Sunday, Oct. 25: Noon

Enjoy a boat tour from Pier 52 northward to Coit Tower, and then all the way south past Candlestick Point before returning along San Francisco's bayshore back to Pier 52. Chris Carlsson shares historical tales along the way, highlighting many hidden stories that populate the ever changing bayshore.



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