

Catherine the Great

Organized by: *Barbara Margerum*

Three Mondays
April 11, 18 & 25 2016
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde Social Room
 900 Calle De Los Amigos

CATHERINE THE GREAT: HER LIFE, LOVES AND LEGACY

Catherine the Great was the most renowned and the longest-ruling female leader of Russia, reigning from 1762 until her death in 1796 at the age of 67, a span of years that included the American Revolution (1785-1793) and the French Revolution (1789-1799).

She came to power when her husband, Peter III, was assassinated. She governed at a time when the Russian Empire was expanding rapidly.

Catherine often relied on her lovers, most notably Grigory Orlov and Grigory Potemkin in her accession to power and in her expansion of the empire.

Catherine was heavily influenced by the Enlightenment and fostered art, science and education in Russia.



Enrollment Form: Catherine the Great- April 11, 18, 25, 2016

VISTAS Members \$35, Non-members \$52.50.

Note: At-The-Door Registration is an additional \$5.00

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check# _____

Name(s): _____

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Mail registration form to:

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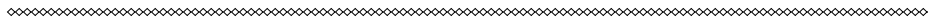
Gun Dukes - Gun is a Swedish immigrant who has called Santa Barbara home for 25 years. She was a researcher for a firm measuring customer satisfaction in automobiles.

Doris Frey - Like Catherine, Doris was born and raised in Germany and had to move to a far away country, Her passions are family, history and music.

Sue Mellor - An active member of VISTAS, Sue has a passion for history. She served with the Foreign Service in Brazil and gives tours of the courthouse.

Phil Wilcox - A native of Santa Barbara, Phil and his wife Sally visited St. Petersburg last summer and visited many of Catherine’s onetime haunts.

Don and Barbara Margerum - They have lived in Santa Barbara for 38 years and love wine, tennis and VISTAS.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Race to the Poles	8 Tuesdays 2/2-3/22	9:00 am	SB County Admin Bldg
Political Polarization	Thurs, Feb 18, 25 & Mar 3	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Opera	Sun, March 6	1:45 pm	Granada Theater
Art & Poetry	Mon, March 7	1:30 pm	Valle Verde Social Rm
Systems & Individuals	Wed, Mar 2	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Short Stories	Wed, Mar 9, 16, 23, 30	1:30 pm	Private Home
Grand Jury	Wed, March 9	9:30 am	Vista del Monte
Victory & Defeat Part 2	Thurs, Mar 10, 17, & 24,	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
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