



NIKOLA TESLA, INVENTOR OF THE ELECTRICAL AGE

Presented by: Mort Weisman

Wednesdays
February 22 & March 1, 2017

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Valle Verde - Social Room
900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara

Nikola Tesla is a little-known inventor, theorist, and futurist who was not even mentioned in the books used when we went to high school and college. And yet his work is seminal to the creation of the electrical age we live in. His life story, fights with Thomas Edison, and early work in wireless transmission, AC power distribution, X-ray imaging, and much more make a great but little-told story.

One topic for discussion is, "If Tesla is so important an inventor, scientist, and futurist, why is he so little known to the general public?"

Tesla received 112 patents on subjects from perfecting A/C current to the first phosphorescent lamp, a flying machine, and a particle-beam weapon.

Suggested readings:

Tesla, by W. Bernard Carlson
(Princeton University Press)

Wizard: The Life and Times of Nikola Tesla, by Marc Seifer (Kensington)

The Inventions, Researches and Writings of Nikola Tesla, by Thomas Commerford Martin (Fall River Press)



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BIOGRAPHY: *Mort Weisman*, a publisher of books (The Swallow Press) and games (Fasa Corporation and others), retired to Seattle, where he served for eight years as a docent and volunteer at the *Museum of Flight*. He and his wife, Judy, moved to Santa Barbara part time about six years ago and full time two years ago. He has been both a student and, several times, a presenter at VISTAS.



A typical Tesla quote:

"When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance. Not only this, but through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles; and the instruments through which we shall be able to do his will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone. A man will be able to carry one in his vest pocket."
 -Nikola Tesla, 1926.

VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Western Medicine Study Grp	1st Friday Feb - July	10:00 am	Private Home
Cryptography	Tues, Jan 3,10,17 & 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Climate Change	Thurs, Jan 5, 12, & 19	9:30 am	Natural History - Farrand
So.Africa Under Apartheid	Thurs, Jan 26	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Hollywood Musicals	Tues, Feb 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Bible Translations	Wed, Feb 8	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Grandchildren Learning	Mon, Feb 13, 20 & 27	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Nikola Tesla	Wed, Feb 22 & Mar 1	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Short Story Seminar	Wed, Mar 1, 8, 15, & 22	1:30 pm	Private Home
Lewis Carroll	Mon, Mar 6 & 13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Symphony Orchestra	Wed, Apr 12, 19, & 26	TBD	TBD
Rural New England 1830's	Thurs, May 4	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room