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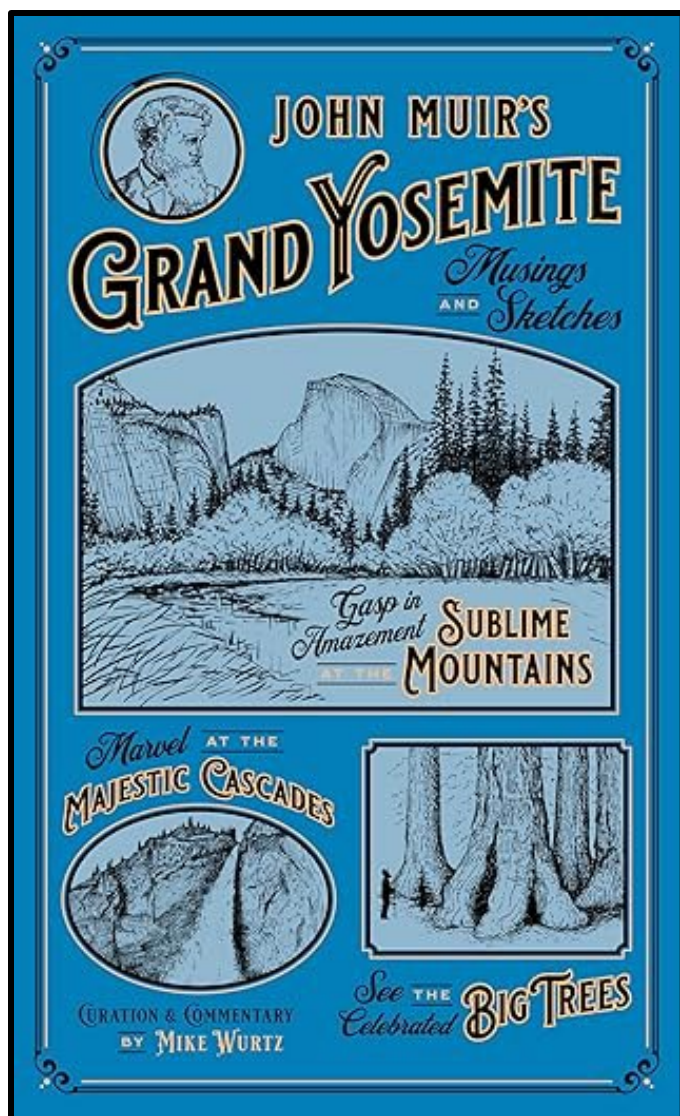
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Please join us on Tuesday, **June 17** at 5:30 p.m. for Mike Wurtz on
John Muir's Communion with Death and Life



Cover of Mike Wurtz's publication,
John Muir's Grand Yosemite

Famed naturalist and writer John Muir took many calculated risks in order to observe nature – from setting out on a glacier with a dog in a snowstorm to chasing a forest fire. Mike Wurtz will share some of these adventures, illustrated with Muir's drawings, letters, and journals, and examine how Muir used his masterful observational skills to study, promote, and protect “anywhere that is wild.”

Mike Wurtz serves as the head of the University of the Pacific's Holt-Atherton Special Collections and Archives. He oversees the access, acquisition, and preservation of over 1000 archival collections, as well as the largest collection of John Muir material in the world. Mr. Wurtz holds degrees in history, geography, and library science. He teaches courses and gives presentations about Muir, and is the author of *John Muir's Grand Yosemite* – a guide to where Muir made his drawings of the area.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Meeting Location: Fior d'Italia, 2237 Mason
Street, San Francisco

We gather at 5:30 and dinner seating begins at 6:15 p.m.
A three-course selection is available and costs **\$45.00**.

RSVP: Send checks and dinner reservations by **June 13** to Judy Van Austen, Keeper of the Chips, 1789 Northwood Court, Oakland, CA 94611; or contact Judy to make reservations beforehand. Judy's contact information is on the final page.



Noteworthy Events and Exhibits



The San Francisco Historical Society: Shawn Sprockett on How San Francisco Became America's "Gay Capital." For more than sixty years, San Francisco has been a beacon for LGBTQ people from all over the world. But how did it achieve this role? The true story begins more than 200 years before the creation of the rainbow flag or the advent of Harvey Milk. Hear the surprising story of how saloon owners, drag queens, sex workers, psychologists, Pentagon officials, and armed Evangelical activists together made San Francisco America's "Gay Capital." **Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. 608 Commercial Street, San Francisco. FREE. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** to attend either in-person or via Livestream. See <https://www.sfhhistory.org/sfhsevents> for more information.



Lara Gabrielle on the History of San Francisco on Film. San Francisco has often been used as a backdrop for movies due to its architecture and natural beauty. Author Lara Gabrielle, a film writer and researcher, will give a presentation showcasing notable films shot in the city. **Tuesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m., Congregation Sherith Israel, 2266 California Street, San Francisco. SFHA members may attend free in-person or via Zoom. There is a \$10.00 fee for non-members, which may be used toward membership.**

More information at www.sanfranciscohistory.org.



The Legion of Honor at 100. The Legion of Honor is celebrating its centennial, having opened on November 11, 1924. A special exhibition features some of the first additions to the museum's collection, including sculptures by Auguste Rodin donated by museum cofounder Alma de Bretteville Spreckels, and highlights the museum's early exhibitions. **Through November 2, 2025. Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. through 5:15 p.m. Legion of Honor, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Avenue (at Clement Street), San Francisco. More info at <https://www.famsf.org/visit/legion-of-honor>.**



Film: *Kintsukuroi* (2024). With a stroke of his pen, President Roosevelt destroyed the lives of 120,000 Japanese Americans at the onset of World War II. From the windswept prison camps of the American West to the battlefields of Europe, *Kintsukuroi* follows the lives of two of those families who lost everything except their dignity. The film will be followed by discussion with director Kerwin Berk. **Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m., Koret Auditorium, San Francisco Public Library, Main Branch, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco. FREE. Early arrival is encouraged; seating is limited. More info at <https://sfpl.org/events/2025/06/07/film-kintsukuroi-screening-and-filmmaker-discussion>.**

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Thomas Hart Benton
Spring Storm (1958)