

Message from the Board: At a Board Meeting of February 25, it was agreed that with immediate effect Jon Eldan would take up the responsibility of President of SFBARS and Elizabeth Shedd the role of Secretary. In addition, Hillary Dumas has rejoined the Board with particular responsibility for the SFBARS website which, with the help of

Jon Eldan and Amir Abadi, will be upgraded. At the same Meeting, Nancy Sheppard agreed to become Treasurer replacing Renee Rausin who was thanked for her many years of service.

Jacqueline Van Lang continue as a Board Member with responsibility for Membership and Communications. Ben Banayan and Peter Poullada continue as joint co-ordinators of Programs.

Unfortunately due to cancellation by the Speaker, the event planned for April in conjunction with the Armenian Rug Society will not occur.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 1 2014

**ANNUAL GATHERING at JIM DIXON'S
CARPET PALACE & GARDENS:**

18825 Fitzpatrick Lane
Occidental, Sonoma Country, CA
(707) 874 9512

**Open House /Pot-Luck Picnic begins at 12 noon
Show & Tell from the Dixon Collection ends 4:00**

We are delighted that Jim Dixon continues to support SFBARS by generously inviting all members, their guests and our friends from the **Armenian Rug Society** to his hill-top house located on a redwood-forested ridge with views of the Sonoma Coast for a day of fine weather, good food, gorgeous carpets and flowers. Bring a friend. Introduce them to one of the finest collections of Oriental carpets in the world and a spectacular setting.

Please note a few points of etiquette. We do not wear street shoes in the house; socks or slippers are fine. Parking is limited so car-pooling is appreciated. We will NOT be using the bathrooms in the house but will have Port-a-potties as we did last year. We will be recycling as much as possible and will have marked containers.

Sept. 15-21, 2014

ICOC Tour Vienna-Budapest

**Below is the announcement from ICOC
(Int'l Conference on Oriental Carpets)**

The ICOC Tour Vienna-Budapest in September 2014 is on track and we are proud to announce that we successfully and continuously improve our program. We were able to add some more exhibitions to our ambitious event – the biggest ever show of ethnological textiles in Austria -“Inspiration Textil” will be held in the prime location of the Kuenstlerhaus in the centre of Vienna.

Furthermore, we succeeded in encouraging an exhibition on “Armenian Rugs and Carpets,” and the students of the University of Applied Arts Vienna will present the results of their “Ikat Project” in the historic Heiligenkreuzerhof in Vienna.

To register or for more details please go to the TKF website <http://www.tkf-textilkunst.at/icoc-tour-vienna-budapest-the-programme/>

Sunday, June 1 2014 cont.

**Annual Gathering at Jim Dixon's
Carpet Palace and Gardens**

In keeping with previous years, we are organizing the event as a **pot-luck**. While basic paper and plastic supplies and simple beverages will be provided, **Members** are requested to bring a savory or sweet dish: quiches, Middle Eastern foods, finger foods, dips, pasta salads, cheese, fruit, cakes or other sweets are welcome.



DIRECTIONS to Jim Dixon's House- If lost call Jim (707) 874-9512

Although there are other ways to get there, Jim recommends the following:

1. North on Highway 101 past Petaluma. Take the Railroad Avenue exit going west. When Railroad Avenue dead-ends, turn right on Stony Point Road.
2. In about 2 miles, turn left on Roblar Road, which dead-ends at Valley Ford Road. Go right on Valley Ford through the town of Valley Ford, staying to the right when the road divides. Continue on the Valley Ford-Freestone Road until it dead-ends at Bodega Highway.
3. Left on Bodega Highway for 2 miles. Watch for a sharp right turn into Joy Road. Proceed up the hill for 5 miles on Joy Road, which narrows through a redwood forest.
4. After 5 long miles on Joy Road, make a left onto Fitzpatrick Lane. Jim's house is 3 miles along the ridge on this bumpy and narrow lane. Pass over a cattle guard, then through another redwood grove, then at about mile 2, you will come to a second cattle guard. You will see a sign on the left saying "Private Road": keep going. Continue another 1 mile. As the road dwindles, look to the left. On a telephone pole you will see the number 18825. Make a left turn into the drive, for a quarter of a mile until you see a gate. Go through the gate and park, Jim's house is on the left.

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

To improve the speed and ease of communication, we will be offering email membership ONLY. Please include your email in the membership renewal form attached.

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Program co-Chair —Ben Banayan

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- Contributions to the Honorarium Fund provide additional support for programs and speakers. I wish to contribute \$_____
- I am willing to host speakers visiting the Bay Area

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Thank you for your appreciation and participation, and ongoing interest in SFBARS.

Sincerely,
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