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## Napa Valley Museum to Host 'Sunday Soup' Grant Dinner

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In conjunction with the upcoming *NOURISH* exhibition, Napa Valley Museum will host a Sunday Soup dinner to support local artists. The dinner will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 5pm at Napa Valley Museum. For \$10, attendees will enjoy a delicious soup dinner and vote to support one special grant project. The grant money comes from the total income of the dinner.

"We believe Sunday Soup is in perfect sync with *NOURISH*, because the exhibition explores the intersections between food, hospitality and art," says Meagan Doud, Curator of Napa Valley Museum. "This is a great way to engage the community in a relaxed, dinnertime setting to help directly fund a creative project."

Individuals are encouraged to submit a proposal and can find details on the Museum's website, [www.NapaValleyMuseum.org](http://www.NapaValleyMuseum.org). Any creative arts project— art, music, writing, dance, theater, etc.—is eligible! The only requirement is that the project must somehow impact the Napa Valley. Projects that are accessible to a wide community audience, such as events that are free or low-cost to attendees, events that actively reach out to less-served populations, etc. will be given greater consideration. Finalists, selected by the Museum, will be required to attend the dinner where they will share more details about their proposed project with the community.

"With Soup, community participation in the grant funding and selection process is key," the Sunday Soup website explains. "It serves as a way to build a network of support and community that reaches beyond purely monetary assistance."

For consideration, applications can be found online and must be submitted to [meagan@napavalleymuseum.org](mailto:meagan@napavalleymuseum.org) by October 12, 2015. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

## About the Exhibition

*NOURISH* opens on September 18, 2015 at Napa Valley Museum and runs through November 29

Napa Valley Museum, in collaboration with guest curator and artist, Nancy Willis, is thrilled to present *NOURISH*, a multi-faceted exhibition that examines the intersection of dining, hospitality and art from Napa Valley to the global community. This will be a unique chance to think about the way we relate to food and dining through the lens of art history and visual culture. An opening reception for *NOURISH* will take place on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 6-7pm, with general admission tickets for \$5. Museum Members only preview from 5-6pm.

*NOURISH* is an ambitious exhibition that spans centuries of thinkers and makers who address food, dining and service in their creative output. Work from over 25 artists will be on display including Grant Achatz, Kathy Aioki, Gale Antokal, Nikki Ballere-Callnan, Sue Bradford, Will Callnan III, Heather Capen, Chefs' Artist Collective, Zoe Crosher, Edwin Deakin, Kathy deRosas, Richard Diebenkorn, Kim Dingle, Luka Fineisen, Caitlin Freeman-Williams, Liz Hickok, Dan Jackson, Alex Kanevsky, Paul Kirchner, Catherine Maize, Robb McDonough, Deborah Miller, Joan Miro, Deborah Oropallo, Pablo Picasso, Lucy Puls, Gideon Rubin, Kai Samuels-Davis, Meg Smith, Mark Stock, Wayne Thiebaud, Chris Thorson, Michael Tompkins, Katherine Vetne, Nancy Willis, and Bijan Yashar. In addition to traditional visual artworks, *NOURISH* will present monotypes created by Napa Valley chefs, and drawings by Alinea's renowned chef Grant Achatz.

Artist and curator Nancy Willis, has spent twenty-five years in the Napa making art as well as working in the hospitality industry. Her immersion in both of these worlds is the genesis for the show's concept and informs the curatorial perspective. Willis discusses her vision for *NOURISH*: *"As an artist living in the Napa Valley I have had a dual professional life; in addition to a committed studio practice, I have worked nearly every position in restaurants, as a prep chef for an iconic catering company to my current position as a design instructor at the Culinary Institute of America. These experiences have afforded me a unique perspective that has illuminated the perpetuating influence between the two industries and on my own work. With NOURISH, I want to offer a new perspective about where I live and celebrate the beauty, strength and relativity of the arts as a vital source of daily nourishment."*

## About the Museum

Situated mid-valley in the historic town of Yountville, between St. Helena and Napa, the Museum provides unique experiences that enrich the cultural fabric of our community through exhibitions and educational programs. At Napa Valley Museum, explore the connections between our Valley's environment, culture, history and creative expression.

## Visitor Information

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**Admission:** Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for youth. Free for Members, Yountville Veteran's Home residents, and active military.

**Museum Hours:** Wednesday through Sunday, 11am to 4pm. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and all major holidays. The Second Saturday of every month is Free Family Fun Day, sponsored by Raley's Family of Fine Stores.

For general information please call 707.944.0500

Website: [www.NapaValleyMuseum.org](http://www.NapaValleyMuseum.org)

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