

## Cat show to be held at Del Mar Fairgrounds: Enter your pet!

Four hundred and fifty pedigree cats, as well as rescue cats and household cats, will compete in the biggest show west of the Rockies on Jan. 28 and 29 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Make your cat a star. Pre register your cat by Jan. 23. You will have great fun with your cat. Lots of ribbons. Visit: [www.SanDiegoCat.org](http://www.SanDiegoCat.org) and call the Entry Clerk for how to enter the show. Eight judges will judge the kitties all weekend long. So be prepared to spend Saturday and Sunday with your kitty.

Meet up to 41 breeds. It's wonderful to see the curly haired, the naked, the shorthair and the longhaired kitties. Buy your kitty a new favorite toy, cat tree or food. Find Feline art that fits right in at your house.

The event is sponsored by San Diego Cat Fanciers, a nonprofit Cat Club, devoted to the welfare of cats.

For more information, tickets and event times, visit [www.SanDiegoCat.org](http://www.SanDiegoCat.org).

## Local artist features a four-day 'Depth and Dimension' class at the Athenaeum School of the Arts

Structured lessons with local artist Linda Luisi at the Athenaeum's San Diego Art Studio will be held Jan. 19- Feb. 9, four Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4441 Park Blvd., San Diego, 92116. Learn 3-dimensional techniques, create scenes with greater spatial depth, "push-the-envelope" to enhance the realistic quality of art. 3D basics: highlights, shadows and perspective. Individual attention for all levels (first-time beginners and experienced artists). See details at [www.lindaluisi.com](http://www.lindaluisi.com). Questions: instructor (760) 944-8991. For the series: \$160 nonmembers; \$140 members. Plus \$8 material fee. To register: (858) 454-5872 or online: [www.ljathenaeum.org](http://www.ljathenaeum.org). Class # 69.

## Renowned 'Living Legends' coming to California Center for the Arts

The world-renowned Living Legends celebrates the Latin American, Native American, and Polynesian cultures through song and dance in its 90-minute performance, Seasons.

They will perform on Feb 4, at 7 p.m., at The Escondido Center for the Arts, 340 North Escondido Blvd, Escondido, CA 92025.

For tickets, visit [artcenter.org/performances](http://artcenter.org/performances).

## John McCutcheon concert is Jan. 28 in Encinitas

San Diego Folk Heritage presents John McCutcheon on Saturday Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. at San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024.

Admission \$22. SDFH members \$18. Children under 12 are free. Visit [sdfolkheritage.org](http://sdfolkheritage.org) or [www.folkmusic.com](http://www.folkmusic.com).

## Dr. Temple Grandin makes memorable visit to The Winston School

Dr. Temple Grandin, best-selling author, animal behavior expert and subject of a popular HBO movie, recently visited The Winston School for students with learning differences. Grandin, who as a student with autism also learned differently, capped her tour by commenting "I could have thrived here."

The Winston School (<http://www.thewinstonschool.com>) is a college preparatory program for bright, creative students in grades 4 through 12 who have struggled to meet their potential. The Winston School offers an extensive arts curriculum providing classic training and a creative outlet as well as opportunities to build character and self-confidence.

Brenda Holzclaw, a Winston parent, initiated the visit by inviting Grandin to visit Winston during her recent visit to the area. Holzclaw said she felt Winston's unique approach to teaching students with learning differences would interest Grandin — and it did.

In December, Grandin toured the campus and met the school's students and faculty. Predictably, she made a lasting impression on everyone she met — especially student Joe Ciacci. The 10th grade student was serving as the school's ambassador that day and was about to start a campus tour when the notably direct Grandin told him he needed to lose weight. "It was hilarious," Ciacci said. "I'm chubby and the first thing she asked me was 'What are you eating?'"

According to school headmaster Mike Peterson, Grandin's inquiry wasn't meant to offend, as many people with autism ask questions that cross social boundaries. "Adults are often dismissed as 'eccentric' when they engage in this type of behavior but adolescents can suffer significantly when they don't understand how to communicate with others," he said. "Young people with autism benefit from safe, supportive environments that both accept differences and give children tools to become socially successful. The Winston School pro-



The Winston School Headmaster Mike Peterson with best-selling author, animal behavior expert and subject of popular HBO movie Dr. Temple Grandin during her visit to the school.

vides this environment."

Ciacci has attended Winston for two years and said he had a receptive audience in Grandin when sharing his sentiments about the school. "I told her that it's the best school I've ever been to," he said. "It's friendly, more laid back and there aren't any angry principals angry at life or teachers who won't let students talk out of turn and don't like to listen to student ideas. At Winston, I've seen several students come up with mathematical theories to solve something and if it works, they'll use it. It's not just their way."

Peterson said Grandin showed great interest in the art and science programs at the school as well as the fact that students are prepared for high-stakes testing even though faculty doesn't actually "teach to the test." Instead, students engage in multi-sensory lessons that help to build connections to what they are learning. He said, "Grandin talked a lot about her own experiences in education, both positive and negative, and in the end said 'I could have thrived here.'"

For more information, visit [thewinstonschool.com](http://thewinstonschool.com).

## Bridal Bazaar coming to San Diego Jan. 29

Bridal Bazaar, a perennial favorite of San Diego brides, hosts its 37th winter expo at the San Diego Convention Center Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The San Diego Convention Center is located at 111 W. Harbor Drive, Exhibit Halls E & F. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Visit [www.BridalBazaar.com](http://www.BridalBazaar.com).

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