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Some Allied Arts Council events include:

DANCE

- Nevada Dance Theatre presents "Marcel Marceau," a gala benefit performance. 8 p.m. February 17, Artemus Ham Concert Hall, UNLV. Tickets: \$100, \$35, \$20, \$15. 739-3838.
- Southwest Gas Distinguished Artists Series presents Loa Mangelson, dancer and choreographer, February 17, Alta Ham Fine Arts rm. 110. Master class in modern dance, 11:30 a.m.; Lecture on "Dance Production" 1 p.m.; Lecture on "Choreography," 2:30 p.m.

FILM

- Southwest Gas Distinguished Artists Series presents "Gallipoli," directed by Peter Weir, International Film Series, The New Australian Film, 7 p.m. February 19, Wright Auditorium, UNLV. Free. 739-3547.
- UNLV Art Dept. and the University Forum presents "Adirondack Green, School Bus Yellow" by Claes and Coosje Oldenburg and "Arts on the Line," 7 p.m. February 18, Hendrix Education Auditorium, UNLV. Guest speaker: Mary Beebe, Director, Stuart Collection, UC San Diego. 739-3237.

LITERATURE/POETRY

- Southwest Gas Distinguished Artists Series presents Diane Wakoski, poet and writer-in-residence, Michigan State University. She will give a poetry reading, 7 p.m. February 20, Hendrix Education Auditorium, UNLV. A reception will follow in Artemus Ham Hall foyer, 8 p.m. 739-3401.

- Las Vegas Writers' Club monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. February 18, Las Vegas Press Club Building, Fremont and Maryland Parkway. 734-8903.
- Las Vegas Poetry Group; bring your favorite or original selection to share; 7 p.m. February 18, Clark County Library Auditorium, 1401 E. Flamingo. 733-7810.

The New Mexico Club of Nevada is having its gala Valentine Dinner and Dance at the Tropicana Hotel, Saturday, February 14, 1987, in the Monte Carlo Room. The evening's program will be to honor Senator Harry Reid for his community service to Las Vegas and to the State of Nevada. Mr. Reid is a member of the Appropriations Committee, Committee on Environment and Public and the Special Committee on Aging.

Patrica Price of the popular ALEXANDER'S ANTIQUE AND GIFT SHOP, is coordinating the affair. Ms. Price says the function will include exciting guests, invited are the Honorable Governor Richard Bryan, Rudy Beserra, Associate Director of Public Relations to the White House for President Reagan and James Bilbray, will be part of a long list of special guests.

The Valentine Dinner is open to the public, Las Vegas Performer/Composer, George Dare, will entertain with his composition "Come On & Shine Las Vegas." The Rhythm Kings (dance team) from "Star Search" and the fantastic Del Rose Trio from the show "Splash" will perform during the event. The evening begins at 6 P.M. with no host cocktails, the dinner is served at 7:30, the entertainment at 8:30. Call Patricia Price at 876-5315 for reservations and details.

Decker Elementary School kindergarten teacher, Sandi Namba, will host a Valentine Open House on February 13 for grandparents of both the morning and afternoon kindergarten classes.

Those students who do not have grandparents in Las Vegas will be encouraged to invite neighborhood seniors.

The morning class program will be held from 10 - 11:25 a.m. and the afternoon session from

1:30 - 2:50 p.m. in room 31. Refreshment of cookies and coffee will be served to the attending adults. For additional information, please contact Sandi Namba at 799-5920.

Maitre D's and Captains Association 8th Annual Wine Tasting - "The Festival of the Grapes" will be held February 22, 1987 - Sunday, Sahara Hotel Space Center, 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M., \$15.00 donation, local charity fundraiser.

For more information contact Costello Beverage Company at 876-4000 or Don or Sally Silbur at 451-2310.

Meditation For Tu B'Shevat: Vital Trees

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communities.

Trees are planted in every pioneer village as well as army camps in order to screen out the sun, control dust and serve as breaks to protect property, vulnerable field crops and hot houses against land erosion by wind and rain.

JNF also stresses the public care of recreational areas in established mature forests. Every Tu B'Shevat, Independence Day, Pesach and Sukkot, thousands of students distribute trash bags to visitors picnicking in major forests as well as literaturae about prominent archeological and historical attractions to help them form a personal attachment to Israel's rejuvenated forests.

Forests have helped restore much wildlife and flora to the Holy Land. And by replanting the woodlands that covered Israel in the days of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, JNF is strengthening a living link between modern and historic Israel.

On each Tu B'Shevat, the people of Israel, young and old alike, march from the towns and fields, over mountain and through deserts, toward marshes and sand dunes to plant trees.

They are fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 61d:3,4: "And they shall build up the wasted areas, they shall raise up the former desolations, they shall repair the waste cities, the ruins of many generations."

For the rest of the world, the advice of Rabbi Yochanan Ben Zakkai still holds: "If you should have a sapling in your hand and be suddenly told the Messiah has come, plant the sapling first and afterwards go welcome the Messiah!" (Taanit 5). (Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas serves Temple of Aaron Congregation, St. Paul, Minn., and is author of the trilogy "Heart of Wisdom.")

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