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Newsletter

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Sheraton Sonoma County

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One can register for any of our workshops via smart phone. We are now iPhone, iPad, Android and Blackberry compatible.

l'Atelier aux Couleurs
 f.k.a. The Art Academy of Petaluma
 250 Water Street
 Petaluma, CA 94952
 707-763-1324



Sheraton Sonoma County-Petaluma Hotel Pet Friendly

745 Baywood Drive 94954
 (866) 71608123
 Toll free reservations:
 (800) 325-3535
 Rates: \$134-\$216

A New Deal! When checking in Thur-Sat, request promo code Z3H for 1 free night.

(See I on the Area Map)

Perched on the Petaluma Marina adjacent to a wetlands park (with a 4.5 mile walking trail), the Sheraton Sonoma County-Petaluma Hotel offers each guest a feeling of elegance at the gateway to Northern California wine country. The Sheraton Petaluma has recently been rated one of the top ten Sheraton Hotels in North America!

The hotel features 180 deluxe guest rooms and suites; all with Sheraton's signature Sweet Sleeper Pillowtop Bed®;

voice-over IP phones with high-speed data systems, laptop sized safes and small refrigerators.

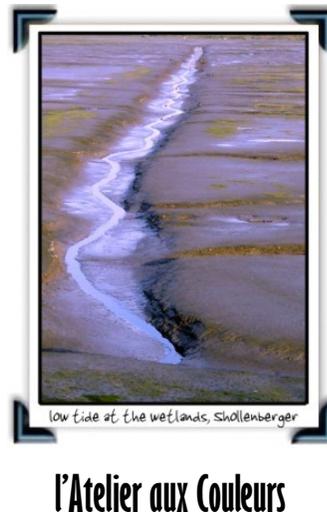
Many rooms have a spectacular marina, wetlands or mountain view. On-site amenities include a fitness center complete with cardiovascular and weight equipment; men's and women's saunas; an outdoor swimming pool and spa; and "Jellyfish Grille," a fine-dining restaurant and elegant lounge. Conveniently located 32 miles north of San Francisco, minutes from Historic Downtown Petaluma with easy access to a multitude of recreational activities.

(See C on the Area Map)

Three diamond AAA-rated, Choice Hotels Gold Award Winner. The Inn, refurbished in 2002, has 110 spacious guestrooms, 80% non-smoking. All rooms offer in-room coffee maker, small refrigerator, and modem – friendly phone system with voice mail, in-room movies, music and games available. Executive Deluxe rooms available with in-room spa tubs. Guest amenities include a full complimentary continental breakfast and 24-hour coffee service daily in the sunny lobby, on-site guest coin laundry, fitness room, outdoor heated pool and spa, dry heat sauna. Pet friendly. Close to Infineon Raceway. Minutes from Historic Downtown, shopping, restaurants and recreational activities. Airport shuttle van service available.

Quality Inn Petaluma

5100 Montero Way, 94954
 (707) 664-1155
 Toll free reservations: (800) 228-5151
 Rates: \$63-\$114
 Web: www.qualityinn.com





Best Western Petaluma

200 S. McDowell Blvd., 94954
(707) 763-0994
Toll free reservations: (800) 297-3846
E-Mail: bwpetalumainn@prodigy.net
Web: www.bestwestern.com/petalumainn
(See F on the Area Map)

Featuring 73 rooms. Color TV with remote, A/C, Non-smoking & handicap rooms, heated pool. Complimentary *USA Today*. 14 miles to Infineon (Sears Point) Raceway. One mile to Victorian Downtown. Grand locale for diversity in sightseeing. Two shopping centers within 1 block. Restaurant & cocktail lounge on premises. Rates: \$79-\$120. Call for special rates Sunday and Monday nights.



Motel 6

1368 N. McDowell Blvd., 94954
(707) 765-0333
Web: www.motel6.com
(See D on the Area Map)

NE Petaluma. From Hwy. 101 take Old Redwood Hwy/Penngrove exit. 121 rooms, w/pool, TV, HBO, and ESPN, new amenities include a guest laundry and limited trailer truck parking. Weeknight rates range from \$51 and up. Add 10 percent tax. AARP Discounts Welcome. Free for children under 17. Close to restaurants.

“We’d appreciate it if you’d give us a review of your accommodations by sending us a comment on our contact form online.”

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Métro Hôtel & Café

508 Petaluma Blvd., So., 94952
(707) 773-4900
E-Mail: hotel@metrolodging.com
Web: www.metrolodging.com
(See H on the Area Map)

Experience the ambience of Paris in Petaluma with French charm. New 15-room boutique hotel with French café in a renovated 1870 mansion within easy walking distance of Historic Downtown. Rates are \$104- \$199 with continental breakfast \$10 additional. All rooms are non-smoking. On site amenities include high-speed wireless Internet, cable T.V. with VCR and air-conditioned rooms. An eclectic selection of French antiques for sale is on display throughout the hotel.

(Note: Many students have stayed here. We have gotten mixed reviews. Some love it and some don’t care for it. Email us for further info if you’re interested in staying at the Metro Hotel and we’ll give you the full scoop.)



Dollar Inn Petaluma

5135 Montero Way, 94954
(707) 793-9500
Toll free reservations: (800) 711-6146
(See B on the Area Map)

Directions: Easy freeway access from Hwy. 101 Northbound: Take Old Redwood Highway/ Penngrove exit. Turn Right on Old Redwood Hwy. Left at first traffic light onto McDowell Blvd. Left on Montero Way to motel. From Hwy. 101 Southbound: Take Petaluma Blvd. North exit. Left onto Old Redwood Hwy. Then follow directions above. Children under 12 free, with adults in the same room. Senior Discount. 62 newly-renovated Rooms. Heated pool. \$34.95 - \$59.95. Prices subject to change.

Goltermann Gardens & Country Inn

1000 Skillman Lane
P. O. Box, 409, 94953
(707) 762-1761
(See E on the Area Map)

A romantic country retreat located in northwest Petaluma's Leghorn Valley. This rural farmhouse estate set on over 6 acres was once home to 10,000 white leghorn laying hens. The Goltermann family has turned their family farm into an elegant country facility. Lush landscaping with mature trees, lake and lawns provide a beautiful natural setting. Country Inn/Bed and Breakfast on site, with extended stays available, fully furnished with all utilities. Special events and weddings welcome. Two-night minimum per double occupancy. Call for extended stay rates. Daily rates starting at \$155.

Howard's End

(707) 778-6022 or (707) 529-1242
E-Mail: Jthatcrespi@crespiland.com
Web: www.crespiland.com/cottage.html

Rent a cottage in Petaluma! Amenities include: full kitchen, TV/ VCR/Cable, telephone, gas fireplace, handmade furniture, laundry facility and deck. Rates per day: 1-6 nights \$155 per night, 7-

15 nights \$125 per night, 16-30 nights \$110 per night, 31 + nights \$80 per night. This cottage was featured in June 2002, *Sunset Magazine*.



KOA

20 Rainsville Road, 94952
(707) 763-1492
Toll Free reservations: (800) 992-CAMP U.S. & CAN-ADA, (707) 763-1492
E-Mail: koadesk@aol.com
Web: www.petalumakoa.com
(See A on the Area Map)

KOA Campground of the Year 2001. Beautiful 60-acre rural farm setting off U.S. 101 at Penngrove exit. Excellent base campground for exploring nearby San Francisco, wine country, redwoods, and ocean beaches. San Francisco tours depart 5/1-10/31. Large heated pool, spa, playground, outdoor Kamper's Kitchen Pavilion, petting farm and summer family entertainment program. Pets welcome. 312 RV, tent and camping "Kabins".

Howard's End



Cucina Paradiso

114 Petaluma Blvd North
(707) 782-1130



From the school, walking distance is short. Walk to the corner of Washington and Petaluma Blvd North. From the north-east corner of the intersection, cross Washington street and follow the blvd south. The restaurant will be on the east side (on your left).



154 Petaluma Bld North
(707) 766-7600
(See the Putnam Plaza Area on the Downtown Area Map Inset for the closest approximation of this restaurant.)

From the school, walking distance is short. Walk to the corner of Washington and Petaluma Blvd North. From the north-east corner of the intersection, cross Washington street and follow the blvd south. The restaurant will be on the east side (on your left) past Graziano's Ristorante—another great spot.



Playa Azul Mexican Restaurant

228 Petaluma Blvd. North
(707) 763-8768
(See Penry Park on the Downtown Area Map Inset. The restaurant is directly across the blvd.)

Walking distance is very short. Head out the school doors and turn right. Head up the ramp and it's past the bus stop on your left. **(Note: They are quick!)**



The Apple Box Boutique & Eatery

224 B St
(707) 762-5222
(See 32 on the Downtown Area Map Inset.)

This one is a favorite among students for lunch. They have gourmet salads and sandwiches. They also serve great espresso drinks. The service is fairly quick and you can sit outside on the riverfront.

Walking distance is very short. Walk to the corner of Washington and Petaluma Blvd North. Walk across Washington and turn left. Turn right onto Water street and pass the foot bridge **(See Foot Bridge on Downtown Area Map Inset)** on the left. Just ahead will be a long dock. Walk onto the dock and past the entrance to "the Mill Shops" and enter the restaurant on your right.



141 Petaluma Bld North
(707) 763-0161
Opens at 7am—(known for their breakfasts)
(See the Putnam Plaza Area on the Downtown Area Map Inset for closest approximation of this restaurant.)

Local organic ingredients from area farmers, cheese makers, wineries, creameries, and poultry and beef ranches—each item on their menu is a tribute to the bounty and spirit of our region. Delicious, wholesome food is the Della commitment—beautifully prepared and presented. In addition to daily fresh bread and pastries, poached ranch eggs on Della toast jumpstarts a day like almost nothing else. On Monday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday, breakfast and lunch are served. On Friday, they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Friday dinner reservations are advised. follow it south. The restaurant will be on the west side (on your right) and it's only a block and a half from the school. Walking is recommended, as it's difficult to park on the street.

Acre Coffee House

21 4th Street
(707) 772-5117

A new independently owned Coffee House came to town! They have dairy free alternatives and organic gluten free goodies. Please give them your support.



Historic Downtown

“With more than 140 restaurants, delis, cafes and coffee houses, dining is one of the more popular pastimes in Petaluma. Offering choices galore, from breakfast to dessert, range of culinary excellence is vast. Whether it’s brewed-by-the-cup coffee or tea, Romantic Riverfront dining, or fixings for a picnic, there’s no problem finding fine food in Petaluma.”

Dempsey's RESTAURANT & BREWERY

50 East Washington Street
(707) 765-9694

This one is a favorite among students and teachers at the end of a long painting day. It might be a bit of a time crunch for lunch. They have a full bar with a large selection of beers on tap. The food is pretty good too. Walking distance is very short. It is located in the Golden Eagle Center across the street from the school. Walk to the corner of Washington and Petaluma Blvd North. Cross Washington and turn left. Turn right onto Water street and take the foot bridge over the river on the left to enter the restaurant, which will be immediately on your left just over the bridge.

Graziano's Ristorante & Lounge

170 Petaluma Bld North
(707) 762-5997

Walking distance is very short to this Italian Restaurant. Walk to the corner of Washington and Petaluma Blvd North. On the north-east corner, cross Washington street and follow it south. The restaurant will be on the east side (on your left). It might be a time crunch for lunch depending on how busy they are.



Dempsey's salad



Petaluma Pie Company

125 Petaluma Bld North
(707) 347-9743

Petaluma Pie Company is a locally owned bakery cafe nestled inside **Helen Putnam Plaza** at the heart of historic downtown Petaluma.

They serve sweet and savory personal sized pies, along with salad, beer, wine, coffee, tea and more. They use organic and local ingredients to make their delicious pies.



The Petaluma Blvd “Caffeine Corridor”



125 Petaluma Blvd N
(See Putnam Plaza on the Area Map Inset)

Petaluma has 5 Starbucks. This one is the closest to the school. There are three of them on Mc Dowell Bld. There’s another one on Lakeville Hwy in the Safeway Shopping Center.



5 Petaluma Blvd. South
(707) 782-0401
(Located on the corner of the Petaluma Blvd. South and B street.)

Another coffee house! That’s great, because we don’t have enough coffee here.

Mon-Fri: 5am-8pm
Sat: 6am-8pm
Sun: 6am-7pm



Dempsey's award winning ales



Hiro's Japanese Restaurant

107 Petaluma Bld. No., 94952
(707) 763-2300
(At the corner of Petaluma Blvd. No. and Western Ave.)

Recently rated with 5 stars by a prominent North Bay daily newspaper for Food, Ambiance, Service, and Sake list. The extensive menu and sake list afford patrons the opportunity to take pleasure in a flawless Japanese dining experience. The menu includes exceptionally well-prepared Teriyaki and Tempura dishes and in addition to the extensive sake list, the bar serves Japanese vodka cocktails and wine. Serves lunch 12-12:30 p.m. and dinner from 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Central Market

42 Petaluma Blvd. No., 94952
(707) 778-9900
(See the Putnam Plaza Area on the Downtown Area Map Inset for the closest approximation of this restaurant.)

This restaurant is an ideal dinner spot if you're looking for quality gourmet, white table cloth kind of food. This place has the freshest local ingredients and it's authentic Northern California cuisine. It has a homey bustling marketplace ambiance with hanging herbs and pots and an Italian wood-burning oven as the focal point, future décor plans include outdoor seating adjacent to the Petaluma River. The owner makes his own seafood sausage, chorizo and smoked fish. The lunch and dinner menus incorporate imaginative small plates, sandwiches and a selection of wood oven roasted entrees. Lunch and dinner are served daily except Monday.

Finbar Devine's Irish Pub

145 Kentucky Street, 94952
(707) 762-9800
(Located in the block between Washinton St. and Western Ave on Kentucky Street)

This pub serves Irish grub with a flare. Open daily for lunch and dinner and Irish Brunch on Sunday, Finbar's décor is fantastically authentic. The menu offers lots of American favorites as well as Irish delicacies or pop in for a brew or another Irish concoction from the full bar. The venue lends itself to Irish-style celebrations with plenty of space and atmosphere. The upstairs loft is a fun spot for groups.

Thai Issan

208 Petaluma Blvd N, 94952
(707) 762-5966
(This restaurant is just two doors down from Playa Azul, see page 5)

This Thai house is very close to the school, just around the corner on foot. It could be a squeeze for lunch as the kitchen can be slow at times. It might be best to save this one for dinner. Our students and teachers go here often and have only given favorable reviews.

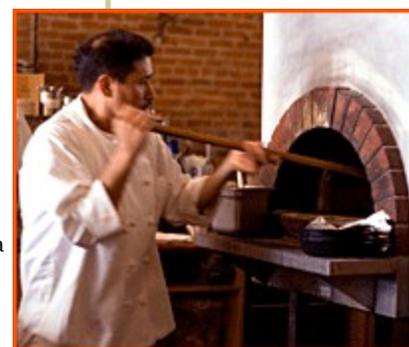
Thai Ginger Bistro

139B Petaluma Bld. No., 94952
(707) 778-6293
(See the Putnam Plaza Area on the Downtown Area Map. Located in the courtyard.)

Enjoy expertly prepared authentic Thai food artfully presented in a small colorfully decorated space with indoor seating for only 20. This Thai family owned and operated new restaurant is rapidly becoming a favorite spot for lunch and dinner. Service is casual and friendly. Selected entrees feature sautéed vegetables, spices and herbs with a choice of chicken, beef, pork, prawns or tofu.

"This is absolutely the best Thai food I've ever had. And I've tried them all."

-Carole, talking about Thai Ginger Bistro



Sugo Trattoria

5 Petaluma Blvd South, 94952
(707) 782-9298
(This restaurant is located right next door to Peets Coffee on the Blvd.)

The theme is good, honest Italian food. Each night, Annette decides what kind of ravioli she'll make from scratch. These are large, 5-by-5-inch raviolis, and you get five of them in a rich cream sauce. The freshly-made dough melts in your mouth, and the creamy sauce carries the savory flavors of the filling to your taste buds on a velvet tide.

If you like home-made pasta with its melty quality rather than the firmer texture of commercial, dried pasta cooked al dente, opt for the tagliatelle, pappardelle or gnocchi dishes on Sugo's menu. They are all made in-house.



Sonoma Valley Portworks

Café Zazzle

121 Kentucky Street
(707) 762-1700

Give me Zazzle or give me death!
Ask not what your Zazzle can do
for you, But what you can do for
your Zazzle! The synonyms are
endless... Big eyes, craving,
demand, fondness, hankering,
hunger, itch, longing, lust...
...passion, ravenousness, sweet
tooth, taste, voracity, yearning,
yen, ZAZZLE, zest...

McNears Saloon & Dining House

23 Petaluma Blvd North
(707) 765-2121

McNear's Saloon & Dining House features a large menu served 7 days a week until midnight. Their lively atmosphere and friendly service make McNear's one of Petaluma's most popular meeting and dining spots. This is a favorite meeting spot of ours with the group as it's fun and affordable and you don't feel like you need to change out of your painting attire. They have a full bar and the food is pretty good too, with it's large menu of burgers, pasta dishes, soups and salads. Some of McNears' favorites are their Fish 'n Chips, Sheppards Pie, Fish Tacos and Prawns 'n Chips.

**“At Café Zazzle,
the coleslaw
and fish tacos
are amazing!”**

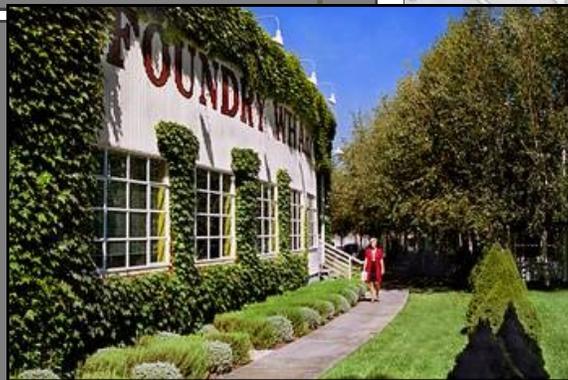
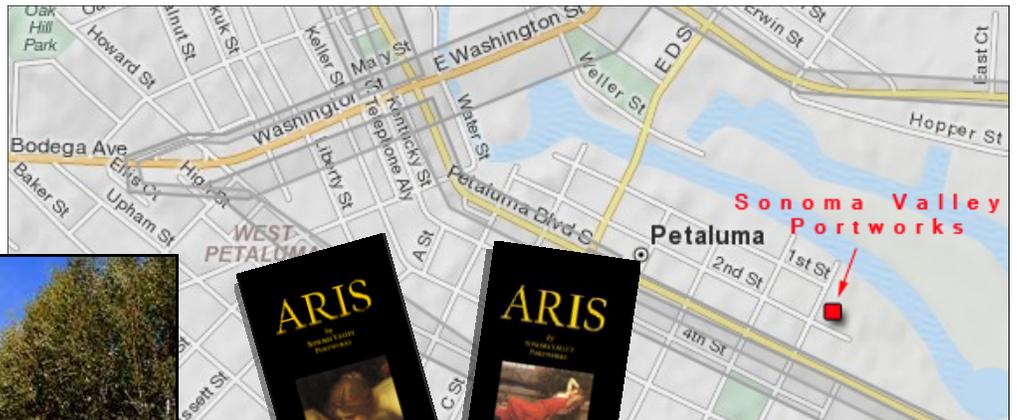
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Taste After—Dinner Wines in Petaluma

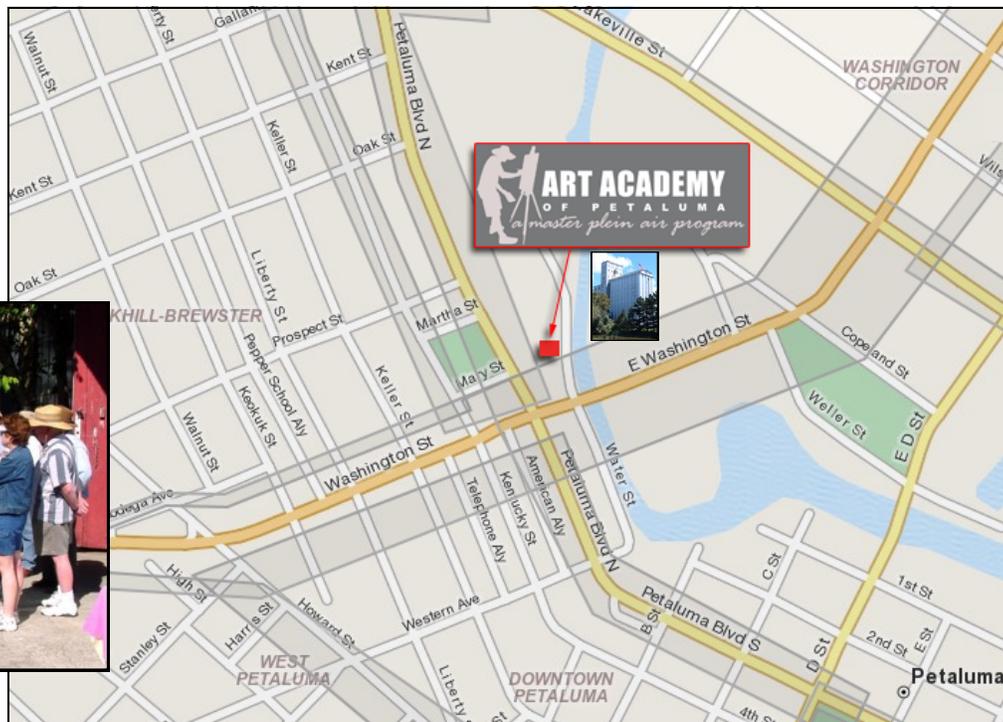
Sonoma Valley Portworks

613 Second Street , 94952
To make an appointment for a tasting, call: (707) 769-5203
Web: www.portworks.com

Located in the riverfront Foundry Wharf complex (Web: www.foundrywharf.com), in the historic warehouse district of Petaluma, Sonoma Valley Portworks is open for tasting by appointment Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can also wander by, and if they're there, they'll probably serve you. Boasting a quality line of premium, award winning after dinner wines including two ports, a cream sherry, and a fortified Muscat, Sonoma Valley Portworks hand-selects the best components available from the world's great vintners and blends and bottles in their Sonoma County facilities. The ability to blend from different varieties, styles, and appellations yields unusual flexibility, consistency, and the highest quality. All of the wines are available for tasting for a \$2.00 fee, which includes a SVP logo tasting glass to take home.



**We're the "Tin Barn School".
Look for the Big Red Barn Doors.**



We are located in beautiful Sonoma County—in the heart of the wine country just north of San Francisco.

Driving Directions from San Francisco:

1. Estimated driving time: 48 minutes. At the Golden Gate Bridge, Take US-101 North for approximately 36 miles.
2. Take the CA-116 East exit toward Sonoma/Napa and turn right to go under the freeway. You are now on Lakeville Hwy which quickly becomes Lakeville Street.
3. Turn left onto East Washington Street and travel a short distance to the small bridge crossing over the Petaluma River.
4. The first tiny street just over the bridge is Water Street. (Before the traffic light. There's a huge apartment complex on the right, just before the bridge.)
5. Turn right and just ahead is our building. The school is a non-descript corrugated steel barn-like structure with big red barn doors with large white numbers "250".

Driving Directions from Eureka:

1. Estimated driving time: 4 1/2 hours. Take US-101 South for approximately 232 miles.
2. Take the East Washington Street exit toward central Petaluma.
3. Turn right onto East Washington. Drive .9 miles to a small bridge crossing over the Petaluma River.
4. Then follow steps 4 and 5 above.