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SAN DIEGO

The Good Life

Our 2010 San Diego Wish List!
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POWER PLAYER!

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S.D.'S BEST BANDS
& ALL THE FAB FÊTES

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TOP TEN



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 "The After Dark" 2010 Steampunk at OMA.

1 ART AFTER DARK

What is steampunk? Think Marquis de Sade meets *Blade Runner*. This month's "Art After Dark" will be rife with the Brit-inspired art. Rock out with local band Manganista, check out works by Riviera favorite Greg Brotherton and sip on handcrafted brews from S.D.'s Lost Abbey. **Nov. 5.** At *Oceanside Museum of Art*, 760.435.3720, oma-online.org.

2 SAN DIEGO BEER WEEK

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San Diego defends its title as craft beer capital during the second annual S.D. Beer Week. Sip on rare brews, take a bartending class or chow down at a beer dinner, like the "Chef Celebration" at the Lodge at Torrey Pines (Nov. 14). This isn't your Miller-and-Bud kind of showcase; this is yeast-art. **Nov. 5-14.** At multiple locations, sdbw.org.

3 PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL

S.D.-based Project Concern International started in Tijuana in 1961 with a simple goal: bring health to the world's neediest. Now it has outposts in 16 countries (including the U.S.) and cares for 4 million people. Their 50th anniversary gala honors the man who started it all, Dr. James Turpin. **Nov. 6.** At the *Del Mar Fairgrounds*, projectconcern.org.

4 CHAIRS FOR CHARITY

Local design buffs like Arclinea's Linda Wilson-Wirth, Ezeban Lopez (Ezeban Interiors), Michael Soriano (Onaisio Design) and Alaisa ed-in-chief Gillian Flynn will craft their dream chairs for the second annual "CHAIRS for CHAIRity." **Nov. 10.** At *Field & Contemporary Home*, 619.295.6660, fieldhome.com.

5 WILLY HOOKS

For the solo exhibit "Ocean House Paintings," award-winning abstract artist Willy Hooks pairs brightly colored oils with acrylics, turning organized chaos into lively art. All of the work is inspired by the enviable view from his seaside studio. **Nov. 12-Jan. 8.** At *Scott White Contemporary Art*, 619.501.5683, scottwhiteart.com.

6 PHOTO EXPO WEST

The West Coast's largest photo fest features exhibits, live gadget demos and advice from the pros. Chat one-on-one with David Stocklein, talk sports with Seattle Seahawks shutterbug Rod Maz, or get celeb mojos from portrait master Judy Host. **Nov. 13-14.** At the *Del Mar Fairgrounds*, sandiegophotoexpo.com.

7 RUINED

Inspired by a trip through Uganda, playwright Lynn Nottage delivers *Ruined*, a portrayal of war-torn life in the Congo. The play snagged the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for drama and has brought Nottage to the forefront of international politics. **Nov. 16-Dec. 19.** At *La Jolla Playhouse*, 858.550.1010, lajollaplayhouse.org.

8 MIKE HYNSEN

Surf icon. Outlaw. Designer. How's that for a lit of life experiences? Mike Hynsen may be the only man to ask. Catch the shy guy on his *Transcendental Memoirs of a Surf Artist* book tour, recapping his globe-trotting surfer days. **Nov. 18.** At *California Surf Museum*, 760.721.6876, www.californiasurfmuseum.com.

9 BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU

The release of the big, jammy, fan-far-all wine known as Beaujolais is an international event. Westgate hosts its annual Beaujolais Nouveau tasting, with two glasses of the world-famous wine and a three-course meal by French chef Fabrice Handel. **Nov. 19.** At *Westgate Hotel*, 619.238.1818, westgatehotel.com.

10 HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!

...has the gift-hungry spirit of Xmas quite simply. And San Diego—home to Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*—is where the annual stage adaptation of the classic started. **Nov. 20-Dec. 26.** At the *Old Globe*, 619.5623, theoldglobe.org.