

What you need to know about this weekend's Chocolate Tasting

Friends of the Copper Queen Library fill you with temptation at 26th annual gathering

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A father and daughter participate in a past Bisbee Chocolate Tasting at the Central School Project.

Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions about the event. If you don't find your answer here, or if you need additional information, please call 206-799-8850.

Q. What is the date, time and location of the Chocolate Tasting?

A. The 26th Annual Bisbee Chocolate Tasting, sponsored by the Friends of the Copper Queen Library, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6-9 p.m. at Central School Project, 43 Howell Street in Old Bisbee. Doors will open at 5:30 for previews and a glass of wine, but no chocolates will be distributed until 6 p.m.

Q. How do I get there?

A. It's easy to get to Central School from downtown Bisbee by car or foot by going up the street in front of the Copper Queen Hotel and taking a right on Howell Street. Visitors can park in the main lot at the foot of Brewery Gulch and walk up the Gulch, turning at the road in front of the Copper Queen Hotel and taking a right at Howell Street – Central School is on the right. There is also some parking in the Central School Parking lot or the lot in front of the school. Or, if you prefer, you can catch a golf cart ride by The Bisbee Tour Company from the Convention Center Parking lot or the parking lot across from the Bisbee Grand Hotel – they will do a loop to Central School and back again.

Q. What is the price of a ticket?

A. Tickets to the event are \$10 each – and a \$10 ticket entitles the ticket holder to six pieces of fabulous chocolate, which the ticket holder can select for themselves at the tasting.

Q. Where can tickets be purchased?

A. Tickets will be available after January 10 at the Copper Queen Library, the Friends of the Library Bookstore, Finders Keepers, High Desert Market, Bisbee Olive Oil and at the door on the night of the event.

Q. Will there be beverages available at the event?

A. Yes, red and white wine will be available for adults to enjoy with the chocolates; there will be a box for suggested donations. There will also be water and coffee, thanks to Bisbee Coffee Company. Be sure to try their great new Page Brothers Blend – super special coffee! We'll offer it in caffeinated and decaf.

Q. Where do the chocolates come from?

A. Most of the chocolates are donated by the wonderful home bakers and candy makers of Bisbee – and even high school culinary arts students – and the creativity displayed is amazing! Also, we receive donated chocolates from our supportive and amazing local restaurateurs and professional chocolatiers.

Q. How are the proceeds from the Chocolate Tasting used?

A. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Copper Queen Library, who use the funds to pay for free year-round programming at the Library, which includes children's programs (such as the Summer Reading Program), programming from the Arizona Humanities Council, book groups, Freewrite classes and other cultural events. This year, the Friends funded some physical improvements at the Library as well, including ceiling fans, furniture for the children's section, new computers and projector and lots of refurbishing and updating, both at the Friends' Bookstore and the Library itself. Thank you for making those improvements possible!

Q. Are there other events on the night of the tasting?

A. Yes – Feb.11 is a “Second Saturday” for Bisbee After Five, which means that all of Bisbee’s charming shops and galleries will be holding Open House from 5-8 p.m., so be sure to come early, do some shopping and gallery hopping, enjoy a meal at one of our many restaurants (see our list of partner restaurants in the Partners section of this website), and come to the Chocolate Tasting for dessert!