



# Food For Thought Antique Store Takes Its Final Bow

Last day of business Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

## Early Discounts Available (see below)

After much discussion and deliberation, the Food For Thought board of directors voted at its June meeting to close the Food For Thought antique store when the building's lease expires in September.

In 2007 longtime donor and volunteer Randall Johnson left the store to Food For Thought in his will. According to Executive Director Ron Karp, Food For Thought carefully considered the opportunity to manage the store, with proceeds designated to fund Food For Thought's services and programs.

"For more than 10 years, our dedicated retail staff has curated and managed this generous gift as a labor of love," Karp says. He credits team members for their creativity, dedication, and all-out effort to refresh and promote the store.

However, the local and highly competitive retail environment has made profitability an ongoing challenge. With this reality, the board decided to close the business so as to

remain focused on Food For Thought's expanded mission to serve more clients in Sonoma County with healing food and nutrition.

Karp noted that many Food For Thought supporters and antique lovers are fond of the store and will be sad to see it close. "We appreciate and are grateful to all of our staff and volunteers whose dedication to the store has earned Food For Thought much community goodwill and recognition."

Everyone is invited to the public closing sale July 26 - Sept. 14. You can take advantage of reduced prices now. See story below.

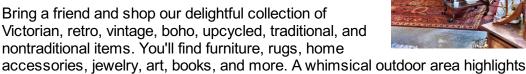


# Great Deals for You at the Antique Store ... Starting TODAY!

You can enjoy steep discounts starting today, before the public closing sale begins Friday, July 26.

Just tell the store staff you learned about the sale through this

newsletter. They'll help you find the perfect item you're after at a great price.







Check out our <u>Facebook</u> page for sale updates. We thank you for your patronage!

Food For Thought Antiques 2701 Gravenstein Hwy. S. Sebastopol, CA 95472 (707) 823-3101 Open daily 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **Food Drives Going Strong**

treasures for the yard, garden, and patio.

In June our wonderful food drive volunteers collected \$12,000 in food and cash donations! A total of 43 volunteers helped with supply set ups, food drive shifts, and donation pick ups. Thank you everyone for your hard work during the first month of summer!

If you'd like to volunteer for a food drive or one of our many other opportunities, <u>sign up here</u> or contact Helen at <u>HelenM@FFTfoodbank.org</u>.





#### Ron and Mark Interviewed on KRCB Radio

Executive Director Ron Karp and Development Director Mark Green recently talked about Food For Thought's impact on the local community during a KRCB interview with Michele Anna Jordan on her show "Mouthful." **Take a listen here!** 

### Celebration Pathway: A Place to Honor and Remember

If you've strolled through Food For Thought's healing herbal garden, you've likely read the names of loved ones who grace the stepping stones of the garden's Celebration Pathway.



Established in 2010 by generous supporters
Rodney DeMartini and
Frederick Kasl, the pathway offers a dedicated space to honor the special people or events of your life. A work in progress that grows with each personal dedication, the pathway greets visitors with peaceful serenity.



To order a plaque for the pathway, please contact Mark Green, Development Director, at MarkG@FFTfoodbank.org or (707) 887-1647 x102.



#### Tickets Still Available!

Our Long Table
Vine Hill House, Sebastopol
Individual tickets \$120
Visit Our Long Table

Don't miss our new fundraising event, including a lovely vineyard dinner,refreshing summer wines, and a live auction. Enjoy fun music by Dgiin and a delicious dinner menu by Michele Anna Jordan.

## **Dining Out For Life Featured Restaurants**

The following restaurants generously supported our 2018 Dining Out For Life fundraiser. Please help us support them in return by enjoying a wonderful meal in one of the many communities Food For Thought serves.







Russian River Brewing Co. 725 4th St. Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (707) 545-BEER Baci Cafe and Wine Bar 336 Healdsburg Avenue, Healdsburg, CA 95448 (707) 433-8111

Eight Cuisine and Wine 7501 Healdsburg Ave. Sebastopol, CA 95472 (707) 823-8189



Food For Thought's mission is to nourish and serve our community by providing healthy food and compassion to people living with HIV and other serious illnesses.

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