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## **CEC Hosts Award-Winning Green Gala “Eco-Chic” Party of the Year**

### **Community Environmental Council Celebrates Over 40 Years of Environmental Progress in Santa Barbara with Green Gala**

**September 8, 2014, Santa Barbara, CA**—The Community Environmental Council (CEC) is hosting the annual “eco-chic” party of the year, the Green Gala, on **Friday, September 26 at 6:30p.m.** Held at The Lark, 131 Anacapa St. in Santa Barbara, the fundraiser is the only ‘close-out’ event this year at the Funk Zone’s hottest restaurant, named by Zagat as one of Santa Barbara’s “10 Best.”

In the spirit of both The Lark and CEC’s eco-ethic, the décor will feature repurposed materials, guided by the award-winning Meryll Brown Events, Creative Consultant and longtime gala partner. This dedication to creative reuse with minimal waste is a hallmark of the Green Gala -- a beautiful party with an emphasis on local food, water conservation, reusable products and waste reduction.

During the reception, guests will enjoy a variety of local spirits and delicious appetizers while posing for fun eco-portraits with Outrageous Booths and perusing a carefully curated silent auction. Silent auction highlights include: a week in a private home in Hanalei, Kauai; VIP tickets to the Santa Barbara Bowl; art and jewelry from local artists; local sightseeing trips from Island Packers; and a variety of signed movie and music memorabilia.

Following the cocktail hour, guests will enjoy a seated three-course dinner designed especially for the Green Gala by The Lark’s chefs, served family style and highlighting wines and food from local farms and vineyards. The gala will kick off CEC’s participation in the annual Eat Local Challenge, in partnership with Edible Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara’s Farmers Market.

The Green Gala is an annual fundraiser for the Community Environmental Council, whose mission is to develop programs that solve environmental issues affecting Santa Barbara County. CEC's five core initiatives – Drive Less, Choose Electric, Go Solar, Ditch Plastic and Eat Local – are designed to move our region away from fossil fuels and energy-intensive products. Other major events hosted by CEC include the annual Earth Day Festival in April, which brings the community together to celebrate sustainable innovation, green products and local food.

The event will take place on Friday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. at The Lark, 131 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara. Tickets to the cocktail attire event are \$275 per person. To RSVP, please contact Kathi King at (805) 963-0583 x108 or [kking@cecmail.org](mailto:kking@cecmail.org).

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