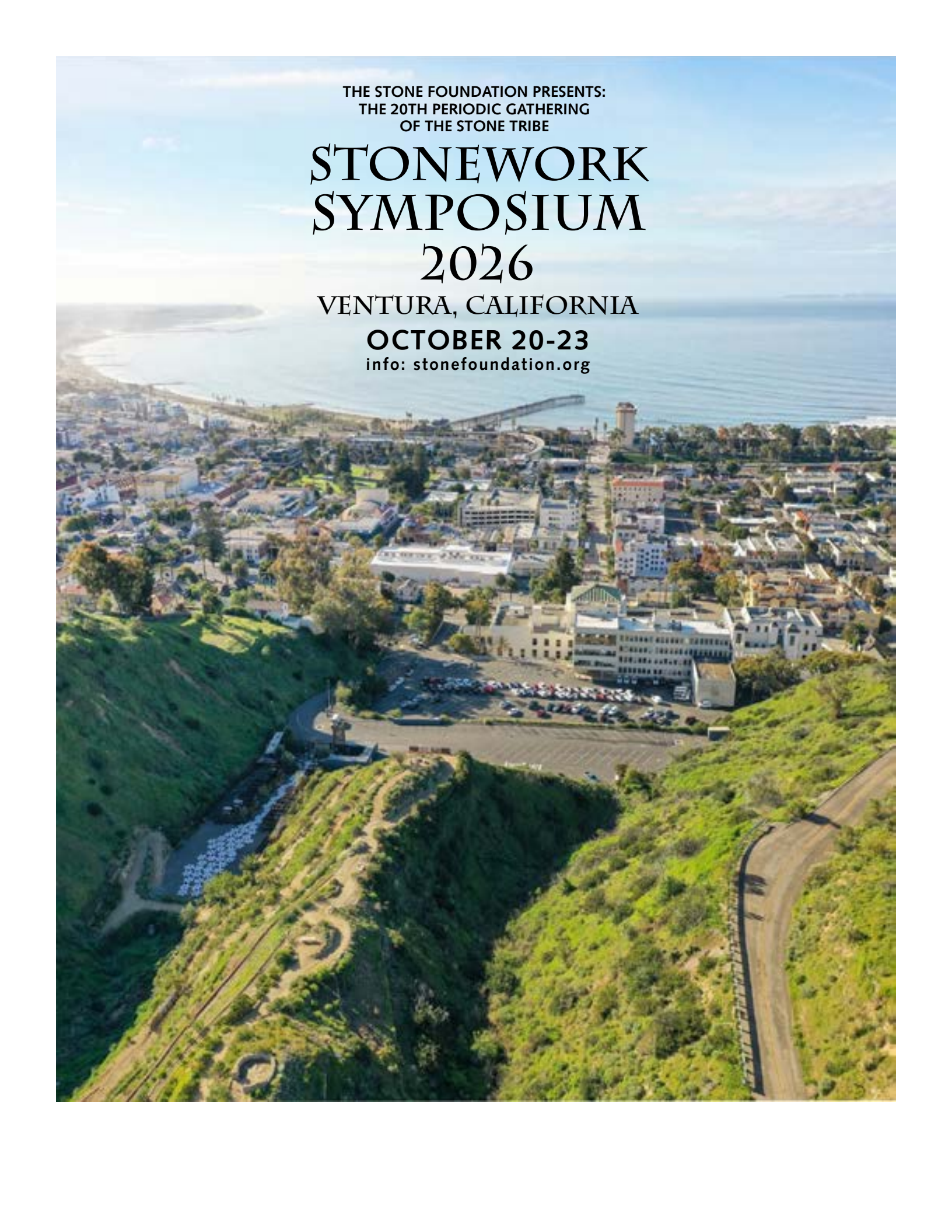




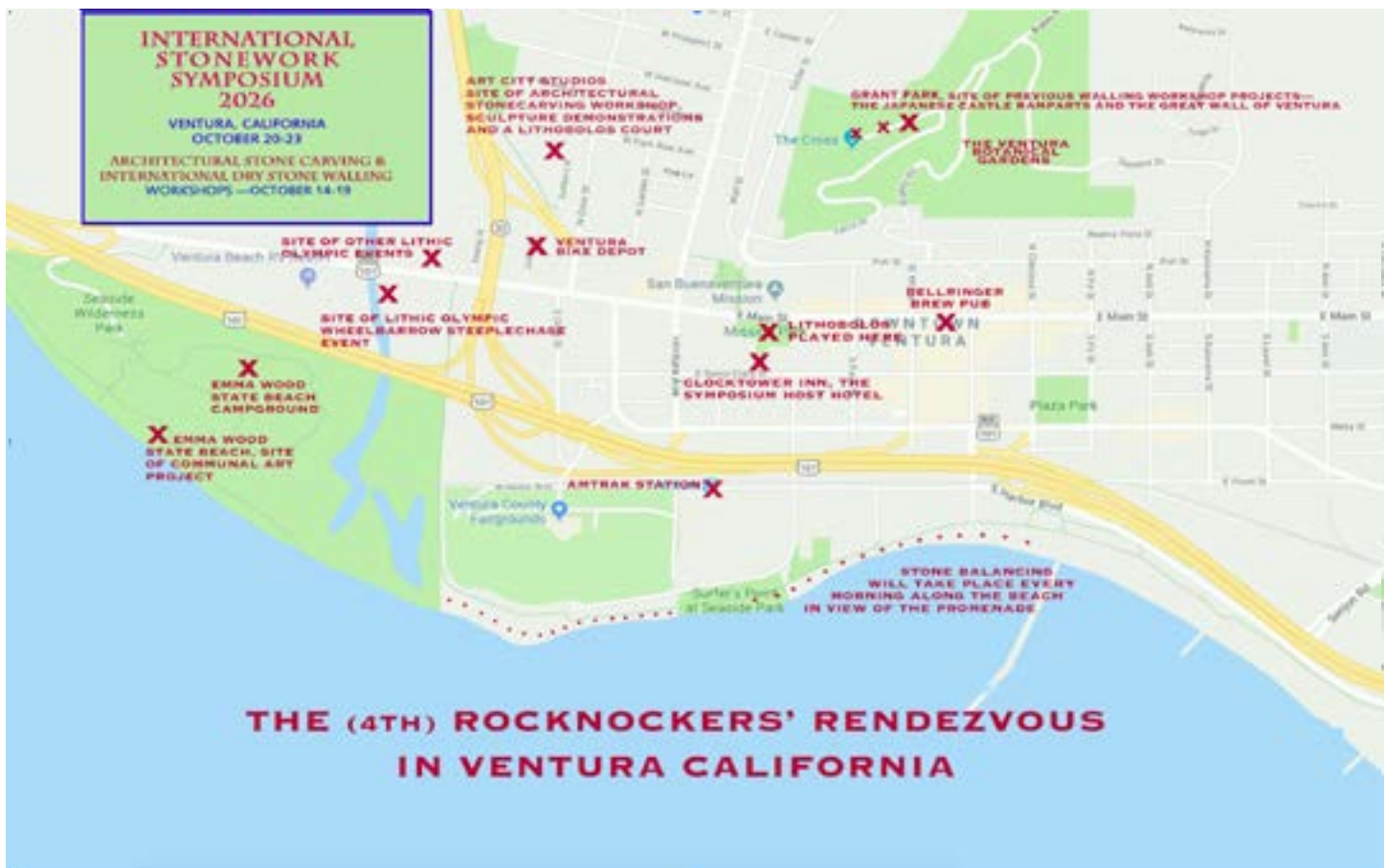
THE STONE FOUNDATION PRESENTS:
THE 20TH PERIODIC GATHERING
OF THE STONE TRIBE

STONENETWORK SYMPOSIUM 2026

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 20-23

info: stonefoundation.org



We've had three memorable SYMPOSIA at Ventura, in 2010, 2011 and 2018. It's a very special somewhere where we feel comfortable being, a small, classic, friendly California beach town. In '10 and '11 we built two impressive legacy projects in a park on the hills overlooking the town and the coast which can be visited.

Ventura has a lot going for it:

- Lots of great restaurants. (Tomas is looking forward to seafood).
- A promenade along the sea shore where folks walk and, during a certain week in October, they can watch the crazy Rockknockers at play, balancing and building with beach stones.

• In '11 the Forest Service kindly took us out to one of the Channel Islands, Santa Cruz (which has a very interesting stonewall, built long ago under the direction of a wayward Englishman). The trip out and back was cool and we returned in time to gather for lunch and the programme of presentations that followed. We're hoping they'll do that again.

• We've got a good place, or places, for the Lithic Olympic Games; for the Lithobolus (stone-ball *bocce*) match in particular. This will be held at Art City Studios which is where the game was (re)born in 2002 (it actually originated in the 2nd century BC during the Punic Wars between Rome and Carthage). This game will be fiercely contested and interesting to watch. Symposium participants who wish to compete will have the opportunity to practice at Art City in the mornings and improve their chances on Friday the 23rd.

• Lodging: Our host hotel for the 2018 Symposium, the ClockTower Inn, has a new owner and discounted rooms now cost much more than before: \$135! That's more affordable if two persons share a room and its cost. If you wish to share a room with another participant contact tomas@stonefoundation.org and he'll arrange that. There are less costly—but less convenient alternatives—motels, and B&Bs, but renting a car (or a bike) would probably be necessary. A few folks will be able to camp rough at Art City, contact Tomas about this.

• Presentations: We have invited some interesting guest speakers and—as we began to do during the early Ventura Symposia—we encourage Stone Foundation members to give brief presentations of their own work (show 20 or fewer images). That way we get to see what our fellow masons, wallers and artists are doing, and show what we ourselves have been up to, and get feedback.

• Please note: **In the past participants tended not to register in advance, and would just show up at the Rockknockers Rendezvous the night before and register and pay then. Please don't do that. Register in advance. Or, if you intend to come or hope to come, please let Andrea Hurd know: andrea@mariposagardening.com. This will help us with our planning.**



THE STONE FOUNDATION & STONEXUS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT
STONEMASONRY SYMPOSIUM 2026
VENTURA, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 20-24
ROCKNOCKERS RENDEZVOUS OCTOBER 19

Name _____ Occupation _____

Company, if any _____

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INVOLVEMENT WITH STONE: (check all that apply)

☐ Stonemason	☐ Architect	☐ Sculptor	☐ Engineer
☐ Dry Stone Waller	☐ Landscape Architect	☐ Contractor	☐ Instructor
☐ Restoration Mason	☐ Landscape Designer	☐ Supplier	☐ Hobbyist
☐ Novice Mason	☐ Sculptor	☐ Historian	☐ Aficionado
☐ Contractor	☐ Letter Artist	☐ Quarrier	
	☐ Carver	☐ Geologist	Other _____

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEES

_____ STONEMASONRY SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEE: Members: \$360 (unchanged since 2000) Non-members: \$460
(Registration fees are waived for spouses of Symposium attendees but there will be a \$60 charge for lunches, etc.)

- To become a Stone Foundation member: <https://www.stonefoundation.org/> (Membership)
- Registration fees will be waived for overseas participants.
- A limited number of scholarships will be made available to those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

_____ SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 (For local residents, specify which day or days.)

_____ DONATION FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNAL DINNER, Amount _____

Checks, bank drafts or money orders should be made payable in US dollars to The Stone Foundation.

Send to: The Stone Foundation, 116 Lovato Lane, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Attendees may also pay in cash or check when they register. Sorry, we cannot process credit cards at this time, but payments in any amount can be made to the PayPal account of Stonexus Productions.

\$ _____ TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED

_____ Check here if you will share a Short-Form, 10 MINUTE presentation.

We encourage EVERYONE who works with stone to participate in this.

Those who wish to do so should send 20, or fewer, images to tomas@stonefoundation.org.

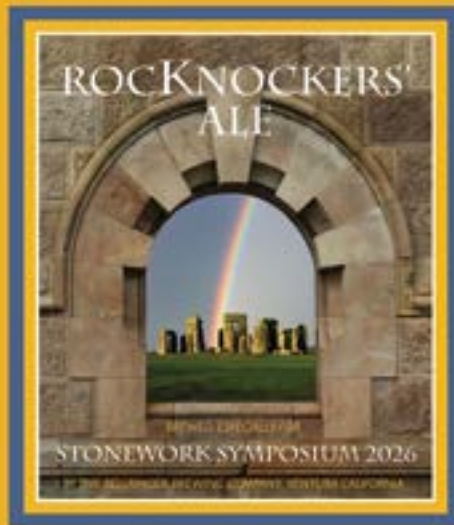
A good way to do that is via wetransfer.com. It's effective and it's free.

_____ Check here if you wish to compete in the LITHIC OLYMPICS

NOTICE:

The SYMPOSIUM will begin after lunch on the 20th, so please plan to arrive on the 19th and gather with us after 6:00 in the BellRinger Pub for the ROCKNOCKERS RENDEZVOUS to register if you have not already done so by mail, and socialize with your fellow rockknockers.

Lunch will be provided at noon in the Symposium venue. Those who have not yet registered previously can do so then. The program of presentations will commence after lunch.



SYMPOSIUM *is a Greek word; it means drinking and discussion.*