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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

Today is Veterans Day and I am reflecting upon how this season of giving thanks extends to our veterans each and every day. I was in Washington D.C. last week to host a special GI Film Festival Best of the Fest two-day event featuring films made by, for and about military service members and veterans. The festival originated in D.C. before KPBS brought it west and took it over. We were excited to bring the festival back to D.C. and recreate this special, trusted place for service members and veterans to see their stories authentically represented in film. The experience last week was the same as it was here - powerful connection among attendees, gratitude by all for those who served, and awe at learning historical and deeply personal stories.

It is important to KPBS to share military-connected stories and be part of the community throughout the year. We have a military reporter in our newsroom. Be My Neighbor Day has a military families pavilion. Our GI Film Festival channel is on KPBS+ where you can stream select films from the annual festival all year long. This week we have a film lineup on TV called "Military Stories Week." We also recently attended the opening of Navy SEAL Museum San Diego as one of the founding partners and are proud to be included on the donor wall. I invite you to check out any or all of these stories and places, and help bridge the military-civilian divide.

In the same spirit of continual learning, KPBS is hosting the California Assembly Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports and Tourism on November 12th from 10am to 1pm. Committee Chair Assemblymember Chris Ward has called this informational hearing to learn more about the state of public media and the impact of federal funding loss to California stations. I will be testifying along with four other public media station leaders. The hearing is open to the public. If you are interested in attending, please register [here](#). You may also watch live online [here](#).

Make sure to check out the upcoming events in this newsletter including a trivia night and a special offer to join us for a special America's Test Kitchen experience. Both will be a lot of fun!

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you for being part of the Producers Club.



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KPBS General Manager

PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT

Producers Club Trivia Night & Mixer



Time for some fun! KPBS invites you to a night of mingling and team trivia, where you can show off your knowledge of all things public media. Our second-annual trivia & mixer night will spark excitement and a sense of play as you compete over coveted KPBS swag. KPBS staff will take part in the fun too, serving as team captains, or team members. A dinner of pizza, salad, beer and wine will be available throughout the night.

We encourage you to show off your holiday spirit by wearing your favorite holiday sweater!

Enjoy a night of play and mingling with fellow Producers Club members and KPBS staff. We can't wait to see you!

Thursday, December 18

6 p.m.

KPBS Conrad Prebys Media Complex at Copley Center

5200 Campanile Dr, San Diego, CA 92182

Cost: Free

Fair market value: \$40

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EXCLUSIVE PRESALE OPPORTUNITY

An Evening with America's Test Kitchen



Join KPBS and fans of *America's Test Kitchen* for an on-stage experience and a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into the series. Hosts Julia Collin Davison and Bridget Lancaster will share the science behind cooking and what they've learned after 25 years on set, including techniques and tips, favorite recipes and what they can't live without in their own kitchens. It's a night for food lovers filled with ideas and inspiration with two of the culinary world's best.

Highlights include:

- A virtual tour of the test kitchen
- Learn what it takes to be a test cook

- Discover what goes into a winning recipe
- Trivia and prizes
- Q & A with Julia and Bridget

All guests will receive a copy of the TV series companion cookbook, *The Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook, 2001-2026*.

Two ticket packages are available:

\$65 includes general admission plus a copy of the companion book.

or

\$120 includes preferred seating (first five rows), admission to a pre-show meet and greet with Chefs Julia Collin Davison and Bridget Lancaster, plus a copy of the companion book.

Current Producers Club members have the first opportunity to secure their tickets before they go on sale to the general public as well as 15% off tickets with code: PCATK15 at checkout.

Thursday, February 5, 2026

7 p.m.

The Legacy Resort Hotel & Spa

875 Hotel Cir S, San Diego, CA 92108

Registration required for all attendees

Fair market value: \$65+

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EVENT RECAP



Producers Club Fall Preview

In October, Producers Club members enjoyed a special evening showcasing what's ahead across PBS, KPBS TV, podcasts, and digital platforms. Guests enjoyed previews of upcoming programs, including new seasons of *All Creatures Great and Small* and an *American Masters* episode on Dick Van Dyke.

The event highlighted local storytelling through the KPBS Explore series, featuring a sneak peek of Ken Kramer's *About San Diego* 100th episode, upcoming documentaries, as well as previews of *The Finest* and *Port of Entry* podcasts and new digital stories from the KPBS Newsroom.

The evening concluded with a behind-the-scenes panel featuring Chief Content Officer Nancy Worlie, Programming Director Jill Linder, and content creators sharing insights into how KPBS brings local stories to life.

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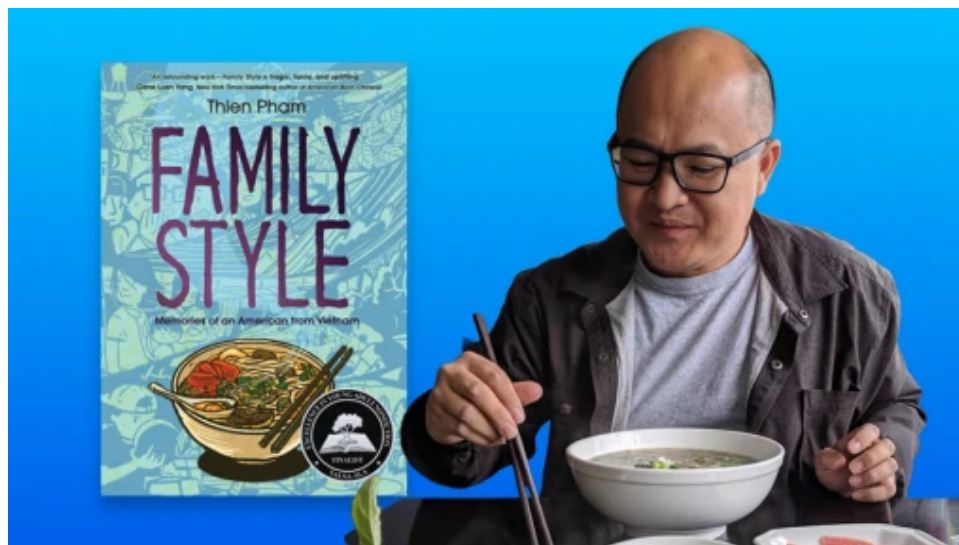
Introducing The Gratitude Collective

The Gratitude Collective is a community of women who support KPBS' vision to connect, reflect, and serve the San Diego region. This initiative provides a space for lifelong learning and connection, such as speaking engagements with women leaders in various fields, social events and KPBS community meetings.

The Gratitude Collective has a required giving level of \$2,500 a year. [If you would like to join The Gratitude Collective, please click here to fill out a short form.](#) and a member of our team will reach out to help you join this amazing group of KPBS women.

Upgrading your membership not only strengthens the future of KPBS but also brings you closer to the heart of our mission as a Gratitude Collective member. For more information, please visit kpbs.org/collective.

COMMUNITY EVENT



Noodles & Doodles with 2025 One Book, One San Diego Teen Author Thien Pham

Please join KPBS and community partner, Little Fish Comic Book Studio, for a special in-person event with Thien Pham, author of our 2025 One Book, One San Diego teen

selection, Family Style. A delicious Vietnamese lunch will be followed by a discussion and guided art lesson with Thien Pham and Founder of Little Fish Comic Book Studio, Alonso Nunez.

Saturday, November 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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5200 Campanile Dr, San Diego, CA 92182

Cost: Free

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