

Come smell, touch, read, imagine!

*Slip into a
different world...
If only for an hour,
allow yourself to
step outside
of time.*



SACHI Invites You to an Immersive Experience at the Aftel Archive of Curious Scents

Saturday, March 24

**11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon pre-lunch,
or 1:00 – 2:00 PM post lunch reservation**

1518 Walnut Street, Berkeley, CA

Fees: \$22.45 per person museum admission

Join group reservation at nearby Chez Panisse for a no host lunch

Rsvp: info@sachi.org; Tel. 650-349-1247

Limited to 20 participants only, first come, first served

Tickets include: 1 hour visit to the Archive,
2 pieces of dark chocolate flavored with Chef's Sprays, and
3 letter-press scent strips to dip in essences and take home.



At the Aftel Archive of Curious Scents visitors will be able to smell more than three hundred natural essences derived from fruits, flowers, trees, grasses, and other natural sources (and take three samples home). They will be able to compare essences that have been aged for a century to their modern counterparts. They can pour over more than fifty antique books in the Aftel Archive collection, retracing the amazing history of fragrance. Every item in the Archive is authentic and original, including the hand-tinted postcards and engravings, some of which date back four hundred years.

Visitors are invited to immerse in this rich sensory landscape!



Subtle and delicate, scents appear in the silence of Nature. They awaken sensibility, stir the mind, and stimulate the imagination. Their importance to body and soul has been emphasized in different civilizations and religions in all parts of the world. They float between reality and transcendence, between matter and spirit, explains Mandy Aftel.

Mandy Aftel fell in love with natural aromatics more than twenty-five years ago. Ever since, she has curated thousands of essences from all over the world, many of them antiques themselves. They are all part of the extraordinary lineage of scent that reaches back to the beginnings of human culture and is entwined with the earliest history of medicine, cuisine, sexuality, adornment, and worship.

Research and writing led Mandy on a treasure hunt to hundreds of antique books and other artifacts that helped her to piece together the story of perfume. The books, engravings, essences, and raw materials she collected have been a source of endless beauty and fascination.

Mandy opened her archive to the public in July 2017 to share the story of fragrance that is in danger of disappearing.