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Workshop scheduled

In collaboration with the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Expo, the Solano College Small Business Development Center is presenting a "Small Business Financing to Start, Buy or Expand" workshop from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2200 Gateway Court, Fairfield.

There is no cost for the event but seats are limited. Participants will learn how to qualify for loans to start, buy or expand an existing business.

To pre-register, call 864-3382.

Firm wins award

Gaw Van Male has been named 2006 American Graphic Design Award Winner by Graphic Design USA Magazine for excellence in communication and graphic design in corporate identity.

"This is a real honor and a gratifying endorsement of our work to present Gaw Van Male's core values in a visual medium," sais Dean Kackley, who guided the year-long branding and identify initiative for Gaw Van Male.

The graphic designer was Garson Design Services, a Fairfield-based firm.

"Steve Garson did a magnificent job of expressing visually our message and mental images," said Kackley. "His work on our logo, stationery, brochure, presentation materials, and website has been very collaborative. He's a professional and a joy to work with...

The American Graphic Design Awards is sponsored by Adobe Systems. Advertising agencies, design firms, corporate and institutional departments, publishing houses, and others compete for the prestigious award. It

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honors outstanding new work of all kinds including print, packaging, point-of-purchase, Internet, interactive, and motion graphics. Winners are published in Graphic Design USA magazine, and viewed by more than 100,000 professionals.

Founded in 1972, Gaw Van Male has grown to be the largest law firm in Solano and Napa counties with 25 attorneys and 40 staff members.

Manager hired

Veteran real estate and economic development professional Mark C. Ruebsamen has joined Triad Communities as Director of Downtown Valleio Redevelopment. He will be replacing interim manager Chris Austin, who is overseeing the project until the start of construction on the mixed-use project that is expected to jump-start economic rebirth in downtown Vallejo.

Curt Johansen, executive vice president of Triad Communities in Vallejo, who has been involved with the downtown Triad project since inception, said, "It was imperative for us to find someone with exceptional skills for the project and who would bolster Triad's capabilities