

Caspar Community News

November 2016

upcoming events

Celebrating Pub Night's 6th year!

Friday, November 11, 6:30 - 9 pm

Caspar Pub Night

Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

MOVIES+GAMES

Sunday, November 13, 4:30pm

Saturday, November 19 HARVEST DINNER

Fridays, 9:30am
November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16
Caspar Community Board
All Welcome

Wednesdays 12:15-12:45

BOOKMOBILE

November 23, December 7, & January 4

Saturday, November 26 10am-1pm
HEADLANDS WORK DAY

Sunday, November 27, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

Friday, December 9, 6:30 - 9 pm

Caspar Pub Night

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MOVIES+GAMES

Sunday, December 13, 4:30pm

New Year's Eve Dance party

Sunday, January 22, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

A complete schedule can be found at our website.



Caspar's Annual
**HARVEST
DINNER**
& Silent Auction

Saturday, November 19, 6 pm
A benefit to support Caspar Community

tickets \$45

CasparCommons.org

Or call 964-4997 or email events@casparcommons.org for reservations

Caspar's Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction takes place Saturday, November 19th. This fourteenth annual evening of fine dining, silent auction holiday shopping, and musical entertainment is Caspar Community's most important fund-raiser (and fun-raiser) of the year.

Doors will open at 5:45 for early viewing of auction items and a no host bar serving local beer and wine and the intriguing music of Lynn Kiesewetter and friends. Caspar's annual silent auction is known for the appeal and variety of silent auction items including art, wine, jewelry and gift certificates to many local businesses and accommodations.

Dalen Anderson and the adept volunteer kitchen crew will be serving a four course sit-down dinner, starting with a carrot ginger soup and salad of local mixed greens topped with Point Reyes blue cheese, roasted hazelnuts and pomegranate seeds. The kitchen crew proudly offers your choice of entrées: Herb Stuffed Pork Loin with gluten free root vegetable gratin; Coq au Riesling, slow cooked organic chicken over fresh house-made pasta and roasted broccolini; or Fall Vegetable Tart with vegan garlic braised kale. Following dinner, a second

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chance at the silent auction is accompanied by more music and an array of delectable desserts.

Tickets, \$45 per person, are available at the Caspar Community website CasparCommons.org, by mail to Caspar Community, 15051 Caspar Road #84, Caspar 95420 or phone 964.4997. Please state your choice of entrée. Payment can be made at the event, but reservations are essential and must be made by November 16th.

Caspar Community continues to work on community planning and making available our Community Center for events, classes and meetings. We have expanded our monthly offerings with the family friendly Second Sunday Movies+Games, coming up next on November 13th. For more information about the Caspar Community and to check out our calendar of events, go to CasparCommons.org.



photo by Slenna M Potts

2ND SUNDAY MOVIES+GAMES IN CASPAR presents...
A COLLABORATION WITH



2nd Sunday MOVIES+GAMES

Hello, Caspar Community! Now on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the Center is hosting MOVIES+GAMES IN CASPAR. Games, food and tunes in the north room + movies in the south room. Please join the fun and invite your neighbors! Doors open at 4:30pm with tacos (2

for \$5) and quesadillas (\$3) for dinner, popcorn and sweet treats for fun, and a bar serving margaritas, beer and fruit juice.

To make this night happen, we recently purchased a projector that we permanently mounted and now hold a Motion Picture Copyright License. This opens up all kinds of possibilities for others to host film events at the Center. Perhaps a club you're involved with wants to get together and watch a documentary, or a rainy day birthday party needs a place to be cozy? Or maybe somebody wants to organize a family reunion to play family films? Contact Millie at 964-4997 or events@casparcommons.org for more ideas and details...

This month, on Sunday, November 13th, MOVIES+GAMES IN CASPAR is collaborating with NOYO CENTER FOR MARINE SCIENCE to present two ocean themed movies. Locally caught fish will be prepared for tacos and seaweed flakes offered as popcorn topping :) Come enjoy the tap-dancing penguin Mumble (Happy Feet 5pm) and follow the real-life brave young sailor Laura Dekker as she sails across the world (Maiden Trip 7pm).

– Sarah Million McCormick

some words from Noyo Center...

Have you begun looking for the gray whales heading south for the winter? We have. Come take a look! Noyo Center for Marine Science strives to inspire conservation of the oceans through education, exploration and experience. Formed in 2104, the Noyo Center has already launched successful education, research and stewardship programs, even before the formal marine center is built. We have teachers going into 1st and 5th grade classrooms with an engaging, hands-on marine mammal curriculum that addresses the new Science Standards, followed by an annual Marine Science and Art Fair for all ages during Whale Festival in March. This year's education focus is migration. In addition, high school internships, summer camps, trips to sea, marine technology, and various community events are all part of our educational programming.

Research and stewardship programs have also been developed around ongoing marine mammal beach surveys and monthly trash clean-ups along 40 miles of coastline. Working with California Academy of Sciences, we are learning much more about the marine mammals along *continues* →

our coast and what threats they face. With a growing specimen collection, we have built our first marine mammal interpretive displays, two fully articulated sea lions skeletons. We're looking forward to putting together our 26-ft orca (summer 2017) and our 73-ft blue whale soon.

The Noyo Center will eventually construct a permanent marine Oceanarium on the Noyo Headlands to house applied research and immersive education for people of all ages. We want to help diversify and revitalize the local/regional economy and generate living-wage jobs; promote protection and stewardship of coastal and marine ecosystems; and educate and engage both the community and the visitor. We need your help! Please consider a donation, sign up to volunteer, or spread the word. We will only realize our dream together. And be sure to visit our newly opened visitor's center, the Crow's Nest on the southern leg of the Fort Bragg Coastal Trail; open Fridays 9am to noon and Saturdays and Sundays from 11am-3pm.

www.noyocenter.org info@noyocenter.org 707-733-NOYO

While there is disagreement about when the current (ahem, if I may coin a phrase,) Caspar Movement began, it easily traces roots back 25 years to meetings brought on by the purchase of the Caspar Lumber Company lands. Residents's allergic reactions to their visions of fences and oceanfront condominiums on the bluff between our village and the Pacific, were salved only by re-inventing community. As Grail Dawson expressed it, "You Casparados are so good at reaction, I imagine you'd be even better at proaction."

**If you want to be universal,
sing your village.
— Franz Kafka**

Hence, visioning of what Caspar Wants to Be, the purchase of the Headlands as a State Reserve, of the old schoolhouse for a Community Center, our Hundred Year Plan ... and smaller triumphs, like the kitchen addition, clearing the Eucalyptus forest, our solar panels. We have been blessed with the right people just as we needed them, and so have been able to achieve communal successes with heart-warming regularity.

Evolving Casparado Tradition



photo by Sienna M Potts



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Our Community Center, the embodiment of Caspar's "friendly ghost-town" spirit thrives because it's meant as a gathering place for Casparados and Coasters alike, not a destination ...but, as we were reminded by Caspar's first employee, Pat Ackley, who relocated from Iowa to be our first Coordinator, "This is my coast, too," and visitors find a warm welcome when they come upon our events.

With the Hallowe'en Parade, Caspar's been at this conscious village business long enough to have watched the birthing and evolution of traditions like a Gorse Festival (celebrating that most of us, like Gorse, are invasive transplants), The Caspar World Folk Festival, and CasparFest, a celebration that will probably return. Likewise, durable traditions like Fourth Sunday Breakfast and Pub Night keep

Happy Hallowe'en!
Remember the wonderful Caspar Hallowe'en Parade? From 1999 until 2005, when so many Casparado children were eager to join Gertie the Gorse Monster on parade down Caspar Road, we hosted a picturesque mixture of celebration and mutual wonderment. (We know this because we have the pictures, [here](#).)



[Read online for larger pictures](#)

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growing, changing, and bringing their different audiences to our Center.



photo by Sienna M Potts

Our children have grown up and we are grateful when they grace us with their participation and service. The Hallowe'en celebration grew up and moved away (but not too far, to the street in front of Frankie's in Mendocino.) Administration of the Center, so long and ably managed by Dalen, now in the capable hands of Sienna and Millie, keeps the evolution on track by providing the most comfortable venue on the Coast. Dalen, having retired to the position of Executive Chef, is preparing for two upcoming Caspar landmark events, the Harvest Dinner and the 17th consecutive New Year's Party.



photo by Jim Katzell

It's a good season for thankfulness and appreciation. Isn't it miraculous to have lived in a place where we could feel our traditions evolving? Join us for the Harvest Dinner and New Year's Party, while we sing this extraordinary community in this glorious place.

Like Sienna says, "See you HERE."

— Michael Potts



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New Year's Eve Dance party



Join us at the Caspar Community Center to bring the New Year in with style! Music by The Mixed Nuts: swing, latin, calypso, and craziness. Since our Y2K celebration, Caspar's New Years Parties have been joyous, friendly communal

celebrations, complete with a small selection of tasty treats and a beer, wine and champagne no-host bar.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and will be available at the Caspar Community Center, Harvest Market in Fort Bragg, and at CasparCommons.org. Tickets at the door will be \$25.

Please bring a plate of appetizers or desserts to share. If you would like to help, please meet us at the Center at 10 am on Saturday to set up, decorate and make a few tasty treats. Info or to help: 964-4997 or events@casparcommons.org.



photo by Mo's friend

This edition of Caspar Community News

was laid out by Sienna M Potts with much gratitude to Michael Potts for the design & all his help.

The next edition will appear in February. Submissions of activities, events, or information of interest to Casparados is invited. Send them to lists@casparcommons.org

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