

# Caspar Community News

April 14 2016



## Mendocino Quartet

### Saturday APRIL 23rd 7:30pm

Nicholas Wilson - nwilsonphoto.com

**Much more news inside...**

### **Disenfranchised Again**

Once again, Ukiah has decided that Caspar doesn't deserve a voting precinct. Read more here...

### **Disaster Prep Update**

Survival Pickle Barrel won, classes proposed...



### **Sand Mandala Pictorial**

### **Community Garden Work Day**

The garden is very busy this Spring...

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Interesting story, this. If we have musical events at the Center, why not work a deal with the talent: they get most of the door after expenses, and Caspar Community Center covers its rental with the remainder?

Musicians are an endangered resource in the nonprofit ecosystem; they're always being asked to play for a benefit. **Shouldn't we be appreciating the musicians, too?** Starting with honorary Casparado Joe Craven and his band in February, and now Casparado treasure Gene Parsons and three of the Coast's most charismatic musicians, Gwyneth Moreland, Steven Bates, and David Hayes, we are luring red hot world class entertainment to our intimate 100 seat venue.

We wanted this concert to sell out, and six days out, we did! Thank you, Lucky 100! You'll get to see a great homegrown show. **SORRY: this event is SOLD OUT.**

*Michael & Sienna*

## No Voting in Caspar?

Geena from the elections office called today to say that THERE AREN'T ENOUGH REGISTERED VOTERS IN CASPAR to support a polling place for the June 7 Presidential Primary! What? Where are we all?

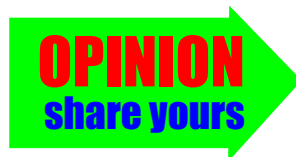
You can still register to vote (or re-register if you have moved or would like to change your party affiliation): the deadline is Monday, May 23.

You may register to vote online (<http://registertovote.ca.gov/>), in the Office of the County Clerk, in any Department of Motor Vehicles Office, and in many city halls and libraries. You may also call the County Election Office (707 234-6819) and a voter registration form will immediately be sent to you. We have until 15 days before an election to register.

Please urge your friends and neighbors to register and vote. If we have enough registered voters, we will be a polling place in November.



- Annie Lee



## Late Breaking Update!

Caspar Community Center manager Dalen Anderson sent this follow-up:

"I received a call from Jena from Mendocino County Registrar of Voters yesterday evening saying that Caspar Community Center will now be a polling place again in June because a mistake was made and the ballots are printed. Our overall voter count is still down, which will affect elections in the future, but the center could be reinstated as a polling place if the

added 20 April -ed

## Update on Disaster Prep

The winning ticket for our first fabulous survival pickle barrel was drawn at the Community Meeting on March 13, going to the lovely Nina Ravitz (who said she actually was just giving a donation, so see?) To supplement the Center's ability to serve everyone in an emergency, we are dreaming of the day when all households have their disaster stashes prepared! Barrel Masters Ellen and Jef of Fortunate Farm have offered to restock a second barrel, so look for the next opportunity to have someone else take care of it!

At our April 1 Board Meeting, Red Cross representatives Crystal Silva, Disaster Program Manager, and Philippa Lockwood, Disaster Program Specialist, presented information about the Red Cross processes for disaster preparation, response and recovery. They suggest that people in rural communities such as ours be able to sustain themselves for at least 72 hours!

We hope to have CPR, First Aid, and perhaps Shelter Management and CERT classes. Please call Millie, our new event manager (964-4997) if you are interested in such events.

- Annie Lee

Completely without evidence, and in the spirit of the "Timberland Protection Act" that authorized clear cutting western forests, the County Registrar of Voters is dispensing the koolaid that voting by mail "involves the voters" better than the trek to the voting booth. Which voters? Not busy working people. Not Casparados. The battle for the ballot box raging all over the US is focused on disenfranchising the People while favoring the oligarchs and their thralls. We see it in voter ID moves and elimination of polls in the South and Midwest, in the machinations against local home rule in Wisconsin and Michigan ...so are we surprised to see it coming from Ukiah, aimed squarely at Coastal voters?

**Give the County Election officials a wake-up call! 234-6819.** If you value our Caspar polling place, and the decades of tradition it represents, let them know they can't take it away from us without a squeak.

- Michael Potts



**Sand Mandala**  
**March 22nd – March 24th**  
photos: Sienna M Potts except as noted



photo: Jim Katzel  
photos: Michael Potts



photo: Rochelle Elkan

**Thank you, Jef and Ellen, for making this happen!**

Spring is upon us so we woke up our garden beds during our productive workday a few Sundays ago. We spent some time weeding the kitchen beds and getting one bed ready for fall potatoes to enjoy at our delicious Sunday breakfasts. The greenhouse required some cleaning to make room for new plant starts. The big compost pile on the northeast end needed tending so we paid some attention to it.

It was a beautiful day in Caspar and the gardeners were delighted to play in the dirt. The west side fence is blueberry heaven and the east side fence and bed #24 on the north side will be producing raspberries this summer. We cut back the big windbreak hedge on the north side to make room to mow the paths and use our lounge chair for resting and admiring the garden during breaks. Our 23 beds are full at the moment, but if you are interested in gardening and would like to put your name on a waiting list you can email me at [relkan@mcn.org](mailto:relkan@mcn.org) for more information.

– Rochelle Elkan

## Caspar Community Garden Workday



# UPCOMING

Fridays, 9:30am  
April 15, May 6 & 20, June 3  
Caspar Community Board  
All Welcome

Friday, April 22 4:30-10pm  
**Earth Day Benefit**  
for Fire Safe Forest &  
Mendocino Environmental Center

Saturday, April 23 10am-1pm  
**HEADLANDS WORK DAY**

Saturday, April 23 7:30pm  
**MENDOCINO QUARTET**

Sunday, April 24, 9 - 11 am  
**Caspar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

Sunday, April 24 4pm  
Caspar Community Land Trust  
*potluck afterwards*

Wednesdays 12:15-12:45  
**BOOKMOBILE**  
April 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22

Friday, May 13, 6:30 - 9 pm  
**Caspar Pub Night**  
Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Sunday, May 22, 9 - 11 am  
**Caspar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast  
& Annual Flea Market**

Saturday, May 28 10am-1pm  
**HEADLANDS WORK DAY**

Friday, June 10, 6:30 - 9 pm  
**Caspar Pub Night**  
Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Friday, June 24 7:30pm  
**Choro das 3 Concert**

Sunday, June 26, 9 - 11 am  
**Caspar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

A complete schedule can be found at our website.

**UkeFest** April 29 & 30  
[click for more](#)

**Ukulele Variety Show & Jam**  
Friday, April 29 7:30pm  
Workshops All Day  
Saturday, April 30 10am-5:15pm

**Virtuosi Evening Concert**  
Saturday, April 30 7pm  
**UkeFest Tickets**

Ticket price for all-day is \$45 and includes three workshops and evening performances; \$25 half-day; one workshop only \$15; \$15 for evening performances only. Tickets will be available by email [pattied@mcn.org](mailto:pattied@mcn.org) or phone at 707 937-1732.

[Click here for more info](#)



**Marty's Canning Classes**  
May 15 June 5 July 3

This edition of  
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was laid out by Michael Potts

The next edition will appear in July. Submissions of activities, events, or information of interest to Casparados is invited. Send them to [lists@casparcommons.org](mailto:lists@casparcommons.org)

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