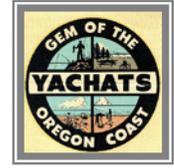




# CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2015

## THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

Adopted: April 2, 2009

Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens' basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.



## Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean,  
Mayor

When I travel and  
people find out where

I'm from I usually get one of two reactions: "Where's Yachats?", or "Oh, I love Yachats". To the former I generally respond that it's on the Oregon coast right where the map folds in half. I usually add that there's a little bump in the road right in the middle of town where that map crease is. To the latter I simply respond with a thank you and an acknowledgement that I love it too. But then what's not to love?

Over the last several years I have been active with the League of Oregon Cities doing what I can to promote the success of cities in serving the people of Oregon. As a member of the executive board I've been in contact with many of my colleagues from other Oregon cities and even other cities at the national level. Even among that group of folks who are dedicated advocates of their own cities I get the same reactions. Of course my Oregon colleagues know where we are and simply express their admiration, but I have been asked on more than one occasion "Are you still in Lincoln County?" I think they are really wanting to know if you're travelling south and you reach Yachats, are you still in Lincoln County, but the question is invariably phrased to sound as if we might have plucked out our roots and migrated somewhere.

On the contrary, those of us who have chosen to live in the place we love are not likely to take part in any migration, at least not willingly. We've sent down deep roots and have fully engaged in being a part of this community. For some of us that means meeting friends for Zumba or yoga or meditation classes, or daily gatherings over a cup of coffee, or looking after your neighbors pets while their away, or making a meal for an ailing friend, or turning over the soil side-by-side with other community gardeners. It means a two-minute stop to get your mail turns into a half hour of socializing. It means being receptive to and fully enjoying driving rains, powerful winds, raucous waves, amazing rainbows, and glorious sunsets.

“The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.”  
- Ethel Percy Andrus

And underlying all of those community attributes is a commitment to being a Yachatian that provides the

necessary but unglamorous foundation to support the rest. I just left a meeting where in we talked about those foundational needs and planned for addressing them, as boring as they may be. There were five of us volunteering our time to working through the tedium that is required to nurture those deep roots. In Yachats, in any given room on any given day you're likely to see another five, or twenty-five, volunteers tending to equally boring details that keep our village viable.

The Spring migration is underway, but it's pilgrims from elsewhere finding their way to Yachats, to a place they love but can only visit.

Those tourists will see and feel the wonders of nature that surround us and enjoy the scenery that is out our back doors and grow to love Yachats more. They'll go home and describe what a beautiful place it is and what a friendly village it is. What they won't see or describe, but a part of what they feel, is the brick-upon-brick foundation building that Yachadians lay every day. There is so much more to this city than buildings and scenery...and I love it.



## YACHATS GOES WILD

Working behind closed doors in the dark of night, are a few crazy Yachadians. They are preparing for a very FUN night at the Yachats

Commons on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Friends of the Yachats Commons Foundation and One of Us Productions will showcase a revue called Yachats Goes Wild. You don't want to miss this one!

Songs, Music, and skits and just nonsense will be the highlights of the evening. Starting at 7:30 pm, TICKETS AT THE DOOR are \$15.00. You will get a bevy of desserts to choose from and beverages along with a fantastic Revue that will make your funny bone itch!

The monies will go to finish off what is needed for the new stage curtain and rigging. The new curtain will be in place for the opening of *SORDID LIVES*, directed by Carl Foster Miller, on May 2. See you all there?



### Yachats City Hall

Volunteers will be staffing City Hall on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> during regular hours. All staff will be attending training classes.

The drop boxes will be will be available for any payments.



### Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

The Little Log Church and Museum's column writer took this month off. She'll be training new volunteers in April, so next month you can look forward to a feature about who these most appreciated dandy docents are! See you next month!



### Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communication Leader

April's here and the trails season is ramping up fast, starting with many walkers and hikers in town for spring break from Oregon and surrounding states.

In preparation, members of the Trails Crew, along with Nellie Bell, our first donkey recruit, worked on the Kittel side of the Amanda Trail, finishing two trail re-routes that will substantially increase safety for hikers. Kraig Lindelin, Siuslaw National Forest Trails Coordinator, inspected the work and, citing the great job the crew did in building the re-routes, officially opened the new areas. With the huge reroutes Kraig coordinated on the upper side of the Amanda Trail and the improvements made to the State Park section managed by Doug Sestrich and the natural Resources Crew, the Amanda Trail is in tip-top shape. It is yet another strong testament to the positive coordinated relationship among the City of Yachats, Siuslaw National Forest and Oregon State Parks. A big thanks goes out to everyone

who comes together to tackle these projects.

The results are amazing!

Don't forget our next big event with Siuslaw National Forest - celebrating National Trails Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary details are in the schedule section below and more will be covered in the next issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, mark your calendar for this fun volunteer opportunity.

### **YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News**

The March YIPS! gathering targeted invasive weeds in the wetland park behind the Commons. We have made a lot of progress in removing ivy, blackberry and holly from the pine forest area to the West of the wetland area. Closer to the wetland, and around the perimeter of the baseball field, there is still plenty of ivy and blackberry demanding our attention. That will be YIPS!' main focus over the next few months. Once the weeds are out, we plan to plant some native shrubs and trees as replacements. We hope to see you at upcoming events but in the meantime you can find out more about YIPS! and/or weeds by contacting Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are always happy to answer any questions.

### **Upcoming Trails, YIPS! and Related Events**

The Yachats Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

#### **Upcoming events to add to your calendar:**

**April 4th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:**

Trails Crew work event (Location TBA)

**April 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:**

YIPS! work event. (Location TBA)

**June 6<sup>th</sup> - National Trails Day**

Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center. In collaboration with our friends and colleagues from the Siuslaw National Forest, there will be a hike into the beautiful Cummins Creek Wilderness area where participants will also pull several stands of Tansy Ragwort. The work session and scenic hike will be followed by a luncheon either at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center Deck (weather permitting) or the Yachts Commons Picnic Shelter. If you've been thinking about hiking the Cummins Creek area but didn't want to go alone, this is a good chance to join companions on the trail.

For more information, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us via phone or email:

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or [lsven@peak.org](mailto:lsven@peak.org)
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or [jnkittel@peak.org](mailto:jnkittel@peak.org)
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or [worchard@peak.org](mailto:worchard@peak.org)
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or [espressobrown@gmail.com](mailto:espressobrown@gmail.com)



## Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

Spring into the Library

First off, a HUGE thank you to all the friends and volunteers who helped out with last week's Book Sale and made the event a rousing success. We appreciate the donations from all of you to support the book sale, and then your generosity in buying more books!

In April we will be focusing on Earth day in the Children's Room of the library. We received a grant from Amaterra, Inc. and have purchased a wide selection of ecology, environment and conservation books for the kid's room. The books will be displayed throughout the back rooms all month, come take a look and check out your favorites.



For Earth Day again through the Amaterra, Inc. grant, we will offer two events, a silk screened flag arts project for the afterschool kids with a salmon restoration theme with local graphic artist Mike Guerriero, and a puppet show. The Puppet Show will be presented on April 17 at 10:30 am in the library. Penny's Puppets will put on a show entitled *Three Cheers for Trees*, Penny describes the show, "Let's Celebrate Trees with this sing along show. Trees are everywhere we go but do you really know much about them. Let's hear what they have to say in this fun environmental puppet show" The show is appropriate for kids (and kids at heart) ages 2 and up.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY

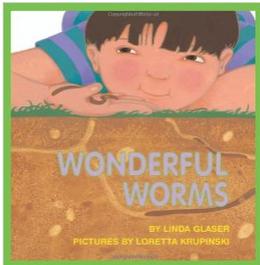
YYFAP' Talent Show! Youth and adult acts welcome. We simply ask that you be appropriate for a family audience. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays April 1st and 8th from 4:30-6:00 pm at the Commons. Questions? Give us a call at 541-547-4599 to sign up your act. We also need an audience so mark your calendars to come watch if you don't want to perform.



**YYFAP is Taking Reservations for Dinner Theater May 1st**

YYFAP is once again hosting our annual

Dinner Theater Fundraising Event in coordination with One of Us Productions on Friday night, May 1st. This year's play is "Sordid Lives" by Del Shore. It promises to be a fun night with both live and silent auctions and a delicious dinner thanks to our local chefs from Ona Catering, Anthony Velarde and Michelle Korgan. Call now to reserve your seats. Cost is \$60 per person. Won't you join us for this wonderful event to benefit our local youth & families? (Alcohol is served at this fundraiser, and the play is for a mature audience, therefore adults only please.)



**Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program**

By Alice Beck, Executive Director



**Families Together Free Dinner - April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Come explore the world of "Wonderful Worms" the featured book for our April. This month our Families Together will be Friday night, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. All children attending will receive their own copy of the featured book or another book that is age appropriate for them to take home. This program is sponsored by an Oregon Early Literacy Grant and generous donations from Mari's Books and Mary Wiltse. We would also like to thank all our friends at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, without whom we couldn't provide this fun evening for families. We hope you will join us this month and support early reading. Happy Spring!

Come join us Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and the Yachats Youth and Family Activities programs. Starts at 10:00 am at the Presbyterian Church on 6<sup>th</sup> street in Yachats. Bring your basket for collecting eggs and your cameras for picture taking!!! Come join the fun!



Did you know that you can link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to YYFAP and help us earn much needed cash for our program just by shopping at Fred Meyer? Click the link below and use our id #87826. Thanks!  
[www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)



**YYFAP Community Talent Show - Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm**  
April 11<sup>th</sup> marks the return of the



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."



Helen Keller



## Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,  
Coordinator

The Ford Family Foundation (TFFF), a private Foundation

located in Roseburg, Oregon, is sponsoring another community-building Leadership Cohort for Waldport and Yachats area residents this Spring. Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) based in Eugene, is contracted by TFFF to organize and facilitate these rural community building opportunities. Participants are from Waldport, Yachats and surrounding areas and have been meeting at the Yachats Commons and other area venues to 1) form a leadership group, 2) learn leadership concepts and 3) work together, using good process, to complete a community project. This leadership training was introduced in our area in 2005 when some 30 individuals, including County Commissioner Bill Hall, participated in the first Community Cohort. Since then existing leaders (Mayor Ron Brean, Mayor Sue Woodruff), emerging leaders (high school sophomores and juniors) and good mix of in between leaders have participated. Each cohort consists of a Kick-off session followed by 4 weekends of classes and then work on the class project. Learned skills include, group process, group decision making and conflict resolution.

Past projects in our area include the sign kiosks in Waldport, the Gerdeman Botanical ADA accessible garden path and the green house/ tool shed in the Master Gardeners community garden. The current class will be selecting their class project on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Their work will be to winnow a list of 70 brainstormed projects down to a single selected project.

The experiences around classroom learning and hands-on planning and project management have numerous outcomes for the participants as well as their communities. For instance, many new relationships are formed through collaborative

activities; awareness of community assets and potential are more fully realized; the skills and experiences gained through participation lead to more effective organization and leadership in our communities. We are also better prepared to become more successful at identifying and pursuing granting opportunities.

Another opportunity afforded through these Leadership Cohorts is for some past participants to advance to the volunteer Community Ambassador Team (CAT) program. I am so appreciative of my own opportunity to support the current leadership cohort as a Community Ambassador.

Look for signs of project work, in the coming months, as the next group of leaders work to build community in South Lincoln County.



Happy Easter

## Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,  
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon. Everyone 55 or older is welcome.

Our "guest chefs" for April are Sandy White and Jesse Badger from the Yachats Ladies Club.

They are preparing: Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Cole Slaw & rolls with Pumpkin Bars for desert.

here is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't forget to wear your finest Easter finery!



## Friends of the Commons:

*In consideration of those who are sensitive to the chemicals in fragrances. Please refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes during activities at the Commons.*

*Your Cooperation is appreciated*





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2015</b></p>			<p><b>1</b> Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>11am Qigong (Rm8)</b> <b>1pm Art in the Kitchen</b> 6pm Zumba (MP) 6:30pm Community Mtg (Rm3) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8) <b>April Fools Day!</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP)  <b>Children's Book Day</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP)  <b>7:30 pm YAAS: Jim Furnish "Toward a Natural Forest"</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Easter Egg Hunt! 10am  </p>
<p><b>5</b> <b>HAPPY EASTER</b> </p>	<p><b>6</b> 8am Tai Chi (Rm 8) <b>9:30am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>8:30am Marketing Comte.</b> <b>10am Library Comte</b> <b>2pm Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> <b>3pm Public Works &amp; Streets (Civic Mtg Rm)</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>10am Finance Cmte (Civic Rm)</b> <b>3pm City Council Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm)</b>  Yachats Art Guild 1pm (Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Earth Day 2015</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP)  <b>7:30pm Yachats Goes Wild -Fund Raiser (MP)</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>What's Your Talent?</b>  YYFAP: Talent Show 2pm-5pm</p>
<p><b>12</b>  <b>Yachats Song Circle 3pm (Rm8)</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP)  6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1pm Zentangles (Rm3)  7pm Free Movement Dance (MP)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>11am Qigong (Rm8)</b>  <b>1pm Art in the Kitchen</b> 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>11am Gentle Healing YOGA</b>  <b>3pm Parks/Commons Commission Mtg (Civic Rm)</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>5pm Yachats Ladies Club Benefit Dinner (Ladies Club)</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30am Generational Land Transference Gathering</p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>Dances of Universal Peace 6:30pm (MP)</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP)  6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3) <b>Volunteer Recognition Day</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>2pm Planning Comm Work Session Civic Rm)</b> <b>3pm Planning Comm Meeting (Civic Rm)</b>  <b>Friends Bd Mtg 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Celebrate <b>EARTH DAY 22</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>11am Qigong (Rm8)</b> <b>1pm Art in the Kitchen</b> 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>23</b> </p>	<p><b>24</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP)  YYFAP: Families Together Free dinner 6pm at YCPC "Wonderful Worms"  6pm Volunteer Appreciation event (MP)</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Make everyday EARTH day</b> </p>
<p><b>26</b> </p>	<p><b>27</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP)  6pm Zumba(MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Thanks to Our Volunteers!</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <b>11am Qigong (Rm8)</b>  <b>1pm Art in the Kitchen</b> 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>LUNCH BUNCH</b>  11:00am Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ (MP)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 10am Exercise Class (MP)  YYFAP : Dinner Theater Fund Raiser Play: <b>Sordid Lives (Comedy) 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: <b>Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</b></p>

"Despite the Forecast....live like its **SPRING**"

