



CITY OF YACHATS

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THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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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

On January 15th many of us gathered to discuss the state of the city. This is the second year we've done it and we intend to do it each year. Through the newsletter we attempt to keep citizens up-to-speed on what's happening in city government. We post all of the documents and meeting minutes (commissions, city council, etc.) on the Yachats Document Library website www.YachatsDocuments.com so anyone who goes to the trouble of seeking that information out can be informed. We know, however, that Yachadians often have more and better things to do than read minutes so we hold the *State of the City* event complete with presentations from each commission and the council. We tried to do it concisely rather than test the limits of peoples' posteriors in the Commons' chairs, but we tried to be thorough as well.

I know that not everyone who would have liked to attend could. I also know that, in spite of our efforts to get the word out, not everyone was aware of the schedule. I was asked two days after we met, "When are you going to schedule a state of the city event?" So for anyone who missed it, let me do a brief recap:

We're doing okay. We hope to do better in the coming year as the economic downturn seems to have bottomed out and may be (I stress MAY be) turning around.

We adjusted to the loss in revenues with spending and budget adjustments.

The Local Improvement District (LID) project completed the infrastructure necessary to allow property owners to move forward with their projects in the Blackstone development.

The Finance Committee is working on long-range project needs and a funding plan to address those needs.

The Planning Commission has maintained a steady effort to review land use issues and adjust codes in such a way as to preserve the character of our town.

A review of the City's charter resulted in proposed changes. Those recommendations will be on May's ballot for voter consideration (also on the document library website). I plan on scheduling a town hall-type of meeting to give folks a chance to ask questions and fully understand the implications of the suggested changes.

The Public Works and Streets Commission is involved heavily in the long-range planning effort to address the infrastructure needs ahead of us. Water storage south of the Yachats River, water rights in the river, road and drainage improvements and maintenance top their list.

The Parks and Commons Commission has completed a general plan for the Yachats Community Park and the surrounding City properties. The 804 Trail/Ocean View Drive plan has been completed and will be reviewed with the county. Trail projects and ongoing trail maintenance as well as removal efforts directed towards invasive exotic plants were the result of a very active volunteer trail crew. More trail projects and some expansion of Yachats trails lie ahead.

The Library Commission and all of the volunteers at the library continue to produce a marvelous product at minimal tax payer expense. They are underway with a strategic planning effort that will help them continue their great service to us.

That's just a sample, there was more. I've left out some other very important items that were discussed—transient rental code recommendations, Highway 101

corridor improvements, watershed protection, etc.—but there's only so much space in the newsletter. I will add that we must be doing something right. Arthur Frommer, the well known travel writer, has identified Yachats as one of his top 10 favorite travel destinations. That list generated a bit of interest from the press. In an interview I was asked if I was surprised that Yachats had been included in that list. At first I was, but then I thought about it: we live in a place of world-class beauty; we are a quaint and beautiful village in the middle of that world-class place; and we are, as a group, world-class people. Why should we be surprised? I think the state of this city is pretty okay.



City Council Briefing

By Debrah Edwards, Deputy City Recorder

The Yachats City Council met on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 2 p.m. inside the Civic Meeting Room with all members present. The following are highlights of their meeting:

Correspondence - Various letters were received from the public regarding the Transient Rental Task Force

Consent Agenda - Resolutions from December's City Council meeting were presented for adoption:

- 2011-12-04 - Library Commission Membership Appointments;
- 2011-12-05 - Risk Management Coordinator Appointment;
- 2011-12-06 - Yachats Visitors Center Contract for 2012;

The Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was unanimous: Yea - 5; Nay - 0

Business

- Resolution 2012-01-01 was presented requesting: "Shall the voters of Yachats approve a new city charter;" and "Certifying the ballot title and explanatory statement and filing them with the city recorder to be submitted to the voters at the May 15, 2012 statewide election."

The Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-01-01 was unanimous: Yea - 5; Nay - 0

- The Parks and Commons Commission recommended to City Council that Wyatt Feichtner serve on their Commission.

The Motion to appoint Feichtner to serve on the Parks

and Commons Commission as recommended was unanimously approved: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

- Transient Rental Task Force report and recommendations was presented to the City Council by Task Force Chair, Burgundy Featherkile.

The Motion to approve the Task Force recommendations and direct staff to draft an ordinance based on those recommendations and Council's suggested changes was unanimous: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

While the City is not required by law to hold a public hearing for this type of ordinance, Mayor Brean decided to hold a public hearing during the next City Council meeting (2/9/12) so they may further discuss the draft amendments.

- *Our Coastal Village* requested City assistance in paying system development charges for their affordable home project.

The Motion to deny the request for a donation and agree to a five-year installment term was unanimous: Yea - 5; Nay - 0

- The Parks and Commons Commission presented three recommendations to the City Council to amend to the Yachats Commons Policy Manual.

A Motion to approve the recommendation that events sponsored by individuals for commemorative life events be included in the Community Rate and specify that the event shall be for community members was unanimously approved: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

A Motion to approve the recommendation that hardship fundraising benefit events not involving commercial activities organized to benefit another community member in need be included in the Community Rate was unanimously approved: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

A Motion to approve the recommendation that fundraising benefit events that involve commercial activities and memorials services be included in the Private Rate was unanimously approved: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

- Adopt the "2012 City Council Goals"

A Motion to adopt the 2012 City Council Goals was unanimously adopted: Yea - 5; Nay - 0.

For more detailed minutes and documents submitted to the Council for this agenda log on to www.YachatsDocuments.info.

The Yachats City Council welcomes the public to join

them at their next meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 2 p.m. inside the Yachats Commons building, Civic Meeting Room.



Masterplan

Yachats Public Works Department

By John McClintock,
Public Works Director

During the *State of the City* meeting I attended last month several different master plans pertaining to the City were brought up. Here is an explanation of them:

The first is the *City of Yachats Water Master Plan* completed by the City's consultants with help from City staff and adopted by the City Council in 2001. It is the basic document we use concerning all issues dealing with water. For example the plan addresses: regulatory requirements mandated by state and federal agencies; water resources; existing water system; water management, conservation, and curtailment; capital improvements and prioritization of recommended projects; and a section on funding alternatives.

The second is the *City of Yachats Wastewater Master Plan* completed by the City's consultant and City staff and adopted by the City Council in 2002. It is the document we use for reference when dealing with issues relating to wastewater. It also was the basis for the additional planning and construction of the new wastewater treatment facility and collection system improvements. Additionally it addresses mandated state and federal agency regulatory requirements, as well as additional projects and funding alternatives.

The third and final document is the *City of Yachats Storm Water Master Plan Addendum*. This was completed by the City's consultant with help from City staff and adopted by the City Council in 2008. It is the basic document that identifies and prioritizes a number of recommended storm-water related projects. These projects deal with upgrading the system. At this time cities with populations of more than 10,000 face mandated federal and state requirements dealing with storm water. It is only a matter of time before smaller communities are included in these requirements. These three plans are ever changing documents and should ideally be reviewed and updated every 3-5 years. Input comes from citizens, City staff, City commissions and the City Council.

If you have any questions, these master plans are available for review online at the Yachats document library: www.YachatsDocuments.com. You may also

call the Public Works Department during regular business hours at (541) 547-3243.



Yachats Transient Rental Task Force

By Burgundy Featherkile, Chair

The Transient Rental Task Force was created and assigned a task: reduce conflict among rental agents, rental owners, and permanent residents living in neighborhoods that contain rentals. Members of the task force were selected to represent all viewpoints.

I'm wondering how delighted you will be to realize that every time the Task Force discussed an issue YOU had a voice. Sometimes your voice was passionate and sometimes it was insistent and other times it conveyed understanding and sometimes even compassion. Your concerns were heard AND understood.

The report presented to the City Council was the product of long, thoughtful consideration of both causes and solutions by your representatives on the task force. Can you imagine the discussions, the learning, and the compromises that produced those recommendations? Any member of the task force will tell you that they didn't get everything they asked for, and neither did anyone else. What we achieved instead was a balance among the many and varied needs of all parties.

You probably already know that some of the items in the report that have provoked concern are already—and have been for a long time—part of the municipal code and process. In those cases you have historical evidence that the anticipated consequences have been inconsequential. Some people can recognize and understand recommendations that address issues in a different way than what was initially proposed and see how the end result is as good or even better. Many times the task force examined a proposed solution to determine what problem it was intended to solve, and proposed other ways it might effectively be addressed.



Visible Address Numbers Can Save Your Life

Ensuring your home or business has clearly visible address number(s) could mean the difference between life and death. Not only will this make it easier for emergency response personnel to

identify your location quickly, but it will aid the post office and other delivery services in easily identifying your location.

Yachats Municipal Code 7.08 "Street Names and Building Numbers" requires that all structures on public streets, highways, roads, throughways, and private roads have:

- Street numbers located in a place conspicuous from the abutting street
- Have the numbers attached to the structure if the structure is visible from the street
- Have the numbers located in a place conspicuous from the street if the structure is not visible from the street
- Numbers either painted on the structure or made of metal, glass, or other material that will not rust or corrode
- Numbers not less than 4" high x 2½" wide in size

Please contact City Recorder Nancy Batchelder at (541) 547-3565 weekdays from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for further information.



Proper Pharmaceutical Disposal is Easy

By Debrah Edwards,
Deputy City Recorder

Flushing expired, unused or no longer needed medications down the toilet or sink drain has the potential to put our environment and ourselves at risk. According to Yachats Public Works Director, John McClintock, as state-of-the-art as our new wastewater treatment plant is, it is not capable of removing all traces of pharmaceuticals.

Disposing of pharmaceuticals in the trash also has the potential to create direct risks, i.e., animals or people acquiring them from trash or indirectly via landfills where these contaminants reach surface water or infiltrate groundwater poisoning the environment as a result.

Although a large portion of pharmaceuticals are consumed then excreted into local sewer systems, pharmaceutical take-back programs are an important step in reducing chemicals in the environment. There are two pharmaceutical disposal sites in our area:

Newport Police Department (by records window)
169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, OR 97365
(541) 574-3348
Weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except holidays)
Florence Justice Center (inside lobby area)
900 Greenwood Street
Florence, OR 97439
(541) 997-3515
Weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except holidays)

The disposal receptacles resemble large outdoor postal drop boxes clearly marked as pharmaceutical disposal containers. Both drop boxes are locked, bolted to the floor, and kept under 24/7 video surveillance.

Prescriptions, controlled substances, and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals (including those for pets) may be disposed of at these facilities; however, they do not accept chemotherapy, radioactive, aerosol-dispensed medications, or syringes. Accepted pharmaceuticals may be dropped off in their original packaging or placed in a sealed plastic bag. Both law enforcement agencies are authorized by federal law to collect and dispose of unused controlled substances in this manner.

For more information about the potential environmental impacts of pharmaceuticals, log on to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov/ppcp.



Trails Update

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair
Trails Committee

Much to our delight it would appear that the new year has brought a heightened awareness to the value of trails in our village. They are a well-worn tourist attraction and they encourage walking for the health and spiritual wellbeing of our residents. During the *State of the City* event on last month, Parks & Commons Commission Chair Don Niskanen graciously gave most of the podium time to the Trails Committee in order to present the long list of accomplishments we achieved in 2011 and to introduce our "to do" list for 2012. Here are just a few of the highlights from that list:

- ❑ Institute a monthly *Wanted—Dead, Not Alive* campaign highlighting targeted invasive plants. "Wanted" posters and articles will feature the month's #1 toxic "criminal" complete with photos and suggestions for more wildlife friendly plants that can replace them.

- ❑ Continue improvements to the Prospect (Avenue) Demonstration Garden.
- ❑ Develop and institute a planting plan for the disturbed area on the Amanda Trail at East Windy Way.
- ❑ With the environmental assessments nearly complete, we're hopeful that the U.S. Forest Service will soon give its approval to proceed with the 400-yard Fistera/Gerdemann trail link allowing the Yachats Trails Crew to construct the trail.
- ❑ Work with the Blackstone Homeowners' Association to determine the route for a trail along Yachats' east ridge.
- ❑ Finally, we'd very much like to institute the landscape improvements called for in the recently adopted *Commons Park General Plan* creating a native dune garden trail along West 5th Street from Commons Park to 804 south. Yes, we are an ambitious group!

Since we were unable to submit an article last month here is a brief update:

- The 2nd Annual New Year's Day Peace Hike was a huge success. About 80 happy hikers made the trek from the Commons to the Amanda statue and participated in a very moving peace ceremony. Special thanks continue to go to local artist Qahira Lynn for creating the beautiful artwork used for this year's commemorative pin. A few posters featuring Qahira's art are still available for \$10 each. Contact me if you're interested.
- Oregon Coast Magazine published an article about Yachats and its beloved trails.
- Our favorite flutist in the world, Doc Slyter, will be releasing his first CD in March. If you're not on the Trails Committee's email list and you'd like to be contacted when the CD is released, please contact me.

Yachats Trails Crew

The next Trails Crew Work Party will be held Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. As of this writing (1/19/12) a storm is raging and the power is out throughout the village. No doubt we will need to assess the safety and condition of our trails once the weather settles and provide clean-up where needed. The Trails Crew has also offered to assist the Sands clean up the Gerdemann Garden Botanical Preserve. An email blast will be sent as soon as the details are known.

Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee (YIPS)

YIPS next get together will be on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact Wally

Orchard (see info below) to find out where to meet.

For More Information

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Yachats Trails Committee Chair at (541) 547-3640 or lsven@peak.org
- David Lavrinets, Trails Crew Leader at (541) 547-5388 or dalavrinets@peak.org
- Joanne Kittel, Development Committee & Amanda Trail Leader at (541) 547-3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, YIPS Leader at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org



Yachats Public Library

By Sandra Calkins, Volunteer

Richer than I you can never be—I had a mother who read to me.

Strickland Gillilan

I thought of this quote from Gillilan's poem *The Reading Mother* the other day while planning my mother's 100th birthday celebration for next month. Over my mother's long life she has always encouraged my sister and I to be readers. I can still remember sitting cozily next to her first enjoying nursery thymes, then fairy tales, and later children's classics. My mother is still a reader and as you would expect from my volunteer service with the library, so am I.

As teacher, now retired, one of my great joys was reading aloud to my students every day. I began my career with at the kindergarten level and ended with teaching 6th grade—still reading aloud. When students are able to listen to books they have a much clearer understanding of the plot and can enjoy literature above their current reading level. This is especially useful for those students who are experiencing difficulties with reading.

If you have been reading to your child, keep it up. If you haven't, there is no better time to begin. If you have grandchildren or nieces/nephews read to them over the phone or Skype or send them a personally recorded book on CD or MP3. Another great suggestion is to volunteer in your community to read to children.

Through books children can discover amazing worlds. Take the time now to come into the library and explore our wide variety of children's books.



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

Last month I saw some potted red and white tulips for sale at the grocery store and thought, "What a welcome sight!" I appreciated the hopeful sign of a budding spring. They reminded me the days are slowly growing a wee bit longer—a little extra light in the evening is good for the soul. I was then reminded that Valentine's Day is just around the corner, which means *love* will once again be renewed at the Little Log Church and Museum.

Valentine's Day 2012 will mark our 17th year hosting our *Celebration of Renewal and Commitment Ceremony* at the LLCM. This annual event offers an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage or commitment vows as a group. Last year we had a full house with couples attending from California, Arizona, Washington and Oregon. Each couple receives a certificate from the Little Log Church as a memento of the occasion. It's a lovely reminder of couple's commitment to one another and many attend the ceremony to mark a major anniversary year such as the 25th or those that fall every 5 or 10 years. However, I say any year is a good year to say thank you and I love you.

Our February 14, 2012 ceremony begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. and lasts about 30 minutes. If you'd like to attend please contact me (541) 547-4547 to make a reservation. There is a suggested donation to the LLCM of \$10 per couple. We'll be sure to have some tulips there!



From the Garden of the Historic Log Church

By Louis Mensing, LLCM
Gardener

Your Coastal Gardening Questions Answered

We thought it would be interesting to try a different approach to this segment. As newsletter readers may remember, I have an extensive background in horticulture (and related subjects) so it was suggested that I put my expertise to another good use and respond to our reader's gardening questions.

There are two ways to submit questions to me: drop off your question(s) in writing at the LLCM during regular business hours (Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.); or email me anytime LLCMGardener@yahoo.com. Please be sure to put "Yachats Gardening" in the subject line to ensure your email will be read. I look forward to answering your questions.

Today's Tip from The Garden: It's February and I've already started pruning at the LLCM garden—winter pruning forces new growth when the plants begin growing in spring.



Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Families Together: Dinner & Reading

Seashore Family Literacy, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, and the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program are hosting a free event called *Families Together: Dinner & Reading* from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2011 at the Presbyterian Church located at 360 West 7th Street in Yachats.

This event replaces what the former *Feed and Read* and will take place every 4th Friday of the month. Not only do families get the opportunity to enjoy a meal together but each will home with free books too!

For more information call YYFAP at (541) 547-4599, log on to our website at www.yachatsyouth.org, or visit our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!



YYFAP Update

By Leon Sterner, YYFAP
Board of Directors

YYFAP Moves Forward

This past year has brought many changes to the Yachats Youth and Families Activities Program (YYFAP). Last July Debbie Jackson, who had been Director since YYFAP's inception, stepped down to pursue other interests. In addition another founding YYFAP board member, Stacy Smith, also moved on.

Both of these remarkable women supported the transition and were instrumental in hiring YYFAP's new executive director, Alice Beck. Alice possesses keen organizational development skills and a wealth of experience working directly with children and families.

During the past year, seven community members have joined the YYFAP Board: Bob Perdue; Jo Crooks; Meredith Howell; Ken Aebi; Cheryl Paben; Max Glenn; and Celia Ifran. These new members join longtime directors, Nancy Batchelder and me, to provide program and financial oversight.

The new board members have taken charge of creating a safe and nurturing space for children in South Lincoln County and have been tackling some important and complex challenges. Here are just some of the new or expanded program areas they took on:

- ✓ Five day-a-week preschool during the school year
- ✓ A summer preschool enrichment session
- ✓ Evidence-based parent education classes
- ✓ Building a stronger partnership with the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church to provide evening family activities including the continuing (but renamed) *Families Together: Dinner and Reading* program

Another significant decision the newly reformed Board made was to put the facilities enhancement project to rest (that was started several years ago). While it was an extremely difficult decision the recent economic climate forced it. That said we can walk away with some valuable lessons as we keep an optimistic eye on the future when YYFAP along with the greater Yachats community can initiate a renewed campaign to expand the Commons in a way that will accommodate both youth and adult activities.

This month we will have an advisory board gathering. These are community members who show a special interest in the YYFAP program and who support us in many ways. We will provide a meal and an opportunity to exchange information, ideas, and suggestions about our programs. Anyone interested in attending please give a call for more details. (541) 547-4599.



The Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

Several years ago a restaurant in a big city thousands of miles away suffered a fire and had to close for a while. Sometime after it had reopened I got to talk to one of the regulars.

“So how’s the new Colonnades Restaurant?”
“Oh, it’s wonderful,” he enthused, “Just wonderful!”
“Oh, really,” I asked, “so what’s new?”
“That’s just it” he gloated, “that’s what’s so wonderful—nothing is!”

Of course, on my last trip to Atlanta, you know I had to go there. He was right and it was just wonderful!

Well, I don’t know if you’re aware but the Yachats Lunch Bunch has been getting together now for over 10½ years. Isn’t it great to know that there really are some things that don’t change all that much?

So as usual, the Lunch Bunch is open to everyone 55+. And as usual it takes place at the Yachats Commons multipurpose room on the last Thursday of each month, except November because we combine the luncheons for both November and December into one grand Holiday Luncheon on the 6th of December. And of course the doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch service begins at noon.

We do this because you deserve a place to meet and greet old friends, to make new ones, and welcome a freshly prepared hot meal that includes little luxuries such as fresh flowers and real table linens. A place where for a few hours you can call your own and where for a suggested donation of only \$4 per person you can take in some live entertainment and have fun.

On Thursday, February 23, 2012 the menu will be: Chicken and Dumplings; green salad; roll with butter; with Lemon Bars for dessert. We will have live entertainment for you too although it’s a little soon to say exactly what it will be as we go to press rather early. Mark your calendars anyway because we have a place waiting just for you!



What’s up for February

By Andrea Scharf, GoYachats Marketing Director

Last spring, the mayor of Waldport and I started the process of applying for a state-run program called Rural Tourism Studio. The program is designed to help rural communities figure out how to develop or enhance a tourism based economy. About half a dozen people put in a lot of work to prepare the application—and we were selected! The program will start at the end of this month. There will be monthly training sessions where participants will meet for a day and a half to work with experts in such fields as destination branding, nature-based tourism, creating high impact events, and rural tourism marketing on a shoestring. The program is designed specifically for the south Lincoln County area.

For more information and to register to participate, visit <http://Industry.TravelOregon.com/RTS>. Even if you can’t commit to the entire program, please consider

attending the first event, a community tourism planning session to be held at Rumi on February 28.

Plans for the Yachats Center for Lifelong Learning are moving forward! Our first program is Depth Perception: A Confluence of Science & the Arts, starting with a presentation of Deep Sea Images by Dr. Mark Hixon, a marine biologist from OSU, on Friday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in the Commons. On February 18, we will hear—literally—from Dr. Holger Klinck, who does bioacoustic research. Dr. Shawn Rowe will speak about nontraditional learning, leading us into the second part of the program, interpreting through art, music, and writing what we have learned from the science. That discussion will continue at a Science Pub event on Saturday evening. The fee for the entire program is \$85, but Dr. Hixon's presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact me at 541 547 3092, or visit the YCLL Facebook page at yc4ll.



YAAS Anyone?

Donald Niskanen, Co-Chair
& Cheri Capron, Secretary

The Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences is entering its third year of programming. The past two years have been amazing with the variety of talent and expertise we have been able to present to the public.

The objective of the Academy is to provide educational and entertainment opportunities for people on the central Oregon coast. We initially concentrated on the expertise in the greater Yachats community but quickly realized we have incredible resources within a short distance of Yachats. Sponsored by the Friends of the Yachats Commons, we encourage residents to work together to organize events that they judge to be most enjoyable.

The attendance, donations, and compliments we've received from the attendees at our events tell us we are meeting an important need. The high level of interaction at the events creates a genuine sense of community and results in meaningful discussion on a wide variety of subjects. Other times, it's simply a time to get together with others to enjoy a performance or learn something new.

The best way to find out what YAAS is truly all about is to attend one of our presentations. Our next event is at the Yachats Commons multipurpose room on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. We have students from

Matt Love's Newport High School Literary and Photography classes giving a Student Review. The hour-long event will feature music and spoken words by students who perform at the Friday Lunch Jam, a weekly open mic event held on the school campus. The school's photography class will also present their work. You will not believe the quality of the talent. We've got rock, blues, pop, folk, country, some real beatnik poets, and accomplished photographers. If you have not been exposed to the artistry of these young people, you will be astonished. It is enlightening to see how these young people are facing this world; it may change your assumptions about their generation.

We are actively seeking community involvement and input about our presentations. If you can commit a regular interval of time to YAAS please contact Don Niskanen (last paragraph) to become aboard member. Our meetings are held at 3 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Room 8 of the Yachats Commons.

To learn more about our monthly+/-events log on to www.GoYachats.com and click on "Events." Our upcoming events can also be found on our *Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences* Facebook page and the monthly City of Yachats Newsletter calendar. YAAS is always looking for local presenters. If you are willing to share your experience or expertise on a subject related to the arts or sciences, please contact the Academy at (541) 961-6695 or via email at dwn@peak.org.



Volunteering Opportunities

By Lori Robertson,
Director Cape Perpetua

Do you enjoy talking with people and learning new things? If so, consider volunteering at Cape Perpetua!

Located just 3 miles south of Yachats we at the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area this U.S. Forest Service natural attraction is known for its hiking trails, the breathtaking view atop Cape Perpetua, old-growth Sitka spruce forests, tide pools, mushrooming and whale watching.

During the summer things at the Cape are hopping with 300 to 600 visitors per day from around the world. Although that number falls off during the off-season we still get our share of visitors.

We need volunteers (as many hours/days as you like) mainly at the main visitor center front desk but also

have room for a few at the Devil's Churn information booth. We can also use folks who hike the trails as "rovers" giving interpretive talks and sharing local history. If you love trails but public speaking isn't your thing volunteer to assist with trail maintenance.

For more information or an application call me weekdays at (541) 547-3289.