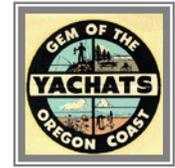




# CITY OF YACHATS

# NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2016

## 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 Breaun, Mayor

There is something...interesting...about Yachats. Some might say peculiar. The word "quirky" is used a lot too. I have even heard "Yachats" used as an adjective, as in "That's sooo Yachats!" I don't know about you, but I like it. I've only lived in one other community where people would use its name as an adjective that captured the spirit and uniqueness of the place itself, or rather the uniqueness of the people who lived there. Most of us who choose to live in such a place relish the avant-garde persona that characterizes both the place and its inhabitants. We are likely to describe ourselves, our neighbors, and our community in such terms and do so with admiration and pride.

Those on the outside looking in will use such terms too. Sometimes it's done with admiration. Sometimes even with jealousy. But sometimes it's done with a puzzlement that derives from a failure to grasp the basic concepts of acceptance, cooperation, appreciation, neighborliness, and that there is value in a diversity of thought, culture, and perception; in differentness. They simply think each of us is as mad as a March hare.

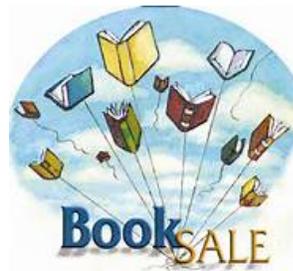
Now "Mad as a March hare" is a phrase that comes from the different (and by different I mean peculiar, quirky and interesting) behavior of

European hares in the month from which they take their name. It seems that in the spring a young hare's interest turns to romance and all of the staid and stealthy habits of hare-dom give way to more daring and flamboyant behavior. Those looking on from the outside (which is to say the humans that coined the phrase) perceive the behavior to be lunatic while those who participate (which is to say the hares themselves) shed their inhibitions and seize the day...or the month. I know I am anthropomorphizing when I make that statement, but I am, after all, an anthrop. I choose to believe, that like me, these creatures find excitement and release in being different for a while, in exploring new ways to look at things, in being just a bit quirky. We (us and the hares) live in a real world and we must obey the laws of nature and physics, and bow to certain realities of life. We can't be "mad" all the time, but a little bit of well-timed madness opens the doors of creativity.

When it comes to handling the business of the City of Yachats I would put our record up against any other staid and stealthy, nose to the grindstone, tried-and-true city team anywhere in the world. We know there are issues to deal with. We know money needs to be managed thoughtfully. We know potholes need fixed, pipes occasionally need repair or replacement, water needs to be delivered, and the city's infrastructure (yawn!) must be maintained. We do all of that stuff and we do it with a certain creativity that means we usually do it better. I

think a little madness in the formula results in a far better success ratio.

Doc Slyter, the tribal flutist and elder from the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, has remarked that Yachats is a special place. He says there is a vortex that swirls here and when the right people come close enough to feel the influence of the vortex they never leave. I've also heard that Yachats has a kind of spiritual vortex that people (and maybe hares) who are properly tuned can feel. My antennae aren't long enough for me to validate that on a conscious level (nor are my ears) but I do know that there is magic here. It is a magic that is perhaps a little bit mad (I think maybe one part in twelve), and very... Yachats.



## Yachats Public Library

By Marion Godfrey

Come one! Come all!

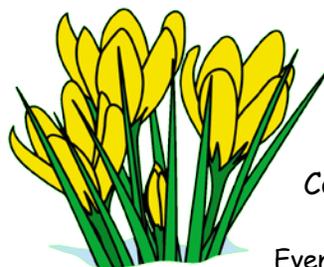
The approach of Spring means the annual Yachats Library book sale, so please mark your calendar on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> for this years' sale. Doors open at 10 a.m. at the Commons on both days.

There will be an enormous collection of books on a huge range of subjects. Whether you're looking for beach reading paperbacks for the summer, a tome or two on subjects such as philosophy, gardening, biographies, history, travel..... you will be sure to find something of interest. That's not even mentioning the tables full of novels ready to catch your eye. The list seems endless.

On the Friday, individual items sell at bargain prices and on the Saturday, the library has the famous bargain bagful's of books. Come for the best deals for your reading pleasure!

Yachats Library will be looking for volunteers to help set up on the Thursday before the sale, help stacking, selling, helping buyers with their book loads, taking down at the end. If you're willing to spend an hour or two, visit the front desk where a library volunteer will be delighted to help you sign up. Thank you, for without volunteers, the library could not exist as we know and love it.

Remember those dates, March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and hope to see everyone there!



## Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Chair  
Communications Leader

Even now - 30 spring-times after leaving long dark cold grey Great Lakes winters behind to settle here - I still can't get



## City Council Briefing

By Nancy Batchelder  
City Recorder

### City Secured Loan for South Reservoir Project

The City successfully secured a loan for \$1.4 million to complete the water tank project to provide water storage south of the Yachats River Bridge.

The loan consists of \$760,000 at an interest rate of 1% and a forgivable "loan" of \$640,000. The forgivable loan portion does not have to be repaid as long as the conditions of the agreement with Oregon Business Infrastructure Finance Authority are met.

This loan and forgivable loan will enable the City to construct the tank, pump, and lines necessary to ensure continued service to all properties south of the bridge in case something should happen to the line crossing the river; and, at a cost that is significantly less than originally anticipated.

over the utter magic of daffodils blooming in February and March. New life is emerging now along all of our area trails and it's the perfect time to step out, explore and renew.

If you haven't visited the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve lately, be sure to put a hike along the public footpath on your spring calendar. It's another dose of magic not to be missed. Now, with the new Docent program in place to assist preserve owner Andreea Ghetie, the garden is being especially well tended. With the combination of last year's stressful dry summer, this year's plentiful rains and all the care the garden's received over the last several months; it is looking as though the Preserve will have one of the most spectacular blooming seasons ever.



On the other end of town, one trail you will still NOT want to visit is the Amanda Trail.

With ongoing spring rains, mud continues to come down the Amanda Creek area making it extremely dangerous to explore the surroundings or to commence cleanup. This past month, the bridge was assessed by one of its co-creators to determine if any parts could be reused. Unfortunately, due to multiple breaks and fracturing of all its underlying ribbing, nothing can be salvaged. We are working closely with Oregon State Parks and U.S. Forest Service to develop plans that will allow us to reopen the trail but, for now, the trail remains closed and we ask everyone to please respect that closure.



If you have friends, family or renters who like to hike and are staying at your property over spring break you should let them know about this situation. You can also direct them to lots of other options with the Hike, Bike, Paddle map of South Lincoln County trails available on line at [www.hikebikepaddle.org](http://www.hikebikepaddle.org); or pick up copies of the Yachats Trails rack card or Yachats & Cape Perpetua Trails map from the Visitors Center. They can also find links to a huge variety of area recreational opportunities on the Yachats Chamber of Commerce web site: (<http://www.yachats.org/links.html>).



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

This month we will again be working in the wetlands park area behind the Commons to rid it of ivy, blackberry and any other bad weeds lurking in the area. (Note: this does not apply to the "Bad Weeds" bluegrass band members who regularly show up to help with this task!) If you've been thinking of coming out to learn more about YIPS!, this would be a good opportunity to do so. The park is a flat, accessible area with a scattering of benches for taking breaks if needed. We hope to see you there - and for our convivial celebrations afterward. But in the meantime, if you have questions about weeds in our area, or need tips on how to control them, contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for details.



### **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, if you are so inclined, a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.



**March 5th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:**  
Trails Crew work event. (Location TBA)

**March 19th (Saturday) 10:00am-1:00pm.:**  
YIPS! Crew work event.

Meet at the picnic shelter behind the Commons

For more information on Trails and YIPS! activities, 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)

Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew at 541-547-4559 or [loren.dickinson@gmail.com](mailto:loren.dickinson@gmail.com)

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 Lunch

### Bunch

By Will Williams,  
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 31st, 2016 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 March are Ruth Bass and Judy Richter. They will be preparing Chicken Pot Pie w/ biscuit top (vegetables included) served with mixed Greens Salad and a yummy Jello Dessert! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't forget to wear St. Patty's Green!



## Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook,  
Events  
Coordinator

The daffodils in the garden at the Little Log Church popped open just in time for me to pick a few to decorate the sanctuary for our Valentine's Day group renewal service last month.

We had two seating's again this year - one at noon and one at 5:50 p.m. A total of 34 couples renewed their vows in our sweet little church, collectively representing 730 years of married life. "Fiddlin' Ruth" Mock serenaded our noon gathering with a medley of love tunes and Marcia Wilcox played our antique pump organ for the later service. We are grateful to have these talented musicians in our community. Thank you, Ruth and Marcia!

We have two pump organs at the church - the original organ that was brought to Yachats by

wagon by Rev. Rolla Phelps and his wife in the early days, and another organ that was donated by the late Virginia Gilmore, a long time Yachats resident. It is that organ that we use for weddings and special occasions.

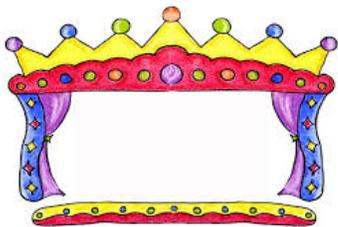
Pump organs require the unique skills of pumping and keying simultaneously, as well as knowing which stops to use to achieve just the right effects. This is multi-tasking *big-time!* Musicians having those skills are getting harder and harder to find. This is why we were doubly sad to learn that Marcia plans to retire as the LLC's "resident organist".

Marcia tells us she must have music in her DNA. Her mother was a music teacher, and music was always a big part of her family life. Her grandfather was a Presbyterian minister in Big Horn, Wyoming, and Marcia recalls visiting him there when she was age 6 or 7, and entertaining herself for hours on end by playing the pump organ at the little church next his house. So apparently there was a pump organ gene in that DNA.

After Marcia and her husband moved to the Yachats area in 1992 she became involved in playing piano, organ, and participating in the bell choir at the Waldport Presbyterian Church. And we've enjoyed hearing her performances at holiday time here in Yachats. Marcia, we'll miss you at the Little Log Church, but we know you'll enjoy being in the audience for a change!

And now, dear readers, if you know of anyone skilled in playing pump organs, and who is comfortable with the idiosyncrasies of antique instruments, let them know there might be a spot for a "resident organist" at the Little Log Church. Stop by the museum or call at 541-547-3976, or contact the Events Coordinator at 541-547-4547. Thanks!





## Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

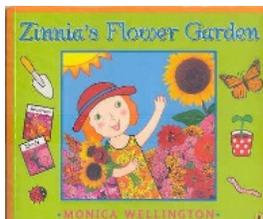
By Alice Beck, Executive Director



### YYFAP is Taking Reservations for Dinner Theater April 8<sup>th</sup>

YYFAP is once again hosting our Annual Dinner Theater Fundraising Event in coordination with One of Us

Productions on Friday night, April 8th. This year's special performance of the play "The Odd Couple - Female Version" by Neil Simon promises to be good entertainment. We hope you will join us for this fun night with both live and silent auctions. Enjoy 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, therefore adults only please.) Call now to reserve seating at 541-547-4599.



### Families Together Free Dinner - March 18th

Our featured book for March is Zinnia's Flower Garden, by Monica Wellington. Join us 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 made possible thanks to grants from The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, The Presbytery of the Cascades; as well as generous donations from folks like you. YYFAP would also like to thank all our friends at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, without whose volunteer time and efforts we couldn't provide this fun evening for families. We hope you will join us this month and support early reading. Happy Spring!



### Easter Egg Hunt for Kids

Come join us Saturday March 26th for the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and the Yachats Youth and Family Activities programs. The hunt starts at 10:00 am at the Presbyterian Church at the end of

6th street in Yachats. Bring your basket for collecting eggs and your cameras for picture taking!!! Come join the fun!



### Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

#### Community calendar refresher

For a number of years (no small number I might add), we who live in and around Yachats have attempted to come up with a community calendar that would reflect all the goings on in our area. As I have alluded to in numerous newsletter articles the Go Yachats website now houses such



### YYFAP Talent Show is Coming in May-Get Ready

Can you sing, dance, juggle or play the violin? We are looking for talent of all kinds. Young and old are welcome. This event is focused on the youth, but we love to have some adults in the mix so join us

a calendar. When you click on [goyachats.com](http://goyachats.com) or when you enter this address into your computer browser, it takes you to the homepage. On the top of the page you will see a tab marked "Events". By clicking on this tab, you will arrive at the Community calendar. This calendar will list all the events going on in and around town. All kinds of events are listed here: meetings, regular events (yoga, exercise, concerts, plays etc.), along with sales events. You can arrow ahead to see future events as well. If you guide your mouse pointer over a listing on the calendar, you will see a fly-out with detailed information about the event, the location, time etc., and often a poster.

An example of such a listing is the upcoming Taiko Drumming event. If you aim your browser to [goyachats.com](http://goyachats.com) and click on the 'Events' tab, will see the March calendar. Find the Taiko listing and hover you mouse over it and you will see that on March 12th there will be a drumming workshop from 2-3:30pm and a concert following at 6:30pm. Both will be held in the MP room of the Commons. Also, earlier on that day you will see a Coast Watch Workshop at 9am in Rm 3 of the Commons. As you notice there are quite a few events happening during the month of March! A weekly quilting group (Fabricators) that occurs at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, Exercise class MWF at the Commons, Council and Commission meetings, Chamber Craft show and Library Book Sale. You can find them all on this community calendar. If you have questions about this website and/or how to use it, please give the Friends helpline a call at: 541-272-4213.



**YACHATS LIONS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, March 20, 2016  
7:30 - 11:30 am**

All you can eat pancakes with scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or ham, milk, tea or coffee. Bring the entire family and join the fun. Suggested donation \$7. All proceeds go to support local nonprofit organizations. FMI: Secretary Max Glenn 541-547-5171



**Yachats Ladies Club's  
14th Annual SPRING  
CRAFT BAZAAR &  
SATURDAY LUNCHEON**

**March 19-20, 2016 (and March 26)**  
Saturday & Sunday 10 am - 3 pm  
Luncheon on Saturday 11 am - 2 pm  
YLC Clubhouse, W 3rd and Pontiac

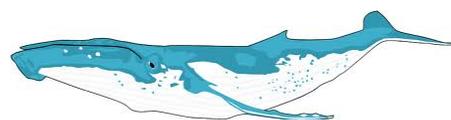
Quality handcrafted items by Ladies Club Members and Saturday Luncheon with Pie/beverage option. Handcrafted items include knit items, aprons, quilts, afghans, wall hangings, home decor, table runners, pot holders, potato bakers, casserole carriers, bake sale table, gift baskets and much more. Lunch on Saturday with famous Ladies Club Pies. Fundraiser for the Yachats Ladies Club. FMI Sandy Dunn, Yachats Ladies Club President, (541) 547-3205.



**46th Annual  
ORIGINAL YACHATS  
ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**

**March 19-20, 2016**  
Saturday 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm  
Yachats Commons

The Yachats Original Arts & Crafts Fair includes 65 Pacific Northwest artists and crafters selected for the superb quality of their art. Media include original paintings; handcrafted jewelry; art glass; pottery; furniture; water features; woodwork and mixed media; clay vessels; sculpture; stained glass; ceramic tiles; natural fiber textiles; screen prints; photography; gourmet spice and food products; natural bath products; recycled garden art; toys and more. The variety of arts and crafts here allows something for every pocketbook and interest. FMI(541) 547-3530, 1-800-929-0477.



**Whale Watching Week starts March 19<sup>th</sup>**



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		<p><b>1</b> 8am Heidi's YOGA(Rm3) <b>8:30am Marketing (Civic)</b></p> <p>Cosmic YOGA 9:30am (Rm3) 10am Qigong (Rm8) 6:30pm Tribal Fusion Movement (Rm8) 6:30pm Tribal Fusion Movement (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>2</b> T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10 a.m. (MP) <b>City Wide Tsunami Siren Test 11am</b></p> <p>Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 3pm Cosmic YOGA (Rm8)</p> <p><b>Yachats Big Band Dance 7pm (MP)</b></p> 	<p><b>4</b> Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p><b>2pm Shirley Plummer Poetry Reading (Rm8)</b></p>
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<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>6:30pm Dances of Universal Peace (MP)</p>	<p><b>7</b> T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 9:15am Energy Exercise (MP) <b>City Council Work Session (Civic Rm) 9am</b></p> <p>Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Open &amp; Honest 6pm (Rm5) 7pm Open Gym /PingPong (MP)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 8am Heidi's YOGA(Rm3)</p> <p>Cosmic YOGA 9:30am (Rm3) 10am Qigong (Rm8) <b>Emergency Planning 2pm</b> <b>Public Works/ Streets (3pm)</b></p> <p><b>Friends: Com. Mtg. (Rm5) 5:30pm</b> 6:30pm Tribal Fusion (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>9</b> T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) <b>Finance Committee Mtg. 10 am(Civic Rm)</b></p> <p>Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Art in the Kitchen 1pm (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) <b>Joint Council Mtg 6pm (Civic)</b> <b>County Comm. Mtg. 7pm</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP)</p> <p><b>2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> 3pm Cosmic YOGA (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p><b>Lincoln County Comm. Rights 6pm (Rm8)</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>9am Coast Watch workshop (Rm3)</b></p> <p><b>2pm &amp; 6:30pm Taiko Drummers Concert (MP)</b></p>
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