



# CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 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



I carry a cobalt blue glass bead in my pocket most of the time. It was given to me by a friend and fellow musician. It has no overt meaning. When it was given it was not with a message or a spiritual connotation. It is not a good luck charm or talisman or a token representative of anything. It's just a plain and simple, somewhat misshapen, primitive glass bead.

I don't know why he had it. I don't really know why he gave it to me. He was setting up for a performance, I said hello, and he handed it to me. It may have been no more profound than "Hey, I just found this in my pocket, and though it's kind of pretty I have no use for it so I'm giving to you." We didn't talk about it. He gave it to me and I put it in my pocket and I carry it. Maybe someday I'll figure out why I carry it or I may find it lurking in a cushion of pocket lint and give it to someone else who will later wonder why I did. Then they may wonder why they carry it.

We have just slipped past the autumnal equinox which, I realize, has nothing to do with glass beads, but stay with me for a little while. The days are getting shorter. At the end of the month we will slip back into "standard time". The multitudes of tourists will leave and we will find our village left to its villagers to a large degree. The nights will start sooner and end later. The restorative storms will come and wash over us again and again

fill rivers and streams and nurture us and those creatures that share our temperate rainforest home.

At the same time, the summer's accumulation of sand will begin to migrate from the beaches to deeper water. Summer weather and wave conditions pile up great quantities of sand and blow it around into dunes and mounds and piles, but when winters more assertive weather arrives it begins to sift that sand. It moves it back into the sea, back off shore. It reveals the shiny polished stones of our world-renowned coast. It exposes jasper and jadeite and agate and the beach glass and petrified wood and even ancient submerged tree stumps beneath the sand. In some places we will stand on basaltic bedrock we haven't see since last winter.

So my thought today is this: Look around you during the slower times of the year, after the equinox and approaching the solstice. As wonderful as it is, the sand is gone. What's left is us. What's left is the shiny agates and the precious stones of the real Yachats. What's left is the bedrock. What's left is a mysteriously fascinating rounded hunk of cobalt blue glass that means nothing except that two like-minded Yachadians shared a moment just understanding that we were sharing it. At the end of the day, it's Yachadians that makes Yachats special.



Sunday November 1st





## Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

A few weeks ago a gentleman from Toledo strode into the

Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center carrying what appeared to be a couple of seven foot long sticks wrapped in several layers of netting. He told the volunteer he wanted to donate it to the Little Log Church, and asked if she would see to it they received it. Fortunately the volunteer on duty also volunteers at the Log Church (this happens often around here) and she readily accepted the item on behalf of the museum.

The item was a smelt dipping net hand made by the donor. It appears to have had plenty of use over the years, and indications of multiple repairs made by this smelt fishing enthusiast.

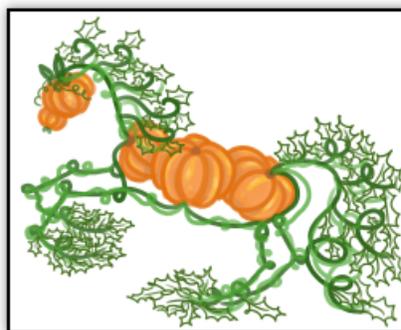
We have a photograph at the museum of a group of smelters wading in the surf and using the nets to haul out as many of the little critters as they could possibly carry. We estimate the photo was taken about 1940, when smelting was big. One of the group has been identified as Rev. Lyman Myers, who served as pastor of the Log Church at that time. If the smelt were running, Rev. Myers would grab his nets and pails and dip with the best of them.

It's a great photo, but one doesn't have a full appreciation of what was involved until one can actually see a smelt dipping net up close and personal. It's HUGE! It must have required a good deal of muscle power to manage it in and out of the water.

Smelt runs diminished considerably over the years and by the 1990s they were almost gone. They are now deemed a threatened species, and are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. They are slowly returning to the waters of the Columbia River, and Oregon is allowed to set minor seasons (read *VERY*

*MINOR*). This year Oregon dippers were allowed on the Sandy River (only) from 6:00 a.m. until noon Saturday and Sunday March 14 and 15. They can only be taken by dip-netting, and the limit this year was 10 pounds per person, or about one-fourth of a five-gallon bucket - quite a change from the hey-days of the 1940s and earlier.

We appreciate being able to share a little piece of history at the Little Log Church, thanks to Mr. Butch Newton of Toledo. Stop by some time and take a look at our newest exhibit.



## Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

One of the joys of working on and walking our trails is how aware it keeps us of the changes and rhythms of the seasons. Autumn is a dynamic time. As it progresses, winds shift; new scents permeate the air. Many animals, insects, fish and birds, (as well as Trails Crew summer-only residents) are on the move. The faded dryness of summer gives way to misty forests and fall rains. Those rains bring fresh new growth - mushrooms and fungi of all shapes and sizes pop up overnight. Far from dying off, the world is full of magical transmutations.

It's a time when our trails and YIPS! work changes as well. Our focus turns to clearing away spent annuals, new plantings in areas that have been cleared and reclaimed for habitat, and... readying the Amanda trail for the City's annual New Year's Day Peace Hike!



Each year the Peace Hike continues to grow and has become a not-to-be-missed tradition for many in our community and beyond. It takes many volunteers to put all the pieces together and



planning begins this month. If you are interested in getting involved and contributing your time and ideas, please contact any of the Trails Committee leaders listed below. Planning notices will also go out to everyone on our e-mail contact list. Help is also needed this month for the return of Rainshadow Running's Oregon Coast 30K and 50K races taking place in Yachats, October 10 and 11. The Trails Committee's shifts (both Saturday and Sunday) will run from 9:30-12:30, and from 12:30 to 4:00. To sign up to work the volunteer aid station at the summit of Cape Perpetua, contact Lauralee at 541.547.3640 or [lsven@peak.org](mailto:lsven@peak.org). You can find complete details about this event at <http://www.rainshadowrunning.com/oregon-coast-50k--30k.html#course>.



**YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants**

**Subcommittee) News** - Next time you are in the area of the picnic shelter behind the Commons, take a look at the amazing progress that is being made

against blackberry and other invasive marauders that, over time, had taken over land on the eastern side of the wetland park. After removing all we could by hand we are now in the process of tilling the remaining growth under, removing all roots, laying down weed cloth and covering the area with mulch. This will be left for two growing seasons to ensure no new growth occurs. We'll also begin to restore habitat with native plantings in the cleared areas. Special thanks go out to Will Williams for his thorough and professional job of tilling and leveling the space. Volunteer turnout has been exceptional throughout the project but additional hands are always welcome. If you have questions about this project or weeds in general you can contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for additional information.

**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.

**October 3rd (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** Trails Crew work event. (Location TBA)

**October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** - Oregon Coast 50K race (see article and volunteer time slots above)

**October 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:** YIPS! Crew work event. (Location TBA)

For more information on Trails and YIPS! activities, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us:

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 Public Library**

By Sandra Calkins

*A Tribute for Marie*



Yachats has many beautiful people—people who are beautiful in many ways. Our little town lost one of its most

beautiful people early in September. That person was Marie Soward Green.

I first met Marie when I ventured out to go to the Lunch Bunch. My husband was still farming in Idaho and I was trying to get our new home settled. I shyly walked into the Commons where I knew nobody. I found a seat at a partially filled table and asked if I could join the couple sitting there. That was my introduction to the beautiful people of Yachats, and that was my introduction to Max and Marie. Within about five minutes, Marie had asked me if I wanted to be a library volunteer. It took over a year

before we were settled in this area and then I followed up on her suggestion.

What a great way to meet the beautiful people of Yachats! Our library is not the "please whisper" variety. It is a place where residents and visitors are greeted and welcomed. It is a place where helpful volunteers try to answer questions and if we can't answer them, try to direct the questioner to a place with the answers.

Marie was a Library Commissioner for many years. She also wrote beautiful articles for the newsletter. I particularly remember one written for a July newsletter about all of the yellow blooms. I still consider July the yellow month and August the orange month.

Marie was a minister by profession, but she was certainly not the stern minister stereotype. Marie loved to have fun. For those of you too new to remember the science fiction movie produced here several years ago called *The Ghoul* from the Tidal Pool, you must come check out the DVD from the library. Marie played the evil general—part of what made it such a fun movie.

Marie was truly a beautiful Yachats' citizen. Even in pain she kept smiling, setting an example for others. Her presence will be missed all over the town, and we at the library will always remember her service. A Celebration of Life for Marie will be held at the Yachats Presbyterian Church on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Look for a later announcement of the time.

Commons. The luncheon is open to everyone 55 years and older.

The spooky menu for October is Halloween yam delight (chicken or vegetarian), spooky veggie salad, rolls/butter and fabulous pumpkin pie with whipped cream for dessert!! So come and socialize with your fellow Yachations. You are invited to wear your best GHOULISH Halloween costume (There is a suggested donation of \$5).



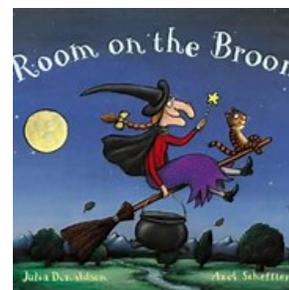
### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Bring your animals, large and small! This annual blessing is presided over by the Rev. Mary Crook and is sponsored by the Little Log Church. Sunday October 4, 2015 @ 3:00 pm - Little Log Church grounds.

### **Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program**

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

### **Halloween Families Together October 30<sup>th</sup>**



Join us Friday night, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 pm for a fun filled, Halloween themed Families Together Dinner. The featured story will be "Room on the Broom", by Julia Donaldson. As always, children will get to take home a free copy of the book.

We will have other fun Halloween themed stories for older siblings. There will be fun Halloween activities in addition to story time. This is a Families Together you don't want to miss! Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. (But of course you don't have to.)

Did you know you can help YYFAP earn money for our programs just by using your rewards cards at local businesses?



### **Yachats Lunch Bunch**

By Will Williams, Coordinator

The lunch bunch will meet on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> for a Spook-tacular lunch prepared by Guest Chef Robbie Schoonover. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at noon in the multipurpose room of the

Use the link below and use our id #87826.

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### Public Works

By David Buckwald  
Wastewater Department

During the month of October, weather and work schedules permitting, Public Works will be smoke testing north of the bridge in selected areas.

This is an ongoing process of identifying Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) of ground water and surface water into the sewer collection system. This is accomplished in a couple different ways.

We will be isolating sections of the system and "smoke testing" that area. This is the method of blowing non-toxic smoke into the isolated area and identifying where it comes out.

If the "smoke" comes out the building roof vents, that tells us all is well at that particular location. If the "smoke" comes out of down spout, then we know roof drains are illegally connected to the sanitary system and must be removed. If the smoke appears to find its way up through the

ground then we know there are cracks or breaks in sewer laterals or sewer mains and must be repaired.

The second way we check for I&I is by cleaning sewer mains and then running a camera down them to actually look at televised pictures of the inside of the sewer main lines and locate where sewer laterals connect to the sewer main. Once again we isolate that particular area to do the work and make note of any cracks, low points, breaks, or misaligned pipes. We also identify ground & surface water intrusions. We monitor distance from manhole to come back and make repairs.

Prior to doing this work we will notify neighborhoods that will be affected. We will also notify property owners of any problems that need to be addressed.

If you have any questions please call us at (541) 547-3385 or (541) 547-3565.



### 16th Annual YACHATS VILLAGE MUSHROOM FEST

**October 16-18, 2015** Friday night - Sunday afternoon -  
Yachats Commons, About Town and Cape Perpetua

Experience delectable wild forest mushroom cuisine, culinary markets, cooking demonstrations, wine and beer tasting, and live music. In addition, you're guaranteed a FUN time learning all about mushrooms, the role of fungi in forest ecology, how to grow your own culinary mushrooms, and much more. We are honored to host a phenomenal team of educators who join this festival annually to provide informative mushroom talks, guided walks, workshops and wild mushrooms displays.





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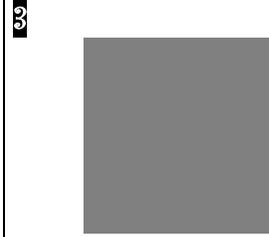
# October

1 City Council Work Session 9:30 am

Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP)

World Vegetarian Day

2 Exercise Class 10am (Lions Club)



24 9am Yachats Farmers Market

25 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10am  
6pm NA Group (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong(MP)

26 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Library Comm. Mtg.10am (Civic)  
Emergency Planning Cmte 2 pm (Civic Rm) Public Works & Streets Cmte3pm

27 8am Tai Chi Exercise Class 10am  
Tsunami Siren 11 am Art in the Kitchen 1pm 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)



28 1:15 Pickletball (MP) City Council Meeting 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)

29 Exercise Class 10am Yachats Ladies Club Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner 5pm



31 9am Yachats Farmers Market 3pm Yachats Song Circle(RM8)



12 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10am 6pm NA Group (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP) Columbus Day

13 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Friends Board Mtg 5:30pm 7pm Free Movement (MP)

14 8am Tai Chi (Rm3) Exercise Class 10am Finance Comm. 10am (Civic) Art in the Kitchen 1pm 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)

15 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Parks/Commons Comm Mtg 3 pm (Civic Rm)

16 Exercise Class 10am 16th Annual Yachats Village Mushroom Fest



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23 Exercise Class 10am 24 United Nations Day



25 Peek - a - BOO!



26 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10am 6pm NA Group (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

27 1:15 Pickletball (MP) 6pm View the Future (Rm3)

28 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) Exercise Class 10am (MP) Art in the Kitchen 1pm 1:15 Pickletball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)

29 Yachats Lunch Bunch 11:30am 1:15 Pickletball (MP)

30 Exercise Class 10am YYFAP: Families Together 6pm YCPC

31 Happy Halloween



"Hoodies, hot cocoa, boots, jeans, cuddling, crisp air, flushed cheeks....does it get any better" oh and football!!!