

Featured Artist: Mark Cortright

Potter Mark Cortright



The pottery of artist Mark Cortright of Arcata is for sale and on display at the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. Cortright, who began throwing pots in high school in 1969, went on to major in art at Humboldt State, gaining all the knowledge he could pack in, of pottery making, glaze formulations and kiln building.

"Ceramics has been my full-time job ever since," he notes. Cortright has sold his pottery at juried art shows throughout the western states, including Colorado, Utah and Arizona, and for 19 years has held two studio sales a year. In addition, his work is displayed at many galleries from Trinidad to Mendocino.

"I strive to make the most durable pottery possible, which is both functional and high quality," Cortright says on his website, liscomhillpottery.com. "All of my porcelain pottery is hand-thrown or slab-built, then fired to 2400 degrees, and is ovenproof, microwave-safe and dishwasher-safe. Each piece is a signed original."

Wildwood Days is Coming!

Wildwood Days kicks off Aug. 11 this year. A key attraction of opening night is the Ernie Cannady car cruise from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the band, Midnight Special, playing until 8 p.m. and an all-you-can-eat barbeque for \$8, all at DJ's Burger Bar, 509 Wildwood Ave. A street dance featuring Doug Fir and the Two by Fours will begin at 9 p.m.

In between, kids' night, with fire truck rides, the penny scramble, talent show and soapbox derby rides will be happening, along with the firemen's muster, in the downtown area. Lecturer and author Jerry Rohde will present a history talk (see separate item under News and Notes) at 7 p.m. Women's softball also begins Friday at 6 p.m. at Firemen's Park in Rio Dell.

The Eagle Prairie Arts District will be joining in the festivities, with bounce houses and kids' activities, downtown on Friday, and with food and art vendors at Fireman's Park on Saturday, in conjunction with the monthly Arts on the Avenue. **Continued on Page 4.**

Caught Doing Good: Mary Burns a Main mover in Wildwood Days Car Show



Mary Burns and Granddaughter
Bailey Parker

It's a family affair, Mary Burns says often of the car show she produces each year as part of Wildwood Days. The show, which takes place on Sunday morning in front of city hall, typically draws more than 50 cars each year. "We get one of everything," she notes of the range of vehicles that come. "Some are a work in progress, another might be a \$300,000 car." They come from as far away as southern Oregon, Redding and Fort Bragg, but most are local, coming from the Eel River Valley. "Some come back every year, it's like a family," she notes.

Owners come in response to Wildwood Days publicity, Facebook posts done by her granddaughter, Bailey Parker, and posters she mails or hands out at Auto Expo and other car events. "Some, you just catch driving through," she says of drivers who show up for the first time.

"You start the day after it ends to work on the next year," Burns notes, adding that she gets going "real strong" in February. "I can't recall when I started doing this," Burns says, thinking it must be 15 or more years ago. The fire department asked her to manage a car show, and she said she had no idea how to do that. "We had 10 or 12 cars to start," she recalls the early days. Cars have always been in her family, from the M & M Automotive business she ran in Rio Dell with her husband, Mike, for 28 years, to the project car her husband worked on with their high school-aged son. "We used to race stock cars, and loved those cars we had when we were in high school," she says of her affinity for motor vehicles. **Continued on Page 4.**

WILDWOOD DAYS IS COMING AUGUST 11 TO 13

Part 2 by Billy Joe Long, Problem-Solving Applications, LLC

How Antivirus and Antispyware Software Work

Both antivirus and antispyware software monitor your computer for potential threats. If your computer is connected to the internet, you should have a functioning, properly licensed and updated antivirus and antispyware program. At a minimum, the software you choose should offer "real-time" scanning, as well as "scheduled" scanning functionality.

"Real Time" scanning allows the software to continually scan files as they are downloaded to your computer, and will notify you if the file(s) you receive contain malware.

"Scheduled" scanning allows the software to scan all the existing files (or selected files) on your computer hard disk in a systematic effort to locate existing files that "look like" a virus.

- For those of you using Microsoft Windows 7, Microsoft offers a free anti-virus product called Microsoft Security Essentials in 32-bit and 64-bit versions. It can be used by home users and small businesses with up to 10 computers.
- For those of you using Microsoft Windows 8 or higher, Windows Defender comes integrated with the operating system and provides antivirus and antispyware protection.
- Both Microsoft Security Essentials and Windows Defender come at no additional cost – there's nothing to buy, no subscriptions and no nagware – yeah I know, awesome!

Most antivirus and antispyware tools can identify suspicious software based on a list of known threats called "definitions." Definitions should be updated automatically by the software and new updates should be provided when new threats are discovered.

Preventing Infection with Antivirus and Antispyware Software

Antivirus and antispyware software are basic tools that no home or business should be without.

In short, a single antivirus program, a single antispyware program and a single configured firewall is adequate. Installing more than one of any of these programs can generate a few notable issues. Let's take a few moments to look at the biggest issues.

1. Each program running on your computer is using some of your system memory (RAM). The more programs running, the more RAM is used. When there is no more RAM available, your computer will begin to use your hard disk as a "type" of RAM. Hard disk access is not as fast as RAM access, and when your system has to start using the hard disk as RAM it greatly degrades the performance of your entire system.
2. Having more than one of these programs running on your system can result in a software conflict. If both programs are scanning your computer for "malicious activity" there is a high probability they will see each other as "malicious activity" causing a software conflict. This particular problem can be extremely frustrating and can lead to the next very challenging side effect.
3. Files necessary to the other scanning program can often be identified as "malicious", and will be quarantined (made inaccessible) or removed, leaving the program corrupted. Trying to repair a program in this condition can be problematic to say the least.
4. Finally, maintaining the licensing and updates for your programs can be time consuming and expensive. I am a firm believer that "less is better".

What to Do if You Suspect Infection

There is no guaranteed way to keep malware out. Installing and using antivirus and antispyware software, along with a healthy dose of "common sense" is a good start. But what does it look like when these tools fail? And what can you do about it? The following may indicate your computer is infected with malware:

- Lots of pop-up windows or unexpected messages on your screen
- Unexpected toolbars appear in your web browser
- New icons or programs appear on your computer
- Your web browser home page changes or you are redirected unexpectedly to unknown websites
- Your computer suddenly seems slow, freezes, or crashes during regular use

If you suspect infection, you should:

- Download the most recent definitions for your antivirus and antispyware software
- Run a full scan using both tools (this will usually be much more in-depth and will take longer than the regular monitoring scans)
- Follow the software's instructions to remove suspected malware

If removing malware this way doesn't work, or if the malware returns when you reboot your computer, you should seek professional help from a qualified computer service provider. There are a few qualified local service providers, but PSA, LLC offers a "no-fix, no-pay" work guarantee - most shops do not. Call us at (707) 506-6228 for service.

Conclusion

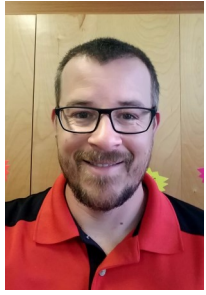
No home or business can do without malware protection. While nothing is a guarantee against infection, antivirus and antispyware software, coupled with common sense, can go a long way towards protecting your computer.

In the next article we will take a look at firewalls and how they can help in the battle against malicious activity.

News and Notes

Rio Dell School District Welcomes New Superintendent

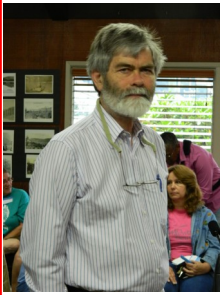
Kevin Trone is the new superintendent of the Rio Dell school district, taking over from Leslie Yale, who retired. A native of the area, he lived in Rio Dell for seven years with his wife, a nurse at Redwood Memorial Hospital, before moving to Fortuna recently. Trone received his teaching and administrative credentials from Humboldt State, and his teaching and administrative background was at South Bay Elementary in Eureka, a school with similar demographics to Rio Dell, he notes. He is delighted to be working in the Eel River Valley, particularly in Rio Dell.



CC Market Open Under New Ownership

CC Market in Rio Dell is open under new ownership, with 42-year veteran Val Barrote as manager. “We’re keeping things the way they were,” she says, with many familiar staff staying on.

Jerry Rohde to Speak



Popular lecturer, author and historian Jerry Rohde will speak Aug. 11 at the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce office at 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. The free event will be called Going Up the River, and addresses the ferries, bridges and towns that lined the region’s six rivers, “from Pepperwood to Petrolia, from Bridgeville to Blue Lake, and from Willow Creek to Weitchpec.” The event, which starts at 7 p.m., is sponsored by Pierson Lumber as part of its annual series of history talks that are offered throughout the county.

DJ’s Burger Bar Plans Car Cruise

DJ’s Burger Bar will host a classic car night on Aug. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. It is one of five Wednesday evenings this summer that will feature raffles, food, music, and beautiful cars.

Rio Dell Schools Slate Monthly Activities

Kindergarten registration packets are available all summer at the district office. School starts August 28.

Scotia School News

The school board meets Aug. 10, 7 to 9 p.m. School starts Aug. 28.

Free Produce Market Set for Fortuna

The Food for People free produce market for August will be Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Fortuna Adventist Community Services, 2331 Rohnerville Road. These monthly markets seek to ensure that low-income households have access to the fresh fruits and vegetables necessary to support a healthy diet. Anyone who meets the income eligibility requirements is invited. It is also requested that those who attend please bring their own bags.

From the Community Resource Center:

Nurturing Parenting Program Meets

The Nurturing Parenting Program is now available through the resource center. NPP focuses on discussions and activities which promote nurturing relationships between parents and children. This program is FREE to all community members. We offer flexible scheduling, and meetings can be 30 minutes or 1 hour. Please call and register with Peach Leath. Child-care will not be provided during NPP sessions.

Food For People Summer Lunch Program

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center is facilitating the Summer Lunch Program until August 25. Lunch is served from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at the Rio Dell Fireman’s Park and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Scotia Elementary School. Find out how to get more food for your family!

CalFresh/CalWorks:

Are you currently enrolled in CalFresh or CalWorks? Do you know if you are eligible for either program? Come to the Rio Dell Community Resource Center and find out how to qualify and apply for both programs.

Back-To-School Supplies:

Rio Dell Community Resource Center has a limited number of backpacks and basic school supplies for our local school-aged children.

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Burns' year of planning involves requesting prizes from businesses for raffles, and ordering seven trophies, which she gets from Cindy Datewilder, owner at Ferndale Jewelers. "She's an amazing lady," Burns says, who designs the trophies herself, and sponsors one.

The show starts with sign ins from 9 to 11 a.m., after which cars are on display until 2 p.m. At 2:30, trophies are awarded and raffle tickets, sold to the car owners, are drawn for prizes. "By 3:30, we are done," she says. The trophies are awarded by the people who donate them, such as Diane and Steve Harris, who sponsor the Ruby Holmes Memorial Trophy, awarded to a local car and named for the owner of a Scotia coffee shop destroyed in the 1992 earthquake and fire, who lived in Rio Dell for many years.

Kreations each year sponsors the best of show trophy and picks the winner. Others selecting a car for a category include the police officers' association and the fire chief. The car owners vote on a favored car and there's a peoples' choice award. "The car owners enjoy it," she says of the feeling of visiting and reconnecting that takes place during the event, "it's like a family." Proceeds from the event benefit youth athletics. "I have a passion for that," Burns says, noting whether it's physical athletics or the chess team, she believes that activities that occupy the mind and body help keep kids off the streets.

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Saturday will have the popular line-up of men's and women's softball tournaments, and bocce, all starting at 8 a.m. The fun run will leave from in front of the fire hall at 9 a.m. Vendor booths at Firemen's Park, and the library crafts fair and book sale will open at 10 a.m.

The parade starts at noon Saturday with the line-up at Dr. Chin's dental office at Belleview and Wildwood, starting at 10:30 a.m. to allow time for judging. There will be prizes in three categories, sponsored by Coast Central Credit Union. The theme *It's All About the Children* honors Ernie Cannady, who passed in spring and was active coaching youth sports as well as working at the Rio Dell schools. Participation is free, and applications can be downloaded from the chamber website, riodelllscotiachamber.org, where it says *Join the parade!*

Kids' games and bouncers and the music festival in the park will be Saturday afternoon, with music provided by performers that include Bill, Corrina & Friends; Michaela McKnight, the Dixie Gators, All Of Us, The Embassy Celebrate Recovery Band, Redwood Blue and Layla Diaz. Flat track bike qualifying races start at 4 p.m. at the Davis Street ball field and regular races start at 6 p.m. Starting at 5 p.m. there will be a spaghetti feed at the fire hall, for \$12 per person. At 8 p.m. the Texas Hold 'em tourney will begin.

Sunday will feature the continuing men's and women's softball tournaments, the car show and shine with check-in starting at 9 a.m. by city hall, and the rubber duck race at the Scotia bridge, also at 9 a.m. The second day of the bike races will begin at 10 a.m. along with the vendor fair and library book sale. Scotia Band plays at 12 noon at the Firemen's Park, where the fire fighters' barbeque dinner will be served at \$15 per plate, and at 1 p.m. the live auction begins.

Get more information at wildwooddays.org, or check out Wildwood Days on Facebook.