

~Artist of the Month~

Melissa Houseworth is an artist, mother and wife and lives in Fortuna. She has an incredible knack for sewing everything from clothing to pillowcases. Those who have seen her work say her prices are affordable to all and her stitches are flawless.

Melissa says she has always loved sewing from the time she was little, watching her mom sew. It was like second nature to pick up a needle and thread at around the age of 10, to make clothing for her dolls. When she was about 13 years old her aunt started selling the clothing she made for Cabbage Patch dolls, which started her on the path to where she is now.

Melissa has a variety of things for sale, including pillowcases, dog toys and aprons. Her favorite to make is bags, which differ in size and shape and use different fabrics. Sewing is a way of relaxing when Melissa can forget what is going on outside and just focus on the project.

She wants to become more involved in community events that showcase art. Come to the art gallery at 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell to see what gift items she has made!

Arts on the Avenue to feature history talk, historic art, Christmas art workshop

This month's Arts on the Avenue, Sat., Dec. 12, will have something for everyone. Noted area historian and lecturer Jerry Rohde will speak at 6:30 p.m. at the chamber of commerce office and art gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. He will describe the route and experiences an imaginary visitor would have had, coming to Humboldt for the Holidays. Refreshments provided by CC Market. Following the talk, there will be activities planned by the Eagle Prairie Arts District Arts on the Avenue.

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~AROUND TOWN~

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Rio Dell and Scotia Have a Very Busy December

Giving Tree offers chance to help area children

A giving tree has been set up in the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell, to benefit children in needy area families. Those wishing to provide a gift for children from toddler to teen may come to the chamber office during its open hours, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and select a tag from the Christmas tree, then return the tag, with a wrapped or unwrapped gift, either to the chamber or other, participating location in the community: Bigfoot New and Recycled Treasures, at 220 Wildwood Ave., or the Rio Dell Community Resource Center, at the corner of Wildwood and Monument.

Those wishing to donate without selecting a tag may drop off an unwrapped gift at any of these locations, and a needy child will be paired with that item. All donated gifts must be turned in by Dec. 18 in order for them to be delivered to the children in time for Christmas.

Tree lighting ceremony set

The Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce and Rio Dell Community Resource Center will co-sponsor a tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Sat., Dec. 5. The Rio Dell Baptist Church choir will lead the singing of Christmas carols, the tree will be lit at 6 p.m., and Santa will be on hand to give out candy canes. All are invited to enjoy this seasonal event at the intersection of Wildwood and Columbus, where the decorated tree will be standing on the median. The tree is donated by the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department.

Evening of Family Entertainment set for Winema Theater Dec. 20

An evening of entertainment for the family will be offered at the Winema Theater on Main Street in Scotia on Sunday, Dec. 20, starting at 5 p.m. There will be live, holiday music by the Winema Winds, and a pizza buffet provided by Pizza Factory for \$5 per adult and \$3 for those under 16; at 6 p.m., children's cartoons featuring Felix the Cat will play, followed by a cult, science fiction movie, *Santa Conquers the Martians*. Tickets for the movies alone are \$5 per adult, \$3 for those 6 to 16, and free for those 5 and under. During the intermission refreshments including cocoa, cider, and popcorn will be sold. The event is sponsored by the Rio Dell Scotia Chamber of Commerce and Rio Dell Community Resource Center.

The Rio Dell—Scotia Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Prairie Arts District NEED Volunteers to meet and greet the public. Be part of art and the community, and give a hand to help us out!

For more information please call 707-506-5081 Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 to 5:30 p.m.

News and Notes

Scotia Inn Scene of December Chamber Mixer

The Scotia Inn will host the chamber mixer Dec. 8, with refreshments served at 5 p.m. and the program at 5:30. The event is free and open to all, and there will be silent auction items to bid on. Learn what's new at this historic site, take in the holiday decor and enjoy some treats.

This will be the last of the chamber's mixers for 2015; others in the fall series have included updates on the Scotia pool and gym, Aqua Dam, the Town of Scotia, Monument Mountain Vineyards, and the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department. The series will begin in January, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Mark your calendar and plan to attend, to stay up to date with what is going on in the area, enjoy free refreshments, and make new friends.

Skate park planning effort launched

People interested in bringing a skate park to Rio Dell are invited to meet on Wed., Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center on the corner of Wildwood and Monument. Call Amanda at the Resource Center if you can't make it but want to be in on the discussion/planning, or if you have questions.

1964 Flood Video for Sale

High Water Mark, a video produced to commemorate the Flood of 1964, is available for sale. Those who attended the flood commemoration event a year ago at the Winema Theater saw a portion of this video, which was in development at the time. To purchase a copy in either DVD or Blu Ray, visit the Ink People's web page, the Ferndale Museum, or phone the Ink People at 707.442.8413.

Fire Department Selling Christmas Trees

The Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department is once again selling Christmas trees at the fire hall.

Eel River Brewing Company celebrates 20 years

The Eel River Brewing Company celebrates its 20th anniversary Dec. 5 with a day-long event at the Fortuna Tap Room.

Holiday Store Offers Opportunity to Sell

Have art, crafts, or other items to sell? Bring them to the chamber of commerce/art gallery at 406 Wildwood Ave. For just \$25 you can have a display area the size of a card table to show your wares through the month of December; the chamber staff will sell your items, and not charge a commission or other fees. Open to all area residents! Raise some money for the holidays and help local people find the perfect gifts for those on their shopping list, locally.

Schools to be Closed Over Holiday

Both Rio Dell and Scotia schools will close Dec. 18 and reopen Jan. 4 for winter break.

Sale to be Held at Scotia Shopping Center

The Palco Pharmacy and True Value Hardware are joining to celebrate the holidays with an open house Dec. 3 with discounts of 10 to 50 percent off, drawings, prizes, give-aways and refreshments, as well as a visit by Santa, anticipated to be between 4 and 6 p.m. Among the other activities planned that day, the Scotia school children's choir will perform at 5 p.m.

Free Dell Arte Theater Performance at the Winema

An original play, *Li'l Red in the Redwoods*, will be performed Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winema Theater in Scotia. It is part of the 35th annual Dell 'Arte International holiday show tour, and will be free. Those attending are asked to bring an item of non-perishable food to donate to the area food bank.

Ferndale Dance Academy to perform at Winema

The Ferndale Dance Academy will perform its annual holiday recital Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and again Dec. 12 at 5 p.m. at the Winema Theater in Scotia. Tickets are \$10, and children under four are free. Tickets will be sold at the theater 30 minutes prior to each performance.



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~Meeting Calendar~ Rio Dell/Scotia

Rio Dell Senior Center-

Senior Meeting & Lunch every week at The Church of Christ, 325 2nd Ave., Rio Dell.

Meeting time - 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch is catered by CC Market and is served at noon. Please call 764-3629 the Monday before to reserve a lunch if you plan to attend.

Senior Brown Bag Program- Food boxes given the 2nd Thursday of every month for local seniors. Boxes distributed from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 325 2nd Ave. in Rio Dell. To sign up call Food for People at 445-3166.

Rio Dell Library-

Tuesday-11-4, Wednesday - 1-6, Saturday- 11-4

There is a First5 Puppet Story Time every second and fourth Saturday of the month starting at 11:00 am with story teller Kathy Frye. 715 Wildwood Ave, 764-3333.

Rio Dell Playgroup Now Open~

Playgroup is open again. Come join us for fun and activities!

Every Friday from 10-12p.m. Inside Early Head Start Building-95 Center St.

For families & care givers with children 5 and under.

Emergency Food-

The Journey Church, 95 Bellevue Ave. Rio Dell, Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce, 406 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. Tues-Sat 11—5:30. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month 12 pm at the Rio Dell Pizza Factory. For more info call 506-5081.

Bread for Life Food Pantry- 143 Main Street, Scotia, 3rd Thursday, and following Friday 10 am - 12 p.m., For more info call 764-5239

Clothing Closet-

Ruth's Room: Rio Dell Baptist Church, Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 764-3811 for more information.

Eagle Prairie Arts District Activities

Arts on the Avenue second Saturday of each month. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Chamber's Visitors Center. Call 506-5081 for more info.



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Faith Center South

Faith Center South is a church service that takes place the last Sunday of every month from 6-7:15 p.m. at the Winema Theater in Scotia.

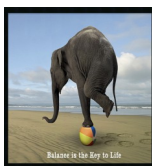
Services include: Live music, a message, coffee and dessert. Children's ministries are provided at the Scotia Inn.

This Family service is open to all and we hope to see you there!

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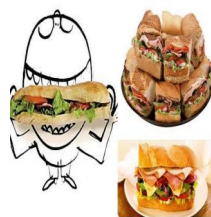
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The Strong and Better Balance Program

Strong and Better Balance Program

is for seniors or anyone wanting to strengthen their bones or better their balance to prevent falls and broken bones. This program is **FREE** of charge to attend! The group will be meeting from 12-1 pm every *Monday, Wednesday and Friday* at the Baptist Church (100 Butcher Street, Rio Dell). Come on out and join the many that are already attending to build and maintain good health! If you would like more information please call Susan at 707-407-8707.



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