

~Artist of the Month~

Jim Gleaton



Like sculptors who speak of releasing their art work from the marble block, this month's featured artist, Jim

Gleaton, saw a whale in a piece of scrap lumber, then went on to build an intricate display place for it. Gleaton worked at the mill in Scotia for 44 years, and tells how one day in 2001 he saw a piece of madrone that had grown into a fir tree headed for the chipper. He tossed the slab aside, believing it had another purpose.

Seeing a photo of a baby beluga whale years later, he thought, "I've seen that before," and out came the madrone. "Here's the eye, there's the flukes, you can see the open mouth," Gleaton points to the features the wood offers up. He crafted an ornate stand of exotic woods, adding strips of saw blade around the edges, providing a wave pattern to represent the mill and the sea, and anchored with stone from Black Sand Beach near Shelter Cove.

Gleaton moved to Rio Dell as a teen and started working at Pacific Lumber at age 18. He learned carpentry when he helped build a church, and went on to make cabinets and other fine furniture. He sells bread boards crafted from pieces of exotic wood at the gallery. The sculpture and his other works are on display at the Eagle Prairie Arts District Gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell.

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New Faces On Wildwood

Three new people are reporting to familiar offices on Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell. Two are introduced here.

Sadie Archer Librarian



Sara Faught Coordinator



New Coordinator Named at Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center in Rio Dell has a new coordinator. Sara Faught began her role in late January. Faught grew up in a small Midwestern town, and graduated with a degree in Psychology and Counseling from Pittsburg State University, where she chaired a violence prevention group. Upon graduation, she accepted an AmeriCorps position that brought her to Humboldt County to work for two years with homeless and at-risk families.

She has provided case management at a clean and sober facility for women and a transitional living facility; facilitated a support group; worked in numerous resource centers; was a home visitor, and created and provided trainings on home visiting.

Faught looks forward to meeting community members and working collaboratively with local businesses, non-profits, schools and city staff to support families, individuals and the communities of Rio Dell and Scotia.

New Librarian Named

Sadie Archer will be the new librarian at the Rio Dell Scotia branch library. She has been working at the Fortuna branch since 2011, where she began Banned Books Week, and where she will continue to work, as well as at other area branches, on Thursdays and Fridays. A native of Eureka, she has a philosophy degree from Humboldt State. When not working or otherwise enjoying books, she plays and develops video games.

Archer is taking over from Kim Hinkle, branch manager for 14 months, and Martha Baxter, who ran the library after Hinkle was moved to another branch. She is eager to share her passion for libraries and to provide the quality service as her predecessors, and says she is looking forward to exploring Rio Dell and Scotia, meeting new people, and learning the history of the area.

The Rio Dell Library is located at 715 Wildwood Ave., Rio Dell. Library hours are Tues., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed., 1 p.m.-6 p.m., and Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RioDellLibrary> and Twitter at:

<http://www.twitter.com/HumCoRioDellLib>.

New Business and EV Station



A new business is moving into the barbershop that Cowboy closed last year due to illness. The improvements to the city parking lot next to the barbershop are also taking place, as electric vehicle (EV) charging stations were installed recently, to induce travelers to take advantage of the charge, while spending time in town.

New Postmaster Serving Rio Dell and Scotia

Katherine Coleman is the new postmaster serving area post offices.

Debra Lake, her predecessor, retired at the end of 2015. Going out with a bang, Lake was honored with a party at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, January 17th.

Coleman was unable to be interviewed for this issue, but will be featured in an upcoming month.

New photo studio opening in Rio Dell



Brittney Riley is opening a photo studio in the former Second Chances thrift store on Wildwood Avenue. Watch for more about this new business, and meanwhile be sure to check out examples of her work online at: humboldttimelessphotography.com and on Facebook.



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Chamber of Commerce Names New Board Members

Two area people have joined the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Jim Brickley, a house painter in Rio Dell, spent 30 years in a home he and his wife, Angie, built in Piercy, before moving to Rio Dell two years ago. Members of the Garberville/Redway chapter of Kiwanis for five years, the Brickleys were instrumental in organizing fundraising events including the Redwood Run, Toys for Tots and numerous motorcycle runs and rallies. "We are looking for another community-minded organization. The chamber seem like a good fit," Brickley says, adding, "I'm planning on extending that same energy towards our new community and look forward to meeting everyone."

New look for the newsletter

Have you noticed this newsletter now offers color, and photos? That's because the Community Resource Center has kindly offered to print it, in facilities that offer these options, at no cost to the chamber, each month. So enjoy our smart new look, and added capabilities. Call for information about advertising, too!

New Chamber Board Members, Continued.



Sharon Holt replaces Patricia Villalobos. A descendant of the Harvey and Cudney families of Blocksburg, Holt studied history, business and computer science at College of the Redwoods and held retail sales positions before starting a career in hydrangea and heather production with her late husband, Tom, on family property near Hydesville; now semi-retired, she makes evergreen wreaths.

Holt joined Scotia Band in 1975 playing flute and piccolo and holds a number of positions with the band, and as a music volunteer at area schools. A board member for the Fortuna Concert Series, she coordinates its annual gala. In addition to music, she loves to research family history, read, garden, and is home schooling her nephew, Justin.

Holt assumed the responsibilities of secretary of the chamber board, and board member Harry Pulver, a retired postmaster, is the new treasurer.

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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!

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Emergency Food-

The Journey Church, 95 Belleview 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.-Thurs. & Sat. 11 to 4. 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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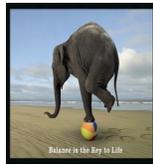
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The Strong and Better Balance Program

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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