

~**Artist of the Month**~
Amy Embree

Amy Embree is a popular and familiar face around the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery, space shared with the chamber of commerce office. A frequent instructor in a variety of classes for both adults and children, she supplies the materials needed and provides step by step instruction for all skill levels. She displays colorful and intricately decorated pieces, from furniture to paintings. A joke around the gallery is if you stand still long enough, Amy will paint you.

But she's also a woman with big plans and visions. She launched Imagine That! Intergenerational Arts, formerly the Fortuna youth and teen arts program, connecting young people and the elderly, to allow mutually shared intergenerational friendships to grow. It's a DreamMaker program sponsored by Ink People Center for the Arts based in Eureka. For more than two months, she has been holding weekly intergenerational sessions at River House, the assisted living center in Rio Dell, as well as at the MultiGenerational Center in Fortuna where she is combining art with other forms of communication, for instance offering instruction in sign language through a volunteer, Sharon Richmond of Fortuna, a retired teacher. A slate of future projects she is developing for coming months include residencies in music, poetry and theater with area professionals and organizations. She invites those interesting in sharing her vision to contact her.

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New Restaurant Added to the Scotia Inn

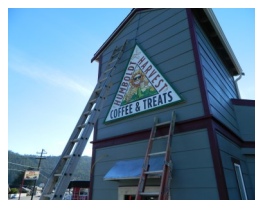


A new Mexican restaurant has come to the area. Miguel's, opened in late November in the Scotia Inn, serves meals daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in a brightly colored dining room reached off the Mill Street entrance. Miguel Paz together with his wife, Lacie; his brothers Marcelino and Santiago and his sister, Arcelia, are bringing to this venture their experience in other popular Humboldt County Mexican eateries, such as Chapala's, where two brothers worked for a combined 18 years, and Rita's, where Miguel was head chef, starting with owner Rita 12 years ago.

A Town of Scotia news release announcing the new business reports the menu features family recipes, specialties prepared the traditional Mexican way, with soups that are a meal in themselves and generous portions, made from fresh ingredients. A full bar serves wine, margaritas, Mexican beers and more. The focus is on providing meals for everyone, those working in town as well as families, including children.

Coming soon . . . Humboldt Harvest

Amber Gombos is the new scheduled to open on Wild-late in January. Property been finishing up the site, in mid-December. Gombos years ago from her native came to attend Humboldt is the mother of three teenagers and a baby, and lives with her husband and family in Fortuna. She hopes to start small with this new business, expand as she sees what works best in Rio Dell, and feature healthy, local products.



owner of a coffee shop wood Avenue in Rio Dell owner Dean Smithers has and raised the colorful sign moved to the area three Colorado, when her sister State as a student. Gombos is the mother of three teenagers and a baby, and lives with her husband and family in Fortuna. She hopes to start small with this new business, expand as she sees what works best in Rio Dell, and feature healthy, local products.

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.

2015 – The Year in Review

On Jan. 24, a new thrift store, Bigfoot's New and Recycled Treasures, opened on Wildwood Avenue. Owners Heidi and Dave Kitchen feature local art among the several rooms of offerings, and have taken an active part in community events.

April brought the annual Easter egg hunt at the firefighters' park. The Community Resource Center moved to its new location at the corner of Monument and Wildwood, and celebrated that with an open house.

The Eagle Prairie Arts District in May launched a monthly community market on the second Saturday of each month, in connection with the monthly Arts on the Avenue activity.

The May event, dubbed Art, Brew & BBQ, featured live music and drew a lot of attention, along with many other things going on that weekend, including a bike safety rodeo sponsored by the Community Resource Center, waste round up, bike tour through the area, and, for Mother's Day, the annual fire department pancake breakfast. A week later, the Fire Auxiliary sponsored the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus.

Eel River Disposal donated a large, gas grill that raised funds for the chamber of commerce during the summer, as people purchased tickets.

The summer saw a full slate of art classes for all ages, offered through the Eagle Prairie Arts District at the gallery it shares with the chamber at 406 Wildwood Ave.

Wildwood Days in August produced a slate of traditional, favorite activities, including live music, the parade, softball and bocci tournaments, mower races, car show and shine, silent auction and firefighters' barbeque. A slew of actual wild fires which kept the department hopping all summer, together with water restrictions around the drought, cancelled the firefighters' muster. Some popular new items were added, including a children's soapbox derby race.

The City of Rio Dell celebrated its 50th anniversary of incorporation during that weekend, bringing several people to town whose families were among the first city council and city employees. Retired Judge Harold Neville, who had served as Rio Dell's first city attorney, was the grand marshall of the parade and attended the ceremony. A celebratory cake and talk by area historian Jerry Rohde, along with the display of historic, local photos and chance for people to share memories of bygone times, highlighted that event.

Cutie Pie's Boutique opened in Rio Dell on Wildwood Avenue August 28. Owner Amber Bernal highlighted the ribbon cutting with a children's fashion show featuring boys and girls in outfits for every occasion.

Also in August, Tonetta's Restaurant on Wildwood had a grand re-opening under new owner and long-time cook Gladys Batres. It is now called Lety's, and is open for dinner several evenings a week, and featuring some new menu items.

A business survey sponsored by the chamber of commerce that was conducted in June supported the notion business owners wanted support promoting their businesses in the community; this led to a series of chamber mixers, offered twice a month, September through December, bringing together people to learn about businesses as diverse as Aqua Dam, the Scotia Inn, and Monument Mountain Vineyards, as well as other organizations such as the status of the Scotia Pool and Gym, the Town of Scotia and the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department. The series is expected to resume in the spring with monthly mixers.

The holiday season took hold with a bang . . . the fire department sold out of Christmas trees in probably record time; the city, fire department and community resource center joined with the chamber to hold a tree lighting ceremony that featured music by the Baptist Church choir and a visit by Santa, as well as refreshments. The Giving Tree program to collect gifts to help needy area children once again received donations from generous community members, and a holiday store at the chamber of commerce in December provided a place for area artists and crafters to sell their items and for local shoppers to purchase quality, locally made gift items.

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Ice Skating in Fortuna

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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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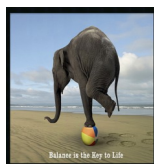
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The Strong and Better Balance Program

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.

Redwood Rural Mobile Dental Service

The mobile van from the Redwood Rural Mobile Dental Service has been in the area, doing checkups for income-qualified children in the Rio Dell school district, and will return in January to provide more extensive care, such as fillings, cleanings and extractions, according to Leslie Yale, district superintendent. The van will also be in Scotia in January, providing services to children.

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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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