

## ~Artist of the Month~

### Rosemary Blackner



Rosemary Blackner's handmade shawls, in a variety of colors and styles, are

the latest offering at the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery at 406 Wildwood, Rio Dell. Blackner recalls her start in crocheting traveling with her sisters back from her mother's 59<sup>th</sup> class reunion in Minnesota, when flights were grounded following the 9/11 terrorist attack. The sisters trooped to a nearby craft store to fill the time and found a shawl on display. She was hooked.

"Shawls are good for everything," she says. They can cover chairs, beds, be used as wall hangings, and be worn, for example sitting around the fire pit, she suggests, drawing on her enjoyment of mountain property she and her husband own. Her designs incorporate tones from earth hues to patriotic to African schemes, perfect for reggae fans. Blackner loves her job registering patients in the emergency room at St. Joseph's Hospital, saying every shift is an adventure. She's held health care-related positions going back to years spent raising two children near Pismo Beach. She and her husband, who is now retired, live behind Lety's restaurant in Rio Dell. She sees her booth rental at the gallery as a way of paying it forward, laughing that she has won many drawings in local fundraisers, including wine, a redwood bench, gas grill, and first prize for her shawl in a 'pin-up' contest for art mounted on a wall.

# Rio Dell-Scotia News

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## Community Markets Return with Art, Brew and BBQ

The monthly community markets in Rio Dell will start up **May 14** and run through October, on the second Saturday of each month, from **3 to 8 p.m.**

May's launch will include the 4th annual Art, Brew & BBQ which will include beer and wine tastings, live music, vendor booths, fire truck rides, kids' games and a bounce house, art workshops and more. A meal of pulled pork sandwich, sides, and a non-alcoholic beverage can be bought for \$12 in advance (tickets available at the chamber of commerce, Dias Artistries and Bigfoot New and Recycled Treasures) or \$15 at the door.

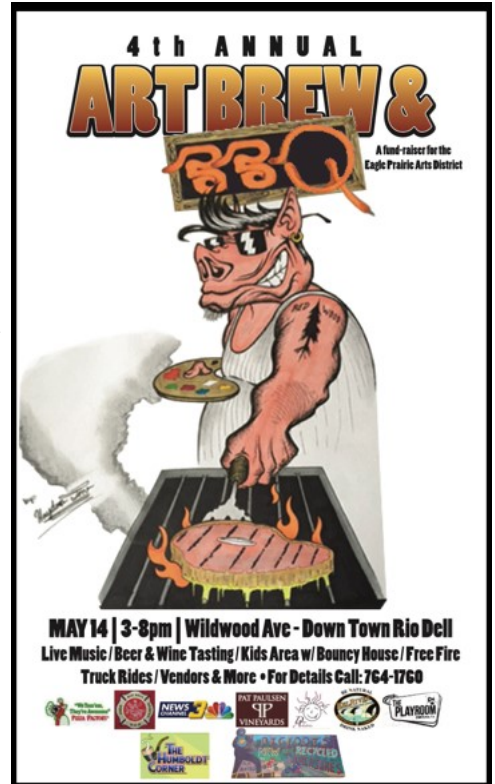
Vendors are sought for 10 by 10 foot booths; the cost is \$10 for those from Rio Dell and Scotia and \$20 for those from other places. For information or to sign up, contact Heidi Kitchen at Bigfoot New and Recycled Treasures, which is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, by phone at 764-1760 or by email at [info.epad12@gmail.com](mailto:info.epad12@gmail.com). The John Young Conspiracy band that played at the markets last year has already indicated intent to perform and others are invited to play as well.

### Mother's Day Breakfast

The annual Mother's Day breakfast, an event of love and honor, will be put on by the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Department on Sunday, **May 8 from 8 to 11 a.m.** at the fire hall. It features pancakes with assorted syrups, scrambled eggs and choice of breakfast meats and beverages. Prices: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children/seniors.

### Bike Rodeo Set

The Community Resource Center will host a Bike Rodeo **May 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Rio Dell Volunteer Fire Dept., open to all Rio Dell and Scotia children and families who ride bikes and skateboards. Kids will learn about street safety and get a new helmet. Prizes will include bikes, skateboards, bike locks and training wheels, plus free food. and drinks for all participants.



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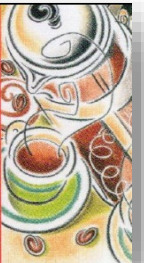
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## News and Notes

### Celebrate spring, get the community garden growing!

The Community Resource Center will hold meetings for those interested in utilizing the Rio Dell Community Garden. Meetings will focus on establishing more community involvement and planning for our garden's future. Please call 764-5239 for meeting dates and times.

### Mark your calendar for Wildwood Days!

Wildwood Days will be August 10-14 this year. Stay tuned for more details, but mark your calendar to reflect this date change from last year.

### Theater Group to Offer Free Classes and Entertainment in Rio Dell

The Dell Arte International School of Physical Theatre in Blue Lake will be coming to Rio Dell **May 30 to June 8**. Dell Arte will bring 17 performers to teach theater skills, music, dance, drumming, clowning and acrobatics in Rio Dell, culminating in a free, live performance. The performers will be completing nine months of intensive training in physical theater, and will work with the Rio Dell schools and others in the community to share their skills and talents. Watch for more information as specific workshop times and locations are announced.

### Middle School Fundraiser a Success

Rio Dell's Monument Middle School fundraiser last month was a success, according to Emily Coleman, parent and planner of the event, along with teacher Charity Walker. There was a total of \$2700 raised from the silent auction and dinner, which will be used to purchase a sign in front of the school with its name and 'Home of the Panthers', as well as fund graduation and dance expenses. The class' theme is to leave marks in a positive way, Coleman notes, and the new sign is an example of that, along with beautification efforts like planting flowers around the school. She praises Walker as a fantastic teacher who does so much for the school and students to help them succeed.



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

**Faith Center | (707) 442-1784  
www.eurekafaithcenter.org**

### New Playgroup for Children (0-5) and Their Parents

The Rio Dell Community Resource Center is funding a second Playgroup on Mondays at the Church of Christ on 2nd Street. Monday Playgroups will be indoor activities, offering healthy snacks and interactive play from 10 a.m. to noon. Friday Playgroup will continue to be held at the Early Head Start classroom from 10 a.m. to noon as usual.

### Bread for Life Hours Have Changed

Remember the Bread for Life Pantry hours were changed in April. Commodities will be the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will no longer be open that following Friday. If you can't make it on Thursday, please call the Rio Dell Community Resource Center to see how you can still receive your monthly food box.

### Reduce or Remove Court Fines with Community Service!

The Homeless and Caring Court program helps eligible participants remove court fines with community service by volunteering with a local non-profit organization. Violent crimes and DUI/Wet and Reckless cases are not eligible. Contact the Rio Dell Community Resource Center (764-5239) to see if your case is eligible and to apply. Have the ticket/case number, which you can get from Revenue Recovery (476-2398).

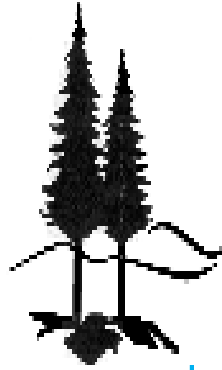
## News and Notes Continued

### Youth Art Classes

An art class for school-aged children is offered every Tuesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Eagle Prairie Arts District gallery, 406 Wildwood Ave., in Rio Dell. Instructor Amy Embree teaches many art media, and the class is free. She asks for a small donation to cover a snack, drinking water and art materials. Embree is seeking seniors interested in volunteering during this time to work with the children and do art projects as well.

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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 Playgroups 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. and Mondays from 10-12 at the Church of Christ on Second Street.

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.-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, from 10 am -2 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, May-October. 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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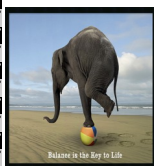
## Bread for Life Pantry Hours Have Changed

Commodities will be available the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 but will no longer be available that following Friday. With a Choice Pantry you can choose items among the food being distributed every month. If you can't make it on Thursday, please call the Rio Dell Community Resource Center to see how you can still receive your monthly food box.

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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.

## Monday and Friday Playgroups

Rio Dell Community Resource Center is now providing two First Five Playgroups: Monday at the Church of Christ on 2nd Street and Friday at the Early Head Start classroom, both from 10 a.m. to noon.

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