



Mendocino Area Parks Association

Appreciation, through Education,
promotes Preservation

MAPA NEWS

JUNE, 2009

HENDY WOODS STATE PARK

Receives \$3000 Grant from
SAVE THE REDWOODS LEAGUE

Save the Redwoods League granted Hendy Woods money for a new laptop computer and powerpoint projector for MAPA's education programs in the park.



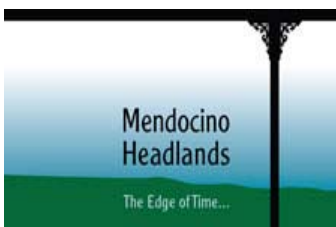
The Seasonal Park Interpreter, Ryan Spencer, funded by MAPA, arrives late May to create intriguing and informative campfire programs and nature talks to help children and adults appreciate the value of our magnificent redwoods. These cathedral-like giants gracing Mendocino County represent more than beauty; they represent life, absorbing our carbon-dioxide and releasing oxygen - a true symbiotic relationship.

Last summer, Spencer's campfire programs inspired over-flowing crowds. The new equipment will make the presentations more exciting than ever. Contact MAPA at 707.937.4700, or Fred Andrews, Park Interpreter II, for the summer schedule for Hendy, and for the other state parks' summer events, or go

MENDOCINO-HEADLANDS CAMPAIGN

The Edge of Time

The Mendocino Headlands needs your help



State Parks doesn't have the funding to carry out overdue repairs to the Ford House, improve trails, or restore eroded areas. There is no money to update old exhibits in the Ford House, or to tell the story of Mendocino's 20th century revival as an artists' colony.

The consequences of continuing to defer these repairs are grave: without a new roof and foundation, the Ford House cannot continue to serve

25,000 visitors each year. Without repairs, eroded trails will become dangerous. Ultimately, State Parks could be forced to close parts of the Headlands.

THE SOLUTION IS 99% PAINLESS.

MAPA, California State Parks, and the Inns and B&Bs of Mendocino have entered into a unique public-private partnership to raise money for the Mendocino Headlands State Park.



MAPA's FUNDRAISERS VITAL FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Saturday, October 3, 2009
Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg, CA
10 am to 4 pm See insert



CALL TO ARTISTS
CASH PRIZES See insert

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Ford House Sunrise, by the renowned local artist, Erin Dertner, captures the beauty and charm of the historic Ford House, built in 1854, a Victorian treasure situated in Mendocino village, CA. Dertner generously donated 50% of the sale of the original painting to the Mendocino-Headlands Campaign.

Purchase of Museum-Quality Giclees Support Campaign

Framed: \$295

Size: 32"W x 20.5"H

Ford House Museum
707.937.5397

Unframed: \$155

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<http://mendoparks.org>

Headlands, continued.

the Park's historical and natural resources, and improve public facilities. Our goal is to raise enough money to carry out much needed repairs at Mendocino Headlands State Park, including preserving the historic Ford House:



HOW YOU CAN HELP - When you spend the night with our B&B partners, you can help us restore Mendocino Headlands State Park. Your voluntary donation of a few dollars per night will help restore the 1854 Ford House and preserve the historic and natural beauty of the Headlands forever.



More info:

<http://mendocinoheadlands.net>,
or Ford House - 707.937.5397
fordhouse@mcn.org

Participating Hotels, Inns and Bed & Breakfasts

Alegria Oceanfront Inns and Suites	800.780.7905	707.937.5150
Headlands Inn	800.354.4431	707.937.4431
Hill House Inn	800.422.0554	707.937.0554
Stanford Inn	800.331.8884	707.937.5615
The Mendocino Hotel	800.548.0513	707.937.0511
The Whitegate Inn	800.531.7282	

MackERRICHER NEWS

Cleone, CA., off Highway 1
3 miles north of Fort Bragg, CA.

Fred Andrews, Park Interpreter II, and Michael Haas, Seasonal Park Interpreter funded by MAPA, are busy with hundreds of school children busing to Mackerricher on school field trips. While at the park, the children learn about marine mammals such as the resident Harbor Seals, and about birds and plants.

The skunk cabbage is one of the surprising plants the children see growing along the Lake Cleone Boardwalk in the wetlands. This is a must-see plant, and May is the perfect time to view the



bright splash of yellow spathes against the lush greenery. The area is peaceful, too, with rivulets burbling a musical background for the bird songs.

Another current sign of spring at MacKerricher are the harbor seal pups. From their vulnerable location on the rookery beach, the pups cry for their mothers who are hunting for food in the ocean. MacKerricher seal monitors volunteer to safeguard the pups from well-intentioned humans who think the pups are abandoned.

The MacKerricher Visitor Center is an interesting touching museum near the Ranger entry kiosk and the reconstructed gray whale skeleton. The center also has 'magic shirts', educational children's games and books on nature. For more information about the park and the summer programs, contact the visitor center at 707.964.8898.

GREENWOOD MUSEUM

Elk, CA.
on Highway 1

Greenwood Museum and Visitor Center, located on Highway 1, Elk, CA, displays logging artifacts owned by a 5th generation family who are still actively involved, as are other dedicated volunteers.



The beach access trail is near the center, offering a spectacular view of Greenwood Beach State Park.

Postcards and books are available for sale covering a wide range of coastal subjects, Pomo Indian culture and the history of Greenwood.

KEARNS' FARMHOUSE at Point Cabrillo

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The farmhouse is located in the ghost town of Pine Grove, at the upper parking lot at Point Cabrillo Lighthouse. New exhibits inform the visitor of the area's timeline from 5000 years in the past, through Pomo history and the wild logging days of Pine Grove, to the current time.



To inquire about volunteering, contact MAPA at 707.937.4700, or the CA State Parks District office at 707.937.5804.

VAN DAMME STATE PARK

Little River, CA

Spring at Van Damme means wild rhododendrons, bleeding hearts, columbine, manzanitas, and the influx of abalone divers. Yellow-spated skunk cabbage brightens the Bog Loop Trail, and the Fern Canyon and Pymy Forest trails are at their most lush.



Anica Williams, Seasonal Park Interpreter funded by MAPA, arrives June 1 to plan and host the summer nature programs that run thru August.

The Van Damme Museum & Visitor Center displays a walk-through surge channel diorama, "Living with the Sea" to give the visitor a sense of the rich underwater region near our shores. The retail visitor center section has 'magic shirts', activity books, nature books, and postcards.

WEB OF LIFE

Lessons from our Pioneer Past Carry Forward to the Present

by Jenny Heckerth, Ford House Manager, & Denise Muller, Park Host

The breathtaking beauty of the Mendocino Headlands State Park surrounds the village of Mendocino on three sides. This ocean front parkland contributes to the visitor's perception of being in "another time." Walking along Main Street and looking out to sea one can almost imagine seeing a lumber schooner gliding into the bay. The quaint New England inspired architecture of the Historic district helps to complete the experience of stepping back in time. However, few residents or visitors truly understand the hard work and determination that were necessary to establish a prosperous town in such an isolated area. Such appreciation is even more difficult for the MTV/video game generation; children who have never known a time without television, telephones or computers—much less without washing machines and fully-stocked grocery stores. They cannot imagine ordering supplies that take months to arrive or having to invent new ways of doing things when products aren't available.

Intellectually they may realize that life was hard "back then," but they can't really understand the strong

work ethic and ingenuity that Mendocino pioneers needed to survive. While the men logged the nearby enormous redwood trees or operated supporting businesses, the women and children spent all their available time completing necessary household chores: clothes had to be sewn and laundered; food had to be obtained and prepared; homes had to be maintained. The lack of perception -- and the tendency to take our modern ease for granted -- leaves a huge gap of understanding in our lives. The opportunity to bridge the gap between past and present, at least for a short period of time, is available during the spring season at the Ford House, visitor center and museum for the Mendocino Headlands State Park, located in the village of Mendocino.

The Ford House Living History field trip program and our annual living history day (August 15th this year), help to provide students and visitors with a tactile, experiential connection that addresses the need for understanding and appreciation of those who established the town we now enjoy. Living History is a way to

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Web of Life, continued

make real the hardships and pleasures of people who came before, connecting us with their struggles and giving us a valuable perspective on our own lives. For young students, the program is a way to spark interest in their history lessons and bring to life concepts that otherwise might seem dry and remote.

When a child spends time churning butter or making biscuits they learn that ready-made food did not come from the grocery store for our pioneer families.

When they spend time washing laundry with a washboard and wringer they learn that without today's machines, getting clothes clean was an all day chore. Lessons from the past help us to appreciate what we have, and to appreciate the sacrifices of those who came before.

And when they hear a story told by a docent in period costume, they will remember. This is evidenced by the drawings the children have made back in the classroom. The children illustrated many details from the story told by "Mrs. Ford". Because they came to care about the character and her personal story, the students also begin to care about the time period that the character lived in. History does indeed come alive for them.

- by Jenny Heckeroth & Denise Muller

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Calendar of Events 2009

	May	Mendocino Heritage Days Celebrating the history of the pioneers and ethnicities who founded Mendocino and the surrounding area. http://mendocinoheritage.org
		Ford House Wildflower Show Botanical Illustrations by Constance Goddard, and fresh wildflower display. 707.937.5397; http://mendoparks.org
	June- Sept 13	Ford House - Coastal Art & Poetry Winners Display (K-12) 707.937.5397 Contest encourages youth to reflect on the beauty and spirit of California's beaches and ocean, and to inspire stewardship for natural places.
	June- Aug	Park Nature Programs Hendy Woods SP, Jughandle SR, MacKerricher SP, Van Damme SP: Campfire & Jr Ranger programs; Nature Hikes; Nature talks. 707.961-0471
	July 25	Van Damme Logging History Walk & Square Dance History of VanD logging days. Square dance, no experience necessary. For all ages. 707.961.0471
	Aug 15	Ford House - Living History Day Experience Mendocino History. Help hand churn butter, press apples for juice, crank ice-cream, spin, weave, play Pomo and pioneer games...fordhouse@mcn.org., 707.937.5397
	Oct 3	Abalone Cook-Off & Festival Abalone cook-off competition. See insert.
	Nov 1 2009- Feb 1, 2010	Arts for the Parks CALL FOR ARTISTS See insert.

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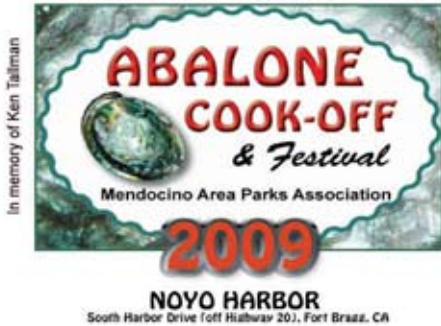
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FUNDRAISER INSERT

What is the Abalone Cook-Off? The **Abalone Cook-off** is a competition between cooks who prepare their favorite wild abalone recipe in hopes of winning a grand prize.

Saturday, Oct. 3



How can I taste abalone?
 A judging ticket allows the holder to try approximately 10 different tastes of abalone and to vote on their favorite dish. *The actual number of tastings isn't guaranteed because ocean conditions will affect the ability of the divers to collect the wild abalone, which makes each taste even more precious.*

BE A JUDGE TO TASTE WILD ABALONE RECIPES

Silent Auction Live Music Craft Fair
 Wine T-Shirts Raffle Food

Festival: 10 am to 4 pm
 Cook-Off: Noon-3pm

ABALONE COOKS!

This Year YOU Might be a Big Winner



The three 2008 Grand Prize Winning Booths

REGISTER for a 1-in-12 chance, or better, to win **GRAND PRIZE:**

8 Days & 7 Nights at a Villa in the Yucatan!

REGISTER before June 15 to qualify for **\$150 Cash Drawing**

EXHIBITORS!

Sell hand-crafted items on a nature theme.
 800+ attendees

DONORS:

Donations are welcome for the Raffle and Silent Auction. Donations of \$250 and higher will be placed on the MAPA website with your logo and link to your website. Donations of under \$250 will be listed on our donor page.

Free festival entry. To taste abalone, judging tickets for the cook-off competition are required.

The number of tickets sold is based on the number of confirmed cooks,
 Submit your order early. Always sold out in advance.

MEMBERSHIP FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

ADVANCED TICKET SALES BY MEMBERSHIP TYPE							
Senior	2	Family	4	Sustaining	6	Legacy	12
Individual	2	Organization	6	Lifetime	8		



ABALONE JUDGING TICKETS		DATE	Qty	Each	Total
Name:		Members-June 1-30, 2009 (See above for # of advanced tickets you may purchase) *Membership form on reverse side		\$ 50	
Address:					
City, State, Zip:					
Ph:	Cell:				
Email:		Members-July 1, 2009 Additional tickets		\$ 50	
PAYMENT: Check to MAPA, or Credit Card (MC,V,D) or online: http://www.mendoparks.org					
CARD #:	Exp:	Non-Members-July 1, 2009		\$ 60	
3# Security Code:	Zip (if different)				
Name (if different):					
Mail: MAPA, PO Box 1387, Mendocino, CA 95460 OR, ONLINE: http://www.mendoparks.org		TOTAL			



CALL TO ARTISTS

For more information and for entry forms:

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Mailing: PO Box 1387
Mendocino, CA 95460

Office: Ford House Museum
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Mendocino, CA 95460

Arts for the Parks

Juried Art Competition
focusing on the
17 California State Parks
in Mendocino County

Funds support park educational programs

Arts for the Parks 2010

Kicks off with a celebratory Art Show,
Picnic in the Parks (*Indoor*) & Auction

April 17, 2010

Pentecost Hall, Fort Bragg, CA.

GRAND PRIZE - \$1000 in each of 4 categories

Drawing * Painting * Photography * Other

Maximum size is 36" x 60" framed, except for...

'Other' - Maximum size is H+W+D=80", & 80 lbs.

Entry Fee: \$40 for each submission

Important Dates

Nov. 1, 2009	Starting Date art entries (jpg/digital)
Feb. 1, 2010	Deadline for art entries (jpg/digital)
Feb. 10, 2010	Pre-judging completed
Feb. 22, 2010	Notification for final judging phase
Mar. 14, 2010	Deadline for receipt of original art
Mar. 19, 2010	Final judging of original art
Mar. 21, 2010	Notification of acceptance into show
Apr. 17, 2010	Art Show & Auction, Fort Bragg
May 1-Aug 31	Traveling Show



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Name:		Legacy		\$ 1200	
Address:		Lifetime		\$ 750	
City, State, Zip:		Sustaining (\$ 20/mo)		\$ 20 /mo	
Ph:	Cell:	Organization		\$ 100	
Email:		Family		\$ 50	
PAYMENT: Check to MAPA, or Credit Card (MC, V, D) or online: http://mendoparks.org		Individual		\$ 35	
Card #:		Senior (62+)		\$ 20	
3# Security Code:	Zip (if different)	Donation			
Name (if different)		Volunteer!			
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