

Happy New Year 2016 Caspar Community News

Center photo: Sienna M Potts

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 8, 6:30 - 9 pm

Caspar Pub Night

Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Caspar Winter Market
Mondays 4-6pm

Fridays, 9:30am
January 15, February 5 & 19
Caspar Community Board
All Welcome

Wednesdays 12:15-12:45
BOOKMOBILE
January 20, February 3 & 17

Saturday, January 23 10am-1pm
HEADLANDS WORK DAY

Sunday, January 24, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

Sunday February 7 **JOE CRAVEN**

Friday, February 12, 6:30 - 9 pm
Caspar Pub Night
Family Friendly - Teens Welcome

Sunday, February 28, 9 - 11 am
Caspar 4th Sunday Breakfast

COMMUNITY MEETING
Sunday, March 13, 4-6pm

A complete schedule can be found at our website.

Joe Craven & The
SOMETIMERS
Bruce MacMillen ~ Joe Craven ~ Johnathan Stoyanoff

CD Release Celebration
Caspar Community Center
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or Harvest Market in Fort Bragg
\$20 at the door

Beer, Wine & Snacks Available
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More information at casparcommons.org or 707-964-4997

Save the date:
Saturday, April 23rd

**Gene Parsons, Gwyneth Moreland,
David Hayes, & Steven Bates**

in concert at the Community Center
Tickets on sale March 1st

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5th UkeFest
Dalen's Retirement
Joe Craven

**THANK
YOU**

From the Center

After 15 years, I am moving towards retirement from my director position at the Caspar Community Center. It has been incredibly rewarding period in my life and I am very proud of the community center we, as a community, have created. I am also excited; looking ahead to more time at home, gardening, quilting and spending time with my growing family, with the addition of a new beautiful grandson in December and another due in March.

In the very competent hands of Sienna Potts, the office work and daily scheduling are already being taken care of. We are now looking for someone to take on the volunteer coordinating and program directing aspects of my job. In that so many of our community and fund raising activities revolve around food and our magnificent kitchen, ideally this person will have some culinary skills and a talent for negotiating with our wedding renters. This would be about a 20-30 hour per month position. If you know of anyone who would be interested and qualified for taking us onward please have them call or email the center at 964-4997 or caspar@mcn.org

In the meantime, I am not in a hurry to depart from the Caspar Community Center. I would much rather see that the transition is smooth and will take us to an even greater place. Also I plan to continue to cook for breakfasts for the foreseeable future, in that I truly love this and volunteer for other events and activities.

Sincerely,
Dalen

Paul Reiber writes:

This coming year will be one of transition for the Caspar Community Center. Dalen’s phasing out of her guiding role will be a challenge for all of us concerned with the long-term well being of the Center. It is a time for all of us to come together to revision our future.

How will we replace Dalen’s irreplaceable vision and energy? Along with her we will be losing much of Paul Schulman’s amazing efforts to keep the physical plant well organized and set up for whatever event is in the works.

As we look around for someone to take on the role of Volunteer /Program coordinator we



2014 performers Hui Arago and O Lei Palaoa Ukelele Variety Show & Jam Kicks Off 5th Annual Caspar UkeFest Friday, April 29

Enjoy a weekend celebrating the ukulele as a friendly and playful instrument, beginning with The UkeFest Kick-Off on Friday, April 29 at 7:30 PM. The Ukulele Variety Show and Jam, held annually at the Caspar Community Center, will start at 7:30PM with performances by the instructors followed by a ukulele jam session and sing-along. Instructors this year include Del Rey, Mike DaSilva, Dennis Hudson, Denver Tuttle and Pattie DeMatteo. Doors open at 7PM for vendor area with snacks and beverages. \$10 at the door, \$5 if you play your uke.

The Fifth annual UkeFest first hit the coast in April of 2012 at the Caspar Community Center. Our area is heavily populated with ukulele players who gather frequently in small groups to bring more music into their lives. The ease of the initial evening's activity encourages all levels of interest and experience to attend the all-day activities at Caspar Community Center on Saturday with workshops starting at 10AM.

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should also be looking for clarity on the direction we wish for the Centers’ future. So much of what we are has been an extension of Dalen’s vision, now we need to come together as a community and clarify our vision, writing it down and using this document to help our new Program Coordinator and the Board steer our organization into the future.

The next Community meeting is coming up on March 13. I hope to see many community members turn up to take part in this exciting conversation and start developing a renewed vision.



**Workshops All Day
at 5th Annual Caspar UkeFest
Saturday, April 30**

An all-day ukulele festival is planned for Saturday, April 30, when ukulele players of all levels join the Caspar Community to celebrate the ukulele as a friendly and playful instrument. The all-day festival features instructional workshops, jam sessions, retail sales and evening performances. This is an "All Ages, All levels of interest and expertise" event.

Saturday's activities start at 9AM with coffee, tea and muffins, a vendor area and orientation at 9:45AM. Morning ukulele workshops will be held at 10AM and 11:30AM, with instruction for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. After a break for lunch, two more workshops – one for intermediate and advanced players and one "Ensemble" workshop will be held. Instructors this year include Del Rey, who takes the ukulele "to a new level of musicianship"; a favorite of the UkeFest, Mike DaSilva from Berkeley; Dennis Hudson and Denver Tuttle of Anderson Valley's Ukeholics, and co-producer Pattie DeMatteo.

Workshops will be followed by jam sessions while the performers have their sound checks before the dinner break.

UkeFest Tickets

Ticket price for all-day is \$45 and includes three workshops and evening performances; \$25 half-day; one workshop only \$15; \$15 for evening performances only. Tickets will be available by email pattied@mcn.org phone at 707 937-1732.

Click here for more info

**Virtuosi Evening Concert
at 5th Annual Caspar UkeFest
Saturday, April 30**

To highlight the evening of the Caspar UkeFest, evening performances start at 7PM on Saturday, April 30. Evening performances starting at 7PM will include producers Dennis Hudson and Pattie DeMatteo, ensemble workshop students and special guests in the first set with Del Rey headlining the second set.

Del Rey is virtuosic on both ukulele and guitar in just the right way - in order to realize her musical ideas. From her first gig at the San Diego Folk festival in 1974, to her world travels today, she has played music that is slightly nostalgic, but fresh and thoughtful. Her distinctive arrangements of songs like Creole Belles (a 1904 ragtime piece performed on the ukulele) or a tribute to guitarist Memphis Minnie, bring vintage sounds to contemporary ears in an engaging manner.

"The 'ukulele taken to a new level of musicianship"

CD Baby

"Whilst known for her amazing instrumental skills ... it should not be overlooked that she always provides a very entertaining show, full of variety, drama and humour."

Blues In Britain



Del Rey

"To listen to Rey is to abandon all hope of ever viewing the world in the same comfortable way."

Dirty Linen Magazine

This edition of
Caspar Community News
was laid out by Michael Potts

The next edition will appear in February. Submissions of activities, events, or information of interest to Casparados is invited. Send them to

lists@casparcommons.org

We  Caspar

GRATITUDE

Building community can be tough, thankless work. It's so much easier to complain than to express gratitude. When things go well, we figure that's as it should be. When things go against our wishes we want to make sure our dissatisfaction is heard. Imagine being on the other side: working hard to take care of the things you care about but only receiving complaints, never gratitude. Of course we are not in it for the thank you's, but I'd like to try to tip the balance toward appreciation.

Coming up with a list of people to thank is a daunting task. There's no way I'm going to be able to include everybody who has been helpful to our Caspar Community even if I only try to think about the last year. I am sure I don't know all the people who have contributed time, energy, skill and money to our community recently. My list will be too short. It will be missing many of our best helpers. It's only a start. Still, I'd like to put our gratitude out there to some specific people and I'd like to make it a habit. If you know of somebody you'd like to thank, please let me know and I'll add them to my next incomplete list.

THANK YOU:

Judy Tarbell for making menus for Pub Nights, for Silent Auction coordination, for the New Year's Day party, for being ready to help, always, with everything.

Michael Potts for all the beautiful newsletters, for the breakfast menus, for the end of year letter set up, for quickly pulling together a grant application to help maintain our Headlands, and for supporting me in all the work I am learning to do for our community.

CalFire, State Parks (especially Skye Nichols and Terra Fuller), and our monthly volunteers for exotic eradication on our Headlands.

Sienna Potts for being our liaison with state parks and the email announcements. (I was told to include this!)

Dalen Anderson for 15 years of envisioning and managing our Community Center.

Paul Schulman for working almost as much as Dalen to keep our Center maintained and our events fun.

Mike Fadeff for taking care of our Center and keeping it clean.

Caspar Community Board for all the time they spend taking care of the building, helping out at events and for having meetings so we don't all have to.

Jima Abbot for posting flyers for our events.

April Cunningham of NCO for supporting our efforts to use more local produce through the Food PREP grant.

Huge Thank Yous to our kitchen crew, service crew & bartenders, including Barbara Sochacki, Marilyn Katzel, Jim Katzel, Carlie Abbot, Bette Goldfarb, Miriam Davis, Rochelle Elkan, Sienna Potts, Annie Lee, Ed Murrell, Meredith Frey, Deb Freeman, Sunshine Taylor, Joan Katzeff, Oasis Hasten, Eli Brooks, Hilde Heidt, Kay Patrizio, Georgia Lane, Bob Zoller, Obe Brown... I know I left some important volunteers out; there are so many of us making this community, remembering everyone is beyond me. If I forgot you, know that your efforts are appreciated.

Finally, THANK YOU to everybody for showing up to help, to celebrate, to enjoy our community.

Sienna



**JOE CRAVEN
& THE SOMETIMERS**

On Sunday, February 7th, Joe Craven will bring his latest musical project to the Caspar Community Center for a concert and CD release celebration. Always one to keep his music fresh, Joe has now hooked up with a couple of hot young pickers worthy of his chops: bassist, Jonathan Stoyanoff and Bruce MacMillan on guitar, dobro, and vocals. As Joe Craven & The Sometimers, they bring a world of musical influences together within the crucible of Americana.

Multi-instrumentalist, Joe Craven is best known for his 17 year tenure with the David Grisman Quintet yet, he is also an educator, recording artist, music camp director and self proclaimed, "fashion insulant". He has performed with Jerry Garcia, David Lindley, Alison Brown, and Jason Marsalis among many, many others. On his last visit to the Mendocino Coast, Joe bought his group, Mamajowali, a collaboration with African hunters harp virtuoso, Mamadou Sidibe and guitarist, Walter Strauss.

Like Joe's previous performances in the area, this upcoming concert on Sunday, February 7th, promises to be full of high energy and musical surprises. Advance tickets are available for \$15 at Harvest Market in Fort Bragg or at BrownPaperTickets.com or for \$20 at the door.

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Children are free. Beer, wine and snacks will be available. The doors open at 7:00pm and the music starts at 7:30. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Caspar Community and more information can be found at 964-4997 or casparcommons.org.