

Thanksgiving 2022

# Caspar Community News



2nd Annual *Makers & Bakers* Holiday Fair  
 Sunday, Dec 11th  
 12-5pm

Vendors filling both rooms of the center with arts, crafts, imports, baked goods  
 Great Gifts  
 Lunch of Soup & Bread Available

Caspar Community Center

## Caspar Community ONLINE AUCTION CLOSING AT 8PM SATURDAY!

The third Annual Caspar Online Auction is open and Casparados are actively bidding on a sparkling array of items. Superb local wines, local artists' works, and donations from local businesses, a total value of more than \$9,800 are up for bidding. Please join in and support Caspar Community!



Dalen Anderson Quilt



Out of This World \$200 Gift Certificate



Lisa Weg Handmade Cowling

Marty Johnson Eight Weeks of Gourmet Bread



CLICK HERE FOR THE ONLINE AUCTION



Ellen Athens: Micro-mosaic Pendant

The second annual Makers and Bakers Fair will take place Sunday, December 11 from noon till 5:00 at the community center. We will occupy both rooms this year with wood carvings by Paul Reiber, jewelry by Jima, Cindy and Lee, Guatemalan imports from Annie, handbags by Dalen and the very popular tropically inspired wreaths by Maria. Bakers include Marty, Kris and Sallie with yummy mince pies. We do have room for a few more vendors. If you are interested in having a space, contact me or **Paul Reiber**

**Dalen Anderson**  
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Caspar Community's 2022 Annual Letter by Ariana Bayer

\$22.1k SHORTFALL

UPCOMING EVENTS

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## *To preserve & enhance the quality of all life in Caspar*

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### **Dear Neighbors and Friends,**

In writing this letter I had to look up synonyms for joy.

#### **What are your favorite memories from the Caspar Community this year?**

I remember this summer, streamers of sunlight lighting the way for Gertie the Gorse Monster's drum-driven parade, celebrating 20 years of the Caspar Community Center: a day of delicious storytelling, dancing, playing . . . and of course eating! Recently on an evening dog walk I heard the joyous sound of a Mariachi band wafting across the gold grass fields, playing it out for their 80-year-old matriarch. **This community is lucky to share in the connectivity of history together, and to host memory-making events for families and communities from up and down the Mendocino Coast.**

During my first year as a Caspar resident and new board member I've gotten to know the Caspar Community Board Members and to appreciate the different ways they bring their deep care for this place and the people who live and visit here to life. I hope to continue in this work of generosity with all of you in the coming years!

**What is next?** When board members look into the future for Caspar Community a few dream projects are coming into view, with you right by our sides.

- We are re-committed to gathering together. Quarterly community meetings and meet-your-neighbor pot lucks will be on the calendar. Fourth Sunday Breakfast and the new Game Night catch both morning people and night owls for a time to catch up and enjoy good food.
- Indoors our dancers report that time to update the floors in the North and South Room is coming: a project that will necessitate closing the Center's doors for weeks at the earliest in 2024.
- A longtime vision for a patio (more dancing!) and an outdoor kitchen is starting to come together. Research began this summer and all that's learned will be shared at a community meeting this year.
- And keeping the roof over our heads in good health, the north roof face could use some clean up.

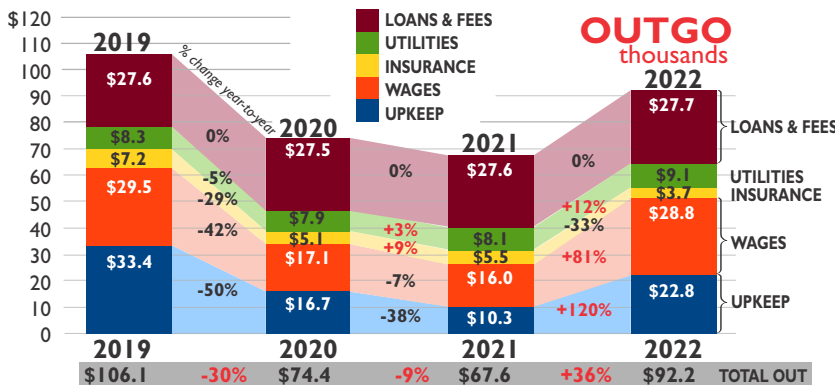
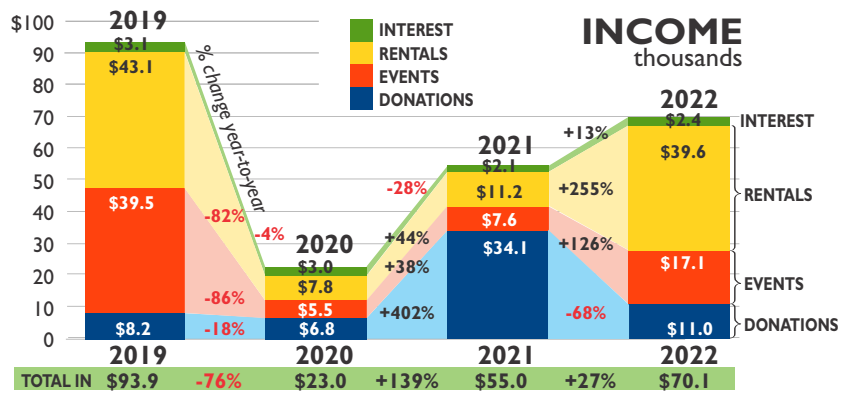
**You all show up for Caspar. That's what makes us a community!** You show up in the kitchen, behind a cart of folding chairs, under the deck checking electrical plugs . . . and in our bank account too. Please consider a donation to Caspar Community this winter. Your gift to Caspar Community is tax-deductible. You can visit our website at [casparcommons.org](http://casparcommons.org), email us at [caspar@mcn.org](mailto:caspar@mcn.org), or give us a call 707.964.4997 to make a donation, set up a monthly pledge, or for information about how to include Caspar Community in your estate planning.

**Thank you, friends and neighbors.** Be healthy and I hope to see you over a bowl of soup, cup of tea, or across the mailboxes soon.

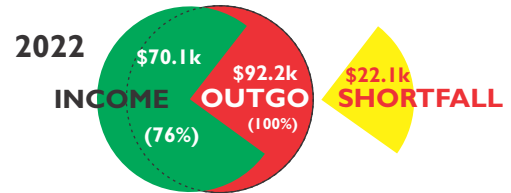
Ariana Bayer  
for Caspar Community

Once again, the costs of operating our Center has outrun our income. This year, the shortfall is 32% of income, or about \$22,000.

But look how prudently the Center navigated the setbacks of the last two years: we're coming back strong! Our employees cut their wages by 42% in 2020, and another 7% in 2021. The facilities committee reduced upkeep expenses by 50% and 38%; only this year have we been able to pick up necessary deferred maintenance (but we're still down \$10k from 'normal' operations in 2019.)



Our Community Center has been called “a Coastal Treasure” and “a model of excellent nonprofit management.” Please help us keep the Center alive by donating generously before the end of 2022.



## Caspar Community Center UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 19th 8pm  
**ONLINE AUCTION CLOSES**  
 Sunday, November 20th time TBA  
**AUCTION WINNINGS PICK-UP**

Saturday, November 19, 7 - 10 pm \$20  
**Music & Dance Wave-Up**  
**The Mighty T-Bones**

Wednesday, November 23, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
**BOOK MOBILE**

Sunday, November 27, 9 - 11 am  
**Caspar 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast**

Sunday, December 4, 1:30 - 3:30 pm  
**Hubs & Routes Games Day**

Wednesday, December 7, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
**BOOK MOBILE**

Sunday, December 11, 12 - 5 pm  
**Makers & Bakers Holiday Fair**



**GAMES DAY - DÍA DE JUEGOS**  
 Sunday Dec. 4th 1:30-3:30 pm  
 Caspar Community Center

build Island preparedness with our maps, games and scenarios

construya la preparación de la isla con nuestros mapas, juegos y escenarios

find your Island on our 14-foot coastal map  
 encuentre su isla en nuestro mapa costero de 4 metros

discover how Hubs determine Island self sufficiency

descubra cómo los Hubs determinan la autosuficiencia de las islas

Hubs & Routes is a non-profit project of SocialGood Fund. In the spirit of readiness, we map Resource Hubs, Alternate Routes and Tsunami Trails and show how to use them. Hubs & Routes es un proyecto sin fines de lucro de SGF. En el espíritu de preparación, mapeamos Hubs (centros de recursos), rutas alternativas, y rastros de tsunamis y mostramos cómo usarlos.

free admission for all ages entrada gratuita para todas las edades



Glorious Mendocino County wines!  
including a 3-year Pinot Noir vertical  
from Fathers+Daughters Cellars

# Caspar's Online Auction Ends Saturday, November 19th, at 8pm

It is important to remember that this is a fund-raising event to support our Community Center. Generous donors, including many gifted community members, have donated \$9,000+ worth of wonderful stuff (so far; new additions happen right up until auction's close!) Gift certificates, valuable antiques, personal services, and gorgeous art pieces will all be up for your delight (and purchase). **Please vote with your dollars to keep our Center solvent.**

***Bid early; bid often!***

## What You Need To Know:

The auction opened for bidding at NOON on Saturday, November 12th and will close at 8pm on Saturday, November 19th. Get your bidding paddle and view all the items now:

[CasparCommons.org/auc](http://CasparCommons.org/auc)

Register for a bidding paddle in order to bid; we will also need your email address so we can notify you of your winnings.

Once or twice during the bidding, paddle holders who've been outbid on items may receive emails to invite them to raise the ante.

Saturday evening after 8pm, winning bidders will receive emails notifying them of the items they have won. Item pick-up details will be included with the winner notifications. Most items will be available for pick-up on Sunday and Monday, November 20th & 21st at the Community Center. Payment may be made by check or cash (works better for us) or by credit card.



\$165 of delicious  
Caspar-grown veggies  
from Fortunate Farm



Hot tub, Sauna,  
two massages  
by Anne Yount

more  
auction  
items

*Panforte*  
by Kris Reiber



gratifying service and edibles  
from friends and neighbors



90 minute  
Acupressure  
by Carole Raye



amazing  
antiques & objets d'art



This edition of  
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was laid out by Michael Potts

Submissions of activities, events, or information of interest to Casparados is invited. Send them to

[lists@casparcommons.org](mailto:lists@casparcommons.org)

**We ♥ Caspar**