

Aromas Grange May Newsletter

Day of Giving on May 5th.

The Community Foundation of San Benito County will donate matching funds to the Teressie White Memorial Scholarship Fund on the Day of Giving. You can give any amount, on any day, and transactions will automatically be processed on May 5th. What a great way to double your giving and help our scholarship fund.



Go to: <http://svgives.razoo.com/story/Teressie-White-Memorial-Scholarship-Foundation>

Aromas Country Garden Tour

Featuring

Artists in the Gardens



Saturday, May 9, 2015

Starts at 10 am

Gardens close at 4 pm

Tickets-\$15 Seniors- \$10

Maps at Aromas Grange Rose & Bardue Avenues

Drought tolerant gardening ideas

Presented by Aromas Hills Artisans



Grange Breakfast is May 31
7:30-11 a.m. Still only \$6.

Best breakfast in town!

We serve gluten free muffins!



Grange Potluck—May 8th at
6:30 p.m.

General Meeting at 7:15

Maria Muldaur & Her Red Hot Bluesiana Band



Sunday, May 17th — Show starts at 4:30pm
Aromas Grange, corner of Rose & Bardue
TICKETS \$20 IN ADVANCE, \$25 AT THE DOOR

Come early for Roast Chicken Dinner at 3:30pm—Just \$10

Vegetarian option for \$8—plus premium beers & wines

Tickets available at brownpapertickets.com & Marshall's Mkt. (Aromas)

Call 831-726-3609 or 831-277-8194 or 831-254-2444 or go to

www.aromasgrange.org for more information



Community Barbecue & Potluck

May 23, Saturday, 6-8 p.m.

Aromas Grange

Everyone Welcome!

Grange Members are Free

Community Members are \$5

Grange will provide all meat, bread, beans, vege burger & drinks. You bring a dish to share.

We will set up a table and if you have mementos, memorabilia or photos of Veterans that you would like to share we would encourage you to bring them.

We need 4 people to help set-up tables & chairs on Saturday at 9 a.m. for one hour and 4 people to take down same after the barbecue.

Call AR at 726-2602 to volunteer.

Fruits & Vegetable Distribution ~ Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We started our food distribution program in November, 2014 and had 35/45 people come to pick up food that month. In April we had 70/75 people come to the food give away, which represents 200-240 family members. It's gratifying to be able to help so many of our neighbors.



We'd also like to thank the 25+ volunteers that have given of their time and effort to help with this program. We are grateful for the community and Aromas Grange members for their involvement. We average 3-4 volunteers per week and see a lot of new faces.

Our May distribution dates are May 5 & 19 from 5-6 p.m. (no volunteers needed in May)

We have openings for volunteers on June 2 & 16 for monitors (4:45-6 p.m.), and an unloader (10 a.m.).

Call us if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions.

AR & Fred Pointer (726-2602)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Congratulations to Linda Bjornson for submitting the inspiring name of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" for our proposed new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization for our food distribution and adopt-a-family. Thanks to all who voted and submitted names. I checked with the Sec. of State and that name is available. We will be submitting our by-laws and articles of incorporation to the Secretary of State and then paperwork/forms to the IRS in the weeks ahead. The new board will include: Julia Alonzo, Ken Poje, Barbara Scoles, Wade Hassler, Gail Mutoza and myself (AR Pointer). We are forming this 501(c)(3) non-profit to be in compliance with Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) requirements. We will need to provide liability insurance, workman's comp. insurance and designate 2 people to be authorized to pick up food, once we become an IRS recognized non-profit. Currently another group is allowing us to use their status and insurance in order to gain access and distribute the food. SHFB is aware of our partnership.

We welcome your input and questions. It is our hope that you'll want to become involved in this worthwhile endeavor. Neighbors helping Neighbors.

AR Pointer
726-2602

Thanks to all those that helped with the plant sale that raised money for the Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to the Big Fish in a Small Town team, especially Tina Baines & Linda Bjornson. Awesome!!

Another Awesome was the performances and talent at the Aromas Live! talent show. Whoa! Those are going to be hard acts to follow! Thanks to the set-up & take down crew and everyone that helped.



A huge THANKS and hug to Mindy Briggs for being the Grange rental coordinator for so many years. You've done such a terrific job!