**Aromas Live! Gets Bigger and Better**

The Aromas Community Grange seems to have launched a lasting tradition in the area with its "Aromas Live!" series. The difficult-to-classify event is part talent show and part interactive community venue for unique local performance artisans – Great fun for the whole family! The third "Aromas Live!" was a great success with the largest crowd yet. This Free event is just one of the ways the Grange is working to build community in our little town by bringing people together. The next show will be the week before Halloween. All are welcome and the seats fill up fast so mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22nd and come down early. If you want to assist or have an act in the next show give Rich Saxe a call at 726-3609 – there may still be a few spots left in the lineup.

**Rancho San Juan development Informational:**

**Landwatch** Monterey County will present an informational meeting on Monday evening, May 16th, at 7pm, here at the Grange hall. This North Monterey County development will be part of the referendum vote on the November ballot. The Rancho San Juan development is a large project that will have a big impact on Monterey County and it is important for Monterey County voters in Aromas to be aware of it. Please come and encourage others to attend this important event.

**First Grange Service Award recipient is Michael Palmer**

In honor of his many years of service to the Aromas Grange as a 4H volunteer, Michael Palmer was awarded the first Grange Service Award at the Friday 4H meeting. The award includes a $500 gift.
"Green Granges" to Meet Weekend of May 13-15 in Santa Cruz

A new movement of "Action Granges" are in the process of re-inventing themselves to truly serve the needs of their communities. For over a century the Grange has been a relatively conservative organization of farmers and rural residents. With the influx of new populations into areas that were formerly rural more Granges are now working to modernize themselves and revitalize the Grange movement in the United States. Our Aromas Community Grange was one of the first Granges in the new program and has become one of the preeminent Action Granges in the nation.

Do you think of the Grange as an organization that supports organic growing practices and progressive views from an increasingly diverse membership? If not then you have not heard of the "Green Granges." This fledgling movement of Granges will be meeting in Santa Cruz on the weekend of May 13-15.

If you are frustrated with the politics and lobbying efforts you see in our State Grange newsletter this gathering will give you a chance to make a difference.

Proposed agenda:

FRIDAY
8:00 pm: mixer with refreshments

SATURDAY
8:30 am: breakfast
10:00 am: overall agenda and strategy of gathering
   State convention expanding progressive members and legislative committee
12:00 pm: lunch break and beach outing
2:30 pm: resolution breakout sessions
3:30 pm: return and report article-writing sessions
4:00 pm: state of home Granges: strategies for connecting home Granges with sustainable groups and community
6:00 pm: hors d’oeuvres
7:00 pm: dinner
8:30 pm: music

SUNDAY
9:00 am: breakfast
10:00 am: wrap-up; next steps
12:00 pm: done

For more information or to carpool contact Rich Saxe at 726-3609.

Contra Dancing in Aromas
The Grange’s next Contra Dance will be on Saturday, May 14th at 7:30 pm, with Keith Connes doing the calling and music by those fabulous Percolators.

The Aromas Hills Artisan’s Annual Garden Tour coming Sunday, June 5, 10am-4pm

There will be an Art Faire and 4H marketplace at the Grange Hall, where you can pick up your brochure and Garden Tour map for just $10. This year the Aromas Hills Artisan’s Garden Tour will be featured in Sunset Magazine…Don’t miss it!

Aromas Day is Coming Up!
This year Aromas Day falls on Sunday August 28th. The organizing committee had its first meeting last Thursday evening at 7 pm. Call James Kmetovic at 726-7183 if you would like be a part of this great community event and earn one of those coveted Aromas Day Staff T-shirts.

There is plenty to do and a great group of people to work with putting together the parade, the live music, games for kids, booth rentals, and a silent auction to be run during the Grange Breakfast to benefit the Grange Scholarship Fund.

The Aromas Sports Park Needs You
Incredible progress has been made toward making the dream of a sports park a reality for our little town, but there is much that still needs to be done. A lot of hard work by a small group of people has moved the process forward. The foundation now owns the land, and has filed their permits with the building department. Enough money has been raised to begin the work. It is time for this community to rally behind them and bring this project home. It will take all of us to make this fantastic ten-year-old Aromas dream come true for our families, friends, children & grandchildren.

Newsletter by Snail Mail?
Would you like to receive this newsletter in the mail as well as via email? We would be happy to send you a copy. Just click on the email link below and let us know. Please forward this newsletter to anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about the Aromas Community Grange and our activities. If this newsletter has been forwarded to you and you would like to join or learn more about the Grange, click below and email Stephen Johnson or call 726-7199. saltydog@happydogfood.com
Give some of yourself back to your community!

Your School Bond Dollars at Work
The new Aromas School Gym will be ready for the graduation of this year’s 8th graders on June 13th. The Grand Opening will be on Back-To-School Night, May 26th from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. We are excited to have this wonderful new facility for our students and community.
Report on the April 7th meeting of the
Santa Cruz County Integrated Waste
Management Local Task Force

On Thursday, April 7, the Waste Management Task
Force met to discuss alternatives to building a new
landfill in Santa Cruz County and voted to adopt a Zero
Waste Resolution. The Zero Waste Resolution sets a
goal of 75% waste reduction by the year 2010 for the
County of Santa Cruz, with the ultimate goal of a
completely closed recycling system that reuses all
resources and generates zero waste in the future.

This could possibly eliminate the need for a landfill site
on the Chamberlain Ranch property in the hills
overlooking Aromas.

The first action that will be brought before the Santa
Cruz Board of Supervisors is the enforcement of all
waste reduction and recycling ordinances already on
the books. Testing will then be implemented to
determine what kinds of solid waste are still ending up
in the waste disposal stream so they can develop a
plan for reclaiming and recycling them.

We will keep you posted…stay tuned.

Grange Breakfast Growing in Popularity

The Monthly Grange Breakfast is becoming more popular
and exciting. With fresh organic vegetables for sale from
the Happy Boy Farms market booth, new menu items,
Artisans on display, and a gracious community
atmosphere the Grange Breakfast is definitely the place
to meet and mingle once a month in Aromas.

Upcoming Grange Breakfasts are on Sunday, May 22nd, and
June 26th…Fourth Sunday, every month!

Grange Concert Series

On March 25th Aromas was fortunate to have singer/
songwriters Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen kick off
our 2005 concert series. Steve and Cindy played last
year and we loved having them back. Proceeds
benefited the Teressie White Memorial Scholarship
Foundation. Thank you all for your support!

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