



Granger's Corner

Newsletter of the Bayside Grange # 500

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AROUND THE REGION

A Klamath River Agreement has been signed by many partner agencies. During the annual Grange Convention delegates from around the state expressed many views regarding water, fisheries, farming, and water quality. Although the agreement to remove dams is a big step, many local groups still take issue with unresolved impacts to water delivery, protection for Salmon and cultural practice issues.



The Community Alliance for Family Farmers has been instrumental in getting out the Local Food Guide with farms, stands, U-Pick and Farmers Markets. This is the 31st season of our local Farmers Markets with offerings of fresh fruits and vegetables right off the farm. Food for People continues to support Emergency Food Pantry, Senior Brown Bag, Homebound Delivery, Commodity Supplemental Program, Summer Food Service, After School Snacks, and Backpacks for Kids.

The HWY 101 CALTRANS project for Richardson Grove has many in the community discussing its potential impacts to the quality of life and the economy. Historically, Grangers have been vocal on competing interests; expanding transportation access to the market place and protecting local businesses and the quality of life.

Politicians are gearing up for elections in November, each delineating their positions while having fundraisers to promote their message. Candidate debates and fundraisers will surely come to the Grange.

GRANGE EVENTS

The January earthquake in Haiti, led to an outpouring of support from Grange members and the community. The Humboldt to Haiti fundraiser on February 5th was organized by member Laura Chapman and Kate Martin with help from many, many people and organizations. The immense loss of life and the devastation of the infrastructure was heart wrenching, but the response from our community was amazing.

That event was soon followed by a quake in Humboldt County the same month. The Grange surely shook, but the biggest impact was the loss of electric power 1/2 hours before a fundraiser by the Eureka Sisters. We would like to fund a backup generator tied to the main panel to restore heat lights and power to the sewer sump pump. Many other earthquakes, floods, fires and road closures (including HWY 96) have led to interest in a local Community Emergency Response Team.

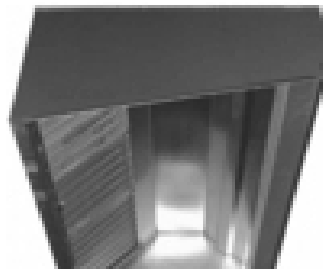


A CERT Team in training

Susie VanKirk and Jack Surmani recently gave a talk sponsored by the Humboldt Historical Society about the history of Bayside, Humboldt County Granges and the agrarian movement. Susie talked about the impact on the Wiyot people, the rock taken out of the quarry, timber harvesting, the railroads, and the changing landscape. Jack talked about the agrarian movement, Bayside Grange activities over the years and positive changes in granges throughout California.

Bayside is now using wonderful new software called CiviCRM made available by the Open Society Institute. It was developed for civil society and used internationally by non profit organizations to manage their contacts, constituents, members, and events. This will assist us better leverage our social and financial capital.

One of our highest priorities is upgrading to a commercial kitchen. Many Granges have successfully designed their improvements to meet health codes, install restaurant grade fixtures and still maintain their historic integrity. Bayside is on the California State Historic Register, so we intend to work with those standards. While the **exhaust hood** alone with fire suppression and return air will cost \$13,000, we are seeking partners and funders for this project. The remodeled custodial room with mop sink, washer, dryer, hand sink and storage improves the operation of the Grange for both members and renters.



RENTER EVENTS

Recent events included the annual Temple Beth El Bagels & Blitzes, Tri-County Independent Living Humboldt Pie Event, Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Beach Blanket Babylon, Humboldt Folk Dancers Festival, and Haiti Relief. When planning your event, check the online calendar at www.baysidegrange.org.



THANK YOU'S TO MEMBERS & DONORS

- Marla Joy and friends who helped with the development mailing.
- Volunteers and members who helped with the Haiti benefit.
- Members who helped with the Plant Sale and the Growers for their donations.
- Andy Alm for help with CiviCRM.
- The folks who mow the lawn.
- Recent anonymous donors.
- Patrick Sullivan for advice about our sump pump.
- Marla and Maria for bringing in new members with their classes.
- Storage cabinets from Pete.

The Grange is a 501c8 non profit association. Your donations are tax deductible.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Annual Membership & Services

- Individual \$36.00
- Family \$72.00
(2 adults & children under 14)
- Humboldt Blood Fund \$1.00
- \$100 Club \$100
- Breakfast Club \$50 / \$25
- Discounts for members for Yoga, Samba and Zumba classes.



APRIL is Grange Month

Join the Grange for just \$5.00 during this month until it is time to renew at the regular rate next year.

Visit us at www.baysidegrange.org
Get information about programs, membership, rentals and other Granges. See what events are scheduled online at baysidegrange.org/calendar for upcoming fundraisers and music events open to the community that are put on by many organizations.

Sign up to receive email notifications about upcoming events, programs and volunteer opportunities by becoming a registered user. Manage your own subscriptions to notifications.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

“BREAKFAST IN BAYSIDE” JULY 18TH 8-12 NOON
Gourmet menu, live music. full and small portions, vegan options.

ZUMBA MON. AND THURS 6 PM

Exercise program with Marla Joy. Discount for members. Contact Marla at marla_joy@suddenlink.net.

SAMBA TUES. 6 PM

Dance program with Maria Vandenhorst. Discount for members. Contact Maria at Maria.mariapaz74@sbcglobal.net

BAYSIDE QUILTERS (2ND & 4TH) TUE. 10-12PM

Learn a variety of quilting methods. Contact Cleo Casey. FREE

YOGA WED. 6-7:30 PM

The cost is \$3.00/class for members and \$5.00 for non- members. Members can pay \$20/mo for unlimited sessions. Contact Anita at anitara@humboldt1.com.

GRANGE MUSIC PROJECT SUN. 5&7PM

Gregg Moore invites folks to come early for open instruction, and later for Band rehearsal. Contact him at gregg@relevantmusic.org. FREE

GRANGE MEETINGS 1ST MON. 7PM

Meetings are open to the community. Hear updates on improvements to the building & grounds, upcoming events, a monthly financial report, guest speakers and community news. We always have a lively time. **Call or email each month to confirm.**

RENT THE GRANGE!

The Grange is the preferred rental venue for *receptions, dances, fundraisers and parties*. Visit our website at baysidegrange.org for available dates, rental forms and rates. **Rental equipment** now includes *a popcorn machine, wine glasses, bowls, and a Professional Sound system.*

Contact Hall Manager, Jack Surmani,
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The Patrons of Husbandry, (the Grange) is the oldest national agricultural fraternity in the U.S. It began after the Civil War in 1867 as part of an agrarian populist movement to confront monopolies, rural poverty, and the lack of a political voice. In the 1870's five Granges were organized in Humboldt County.

Bayside Grange # 500 was chartered on October 17th, 1932, as one of about 11 Granges that were organized in the county during the Depression. Difficult times and a need for social engagement led people to come together to form the association, raise funds, construct the building and set about serving their community. There are about 200 Granges in California. The strength of the Grange comes from our members and all who support our programs and endeavors. Partnerships strengthen our ability to serve.

PRESIDENT: JACK SURMANI
TREASURER: SUSAN ANDERSON
BUILDING: SUZANNE GUERRA
BREAKFAST: SUSAN ANDERSON

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