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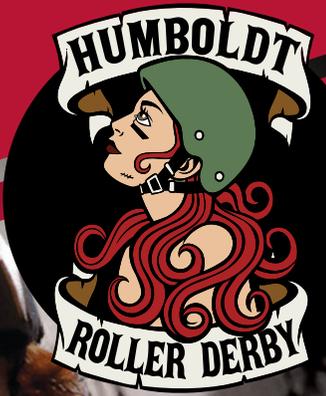
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# Editor's Letter



Dear Reader,

Breathe it in. The New Year, that is. The refreshing taste of starting over only comes once a year, and right now we are living it. And what better to celebrate new beginnings than to throw a party? Whether it be your birthday, wedding, graduation, baby shower, bar or bat mitzvah, it's never too early to get the ball rolling.

Humboldt community members Kacy Curtis and her partner Sean of Forget-Me-Not bring a little class and sass to the party with their irresistible photo booth. Remember the days of cramming three or four of your friends in a booth the size of a coffin? Well now you can relive the experience, only with a bit more space. With their generator in tow, Forget-Me-Not Photo is ready to please all of your guests and have them walk away with a memento.

What party would be set without great music? The musical genre is a crucial part of setting the scene. From playlists to performers, we've reached out to DJ J Sun who helped found Arcata's Deep Groove Society. This versatile group of DJ's brings visual graphics, fire dancing, hooping and much more to the party scene.

If planning a party isn't your gig, have no fear, Alegria Sita is here to make your gala dreams a reality. With her timeless touch on the party, you'll be left breathless. And while your party is going on fabulously, don't forget to embellish your attire for the ultimate feel-good look. Take a trip to your local fabric store and express your personality on the outside.

Join us in February for a truly special treat, our Dessert Edition. Let your eyes feast on the decadent desserts of the North Coast. We're replacing the aroma of love in the air with the smell of sweet treats. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

*Christina E. DeGiovanni*

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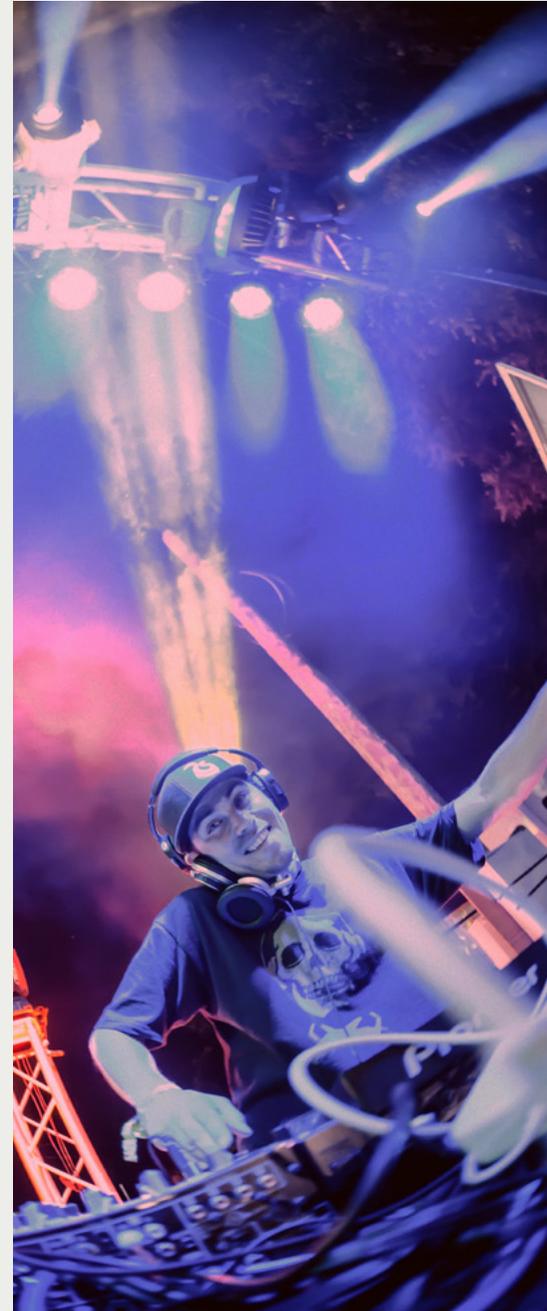
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*What started out as an all ages Sunday afternoon outdoor social gathering, is now an eclectic group of artists with many differing talents such as visual graphics, fire dancing, hooping, and other creative forces that help bring people to a state of true essence.*

## What We Love About Humboldt:

### Mid-Winter Bounty

by Linda Stansberry

Happy 2015 Humboldt—we made it! They days are slowly getting longer and the soil is reaping the benefit of those welcome winter rains. The hills are turning green and the rivers are flowing strong. It's going to be a good year.

Right around the holidays you hear a lot of a certain word: gratitude. Advertisers are constantly exhorting you to remember the "true reason for the season." But who has time for that, really? In between shopping and travel and decorating and cleaning and catching up on some well-deserved rest, how often do we honestly take time to reflect on a concept as over-used and under-explained as gratitude? Gratitude has become a platitude. And the holiday rush of November and December makes it a difficult time to fit in reflection.

Which makes January the perfect time to host a Gratitude Party. Why not? We're from Humboldt—we're non-conformist, fun and creative! If you didn't have the New Year's Eve you wanted, this is the time to invite over some new folks you'd like to incorporate into your friend circle. If you're wondering the best way to use those mid-winter vegetables, you can investigate some brand new recipes to bring to the table. If you were lucky enough to find exactly what you wanted under the tree, why not share your happiness with those you love? Think about it—the holidays bring us so much bounty. They help us express our love and reap the rewards of many months of hard work. What better time is there to practice gratitude for all that we have been given (both material and otherwise) than January?

So this month set your table with some perennial favorites: maybe some Loleta Cheese, gluten-free bread from Arise Bakery and local wine from Briceland Vineyards. The bounty of our fair region is evident even in the depths of winter. We should be so, so grateful





## Forget-Me-Not

By Katie Wheeler • Photo Courtesy of Forget-Me-Not

Every picture tells a story. They are totems infused with significance and memory. Collective effervescence is a term for the group electricity that happens at a spiritual gathering. We all have to eat and sleep – survival on a basic biological level - but it is the celebrations, happenings beyond our everyday survival, that bring us together as a society and give meaning and inspiration to our lives. Rites of passage, festivals, fairs, birthdays, holidays, holy days. Focused together, in communion with spirit and consciousness. Most of us have stepped inside a photo booth at some time with friends, family, a first love: Those candid shots catching the fun, the light. Maybe you have that strip of pictures on your fridge. Chances are, if you have some recent ones, they came from an event that Forget-Me-Not Photo was at.

Kacy and her partner Sean bring their open air photo booths to any of those gatherings

and parties. They also do announcement or save-the-date photos. "That's the cool thing about our photo booths, they stand alone, so you can put them anywhere," Kacy says. She shows me pictures from the Rebel Art Fair, where the booth is the back of a VW van. Then we look at a castle facade she made for the Medieval Festival of Courage in Blue Lake. Then some outdoor backgrounds.

"Sean and I are big kids, we love getting ideas from our clients and making it happen. We have our little generator which means we can do our photo booth anywhere, with any theme," says Kacy. "Right now we are working on a paper moon. I also have this green screen that allows me to impose any image for the background." Now we are looking at pictures of people on flying carpets over varying terrains. Then people on the moon. Now she is scrolling through the facades they have built, beautiful, hilarious, enchant-

ing. They have worked gigs from Portland to San Francisco, and everywhere between.

Just like the old-style photo booth, you walk away with your pictures, although the quality of Forget-Me-Not photos are professional grade. Kacy prints a double strip that she cuts in half: One for the guests, one for the host. For weddings, she makes a book with the picture strips. The guests sign the page by their pictures as they go through with wishes, poems, memories and drawings. They can also print up flip books. After the event, she downloads all the pictures to her website. Then, with your password for the event, you can log on and print up any photos you want for free.

"People end up using the pictures for Christmas cards and thank you cards all the time," Kacy says. "I can't tell you how many times people have told me, 'This is the best picture of us.' It's because there's no photographer, no one posing you. Just you and the booth having fun. Nothing else at an event captures this, literally capturing a moment in time."

Kacy started Forget-Me-Not Photo in August of 2008, the first photo booth event rental north of San Francisco and south of Portland. She has always loved pictures and crafting memories. In May of that year they attended her childhood friend's wedding in Las Vegas. "I didn't even think about the photo booth when I was there," she says. "I just jumped in with everybody and had a great time."

After they got home, she was excited to be able to go online to peruse all the pictures. That's when inspiration hit. "There were these pictures of the two grandmas, the groom and the bride's," she says. "Anthony's family is from a really old Navajo pueblo town in Northern New Mexico, his grandmother is like 4 foot 11, total classical Navajo grandma. She has the salt-and-pepper bun pulled straight back and the traditional Indian dress. Huge turquoise squash blossom and earrings – she could be straight out of a National Geographic photo piece. And then the bride's grandmother is from Klamath and is a rancher, really tall, tight afro blonde perm. Super out in the elements weathered skin, tight Wrangler jeans and button up shirt – cowgirl. There were pictures of the grandmas together, with feather boas and tiaras, in the photo booth just looking at each other. To this day it is still the best photo strip I have ever seen."

She was captured. She started obsessively Googling photo booths state by state. "Like ten states a night," she says. "There were hardly any at that time. Then I found the Open Air Booths, out of Santa Barbara. My aunt had just died and all the nieces and nephews had gotten a few thousand dollars. There was my down payment, I didn't hesitate, I just ordered it. That next morning I told Sean about it. He said that he thought I should do some research. I told him that the booth would be here Tuesday, we would need to pick it up at UPS."

Now she has three booths. Kacy was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At 20, she attended massage school in Santa Fe. During this time her dad, Ross, died. She spent the next three years traveling the world. When she came back, her mom, Lynn, had just moved. She was on her first traveling nurse assignment in Fortuna. Kacy also had a good friend living in Arcata, so she came to stay for a few months. She got a massage therapy job and never left. That was 2001.

A few years later she met local boy named Sean Knife. Born and raised in Eureka, his family goes back to homesteading McKinleyville and Cres-

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# To the Moon



cent City. Kacy and Sean are the kind of people that raise a party up: Kind, fun to be around, both of them easy on the eyes. "That's the thing that branches right off of massage," Kacy says. "I pamper people. I take care of people, make sure they enjoy themselves. The best thing about my business is that we get to party with all kinds of people for some of the most amazing moments of their lives. You really get to see that everyone is the same. Everybody loves to cut loose and have a good time. And we all have our trials and struggles, but we are trying our best."

"Prom, 8th grade graduation, safe and sober, Mitzvahs, the kids are my favorite," Kacy says. "They know how to be goofy for real. They are just so open. I love that this is a small community; we get to watch people over time." She shows me photo booth strips of a young couple the night they met, her pregnant, and then their wedding.

"Giving back to my community is very important," she says. "We are doing the Sequoia Human Society fundraiser, the Raven queer prom, fundraisers for people that need money for surgeries, stuff like that." Including Forget-Me-Not Photo at your event gives everyone a piece of the memory to take home. A totem of the shared energies, a keepsake.

Look them up: [forget-me-not-photobooth.com/wordpress](http://forget-me-not-photobooth.com/wordpress).

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### Trinity River Garden Center Presents: What's going on in the Garden Plant Plumbing by Tim Dower, Nursery Manager

Fall has come to a close and we are off to wetter winter than the year previous. The mushrooms are abundantly clinging to the hillsides and the half-pounder steelheads have made a hope-renewing presence in the river. The recent precipitation is relief from drought frustration. Catch the water when you can; rainwater catchment and collection are great ways to be prepared for dry summer times. Ensure the sustainability of your garden by considering your gardens' water budget. By having an understanding of how plants drink, water can be more strategically allotted for irrigation.

#### The mystery of plant processes

Plants can sense night and day, temperature, and humidity. They have evolved to absorb nutritional necessities and water from the air and soil with which they come in contact. Plant physiology is still not completely understood. The mechanisms by which soil moisture moves up through a plant and is released into the atmosphere are still being explored. It has taken numerous scientists over the past hundred years to come up with the current model for understanding the ways water and sap (sugar) move within a living plant. The current model for this process is called the "Cohesion-Adhesion-Tension Theory" (CTT).

#### A complex bundle of straws

Like humans have blood vessels, plants have xylem and phloem. Xylem and phloem are continuous from the root to leaf. Xylem and phloem can be thought of as internal plant plumbing that moves water and food from soil to root and shoot. All plants have xylem and phloem bundled together.

Xylem is tubular tissue that transports water and some nutrients throughout plant tissue. Active xylem transport only occurs toward the top of the plant. A familiar example of xylem is what we call "wood". The plant cells that make up wood are dead but they still serve as plumbing for the intact, living portion of the plant. Not all plants make wood though. There are 2 types of xylem referred to as "primary" and "secondary". Wood is secondary (more than a year old) xylem and is a unique and distinct trait of shrubby plants and trees.

Phloem is tubular tissue that multi-directionally transports sugar and nutrients throughout the plant. The sugar is sucrose produced from the use of plant available nutrients and photosynthesis. Sugar is transported from the area of photosynthesis (the leaves or other green tissue) to portions of the plant that require sugar for energy and/or growth.

#### Water is sticky

Water is a polar molecule composed of two positively charged atoms and one negatively charged atom. The electro-chemistry of water makes it behave like a magnet. Water wants to stick to itself (cohesion) and stick to other things (adhesion). Plants rely on the sticky nature of water. Plants also rely on the fact that water tends to find dry places. If allowed, water will always move to areas with a lower concentration of itself. These are the reasons why water is easy to spread around a surface but then immediately forms droplets.

#### How plants drink

The water that flows from the soil into the roots, up the stem and throughout the branches and leaves can be visualized as a chain of magnets. This chain of water molecules, or magnets, begins outside of the plant in the root zone and is connected through the xylem tube from the root all the way up to the leaves. The chain is continually pulled up through the pipes in the plant to an exit point on the leaves or stems. These exit points are called stomates, or stomata (plural), which the plant opens and closes depending on ambient conditions (e.x. humidity, temperature, and light intensity).

photosynthesis air surrounding a than inside the leaf. molecules to evaporate

atmosphere. Simultaneously, oxygen and water are also being "exhaled" from stomata. This process is called evapo-transpiration.

As water molecules leave the leaf, they stay connected to the water chain pulling other water molecules up as they exit the stomata. This process of evapo-transpiration creates negative pressure, or tension, within the plant. This tension can also be described as a state of maintained suction generated from within the plant that is pulling water toward the tips.

Essentially, there are three phenomena that the Cohesion-Adhesion-Tension Theory rely upon to explain how plants drink water: the behavior of water molecules sticking to themselves (cohesion), sticking to other things (adhesion), along with their tendency to move to areas where there are fewer water molecules present (tension).

Plant scientists will continue to try and deconstruct the parts and processes that make plant life possible. Who knows if science will ever be able to tell the whole complex story? The will to live is hard enough to explain and even harder to detect. Mystery fuels the magic journey of exploring the workings of the living world.

At the Trinity River Garden Center we can help you look out for the welfare of your plants and the environment. Come by the shop and get some ideas for your water collection and irrigation strategies. Also, don't forget that it is time to plant fruit trees, berries, and vines. Lay out water line and dig some holes so you are ready for planting bareroot fruit trees. Check us in early January for trees to start an orchard or continue the one you already have. We also have potted raspberries, grapes, gojis, kiwis, and gooseberries fresh from Dave Wilson Nursery and a full stock of garden seeds. It is never too early to plan your next garden.

*Tim Dower graduated in 2009 from Humboldt State University with a B.S. in Environmental Science and a minor in Rangeland Resource Science. His concentrations in the Environmental Science Department were Landscape Ecosystems and Wilderness Area Conservation. Plant ecology is the core of his academic interests. For the past four years he has served as the Co-manager for the Trinity River Garden Center.*

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## GALA EVENTS AND WEDDINGS: BEAUTY, MEANING, AND INSPIRATION

by Benjamin Fordham



(above) rustic candle decor  
(below) soft lighting for dinner outside



Alegria Sita's path to professional party and event planner began in junior high school. The event? A senior citizen's ball, complete with a brass band and swing dancing. "As really young teens we put together this epic event," she says. "There were no senior citizens sitting."

Thus began a lifelong journey that has seen Alegria start her own business, Gala Events and Weddings, and become a local fixture in the industry. "I have a love for creating events," she says. "It's such a passion of mine."

Alegria moved to Humboldt County at age 18 to attend HSU and, like so many others, ended up staying. "I'm a transplant local," she says. "This is my home." A fan of hiking, local music, and ziplining, the area was a natural fit for her interests and lifestyle. "I really found myself here," she says. "I found who I am."

While majoring in interdisciplinary studies at HSU, Alegria lived in a house in the Arcata Bottoms where she would throw house parties that had something for everyone, including black light art projects, dancing, and samba parades. "Cows were our neighbors," she said. "We could make as much noise as we wanted."

Alegria continued planning events throughout college, and while working for local

non-profits, schools, and for the county. She began planning friends' weddings as a hobby in 2010, and was soon ready to make the leap to running her own business and launched Gala Beleza Events and Weddings. In 2013 she dropped the 'Beleza', which means 'beautiful' or 'lovely' in Portuguese, and it became simply Gala Events and Weddings. In 2011 she became a certified wedding and event planner, and in 2012 she graduated from the Longevity Wedding Planning Institute with honors.

Since then, Gala Events has taken off. Her business has tripled each of the last three years, and she planned 24 events last year. Alegria attributes her success to perseverance, focus, and an attention to personal detail.

"I find out who (clients) are," Alegria says of her process for creating the perfect wedding or event. "What is significant to them? What are their core values?" And just like her house parties in the Bottoms, she tries to have something for everyone. "I want a very engaging experience," she says. "I want all the guests to be able to plug in somewhere."

Gala Events also hosts a large number of couples from out of the area who want to get married in the redwoods, and one of Alegria's favorite things is to introduce them to the area. "I really get to showcase Humboldt County and promote everything

local," she says.

When asked to describe some weddings that have stood out for her, Alegria mentions a wedding at Fieldbrook Winery with living statues and stilt-walking social butterflies, and a DIY biker wedding that featured 1,000 paper cranes and a wedding archway welded from motorcycle parts. "One of the things that's really fun is helping (clients) achieve their crafty goals," she says.

Whatever the setting, Alegria says the emphasis is always on creating or allowing magical experiences to happen. "It's more than just ambiance," she says. "You are facilitating a very deep process for two people." Gala Events also plans marketing events, fundraisers, business events, elopements, birthdays, anniversaries, bat and bar mitzafahs, quinceaneras, house parties, and more, so there's no excuse not to throw an epic party this year.

Now, five years into her run as a successful businesswoman, Alegria says she is trying to balance work and play. But for her, it's more than just a business. "I'm really into personal growth," she says. "I wanted to challenge myself... This business has helped me grow as a person."

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# Emerald STYLE

Embellish Yourself in 2015

I don't know if you've noticed, but we're in a resurgence of embellishment! All your favorite new clothes are drowning in trim, embroidery, beads, fringe, and ribbons. This is great fun, not only because they look fabulous but because you can take the art of embellishment into your own hands so easily. You don't have to spend a fortune on that beaded tee. Do it yourself, have some creative fun, and look even more fabulous. There's no reason you can't take that plain tee you got at Target and spend an evening making it something special that expresses your personality. What's more, all the resources you need can be found locally, which is always a good thing.

Here are a bunch of ideas for taking a lackluster wardrobe and making it your artistic statement.

### Beading

There's nothing easier than adding beads or sequins. It's a relaxing, almost zen activity. Pick up some beads from our friends at Talisman Beads and make that plain tee or dress sparkle! Do a complex design, or just scatter them at random. This works great with buttons too. You know that box of left over buttons gathering dust in your closet? Sew them all over the yoke of your fave top and it'll look like a brand new designer shirt that you paid too much money for. Or get a bucket of pony beads, cut strips on the sleeves and hem of that old tee shirt, and tie some pony beads on your fringe.

Rima Greer  
Fashion Columnist



### Embroidery

You don't need a \$3000 embroidery machine to embellish your clothing. Hand embroidery has a tradition thousands of years old, and continues today. Use anything from sewing thread to floss, pearl cotton, silk thread, yarn, or even ribbons. Stock up on embroidery threads at Origin Design Lab or Eureka Fabrics.

### Trim

There are a million amazing trims out there. You can find tons of them at Eureka Fabrics and Origin Design Lab. And remember, you can always make your own trim by bias cutting fabric. Bias strips make great trim! Or cut your fabric on the grain, and fringe the edges. Works great with leather too. You can use (or make!) wool felt, or knit, or crochet your trim. While you're at Eureka Fabrics, check out Yarn (next door) and North Coast Knittery (across the street) for some great embellishment ideas.

### Paint

Your painting options are endless. You can choose from watercolor types like Dye-Na-Flow, metallics like Lumiere (available at EF and ODL), or try pastel-type paints like Shiva Sticks from Ellis Art & Engineering. There are even puffy dimensional fabric paints. You can find those (and some of the others) at Art Center in Arcata. Try painting freehand, or pick up some art stamps at Scrappers Edge. Or try some stencils. Want to make your own stencil designs? Ellis has blank stencil sheets.

Of course, you can mix all of these embellishment techniques for a fabulous effect. Found a cool trim? Add some beads. Paint it gold. Surround it with ribbon embroidery or silk threads. Crochet an edge on it. The trick is not to be shy about it. Just dive in and go for it! On the other hand, if you feel like you need some guidance, most of these local shops also offer classes that can inspire you and teach you techniques that you will find useful.

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# SEASON OF SEEDS!

- Dave Feral -



With the passing of winter solstice, the days grow longer, signifying to me the season of the seeds. This is always an exciting time for me, poring through seed catalogs searching for that unique tomato or corn seed that promises to produce a fruit full of flavor that will easily to grow in our climate, and also be productive. These traits are as important to a market farmer as they are to any backyard gardener here on the North Coast.

For anyone spending time searching for those secret seeds, it doesn't take long to realize the possibilities are overwhelming. With hundreds of varieties of any one fruit or vegetable, how do we choose the right one? The answer (unless you have an old farmer friend or relative) comes with experience and experimentation, but there are some general rules to guide you.

Seed source selection rule # 1: Purchase seed from a source with a good reputation. I do my best to purchase seeds from smaller farms or seed companies that I or my friends have had predictable success with.

Seed source selection rule # 2: Purchase seed from a source as close to your farm as possible. The closer a seed is sourced to your farm or garden, the more well-adapted that seed is to your climate. It has been proven that even over short periods of time, plants will acclimate to the local seasonal climate nuances, and the seed from those plants will perform better than seed of the same variety that is sourced from another area. That's right, plants adapt to your microclimate!

Seed source selection rule # 3: Save your own seed and use it every year. This takes some work, and with some varieties it can be a challenge not contaminating your seed due to other nearby similar varieties' incidental cross pollination, but that is how new varieties are made. So give it a shot, save your seed and see what happens...who knows, maybe you will develop an award winning tomato!

The three rules listed above are my general rules of the seed selection process, but there are still more questions for the novice and experienced farmer. Like, do I want heirloom or open-pollinated, hybrid, organic, conventional, or GMO, and what's the difference?

Open-pollinated seeds are produced when pollination occurs due to insects, birds, wind, humans, or other natural factors. Since there are no restrictions on the exchange of pollen, open-pollinated plants are more genetically diverse. Which means a greater amount of variation, allowing the plants to slowly adapt to local growing conditions and climate over the years.

Heirloom seed comes from a variety that has been passed down through several generations by a family or community due to the desired traits, such as flavor, reliability and yield. Interestingly, heirloom varieties are typically open-pollinated, but not all open-pollinated plants are heirlooms.

Hybrid seed is produced by a controlled method of pollination in which the pollen of two different species within the same family, like squash, are crossed by human intervention. Hybridization can

also occur through random natural crosses. First generation hybrid plants tend to grow stronger, producing higher yields referred to as 'hybrid vigor'.

In order for a seed to be sold as organic, it must adhere to the specifications defined in the National Organic Standards Act. These days there are a wide array of choices for purchasing organic seed, and you will know those seeds are organic by the presence of the USDA Organic logo on the package certifying the seed is in compliance with national organic standards.

Conventional seed are those seeds typically developed by larger seed companies for use at the industrial agriculture scale. These are the seeds that produce tomatoes that ship well but have no flavor, or other qualities that make it easy to plant, harvest and ship huge quantities of any particular fruit or vegetable. These seeds are sold in large quantities and small, and may have been treated with fungicides or other conventional farm management methods. Conventional seed is not inspected and no national certification is required.

Genetically modified seed comes from a plant whose DNA has been altered using genetic engineering techniques. These methods create a plant that resists certain herbicides like Roundup or produces a systemic pest resistance. Genetically

modified seed is not legally allowed to be planted in Humboldt County since the passage of Measure P in 2014.

Below I have listed several of my favorite small-to-medium-size seed sources for you to explore this winter. I hope you enjoy!

#### Redwoodseeds.net

"We are an organic seed farm nestled in the Lassen foothills of northern California. Our varieties are open pollinated meaning you too can save seeds from them. We grow cultivars with diverse climate regions in mind; from the coast to the valley and mountains we have seeds that will thrive in your garden."

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#### Highmowingseeds.com

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"At High Mowing Organic Seeds, we believe in re-imagining what our world can be like. We believe in a deeper understanding of how re-built food systems can support health on all levels - healthy environments, healthy economies, healthy communities and healthy bodies."

#### Territorialeseed.com

"Territorial Seed Company is a privately held company, wholly owned by Tom and Julie Johns. Purchased in 1985 from its founder Steve Solomon, Tom and Julie have grown the business substan-

tially over the past 26 years but have never strayed far from the original course set by Steve."

#### Fedcoseeds.com

"Fedco Seeds, your source for cold-hardy selections especially adapted to our demanding Northeast climate. Each year we observe hundreds of varieties, selecting only the best for inclusion in our catalogs. Through our product lines and cultural hints, we encourage sustainable growing methods. We offer a large selection of certified-organic cultivars and regional heirloom varieties. We buy products from all over the world."

"We are a cooperative, one of the few seed companies so organized in the United States. Because we do not have an individual owner or beneficiary, profit is not our primary goal. Consumers own 60% of the cooperative and worker members 40%. Consumer and worker members share proportionately in the cooperative's profits through our annual patronage dividends."

#### Johnnyseeds.com

"Johnny's Selected Seeds is a privately held, employee-owned seed producer and merchant headquartered in Winslow, Maine, USA."

#### Tomatofest.com

"Gary Ibsen is the founder of TomatoFest®. Many gardeners call him "The TomatoMan". If you love tomatoes, and desire that garden fresh tomato taste, then you've come to the right place."

"Over 30 years ago, a Portuguese farmer, who lived down the road, offered me an organically grown heirloom tomato, right from his garden. The pleasurable experience I had, as I bit into that sweet, ripe heirloom tomato, charted my heirloom tomato gardening journey!"

#### Seedsavers.org

"Seed Savers Exchange is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), member supported organization that saves and shares the heirloom seeds of our garden heritage, forming a living legacy that can be passed down through generations."

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# Emerald Get-Out-Guide

## Camelot Stables

Trinidad, CA

**Dana Murguia**  
 Assistance Columnist

My father used to ride religiously at a stable called "Camelot" in Trinidad, CA. Riding spirited horses was a pastime of ours that stretched back nearly four decades, and I resisted returning to his special place until this past October since he would no longer be there.

For those who are seeking tamer rides, fear not. Most Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Trinidad there is a little-known communion of spirits who share a love of horses. My husband and I went to scope it out for the Get-Out-Guide because we have a family friend, Sally Upatisinga, who goes regularly in her wheelchair. The stable uses all-gelding, Norwegian Fjord horses for their calm and gentle disposition.

*We think Sally says it best:*

"Ten years ago I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Before long I found myself giving up much of the life I had taken for granted - traveling the world alone, impromptu trips to the beach or the mountains, and eventually walking unaided. In the midst of the 'giving up', and to everyone's surprise (mine included), I learned to ride a horse. Suddenly, I had a new life and that new life led me to the kindness that is Camelot and 4-H TRAIL."

From the Camelot brochure, "During the last nearly three decades, 4-H T.R.A.I.L. has served hundreds of people of all ages in a variety of ways. We offer assisted trail



rides through the forest and on the bluffs overlooking Trinidad State Beach."

What always amazed me about my father, and I saw the same thing in the volunteers at 4-H T.R.A.I.L., was that his love for horses was so great he was willing to spend hours of his time sharing that love with others. This meant grooming, saddling, assisting with the mount from the ground (in the case of Camelot, the mount is elevated so that disabled riders are able to mount more easily), and walking patiently for hours on end leading the horse so that someone

else could experience the joy of the ride.

I spoke with Doug Jager, founder of Camelot, who told me a story about Kaitlin, a girl who came to their stable for the first time as a three-year-old. "It is hard to explain to someone that age who cannot speak or see that you are putting a helmet on her head so that she stays safe while on the horse," Doug said. During her first ride, Doug advised the volunteers to "just start moving that horse", and as soon as they did, Kaitlin stopped screaming. Up to that point, according to Doug, Kaitlin had never said a word. Then one Saturday, Kaitlin was in the kitchen with her mother who asked, "What do you think about going riding on Saturday, Kaitlin?" Kaitlin replied, "Walk on, Lance" repeating the command she had heard the volunteers at 4-H T.R.A.I.L. repeat to get her horse to go. Doug shared that Kaitlin now often sings and leads the entire riding group in a song, and that she will clearly be able to achieve whatever she wants to do in life. He didn't say as much, but it was obvious he attributed her awakening to the world to the magic of the ride.

Awaken your world. Contact Camelot and volunteer, donate, or ride. 707-677-0604 or email us at camelot@suddenlink.net. Facebook at: 4-H T.R.A.I.L.

Dana Murguia owns CareMatch, a professional caregiver recruitment firm. You can read the full-length article at the blog: caregiverhire.com.

Back in the day, Arcata had a club called Brew n' Beats on the plaza. It was live. Anyone of that era remembers how their hearts dropped when they first saw the mural (by the pool tables) had been painted over. From Cafe Tomo to Jambalaya, Hefe's to Siren's Song Tavern, we love to dance our "mules" off! What about Humboldt Brewery (now HumBrews)? Do you remember Bradley of Sublime smashing through the front window and the crowd moshing with delight? I do, because imprinted on my soul is the music that moves me. Arcata Theatre Lounge, Sidelines, Palm Lounge, Red Fox Tavern, 330 Club, Mateel Community Center, The Alibi, Six Rivers Brewery, Ocean Grove, and all the others out there in our community, thank you for providing our "church."

When the music hits, you feel no pain. Most people want a piece of that liberation. Who are the torch carriers? How does it stay alive? Who feeds the hunger? There's a saying about "it takes a village", and one of those villages is Deep Groove Society, born and raised since 1999 in our very own Humboldt County!

On a Sunday afternoon in Bayside, Ca., my daughter Kiana and I got a chance to chat it up with one of the founding DJs of this eclectic group, J Sun. Walking into his studio was comfortable and welcoming. We sat situated on a vintage velvet couch surrounded by hundreds of records and all kinds of equipment that makes the magic happen. This is his element, and the perfect place to reminisce.

# interview with J Sun of Deep Groove Society

Interview by Jeri Vergil and Kiana Vigil-Gibbs | Photography by Jesse Rather

J Sun's love of the electronic music scene started at age 13. With two older brothers paving the way down in Southern California where J Sun grew up, he knew he wanted a piece of the action. When the brothers were away doing gigs he was too young to be at, J Sun would practice at home spinning vinyl. By the age of 15, he had his first garage gig! From there he started building his music library and DJ equipment and hasn't stopped. In 1999 he was offered a paid gig in Blue Lake, and shortly after that started throwing parties up in Northern Humboldt. In 2005 he graduated from Humboldt State University when the electronic dance music scene was exploding! During that time, J Sun and some of his DJ friends decided to form Deep Groove Society. What started out as an all ages Sunday afternoon outdoor social gathering is now an eclectic group of artists with many differing talents such as visual graphics, fire dancing, hooping, and other creative forces that help bring people to a state of true essence.

When asked what he thinks one of the high moments for their group is, J Sun speaks of a festival called Firefall that has grown from a little over a hundred to over five hundred people in just a few years. He talks about how amazing it is to be able to bring guest DJs that he loves from around the globe and throw a legit party in our lil' neck of the woods. Earning the respect from the new and the older

of the scene is a positive outcome from the group's collective effort. Though Humboldt may be smaller than where the majority of big electronic music scenes may come from, J Sun boasts humbly about how Humboldt has what it takes to throw down an amazing party as worthy as any other in a large city. And J Sun would know, because he has traveled to various areas of the US playing parties, as well as international venues in countries such as Spain and Greece.

Each question we asked J Sun was answered with true depth and perception, which showed us he truly embodies a passion and love for music. This in turn makes him a perfect channel to deliver beats that move the soul. When asked to look forward to 2030 and how much technology will up the game, he explains that regardless of technology, the true competition is how the crowd responds, and that will never change. One thing that has made it a bit easier, J Sun points out, is the ability to deliver an abundance of selection by accessing music through digital means, instead of lugging a hundred pounds of records into the club. Personally, I love records, but I can say I see his point! As a parent of a teenager who is about to go to a huge outdoor electronic music



festival called *SnowGlobe* in Tahoe, I wanted her to hear words of advice from a seasoned insider of the scene on making wise choices. J Sun looked at Kiana and said how important it is to confide in the people who love you. There are many things in the world that sparkle and shine and it doesn't mean they are good for you. He talked of altered-verses-sober states of mind, and he urges people to get to know the music through its pure state so that you can see it doesn't take a drug to escape. *The music, vibe, and your open heart are enough.* Liberation is there and available to access without the help of a little blue pill.

There are good and bad trips, and J Sun talks of the many lost due to unwise decisions and altered substances.

What do we have to look forward to in 2015 from Deep Groove Society? They will continue to do their weekly Sunday party at the Jambalaya, as well as a once-a-month, come-dressed-to-impress at the Pearl Lounge. J Sun says there are other things brewing and to check out their Facebook page for upcoming events. Also, J Sun wants people to feel free to suggest ideas and add talents to Deep Groove Society. For this group, the circle is open but never broken, and that's just the type of foundation that will keep the beats alive and bumping! May the beat go on and on and on!!!!

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# Emerald EXPERIENCE

Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area

*Wild ocean on one side,  
old-growth forest on the other*

**Jennifer Savage**  
Adventure Columnist

Image courtesy of Ocean Conservancy



California has no shortage of amazing coastal places to visit. One quick way to narrow your options is to check out any of the state's marine protected areas – the same characteristics that make these sites worth protecting also make them stand out as fantastic locations to explore. Much like our state and national parks safeguard wildlife and habitats on land, marine protected areas (MPAs) conserve marine ecosystems and the sea life that depend on them. California is the only state in the nation – thanks to the Marine Life Protection Act – that has an entire network of MPAs along its coastline.

Diverse habitats mean a variety of marine life and, often, exponential beauty.

Some MPAs are perfect for diving, kayaking, even surfing. On the North Coast, however, the ocean tends toward cold and rough, so better to enjoy most of our marine protected areas from shore, especially in the winter months. One easily accessed and stunning beach expands parallel to the Reading Rock State Marine Conservation Area and adjacent to Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

#### Planning your trip

Before you go, check the tide, either online or via one of the tidebooks readily available in any of Humboldt's outdoor stores. For the sake of safety, you want to be sure you're strolling the beach at a low tide (And, as any local will tell you, never turn your back on the ocean!). Winter temperatures average around 52 degrees during the day, so dress accordingly – layers are recommended, along with waterproof shoes and jacket. Bring snacks and plenty of water.

#### How to get there

Take U.S. Hwy. 101 to the town of Orick, then head west on Hufford Road, adjacent to Redwood Creek. Stay left at the forks and follow the twists and turns 1.9 miles, past the horses, until you reach the end, where you can park and immediately admire the crashing waves and impressive sea stacks. Off in the distance, slightly to the north, stands the MPA's namesake,

#### More about MPAs

Marveling at the beauty and inhaling the crisp salty air is easy. These are things you can see and taste. Looking at the ocean, tumultuous and enigmatic, and understanding what's happening beyond what we can see is more challenging. Know that according to global studies, marine protected areas like the one encompassing the state waters off Orick contribute to healthier and stronger ocean ecosystems. This helps ensure bountiful fisheries and offsets threats such as pollution and climate change. Find out more at [californiampas.org](http://californiampas.org).

#### After your trek

Dining options in Orick are few and sporadic, so we have to recommend going one of two established routes. Your southerly choice is to head about 20 miles south on 101 to Larrupin Café, (707) 677-0230, 1658 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad. Open seven nights a week for dinner, Larrupin is beloved by locals and world travelers alike. If you're northbound, travel about 26 miles to The Historic Requa Inn, (707) 482-1425, 451 Requa Road, Klamath. During this off-season, the Requa offers light dining in the form of delicious paninis and fresh salads every evening from 5 to 7 p.m., with a choice selection of beer and wine. Do stay the night if you can – few places are as relaxing.

#### Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

Broaden your conservation exploration by including Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in your itinerary. The park is home to awe-inducing old growth coastal redwoods, along with western hemlock, Douglas firs, Sitka spruce and red alder, with options for hiking and mountain biking ranging from easy to challenging. Wildlife includes the plentiful Roosevelt elk, the occasional black bear, lots of deer, spotted owls, marbled murrelets, and even mountain lions and bobcats. Both the Visitor Center and the Nature Store are open all year round. Call (707) 488-2039 for more information.

# Cabot Vineyards

Orleans, California

By Jasmine Lang

Photos Courtesy of Cabot Vineyards

*We love creating wines in this beautiful, wilderness area of California. Cabot Vineyards has the northernmost vineyards and winery in California. We are surrounded by National Forest and a scenic river which makes our location ideal. At our family-run winery we make wines as unique as the place they come from. With attention to detail, we allow the wine to display the pure characteristics of place and variety. We are a very small production winery which enables us to control quality in every step of the process. Cabot Vineyards is founded on the belief that making superior wines requires hands on craftsmanship. Anyone looking for an authentic, pure experience will love these wines. Take an adventure into a remote corner of Northern California with Cabot Vineyards wines and taste the depth of character that Nature creates.*

*Cheers,*

*John & Kimberly Cabot*



The first impression of an overly made-up individual often makes the true beauty hard to distinguish. The resemblance between an overly made-up individual and an overly made-up bottle of wine are one and the same. Often-times, the more popular expensive wines are conceived in new oak barrels. When wine is developed in older barrels, the authenticity of each grape is created. The new oak is characterized as make-up. Without all the make-up, what should a true bottle of naturally handcrafted wine taste like? "Our clients expect to taste the land's characteristics and the soul of our vineyards in each bottle of wine," John Cabot, the owner and winemaker of Cabot Vineyards expressed. John Cabot began as an organic produce farmer. With the influence of his friends, he began planting grapes in 1998. By 2001, the first commercial vintage of Cabot Vineyards was designed.

Cabot Vineyards provides the most organic winemaking process, from the planting of every single grapevine to the bottling of each flavor of wine. The land is essential to the identification of Cabot Vineyards. Each vineyard is delicately selected in harmony with its specific needs. John enjoys the craftsmanship of the winemaking process, but out of respect and love for the land of Humboldt County he allows the authenticity of the land structure each individual grape. He describes his grapes as, "beautiful with secondary characteristics". The secondary characteristics are the uniqueness of the area which create balance and good structure. The unique characteristics of each vineyard influences the delightful flavor of each bottle of wine.

John loves to work side-by-side with his kids, Aria and Reed, who each have a vineyard named after them. Aria's vineyard was planted in 2003, the year she was born. In Aria's vineyard you will find Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, and

Zinfandel. Reed's vineyard overlooks the beautiful Klamath River valley. Involving his children in his passion gives them the opportunity to learn their father's craft. Cabot Vineyards has made a mark in the wine industry and a legacy that will now be passed down from generation to generation. Cabot Vineyards' success is purely a result of love for the land of Humboldt County. When you love and nurture your passion, only the best outcomes will prevail.

Cabot Vineyards continues to grow as they plan to expand their production. Soon they will be branching out and introducing a sparkling wine! Sparkling wine is a universal favorite. If you are looking for a smooth fruity flavor for this season, grab a bottle of their 2011 Zinfandel. Cabot Vineyards ensures that their clients keep coming back for more and more. I can't wait to see what else is in the future for Cabot Vineyards as Aria and Reed get more involved!



# Emerald TRAVELS



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Going to school at Humboldt State University was great for my education and social life. It was mellow and laid-back, as well as crazy. And that could be said for Arcata's nightlife as well, where my fellow classmates and I, friends, and sometimes professors would descend down to the local watering holes and start the trifecta at Everett's. Then we'd work our way to Toby and Jack's. Then, if we were willing enough, we'd hop our way over to Sideline's and watch National Geographic at work.

Those three bars opened my eyes to what else could be out there around the world, where there are different venues and nightlife options to choose from. I have been privileged to travel to the countries I've been to, and been fortunate enough to receive hangovers in almost every single one, all with the unique beverages that each country is famous for. All have their own beer, and I tossed back those from every country, along with the cocktails unique to the region. And the same could be said for venues, from street festivals to nightclubs on the top of the world.

Now, to pick a favorite would be something like choosing between eating Mexican food or Italian. You can't choose, for it depends on your mood for the day. It depends on

the type of drinking you want to do, the type of dancing you want to do, or the type of venue you want to be at. I really began to look back at



all the places that I have been and tried to figure out a place, let alone just a city, and couldn't figure out where I have been that possibly had it all.

But the second I flew home from a long six-month trip through South America, I realized that there was one place I missed more than the rest. And I realized that I missed it because it did have it all: Beauty, scenery, culture, and most importantly, the greatest variety of

party venues anywhere on the continent.

Cartagena, Colombia, on the Caribbean coast, has the allure of the tropics, the history of the Spanish, the culture of its past, and a nightlife that combines all into one giant melting pot of a good time. The hallowed historic one-way streets scream for a walk through while hoisting a beer or mojito.

Or if you fancy, walk into a small bar where you can see older married couples swinging each other around to soft salsa music. If you feel like grooving to the same music but at a faster tempo, you can go to the modern salsa clubs where the younger crowds are swinging faster and more complexly. And finally, if you want what all of us want in this time and era, you can climb the stairs to the top of the modern music era and get your freak on at the modern clubs.

When I traveled through South America, I found that all the countries had venues like I described above, all with their natural music and their own dance. But none had all of what I described above, all within the same city, let alone the same boroughs. So Cartagena, Colombia holds a special place deep inside me and will always be in the back of my mind if I feel the need to go on a quick party vacation with a taste of flavor.

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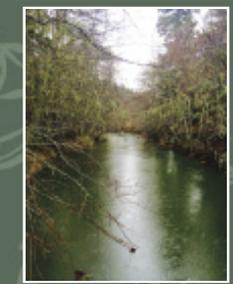
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