



The HOPE Coalition

Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

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Violence Is A Choice: moving toward a Department of Peace

by Margaret Koren

Robert Kennedy said in a 1968 speech *"...we seemingly tolerate a rising level of violence that ignores our common humanity and our claims to civilization alike. We calmly accept newspaper reports of civilian slaughter in far-off lands. We glorify killing on movie and television screens and call it entertainment. We make it easy for men of all shades of sanity to acquire whatever weapons and ammunition they desire...."*

Forty years later our culture continues to be divisive, encouraging hate and fear. It poisons relationships between "them" and "us" dividing people because of their color, belief systems, customs, gender, and sexual orientation. Our government spends billions of dollars on weapons and war with very little investment in averting violence at its root cause. We do have a number of schools, including our government's U.S. Institute for Peace, which teach strategies for peace. However, they are grossly under funded and not fully recognized by our cultural institutions. There is a growing number of organizations involved in violence prevention, mediation, and other peacemaking endeavors, yet most are dependent on fundraising and grants to continue their work to change our violent culture to one of peace. We know better—yet we still haven't institutionalized and funded them!

We need more balance in government to end the violence at home and stop the march to endless war. A cabinet-level Dept. of Peace and Nonviolence (DPN) could provide that balance by facilitating the research, funding, and implementation of the best practices to reduce violence. Since Dennis Kucinich first introduced HR 808 in 2001, hundreds of thousands of volunteers have lobbied their representatives to see the wisdom of endorsing this bill. We educate them as to how DPN shall provide cities, counties, and states with assistance to coordinate and institutionalize existing and new programs to end violence. Many cities have now passed resolutions to endorse HR 808, reintroduced in 2007, including Atlanta, Detroit, Cleveland, Oakland, San Jose, San Francisco, Minneapolis, and Los Angeles.

We at The Peace Alliance, have coordinators in all 50 states and team leaders in almost 300 congressional districts. We have volunteers providing professional help in marketing, education, nonviolent communication, and valuable peace-building strategies. Our government representatives are beginning to realize that we are passionate about this work and that we are not going away!

Also exciting is the growing movement of youth who have been inspired to work for a culture of peace. They are learning to "be" peace through nonviolent communication and mediation, and learning how to raise funds and lobby Congress. It shall be increasingly difficult for our representatives to ignore them—it is *their* future that is being destroyed. Aaron Voldman at Brandeis University in MA, with help from the Student Peace Alliance, has been mobilizing young people from 64 universities, colleges, and high schools.

People around the world are inspired by Kucinich's legislation for a DPN. Activists in at least 30 countries are now working for the same for their nations. Through the work of The Peace Alliance Foundation, (the non profit arm of our movement) and the Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace, three annual Global Summits have provided workshops for learning, assistance, and collaboration. The delegates are able to network, share tools, and strategies for connecting with each other and their governments to make violence prevention and nonviolent conflict resolution a national priority.

Last year's Summit in Japan, was attended by about 50 activists and government officials from 21 countries and 6 continents. Delegates from Cameroon, Ghana, Iraq, and Sierra Leone were denied visas by the Japanese government so were unable to attend. Many African countries were involved and had an impromptu meeting which led to the launching of the African Alliance for Peace. Secondly, there was the positive energy of our youth delegates who inspired many people, young and old, to join Japan United for a Ministry of Peace Thirdly, we celebrated Manish Thapa, a young university graduate from Nepal, who in the past year helped in the creation of that country's Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction. In 2005, Manish founded the Nepal Peace Initiative Alliance, a coalition to lobby the 7 key political parties, including the Maorist insurgents, who had been using extremely violent tactics in an effort to change the status and living the conditions of the Nepalese women, the caste system, and the oppressed rural community. The coalition moves toward a resolution of this violent 10 year conflict and leads toward making peace a national priority.

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PEACE NEWS

Thursday, April 24: Free Public Presentation by Marisa Handler, peace activist, speaker, writer, singer-songwriter. 7 - 9 pm at HSU Founder's Hall Rm. 25. Hosted by the Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace & Freedom. Info: 826-9197.

Saturday, May 10: Rally and March to Protest the Governor's Budget Cuts to Medi-Cal, in-home support services, mental health services and other "people" programs. 11 am - noon on the front lawn of the Humboldt County Courthouse. To participate, volunteer, or for more info: Tri-County Independent Living at 707- 445-8404.

The Redwood Peace & Justice Center, 1040 H St., in Suite B (the back offices off the alley behind skateboard shop). Hours sporadic at present. The RPJC Board is creating a long-term plan and will be launching a fundraising campaign soon for a new, larger space that will better serve the community. Watch this newsletter for further updates. Info: 826-2511 or www.rpjc.net.

ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, & CULTURE

Thursday - Saturday, April 24 - 26: HSU Ten-Minute Play Festival. Drama, comedy, fantasy and more. 7:30 pm at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928 or [Http://HSUStage.blogspot.com](http://HSUStage.blogspot.com).

Friday, April 25: 4th Friday Film Flicks: Hitchcock's "The Lady Vanishes." Classic films projected on the big screen--the way they were made to be seen. 7 pm at WCA, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. Refreshments available. Info: 677-9493.

Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26: College of the Redwoods' 18th Annual Plant Sale. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, house plants and landscape plants. Refreshments. Friday noon - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Info: 476-4100.

Saturday, April 26: The Buzz on Bees Lecture Series and Plant Sale. Three lectures on bees and beekeeping and a "Bee-friendly" plant and book sale. Noon - 4:30 pm at the HSU Natural History Museum, Arcata. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Info: 826-4479.

Saturday, April 26: Northcoast Environmental Center Art Auction and Dinner. Dinner by Hurricane Kate's, live flamenco guitar music and a wide variety of goods and services to bid on. Doors open at 5 pm at the Arcata Community Center. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.

Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27: Spring Fever Festival local artists, crafters, a plant market, food, and music. Handcrafted items only for sale. Support local non-profit groups and businesses. 10 am - 4 pm at Redwood Acres. Info: 443-8261.

Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27: 36th Annual Rhododendron Show. Flowers, plants, flower arrangements, photographs and educational displays. Free. 10 am - 5 pm Saturday, 10 - 4 Sunday at St. Bernard's Miles Hall, 115 Henderson St, Eureka.

Thursday, May 1: First Thursday Film Series: "A Dream in Doubt" by Tami Yeager is a personal story of national tragedy, murder, community and the American Dream, told through the eyes of the victim's brother. 6 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278 or www.humboldtarts.org.

Thursday - Saturday, May 1 - 3: HSU Ten-Minute Play Festival. Drama, comedy, fantasy and more. 7:30 pm at HSU's Gist Hall Theatre. \$5, \$3. Info: 826-3928 or [Http://HSUStage.blogspot.com](http://HSUStage.blogspot.com).

Friday, May 2: BBC'S "Planet Earth" Series: "From Pole to Pole" and "Mountains and Fresh Water" monthly film series. 7 pm at WCA, 501 S. Westhaven Drive. \$5 donation requested. Info: 677-9493.

Friday, May 2: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Friday - Sunday, May 2 - 4: 24th Annual CNPS Spring Wildflower Show; see page 3.

Saturday, May 3: Cinco de Mayo Festival. Parade down Ferndale's Main Street at 11 am, followed by Mexican Folkloric Dancing, authentic Mexican food and Mariachi music at Belotti Hall, Humboldt County Fairgrounds, noon - 3 pm. Info: 786-9668.

Sunday, May 4: 17th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast & Concert with performances by the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir and special guests, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir. Breakfast begins at 9 am, music at 10 am at the Arcata Community Center. \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors, under 5 free. Info: 822-4444.

Sunday, May 4: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Symphony at 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

Friday, May 9: HSU Music Dept. Humboldt Chorale and University Singers. 8 pm in the Fulkerson Recital Hall, HSU. \$7, \$3. Info: 826-3456.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Saturday, April 26: Humboldt Math Festival. Activities for kids and their families, including contests, demonstrations, make-and-take activities and career and college information. 10 am - 2 pm at the Bayshore Mall. Free. Info: 725-6980 or www.humboldtmathfestival.org.

Saturday, April 26: 2008 Rhododendron Festival Parade. Beginning at 10 am at 7th and E Streets, Eureka. Info: 442-3738.

Sunday, April 27: Pride Parents Potluck/Brunch Meeting. Participants are asked to bring whatever they and their children like to drink and a dish to share. Noon - 2 pm. For directions and information, or if you are unable to attend this event, and would like to be informed of future events: please call Susan McGee at 616-7898 or email PrideParents-owner@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 30: Drumming up a Story. Bring attention, imagination, and rhythm instruments. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, www.humlib.org.

Saturday, May 10: Second Saturday Family Arts Day: World Rhythms! Activities for youth and families, including belly dancing, shadow puppets and hands-on arts projects. Put on by the Humboldt Arts Council at the Morris Graves Museum. 2 - 4 pm at 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

Healthy Kids Humboldt, offering health care insurance by assisting with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Cal Kids applications for children. 517 3rd St, Eureka. Info: 442-6066, 445-6028 or Basha.Richter@co.humboldt.ca.us

Our House Temporary Youth Shelter, a project of RCAA's Youth Services Bureau. A safe place for youth 12 - 17 providing temporary shelter, counseling and crisis management. Info: 444- CARE (2273).

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

- Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26: College of the Redwoods 17th Annual Plant Sale.** Friday noon - 6 pm, Saturday 10 am - 6 pm. Proceeds support the C/R Agriculture Program. Plants of all types and sizes. Follow signs at C/R. Info: 476-4361.
- Saturday, April 26: Sequoia Park Plant Walk.** See trillium, candyflower, mitella, four species of fern, willows, and the invasive, non-native species that threaten them. Also see where weed warriors have rescued the natives from the invasive English ivy. Meet botanist Liz McGee at the fountain at T and Glatt Sts. Info: 443-5139.
- Monday, April 28: Input for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP),** an opportunity to ask for better bike and pedestrian infrastructure, better transit, and land use policy to support climate-friendly transportation modes. 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Azalea Hall, McKinleyville. Info: 822-6171.
- Friday - Sunday, May 2 - 4: 24th Annual CNPS Spring Wildflower Show** featuring hundreds of species of native and non-native wildflowers from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Native plant sale, book sale, presentations and more at Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Drive. Info and event schedule: 822-2015 or 822-7190.
- Saturday, May 3: May Day Compost Festival** CCAT and CRP (Campus Recycling Program) celebrate spring fertility with music, maypoles, tours of the new and existing CCAT facility, compost demonstrations, and free finished compost. Noon to 5 pm at CCAT. Free. Info: 826-3551.
- Sunday, May 4: Spring Farm Tour and Open House.** Walking tour of Redwood Roots Farm. 1 - 3 pm. Free. Info: 826-0211.
- Saturdays, Ongoing: free tours of the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.** Rain-or-shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.
- Saturdays, Ongoing: free tours of the Arcata Marsh.** A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh birds, ecology, history, or wastewater treatment. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, MISCELLANY

- Friday, April 25: Volunteer Day at World Shelters.** Community members are invited to help assemble clip kits from 11 am - 2 pm at World Shelters, a local non-profit that manufactures and distributes temporary structures in response to humanitarian need. 550 South G St., Suite 3 in Arcata. Info: 822-6600.
- Saturday, April 26: Starting Your Organic Garden: Seed Starting,** from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Farmer Janet Czarnecki demystifies starting your own seedlings. 1 - 4 pm at Redwood Roots Farm. Info: 826-0211.
- Sunday, April 27: Grains, Bread and Culture,** from Redwood Roots Farm Community Workshop Series. Grain farmer Kevin Cunningham will give a historical and cultural overview of grain cultivation and bread baking. 1 - 4 pm. Info: 826-0211
- Friday, May 2: "Land Use Where the Forest Meets the Sea: Your Voice, Your Future,"** a conference hosted by the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar of California designed for the general public as well as practicing lawyers, tailored to fit current issues facing California's North Coast. Info: Paul at 442-2927.
- Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR)** The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. DOORS lends support to volunteers with disabilities. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or www.a1aa.org/VCOR/.
- New Info: Fridays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups;** free, voluntary and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational, or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net.

MEETINGS

- Saturday, April 26: Funeral Consumers Alliance of Humboldt Annual Meeting,** featuring keynote speaker Mark Harris, author of "Grave Matters: A Journey Through the Modern Funeral Industry to a Natural Way of Burial." 1 - 3 pm at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Free. Info 822-8599.
- Sunday, April 27: Pride Parents Potluck/Brunch Meeting.** Participants are asked to bring whatever they and their children like to drink and a dish to share. Noon - 2 pm. For directions and information, or if you are unable to attend this event, and would like to be informed of future events: please call Susan McGee at 616-7898 or email PrideParents-owner@yahoo.com.
- Monday, April 28: Arcata Endeavor Board Meeting.** 3 - 6 pm at 501 9th St, Arcata. Info: 822-7128.

TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

Regularly scheduled programs are now listed in the insert. Special programs or specific guests will be listed here.

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums. Info: 768-3118 or buffy7@suddenlink.net

May 5, 7 - 8 pm,	KEET,	1 st District Supervisor:	Jimmy Smith, John Vevoda
May 7, 7 - 8:30 pm,	Garberville Vets Mem. Bldg.,	2 nd District Supervisor:	Roger Rodoni, Clif Clendenen; Estelle Fennell
May 12, 7 - 8 pm,	KEET,	3 rd District Supervisor:	Mark Lovelace, Paul Pitino, Bryan Plumley
May 14, 7 - 8 pm,	KEET,	2 nd District Supervisor:	Roger Rodoni, Clif Clendenen; Estelle Fennell
May 15, 7 - 8:30 pm,	Van Duzen River Grange,	2 nd District Supervisor:	Roger Rodoni, Clif Clendenen; Estelle Fennell

Bill Moyers Journal Interviews and news analysis on a wide range of issues. PBS, KEET TV Channel 13 on Fridays at 9 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am, or on the Internet at www.pbs.org/moyers/journal.

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV, was ACAT, was APEG, was HCMC). For program schedule, submission policies and program request forms, go to www.accesshumboldt.net. Info: 476-1798.

Thursdays at 1:30 pm: **Econews Report** is back on the air with hosts Greg King and Erica Terence; on KHSU, 90.5 FM. Info: 822-6918 or www.yournec.org.



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“Chaotic Action is Preferable to Orderly Inaction” Will Rogers

Potluck/Letter Writing Monthly: First Friday, next May 2, 6 pm at 2322 Golf Course Rd., Bayside. Bring change for postage and optionally info on issues. For more info: call Wendy at 822-9377. For monthly reminders: mobilmed@igc.org.

Violence Is A Choice (continued from page 1)

Here in the U.S., the answer is in learning to have open communication and to listen with empathy. Miki Kachtan from BayNVC in Oakland, a non profit organization she co-founded, facilitated the workshops in Japan. We experienced first hand the almost immediate healing and transformation which can occur. We learned much from Miki, as she remained neutral and non judgmental, actively listening and asking questions only for clarifying what was being communicated. Slowly she peeled off the so called “protective” layers to uncover the root causes of the underlying frustration, pain, or anger that affects us all to different degrees. When we have a DPN, children will be taught peaceful conflict resolution as soon as they start their formal education. Just imagine how automatic it will be for them to mediate their parents arguments. It will become second nature, just as it is now when they help their elders with electronic gadgets. They shall ultimately be the peacemakers.

The relationships between the police and our communities are increasingly more difficult. I believe that they are not using all the skills and tools at our disposal to quell disputes before they become out of control and violent. We are too ready to provide police with the latest weapons, but seem loathe to train our “peace officers” in peaceful conflict resolution.

As a society we choose violence when do not invest in cultural education and nonviolent communication skills in our schools and institutions. We choose violence when we make minorities the scapegoats of crime in a broken system which makes us fear one another. We choose violence when we do not concern ourselves with poverty and illness. We choose violence when we turn a blind eye to the violence of movies, video games, sports, television shows, and advertisements. We choose violence when we invest in companies who make weapons for war, or other businesses which destroy our environment. We choose violence when we ignore bullying, teasing, and insensitive remarks. We choose violence when we only inflict punishment and imprisonment rather than work on restorative justice and offering rehabilitation.

This is absurd when we know there are better options to provide human security. Let's choose to work for peace, to educate ourselves to “be” the peace we want to see in the world through education in peace studies. Let's choose peace by investing in peace with our creative talents, resources, energy, time, and money.

Please join me in this historical and unstoppable movement. It makes sense.

www.thepeacealliance.org

www.studentpeacealliance.org

(With special thanks. Author Margaret Koren is a long-time peace activist from Sonoma County)

--- HOPE Coalition Membership Application ---

The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize & promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally & socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following organizations: Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, & Human Service.

Membership: Renewal: [] New: []
 Individual memberships: \$13 - \$25 per year.
 Organizational memberships: \$25 - \$100 per year.

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The HOPE Coalition - PO Box 385 Arcata, CA 95518 - hopecoalition@igc.org - www.hopecoalition.org
 The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

PEACE NEWS

Peace Vigils Fridays 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

Vets for Peace Silent Vigil; Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56 meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at the Arcata Marsh Commons. Info: 826-7124.

Women in Black stand in silent vigil every **Friday 5 - 6 pm** at the **Arcata Plaza**, 8th & G, at the **Humboldt County Courthouse** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY

Access Humboldt (Channels 10 & 12, public access TV). For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms: www.accesshumboldt.net. Channel 12 schedule posted weekly in the Arcata Eye. Info: 476-1798.

COMMENTARY on KEET TV Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm

NOW with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:

COMMENTARY on KGOE 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.

Peter B. Collins, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.

COMMENTARY on KHSU, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

The EcoNews Report with Greg King. 1:30 pm Thursdays.

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.

COMMENTARY on KMUD, 88.3 fm, 923-2513. **Counterspin**, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

Alternative Radio, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.

Animal Advocate, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, animaladvocate4@yahoo.com.

A World of Possibilities locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.

Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman; noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.

Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report; 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

Politically Correct Week in Review, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

All Things Reconsidered with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

Global Stuff call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

Adopt-the-Bay. Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

Audubon Society Field Trips; Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Kloop Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.

Friends of the Dunes; Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org. Complete calendar: www.friendsofthedunes.org.

Friends of the Marsh guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project. Join others to promote the solutions to global warming. 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Arcata Public Library Conference Room. Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org; www.redwoodalliance.org.

Wild Urban Gardeners! Meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

ARTS

Arts Alive! Eureka; first Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.

Arts! Arcata; second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.

The Ink People; 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 www.inkpeople.org.

Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery; H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, www.arcataartisans.com.

Westhaven Center for the Arts; 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, www.westhavenarts.org.

First Street Gallery; 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or www.humboldt.edu/~first.

Clarke Historical Museum; 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or www.clarkemuseum.org.

Morris Graves Museum; 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. www.humboldtarts.org

MEETINGS

Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission; 1st Tues. 6:30 pm at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Info: 822-5951.
Commission on Status of Women meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/.
Eureka Greens meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: www.EurekaGreens.com.
Green Wheels; Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: mail@green-wheels.org or www.green-wheels.org.
Humboldt County Human Rights Commission meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.
Humboldt Democratic Central Committee; 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or www.humboltdemocrats.org.
Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.
Humboldt Watershed Council at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: sheds@humboldt1.com.
Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance. Call for meeting times: ncalview@igc.org or 839-3824.
NAACP; Regular 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, **PAC** at 2:30 pm, Cooper Gulch Ctr., 8th & Myrtle, Eureka. Info: 268-8287 or 442-2638.
North Coast IWW, the Wobblies meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.
Northern Humboldt Greens meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email arcata@greens.org.
Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project, promoting solutions to human-caused climate change. Meet 2nd & 4th Mondays, 5:30 pm
1175 G St. Arcata, upstairs. Info: 822-6171, climatechange@redwoodalliance.org or www.redwoodalliance.org.
Redwood Chapter ACLU meets 3rd Thursday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Blog at redwoodaclu.blogspot.com. Info: 215-5385.
Sequoia Greens of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or encimer@hotmail.com.
Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter); 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.
Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56); 1st Thursday at 7 pm in Arcata. Info: 826-7124.
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF); meets the last Monday, 7 - 9 pm at the Arcata Public Library, 500
7th St., Arcata. Info: Carol at 668-1901.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Arts in the Afternoon; a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata
Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.
Cyber Tribe; a local non-profit business where youth can use and gain knowledge in computers. Open to age 12 - 19. Info: 826-1160.
HSU's Natural History Museum, 1315 G St. Arcata. Free drop-in programs on Saturdays at 1 pm. Program info: 826-4479.
Humboldt County Library in Eureka Story Hour: 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.
Humboldt County Teen Court is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.
Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center; regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth
Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.
Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth; Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30
- 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

Buddhist Queers (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.
Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on
Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.
Humboldt Community Switchboard can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or www.theswitchboard.org.
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups; all services are free. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-Hour Crisis Line: 443-
6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.
Humboldt Literacy Project, to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free &
confidential. Info: 445-3655 or www.humlit.org.
Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT) pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.
North Coast Rape Crisis Team; 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.
The Area 1 Agency on Aging sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or www.a1aa.org.
The Emma Center Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite
207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or info@emmacenter.org or www.emmacenter.org.
Vision Loss Services; Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or www.lighthouse-sf.org.