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# The Westport Wave

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## Then And Now

Steve Brigham, Editor

Sometimes it seems that time just stands still in our little town, where some things aren't that much different than they were 100 years ago. But then at other times, time seems to go by all too quickly. The photo at right was taken at the Westport School in 2003 – now, all of these kids have grown up. For the girl in blue striking a pose right in front of teacher Kathleen, it was her very first day of school ever the day this photo was taken. To see what she's doing 12 years later, see page 5.



## Otto Marsh Memorial June 13<sup>th</sup>

Lois Senger

All the community is invited to a **Celebration of Otto's Life on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM on the Westport Headlands**. It would be nice to share pictures, so bring any you have of Otto and the Deli over the years. There will be a time to share stories that people remember, so put your memory hat on and hit recall. Or maybe there are those of you that are musically inclined and willing to play some music or sing a song. We plan to take Rick Marsh (Otto's son) out in a Kayak/boat to scatter Otto's ashes. Lin Taylor will lead us in a closing, and Rick has invited us to come to the Westport Deli after the Headlands gathering. If you have a food dish you want to share, that you think Otto would have enjoyed, please bring it to the Deli. Beverages and set-up will be provided. This is a coming together of the community to honor a beloved Westportian who lived and shared his life with us. Hope you can come!

June is indeed the month for graduations, and congratulations to WVFD Emergency Medical Technician graduates John Allison, Glen Jones, and Jeff Mathias, and also to Glen Jones as a Fire Academy graduate as well (see page 4 for more).

This month, we mark another passage – that of Otto Marsh, who passed away on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Otto, his wife Thelma, and their Westport Inn and Deli were the focal point of Westport for many years – see article at right for information on this month's June 13<sup>th</sup> memorial service for Otto on the Headlands. June is also the month we honor so many more Westportians who have passed on, at our Westport Cemetery Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> (see page 4 for more).

There's lots more "timely" local news in this month's *Westport Wave*, including new summer classes at the Westport Community Recreation Center (see class calendar at the end of this newsletter). With the summer solstice coming up on June 21<sup>st</sup>, may time be on *your* side, and may you have a great summer!

## Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council is a local forum where issues that affect our community are discussed and actions can be taken to communicate concerns to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and other government agencies. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Westport Church at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. You can find out more about the WMAC at:

<http://www.westportmac.org/>

At its June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the WMAC will consider several topics that may interest you. They include the standing dead timber issue involving intentional killing of hardwoods like tanoak with herbicides, and also telephone problems, improvement of local broadband access, and speed limits in the village of Westport. There is also a vacancy on the Council for an Alternate Director. If you are interested in representing your community, consider applying to the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors office. Current vacancies and an application for an appointment are available at:

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/Forms.htm>

## Fire-Safe Grant From PG&E For Clearing 100' Defensible Space

Frank Maurice, Chief, WVFD

A grant is now available from PG&E for clearing, pruning, and chipping around your home. If you need this assistance, please contact Madelin Holtkamp at the Mendocino Fire Safe Council (phone: (707) 462-3662, e-mail [firesafe@pacific.net](mailto:firesafe@pacific.net)). Please send Madelin "before work" photos so she can order the brush work contractors, and then send her the "after work" photos so she can send proof of work done.

**Please Note: this is a time-sensitive grant, and must be used soon!**



Julie Drucker explains the finer points of edible seaweed.

## Seaweed Harvesting Workshop with Julie Drucker on June 20<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Mathias

On Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Julie Drucker of Yemaya Seaweeds will be returning to Westport to lead anyone who is interested in a group outing to identify and harvest seaweed. The day will begin at 8:00AM at the tide pools with instruction on identification and proper harvesting techniques. When the group is finished harvesting, they will head to the home of Baile Oakes to dry what has been collected and enjoy a potluck lunch followed by instruction on culinary and medicinal uses of the various species found. The workshop will end around 4:00PM. The suggested cost for the workshop is \$30-\$60 on a sliding scale, with no one turned away. Children are welcome to attend and may attend free of charge. Please contact Julie at (707) 513-7397 if you are interested in attending, and she will give you further details on where to meet the group.

## Kids' Movie Night June 27<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Mathias

Since we wound up canceling last month, this month's movie feature will be *Madagascar*. Doors will open at 6:00PM on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with the movie starting when the popcorn is ready (usually by 6:20). Bring pillows and blankets/sleeping bags for the kids and a comfy chair for yourself.





The Westport Community Church

## Westport Church June Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is pleased to offer a variety of experiences to help us discover ways to become more in touch with our spiritual heritage. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly gatherings at the Church to explore various spiritual paths. All suggestions and participants for services are welcome at the Westport Church – and we welcome all denominations to hold services here!

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month have a regularly scheduled focus. The 1st Sunday and the rare 5th Sunday have purposefully been left open for community members to suggest other speakers/focus for these days. Please contact Millie Saunders at 964-3030 regarding your suggestions and help.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** – open for a community member to fill or there will be no meeting this day. Please call Millie if you are interested.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, “Forgiveness and Gratitude”**

Forgiveness equals Freedom. Unforgiveness equals bondage. The act of forgiving is one of the toughest challenges we face in the physical and yet is crucial to our health and quality of life, holding us back from the joy and richness that is our full potential.

Carolyn Cathey, Student Practitioner, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, shares how to release ourselves from the shackles of unforgiveness and how to go even further, to gratitude for the gift within.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katherine White is helping us to establish an ongoing Quaker Worship Group meeting on the third Sunday of every month. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katherine reading Quaker passages and a shared discussion of our experience including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, June, 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Mettika Hoffman, Fort Bragg Buddhist Sanga, Three Jewels Hall**

Mettika will open this morning by leading us in a guided meditation. Following will be a presentation of the Buddha's teachings on what it means to live a harmless life for self and others by creating safety and well being for all. These teachings help us to refrain from adding to our suffering, stress, anxiety in our selves and others. Time for discussion will follow the presentation.

*Cindy Mettika Hoffman is a lay minister in the Thai Forest Tradition and certified Dharma leader. She offers ongoing educational opportunities on Buddhism at Three Jewels Hall in Fort Bragg.*

**Please remember: All Sunday Services/Meetings at the Westport Community Church begin promptly at 10:00AM. Please come join us!**

**Oceans of Thanks to Westportian Bob Finnell, who professionally and singlehandedly painted the Church kitchen in May. Bob did an incredibly beautiful job, volunteering all of his time and use of his equipment. This project was also made possible by a generous grant from the CLOM Institute, plus a donation from Norvell's of Fort Bragg. Thank you so much to Bob and our generous donors, as we work on upgrading our Church kitchen facilities for all to use!**



## Westport Cemetery Day June 14<sup>th</sup>

Steve Brigham

The Westport Cemetery will celebrate its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Westport Cemetery Day on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM at the Westport Cemetery**. Featured will be a guided tour of the Cemetery by Operations Director Steve Brigham, highlighting past history as well as future improvements. Of special interest this year will be a presentation and discussion on the idea of creating a small landscaped seating area within the Westport Cemetery. This could take the form of a gazebo, or perhaps just an open-air seating area – but would function as a focal point for the cemetery as well as a soothing, contemplative place (with an ocean view) for visitors. It would be completely consistent with our status as a historical cemetery and would only increase its appeal and usefulness.

The Westport Cemetery is one of the most scenic historic cemeteries in the USA. It is also Westport's finest museum, where so many of our founding mothers and fathers are memorialized. The Westport Cemetery is also very much a functioning cemetery, with plenty of space for interments for many generations to come.

Plan on visiting the Westport Cemetery at 1:00PM on June 14<sup>th</sup> to learn more about its history, how we operate, and how you can purchase a space for yourself or a loved one. We also need your input on what you think might look best as we preserve the best of our Westport history in the most kind and conscientious way. See you on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>!

## Congratulations To Our EMT and Fire Academy Graduates!

Frank Maurice, Chief, WVFD

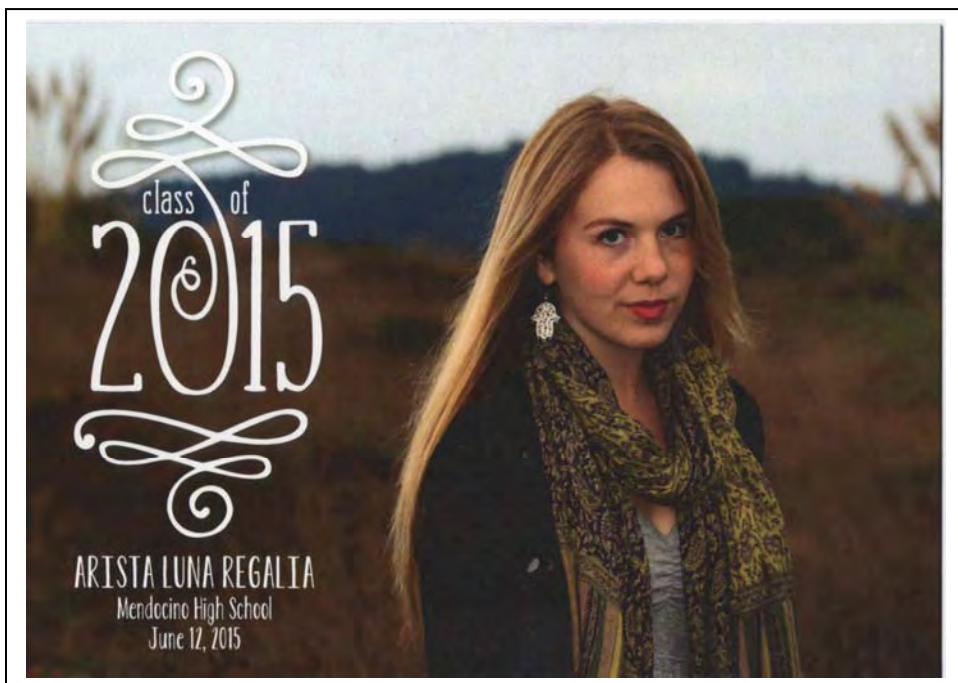
The Westport Volunteer Fire Department's John Allison, Glen Jones, and Jeff Mathias have all completed the 160-hour Emergency Medical Technician class in Laytonville. For the last four months, they have trained five hours a night twice a week learning all medical skills from Aortic Aneurysm to Zygomatic Arches – in other words, all the medical skills from A to Z. This is a very detailed and comprehensive course that teaches Fire Fighters to manage all types of medical emergencies while the paramedics and flight nurses are in route to provide us with advanced life support.

Glen Jones has also completed the entire Mendocino County Fire Chief's Fire Academy training. For three months, Glen spent every weekend at a different fire station in Mendocino County, learning fire fighting skills that include: Fire Behavior, Incident Command, Fire Fighter Safety and Wellness, Wildland Fire and Use of Fire Shelters, Ropes and Knots, Ladders, Hoses, and Nozzles, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Smoke Drills, Auto Extrication, Hazardous Materials, Hand Tool Use, Structure Ventilation, Forcible Entry, Overhaul and Salvage, Confined Space, Communications, and Fire Fighter Safety and Survival – plus the last class which is the Live Burning Trailer, where Fire Fighters do Interior Structure Attack and Rescue in a live fire where the temperature is several hundred degrees with lots of real fire.

**Congratulations and Thanks to John, Glen, and Jeff – you guys rock!**

### *24/7 Westport Wave*

Did you know that the easiest way to read *The Westport Wave* is on the Newsletter page of our website [westportvillagesociety.org](http://westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll always find the most current issue as well as all the monthly back-issues back to November 2011 all in living color, with live links for your convenience!



*Editor's Note: Anytime anyone gets accepted to UC Santa Cruz, it's big news – now celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year, this beautiful campus is on many, many top ten lists of all the universities in the USA, and has produced so many graduates who are the very leaders of our world today. It is also my alma mater. UCSC really made my life, and I am proud to say that I was a pioneer there in the 1970s, when both the campus and I were relatively young! Congratulations, Arista! –S.B.*

## WVFD Responding

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD

## Arista Regalia To Attend UCSC

Tabitha Korhummel

We are so excited to announce our middle daughter's high school graduation! Arista was born at home to her parents Tabitha Korhummel and Beck Regalia at her Grandmother Nita Regalia's house on Pelican St. She attended the Westport School until 3rd grade (at the time the school was K-3<sup>rd</sup>). She spent 3rd through 5th grades at the Caspar Creek Learning Community, and then on to Mendocino for 6th through 12th grade.

Living on this beautiful coast inspired Arista's love of nature and also her college major, Planetary and Earth Sciences! She has been accepted to her first choice college, UC Santa Cruz. Arista has been awarded local scholarships from the Mendocino Coast Environmental Society and The Gem and Mineral Society.

All forms of help and advice are of benefit now to Arista as she plans her new adventure, including any leads on student housing and tips on college life in the Santa Cruz area, as well as tuition donations. She is also looking for a gently used mountain bike with good gears to get around campus, and could use a laptop computer as well. On the back of her graduation announcement is this quote by Carl Sagan: **"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."**

## Mendocino County's New Reverse 911 System – Citizen Alert

Mendocino County has a new 911 management system run by the Sheriff's Department. A major feature is a completely revamped reverse 911 service. Before describing the system it is important to note that even if you registered your phone number, specifically your cell phone number, with the previous system, you must reregister.

### The Basics

The new system automatically includes all land line phone numbers in Mendocino County. That means all land lines have location coordinates if a 911 call is made from the phone and that the phone number will be called with emergency alert information pertinent to the location.

Cell phones and the new wireless based (cell phone tower) Home Phone services offered by most cell phone companies REQUIRE having the number registered, EVEN if you registered the number in the past. Many people and families in the WVFD response area have dropped land line service in favor of cell service.

### Registering Your Number

The registration process is done online through the Mendocino County Sheriff's web site:



<http://www.mendocinosheriff.com>

On the web site's home page you will see a picture of Sheriff Allman, and just below the picture is a link "Sign up to our Emergency Alert System". That link will take you to the login page for the Mendocino County Citizen Alert Notification System, where you can set up a new account from another link near the bottom of the page. After entering a username and password you will be able to add additional information in three categories: My Location, My Information, and My Alert Subscriptions. Information entered is protected and only used for the 911 system. The system is "opt-in" – only enter what you want to.

**My Location** – you can enter multiple locations associated with the phone number. You also enter how you want to be contacted – text, voice, email, entering more than one method if you wish.

**My Information** – you have the option to enter any special skills, resources or needs that could be pertinent to an emergency situation.

**My Alert Subscriptions** – a range of specific alerts can be picked, including fire, law enforcement, weather, power outage, road conditions, etc.

### Additional Information

You can contact one of the Sheriff's Office 911 coordinators: Lori Keiser or Greg Blake, at (707) 463-4048. WVFD has anecdotal information that US Cellular provides the best coverage in our response area. US Cellular does offer wireless Home Phone service. If you wish to sign up and don't have internet access, WVFD can help. Contact Bill Knapp (964-7355) or Frank Maurice (357-1866).

## A Great 25<sup>th</sup> Rubber Ducky Event!

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Village Society hosted its **25<sup>th</sup> Great Rubber Ducky Races and BBQ** at the Westport Beach Campground and RV Park in Westport on Sunday May 10th. This family-oriented Mother's Day event was well attended, with 301 ducks entered in three races and over 300 meals served. The featured events began with a Decorated Duck beauty contest with many gorgeous handcrafted entries. First place went to Shelly Johnson's "Pea Duck", with Kenai Hale's "Rosie & Rosette Duck" winning second place



Shelly Johnson with first-place winner "Pea Duck"

and Emily Korhummel's "Diva Duck" in third. The drought conditions created a challenging course down Wages Creek for the Handcrafted, Kid's, and Classic rubber ducky races. The winners of the Handcrafted Race were Lucia Effer's "Flowerpower Girl" in first; Bill Stevens' "Hilda" in second, and Rose Shepaard's "Jazz" in third place. The winners of the Classic Race were Shelly's "Billy Bad" in first, Erika Freeman's "NHUM" in second, and Gary Cole's "Hail to the



Beautiful Duck winners Emily Korhummel (left) and Kenai Hale (right) (photo by Leslie Langslett)





The Kids' Race is about to begin!



The ducks hit The Billabong, and the Yellow Flag is out as course official Pete Dumars leads the way

Chef" in third. The Kid's race winners were Trevon's "Lebron" in first, Sol Childs' "Mummy Duck" in second, and Kylee's self-named duck in third. Every child received a prize for entering the race.

This year's fabulous quilt was won in a raffle by Greg Dougherty. After enjoying the BBQ, many sought out the delectable array of homemade desserts and purchased duck race memorabilia. Meanwhile, everyone enjoyed the local band *Anatidae latexensis Serenaders* (latin for Rubber Ducky Serenaders). The event produced a net revenue estimated at \$6,500 for the nonprofit Westport Village Society. This funding will be used to help manage the Westport Headlands Park and other charitable and educational activities in the Westport community.



The race picks up, and HERE'S THE WINNER!



AND THEY'RE OFF!



The Mighty Ducklings retrieving the ducks after they cross the finish line



## Save The Date – WVFD Annual Fundraising BBQ August 15<sup>th</sup>

Lin Taylor

Save the date – **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** – for the **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraising Barbecue**, which will be held on the Westport Headlands from 12:00PM to 5:00PM on that day. There will be live bands and kids' games, plus a host of talented vendors. Our famous BBQ of Tri-Tip and Chicken, plus vegetarian meals, will once again be just \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids under 12 and seniors 65 and over.

Would you like to have a sales booth at the BBQ? Booth space is free – we simply request a donation to the WVFD of 10% of your total sales, plus a raffle prize from your collection. Last year, over 350 people attended the WVFD BBQ, so this is a great summer sales opportunity!

The WVFD needs volunteers to help us hard-working fire fighters put on our annual fund-raising event. We need meal servers, dessert booth help, and help with the kids' games, and there are many other jobs before the BBQ and on the day of the event.

If you can help with the WVFD BBQ, or would like to be a vendor at this event, please call me, Lin Taylor, at (707) 357-0808, or e-mail me at [lintaylor@wildblue.net](mailto:lintaylor@wildblue.net). We'll have more information on the BBQ in the July issue of the *Westport Wave*.

## Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities In Westport

Gary Quinton

Do you need to serve court-ordered Community Service or serve in a Sheriff's Department Work Release program? Why not serve it in your community? We would value your time!

There are several places and varied types of work in Westport where you can provide your hours and get credit towards the satisfaction of your court order, including work for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District, and the Westport Village Society. Jobs include grass/weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with the registration paperwork and

compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton at 964-7073.

## June 2015 Westport Calendar

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Full Moon, 9:19AM

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – WMAC Meeting, 7:00PM, Church

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Otto Marsh Memorial, 10:00AM, Westport Headlands

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – “**Forgiveness and Gratitude**”, Carolyne Cathey, Center for Spiritual Living, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Cemetery Day, 1:00PM, Westport Cemetery

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 7:05AM

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Seaweed Harvesting Workshop, 8:00AM (see flyer on page 9 of this issue for details)

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Father's Day

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Summer Solstice, 9:39AM

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** – Kids' Movie Night, Westport Community Recreation Center, 6:00PM

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mettika Hoffman, Fort Bragg Buddhist Sanga, Three Jewels Hall, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

**June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Church

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# June 2015



## WESTPORT COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER (next to the Westport Church at 24900 Abalone Street)

## CALENDAR



**Ginger Bread House workshop 12/20/2014  
THANK YOU QUEENIE!!**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>CANCELLED</b> till further notice sorry 10:30-12:00 Yoga with Julia	2 9:00-10:30 a.m Tai Chi	3 Postponed till school gets out	4	5 Postponed till school gets out	6
7	8	9 9:00-10:30 a.m Tai Chi	10 Postponed till school gets out	11	12 Postponed till school gets out	13
14	15 <b>NEW</b> 8:30-9:45 YOGA	16 9:00-10:30 a.m Tai Chi	17 <b>New Time</b> 9:00-10:00 Zumba Toning	18	19 9:00-10:00 Zumba Toning	20
21	22 8:30-9:45 YOGA	23 9:00-10:30 a.m Tai Chi	24 9:00-10:00 Zumba Toning	25	26 9:00-10:00 Zumba Toning	27 <b>FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT</b>
28 <b>Hand Made Paper making class</b> <b>11:30</b>	29 8:30-9:45 YOGA	30 9:00-10:30 a.m Tai Chi				

Mondays Yoga with  
Julia is cancelled for  
now! Maybe she will be  
back in the fall. This  
class will be missed

Tuesday Tai Chi with  
Scott Menzies  
<http://www.pctaichi.com>  
(530)410-3333

Wed and Fri zumba  
toning use LIGHT  
weights to gently sculpt  
muscles while moving  
to world rhythms

New-Monday Yoga  
Back and Core focus`  
warm up moving with  
the breath then slow it  
down to support our  
core center  
Ending with relaxation!

Family movie night  
Get cozy wear your.  
jammies if you want!  
bring a cozy chair or pillow.  
We will provide popcorn

Handmade Paper  
With Donna All Ages

1.5 hour classes are \$12 drop in and \$10 with a PREPAY class pass 1 hour classes are \$8 drop in and \$6 with pass

Call Tabby @ 707-367-0010 for info or to schedule a class.

Like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WestportCommunityRecCenter>

# **Special Summer 2015 Classes at the Westport Community Recreation Center**

*All Special Classes start at 11:30AM. Pre-registration is required for these classes – please call Tabby at (707) 367-0010, or e-mail [tabikat@mcn.org](mailto:tabikat@mcn.org)*

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Create Beautiful Hand Made Paper** with Donna – by recycling old papers and adding natural fibers, flowers, etc. This hands-on activity is fun for all ages!

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Kids Chemistry with Sarah** – using basic items found in your kitchen to inspire!

**Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – Sew a Cute Coin Purse** with Aimee – beginners are welcome! Make a small purse that can be used as a gift card holder or a cute gift all its own. Quick and easy – it's fun to mix fabrics together, plus you will learn how to attach a snap! (This class is too complicated for young children) \$10.00

**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Herbal Salve Making** with Tabby – we will make all-purpose healing salve, using plant allies from your back yard! \$10.00