



Round Valley Reader

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PRESENT: Restoring Round Valley—the ERRP’s Current & Future Innovations in Community Engagement & Conservation

Written by Michelle Peñaloza, pictures courtesy of the Eel River Recovery Project website

The Eel River Recovery Project (ERRP) hosted a meeting of the Round Valley Education Committee on January 21, 2024 to inform the community about the outcomes of a DWR Urban Stream Restoration Program (USRP) grant, co-sponsored by RVCWD, to raise awareness and garner support for restoring Mill Creek and its tributaries, including Town Creek. Additionally, the meeting discussed the success of the Round Valley Creek Trash Cleanup this past October and facilitated further community dialogue on mitigating stream pollution. The ERRP website (<https://www.eelriverrecovery.org>) has an in-depth summary of the entire meeting on their website but here are a few highlights of points and ideas of several folks in attendance:

- Ron Lincoln Sr suggested incorporating willow types for basket materials in the Town Creek project, highlighting future harvesting potential.
- Robert Cunaan shared his vision for trails paralleling the creeks on the Round Valley floor where restoration of native plants that are culturally important could help create a Medicine Trail.
- Lourance Hall shared the great news that she secured a grant for an art project, promoting recycling and composting education.
- Jackson Britton advocated for teaching the hazards of industrial agriculture and promoting conservation methods.
- Mudcat Hoaglen expressed appreciation for ERRP's Native WAY field trips and advocated for continued nature connections for RVIT youth and adults.

I interviewed Lourance Hall, the Outreach Coordinator for the Eel River Recovery Project, this week, to learn more about the ERRP’s ongoing restoration initiatives and exciting upcoming events and collaborations in Covelo. In our conversation, Lourance highlighted the program’s use of innovative techniques, such as gravel burritos, along with the planting of willows and cottonwoods to mitigate erosion along stream banks. Lourance also

spoke about a DIY-approach, where landowners can help combat erosion effectively with plug-in willows, and, how the traditional use of willows and valley dogwood for basket making and arrow crafting, underscore the cultural significance intertwined with restoration efforts in Round Valley. Lourance also shared some exciting plans for an Earth Day art show funded by a grant she secured from the Mendocino Community Foundation. The art show, scheduled for April 19th, aims to raise awareness about environmental issues and recycling through creative expression. Students



Round Valley Education Committee meeting attendees. January 21, 2024.

Rolinda Want. These trips include visits to the Wildlands Conservancy at the Eel River Preserve where students can look at plants in bloom in an area that was traditional Wailaki territory, in particularly, Rice Lake, where Wailaki peoples had camp in the summer. Lourance also talked about a hike up to Cahto Mountain, where students will meet with BLM foresters to learn about restoration, as well as an overnight trip to Usal, on the coast b/w Westport and Leggett, to learn about erosion, fuel reduction, carbon sequestration, using native grass for restoration, and even do an owl night hike. Additionally, Lourance talked about shorter in-town



Figure 4. RVES students help bury cottonwood pole to make sure there is no air pockets in soil.



Figure 5. RVHS students planting willow stakes under direction of Stephanie Tebbutt. 3/10/23.

at the elementary, middle and high schools will obtain—that is, they will clean up trash!—and recycle/reclaim pieces to make works of art for the Round Valley Earth Day Celebration. Patience Gruey is the point person, leading the vision for creating a large bear sculpture together with the high school art class; middle school and elementary classes will create their own art as well to compose the smaller elements and components of the sculpture, such as foliage and fish. The ERRP is also collaborating with the high school in facilitating field trips for students in the Natural Resources and Native Language / Native Art & History classes led by Amanda Britton and

field trips ideas, like one by Robert Cunnan, a master gardener, focusing on native plant propagation and community engagement that would entail the creation of a walking path made of native medicinal plants, marked for easy access and harvest so that the entire community could learn about this medicine as well as use it. Each of these experiences are opportunities for students to see ongoing restoration efforts, engage in firsthand experiences in nature, and learn the importance of conservation efforts and traditional knowledge. Lourance said these field trips in and out of town are a great opportunity for community involvement as they need volunteers



Figure 7. RVES second graders celebrating a successful Town Creek clean up. 10/27/23.



Figure 8. Volunteers cleaning plastic likely from cannabis greenhouse. 10/28/23.

to help with chaperoning field trips; there’s also the possibility of field trips like these specifically for adults. If you’re interested, you can contact her at (707) 972-3637 to volunteer or learn more about the innovative and important events and opportunities to engage with the Eel River Recovery Project.

Do you have archives from the past, present news, and/or imaginings for the future of Round Valley? Tell us in person at The Round Valley Farmers’ Market, every Friday (where we will also have the latest issues of *The Round Valley Reader*!) Or email us at: coveloarts@gmail.com

LEARN ABOUT AND DISCUSS THE 300+ MILE PROPOSED PATHWAY OF THE GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AT A MEETING IN THE ROUND VALLEY LIBRARY COMMONS COMMUNITY ROOM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 FROM 4-5 PM.

The designers of this trail, which in part follows the disused railroad right of way between Eureka in the North and Larkspur in the South, have failed to consult the Native people of our region and other regions through which it was conceived to travel. We are concerned that this lack of respect and consultation violates the rights and protections due to indigenous communities in their protection of ancestral sites and sacred burial grounds as well as compounding further insult of not providing a voice for decision-making about these proposed trails' right of access.

Many other environmental and safety concerns will also be considered. Please contact Michelle Merrifield for more information at Mmerrif707@gmail.com

Join us for

THE CLOSING CELEBRATION ART SHOW!

FRIDAY 3-29

Love-Life-Freedom

Featuring works by artist
Patience Gruey
Brigid E. Roche
Joey Gothelf



Refreshments will be served.
Admission is free.
1:11pm-4:44pm

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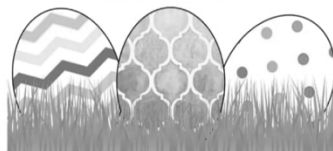
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EASTER EGG HUNT



@ Covelo Community Park
Sunday, March 31st @ 1 p.m.



3 Age Groups
Prizes



MOVEMENT & EXPRESSIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

MARCH 27

WEDNESDAY

6-8PM

RSVP by 3-22
Led by Kiersten 310-210-6042
\$25 for the class
\$20 if paid by 3-22
@ THE LEGION HALL

Open bridges
between life
experiences and its
expression thru art

Embodied Healing
and Creativity



Move, Draw, Write

"In encountering our
bodies creatively, we
discover artful ways
to re-story ourselves
bringing new vision to
the life themes that
matter to us" Daria
Halprin

ROUND VALLEY BRANCH
PRESENTS

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEP OVER & PAJAMA STORYTIME

STUFFIE DROP OFF: ANYTIME FRIDAY 3/22
STUFFIE PICK UP: AT SATURDAY
STORYTIME 3/23 (11:00 AM)

What adventures will they have after the library closes?

PARENTS: Please do not leave a stuffed animal that your child cannot sleep without!



Love- Life- Freedom Artist Bios:

Joey Gothelf is a Mendocino local. A transplant from the east coast, born and raised in New York City and schooled in Philadelphia at the University of the Arts, he maintains a street art vibe combining the kind of characters we see in large scale graffiti and mural work with precise details. A graphic designer and screen printer by training and trade, his fascination with faces has long been a mainstay of his work. His work, as of late, centers around these colorful squid creatures and rendered with the use of gouache and found wood from Mendocino. He now lives in Covelo.

Patience MakePeace Roche Gruey Berry: A (Self Taught) Artist / sketch, paint, color, sculpt. / I draw Gods Eyes, Goddesses, Women, Faces, Mothers and Babies, Birth Art, Animals, Cartooning. / I Write, novels, short stories, poetry, young adult and children's books, / And I write fantasy, science fiction, magical realism, clean romance. / (And am learning to edit:)/ I hope someday to be published by Penguin Random House. / I am a Doll artist, / A Rescuer of dolls, / A Maker of doll clothes (mainly felt) / And I crochet hats. / Capricorn Sun, Leo Moon, Cancer Rising. / Reader of books. / Homeschooled. / Youngest of 8. / High on the Neurodiverse spectrum, Dyslexic and ADD / Minister in The Universal Life Church. / Content Creator on social media. / Cat Midwife & Kitten Scruffer. I was born and raised in Covelo, Round Valley, California. I have been working, growing, learning, praying, loving, and (obviously) doing art, out of The Valley, for the past 4 years with my fellow artist (Maa). We are now back home again. I have started this spring semester at Mendocino College and am majoring in Social Justice/Ethnic Studies. My purpose here on earth is to help make things better. My Dreams have asked me if I am willing to Teach, and I Am. And to show the world that we have a loving mother and father in heaven, and to tell them that: She and Yeshua Are One.

Saturday, March 30th @ 10 am

Round Valley Library Commons

Or via zoom: <https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/81695503358>

All Welcome!!!



**Planning and development of
a Round Valley Area
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