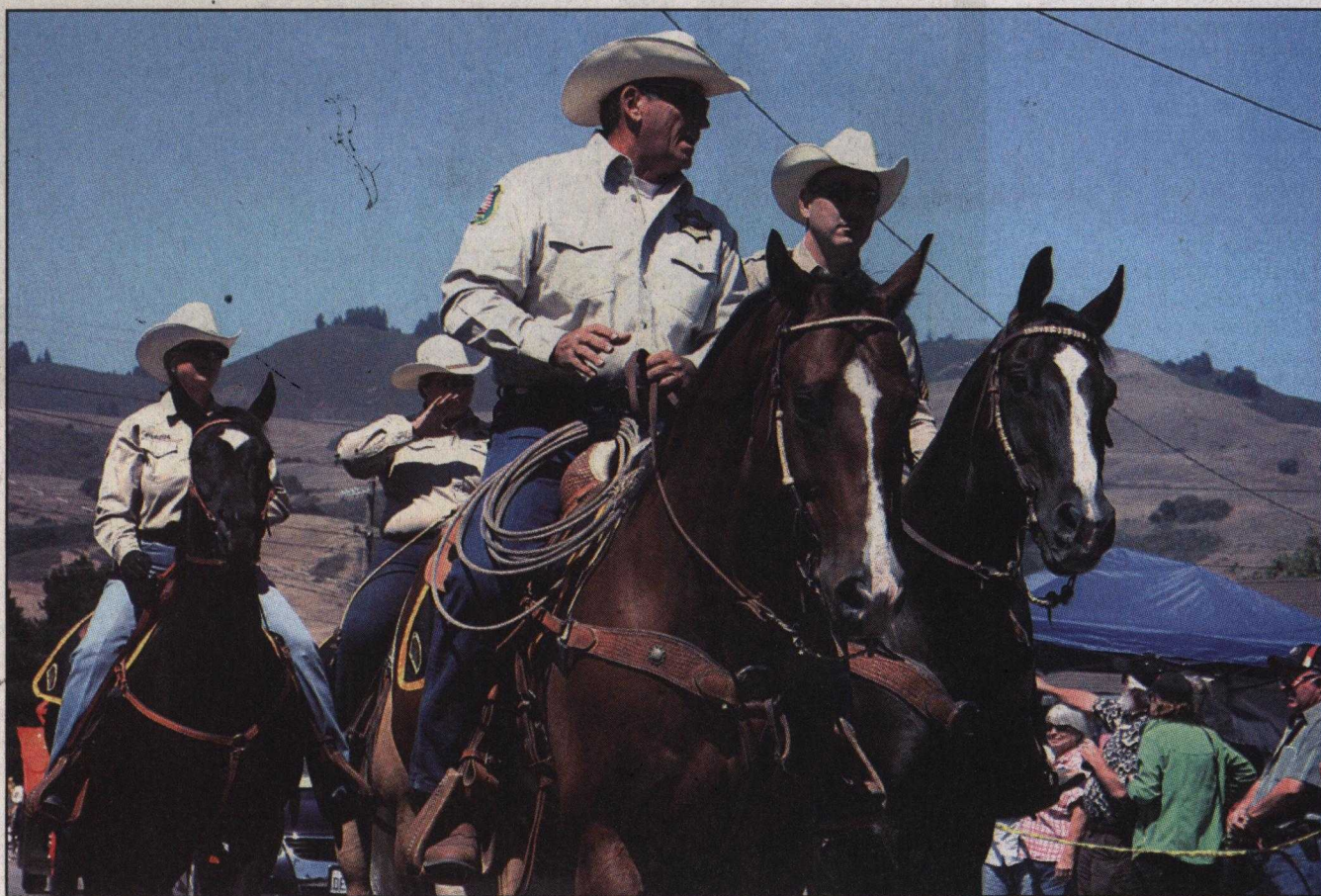


A DAY IN THE COUNTRY



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The San Benito County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team march through the Aromas Day parade in 2012.

Art, food, music, a parade and more highlight annual Aromas Day

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AROMAS — When Aromas has a day named after it, it's a safe bet the entire town will be out to celebrate it.

And that is exactly what the residents will do Sunday during Aromas Day.

"Each year I think Aromas Day can't get any better, and each year I am happily surprised to find that it is growing and improving and so much fun," said Aromas author Joyce Oroz.

The free event begins at 7 a.m., with a pancake breakfast served country-style in the Aromas Community Grange, 400 Rose Ave., through 11 a.m. While there, visitors can check out items in the silent auction, which will benefit the Terese White Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are awarded to Aromas students who will be attending college.

Furthering the country theme, a free horse-drawn wagon into town is available from the parking lot on Aromas Road.

The street fair opens at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. Here, arts and crafts vendors will line the streets, as well as food and information booths.

The Aromas Hills Artisans will be displaying their wares for sale, including original paintings, hand-crafted wooden boxes, weavings, clay sculptures, beaded and metal jewelry, photography and more. Free art activities for children will also be available.

Also for the youth, a petting zoo will be set up, featuring farm animals such as chickens, ducks, goats and rabbits. Pony rides will be offered as well.

Live music will be performed on a stage set up in front of Marshall's Market.

New this year, Oroz will be signing copies of her new book, "Cuckoo Clock Caper," from noon to 4 p.m. at the Dragonfly Gallery, 380 Blohm Ave. The book, which was published by Cozy Cat Press, is the fourth book in the Josephine Stuart Mystery Series and can be purchased at Amazon.com.

The Aromas Hills Artisans will also reveal two new murals on the side of the Old Fire House building. The painters are rushing to finish the murals, Oroz said, even volunteering extra hours during the week to get them ready

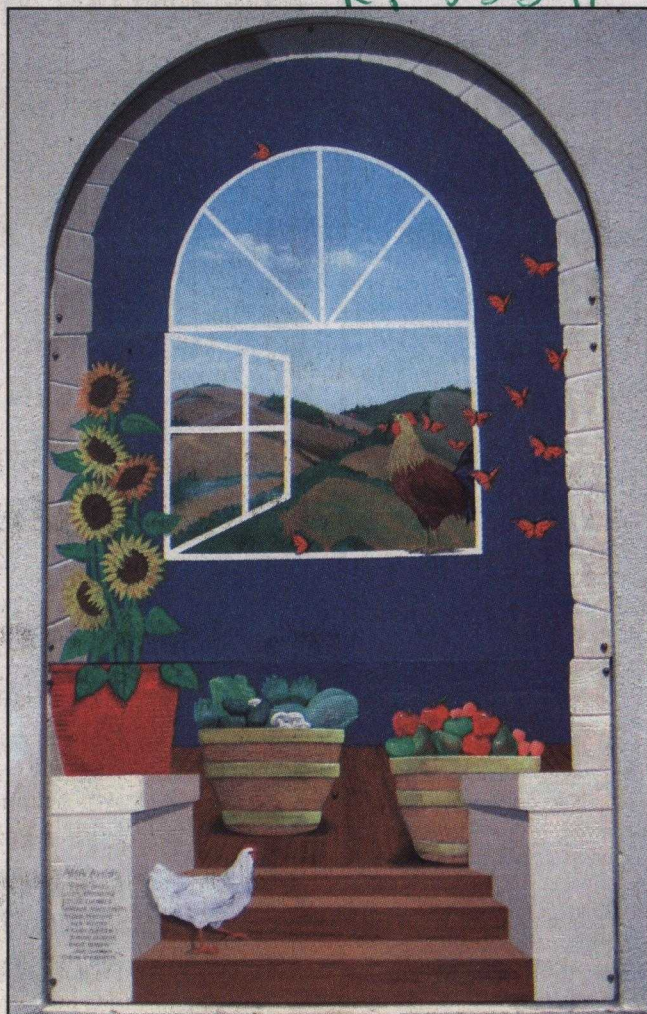


Photo by Joyce Oroz

One of the new murals for the Old Fire House building was installed Wednesday.

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Rachel (left) and Trish Sparling spin yarn outside the Dragonfly Gallery during the 2012 Aromas Day.

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Aromas will be closed to vehicle traffic during the event.

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At 2 p.m. is a parade down Carpenteria Road, which is what organizers call the highlight of the day. Kathryn Aguras, a realtor and owner of the Dragonfly Gallery, will be grand marshal of the parade.

Aromas Day is organized every year by the Aromas Eagles and the Aromas Day Committee.

"People come here from four counties to hear the music, see the parade, buy the art," Oroz said. "There's a lot to do in one day, not to mention wall-to-wall garage sales as far as the eye can see."

Carpenteria Road and neighboring streets in downtown