

Hundreds gather for annual Aromas Day

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AROMAS — Hundreds of Aromas residents and those from out of the area gathered Sunday to check out what the small town has to offer.

A section of Carpenteria Road and neighboring streets were shut down to make room for vendors, live music, art, carnival rides and more for the annual Aromas Day. Many residents also took advantage of the dramatically increased foot traffic to hold yard sales.

Aromas resident Kathryn Aguras, who owns Kathryn

Aguras Real Estate and the Dragonfly Gallery, said Aromas Day is a reflection of the town's close-knit community.

"We have wonderful people that live in a wonderful community," she said.

Rose Ann Woolpert, community relations and historian at Graniterock, noted the event has a distinct Americana feel to it, with most residents knowing each other.

"It's America," she said. "We enjoy people coming out and saying 'hi.'"

Joyce Pinkerton, who used to live in Aromas and now resides

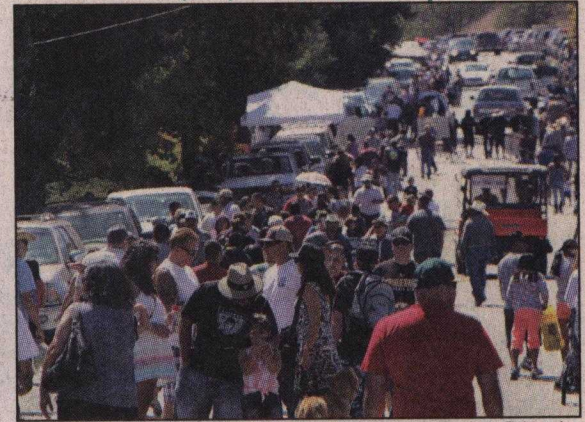
in Paso Robles, happened to be in the area for the weekend, so she figured, why not check out Aromas Day?

"It's a lot of fun," she said.

A pancake breakfast kicked off the day in the Aromas Grange. A number of items were available in a silent auction that benefitted the Terese White Memorial Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to Aromas students moving on to college.

Members of Aromas Hills Artisans displayed and sold their

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Hundreds stroll down Carpenteria Road during Aromas Day on Sunday.

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work at "Art in the Park," taking place in Aromas Park. Author Joyce Oroz said a writers table made its debut at the park this year.

"We seem to be having a good turnout," she said.

A yearly tradition, a number of floats rolled down Carpenteria Road for the parade.

The Aromas Eagles service club sponsor Aromas Day. The Eagles, Aromas Hills Artisans, the Aromas Community Grange, Graniterock and Aromas 4-H all contributed to provide support.