

Community News

Aromas Day 2013 — 'A Day Like No Other'

By Joyce Oroz, Aromas

Sunday, August 25th is "Aromas Day" the celebration we all look forward to. It's the day when the quaint little village of Aromas comes alive. Enjoy an easy drive on Highway 129 from Hwy 1 or 101. Follow the signs to the off-site parking lot on Markus and catch a free ride on a horse-drawn wagon into town.

Between 7 and 11 a.m., join us for a pancake breakfast, served country style in the historic Aromas Community Grange. While you're there, be sure to check out all the wonderful items in the silent auction that benefits the Terese White Memorial Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding Aromas students who are going on to college.

Moving on to the "Main Event," the street fair opens at 9 a.m. and runs full-speed to 4 p.m. with more attractions than warts on a hog. Arts and crafts vendors line the streets along with food and information booths. Check out the collector's item T-shirts decorated with an original Aromas scene. If you love to look at classic cars and tractors, there will be some real eye-catchers for you to drool over.

Be sure you stroll through the lovely, "Art in the Park," featuring artwork by the award winning Aromas Hills Artisans. It will be your chance to purchase original paintings and incredible crafts from a wide variety of media, such as stained glass, handcrafted wooden boxes,



weaving, clay sculpture, beaded and metal jewelry, photography, prints and etchings. There will be free art activities for the kids.

Children and the 'young at heart' will enjoy the petting zoo featuring farm animals such as chickens, ducks, little goats and bunnies. And, of course, there will be pony rides, face painting and a magician. Older children will want to tackle the climbing wall.

Enjoy a wide range of music by talented local groups all day long.

Don't forget the non-profit food booths, like the Boy Scouts, and 4-H. 4-H Youth will have a booth on the street selling plants, planters, popcorn and homemade jam. They will be handing out information about the 4-H Youth Development Program.

At 2 a.m., it's the highlight of the day, the big, small-town parade. If you wish to be in the parade, entry forms are available at Marshall's Grocery store and the Old Fire House Market in downtown Aromas. For more information, call 726-1348.

The Aromas Eagles are the premier service club in Aromas and proudly sponsor Aromas Day. The Eagles, Aromas Hills Artisans (AHA), the Aromas Community Grange, Granite Rock and the Aromas 4-H will all contribute to provide the free horse-drawn wagon rides.

Other contributors to Aromas Day are; the Arts Council for Monterey County, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, the Community Foundation for Monterey County-Communities Advancing the Arts-Funded by the James Irvine Foundation with additional funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. ■

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Aromas Day is a free, family-friendly, get-together you don't want to miss. See you there! For more information, go to www.AromasDay.com. Or call Cara at 831-588-9407