



# The HOPE Coalition

## Humboldt Organized for Peace & the Environment

"Working in partnership toward the development of a diverse, just, & sustainable community."

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## The Wall Street Occupiers and the Democratic Party

by Robert Reich, [www.robertreich.org](http://www.robertreich.org)

Will the Wall Street Occupiers morph into a movement that has as much impact on the Democratic Party as the Tea Party has had on the GOP? Maybe. But there are reasons for doubting it.

Tea Partiers have been a mixed blessing for the GOP establishment—a source of new ground troops and energy but also a pain in the assets with regard to attracting independent voters. As Rick Perry and Mitt Romney square off, that pain will become more evident.

So far the Wall Street Occupiers have helped the Democratic Party. Their inchoate demand that the rich pay their fair share is tailor-made for the Democrats' new plan for a 5.6 percent tax on millionaires, as well as the President's push to end the Bush tax cut for people with incomes over \$250,000 and to limit deductions at the top.

And the Occupiers give the President a potential campaign theme. "These days, a lot of folks who are doing the right thing aren't rewarded and a lot of folks who aren't doing the right thing are rewarded," he said at his news conference this week, predicting that the frustration fueling the Occupiers will "express itself politically in 2012 and beyond until people feel like once again we're getting back to some old-fashioned American values."

But if Occupy Wall Street coalesces into something like a real movement, the Democratic Party may have more difficulty digesting it than the GOP has had with the Tea Party. After all, a big share of both parties' campaign funds comes from the Street and corporate board rooms. The Street and corporate America also have hordes of public-relations flacks and armies of lobbyists to do their bidding—not to mention the unfathomably deep pockets of the Koch Brothers and Dick Arme's and Karl Rove's SuperPACs. Even if the Occupiers have access to some union money, it's hardly a match.

Yet the real difficulty lies deeper. A little history is helpful here. In the early decades of the twentieth century, the Democratic Party had no trouble embracing economic populism. It charged the large industrial concentrations of the era—the trusts—with stifling the economy and poisoning democracy. In the 1912 campaign Woodrow Wilson promised to wage "a crusade against powers that have governed us ... that have limited our development ... that have determined our lives ... that have set us in a straightjacket to do as they please." The struggle to break up the trusts would be, in Wilson's words, nothing less than a "second struggle for emancipation."

Wilson lived up to his words—signing into law the Clayton Antitrust Act (which not only strengthened antitrust laws but also exempted unions from their reach), establishing the Federal Trade Commission (to root out "unfair acts and practices in commerce"), and creating the first national income tax. Years later Franklin D. Roosevelt attacked corporate and financial power by giving workers the right to unionize, the 40-hour work week, unemployment insurance, and Social Security. FDR also instituted a high marginal income tax on the wealthy.

Not surprisingly, Wall Street and big business went on the attack. In the 1936 campaign, Roosevelt warned against the "economic royalists" who had impressed the whole of society into service. "The hours men and women worked, the wages they received, the conditions of their labor ... these had passed beyond the control of the people, and were imposed by this new industrial dictatorship," he warned.

What was at stake, Roosevelt thundered, was nothing less than the "survival of democracy." He told the American people that big business and finance were determined to unseat him. "Never before, in all our history, have these forces been so united against one candidate as they stand today. They are unanimous in their hate for me, and I welcome their hatred!"

By the 1960s, though, the Democratic Party had given up on populism. Gone from presidential campaigns were tales of greedy businessmen and unscrupulous financiers. This was partly because the economy had changed profoundly. Postwar prosperity grew the middle class and reduced the gap between rich and poor. By the mid-1950s, a third of all private-sector employees were unionized, and blue-collar workers got generous wage and benefit increases.

By then Keynesianism had become a widely-accepted antidote to economic downturns—substituting the management of aggregate demand for class antagonism. Even Richard Nixon purportedly claimed "we're all Keynesians now." Who needed economic populism when fiscal and monetary policy could even out the business cycle, and the rewards of growth were so widely distributed?

But there was another reason for the Democrats' increasing unease with populism. The Vietnam War spawned an anti-establishment and anti-authoritarian New Left that distrusted government as much if not more than it distrusted Wall Street and big business. Richard Nixon's electoral victory in 1968 was accompanied by a deep rift between liberal Democrats and the New Left, which continued for decades.

Enter Ronald Reagan, master storyteller, who jumped into the populist breach. If Reagan didn't invent right-wing populism in America he at least gave it full-throated voice. "Government is the problem, not the solution," he intoned, over and over again. In Reagan's view, Washington insiders and arrogant bureaucrats stifled the economy and hobbled individual achievement.

The Democratic Party never regained its populist footing. To be sure, Bill Clinton won the presidency in 1992 promising to "fight for the forgotten middle class" against the forces of "greed," but Clinton inherited such a huge budget deficit from Reagan and George H.W. Bush that he couldn't put up much of a fight. And after losing his bid for universal health care, Clinton himself announced that the "era of big government" was over—and he proved it by ending welfare.

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*[All opinions in editorials, action items, & calendar items are those of the writers, submitters, and involved organizations; and not necessarily the opinions of the HOPE Coalition or its volunteers. HOPE will consider rebuttal editorials from the progressive viewpoint.]*

## PEACE NEWS

**2011 Peace Poetry Anthology Published.** The 2011 Redwood Coast Peace Poetry Anthology, published by the Humboldt Bay chapter of Veterans For Peace, should be available now at local bookstores. The collection, featuring work by twenty local high school students, is also available free at [www.vfp56.org](http://www.vfp56.org).

## ENTERTAINMENT, CELEBRATIONS, &amp; CULTURE

**October: Sales For Survivors** to benefit the Humboldt County Breast Health Project. Participating merchants donate a portion of their proceeds in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Schedule and info: [www.hcbhp.org](http://www.hcbhp.org) or 825-8345.

**Thursday - Saturday, October 13 – 15: Live Music, Silent Movie in Arcata** with the ArMack High School Orchestra. "Clash of the Wolves" with Rin Tin Tin, accompanied by a full orchestra. At Arcata High, 7 pm each night with a 2 pm matinee on Saturday. \$5. Info or tickets: Katie at 822-5453 or Sheri 839-4977.

**Saturday, October 15: Friends of the Arcata Library Book Sale.** Paperback and hardcover books, videos, and CDs. 10 am – 4 pm in the Arcata Library Conference Room. Buck-a-bag from 2 – 4 pm. Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Saturday, October 15: Headwaters Storytelling.** Join Headwaters Forest Reserve Park Ranger Julie Clark, living history actors Carol Lambrecht and Jennifer Ortega and story-teller Seabury Gould to take you on a Headwaters journey through time. Be ready for an afternoon of story-telling and music guiding you through the Falk period to Headwaters activism, landing you in the present time. 825-2300.

**Sunday, October 16: Quarterly Breakfast at the Bayside Grange** supports the repairs and improvements at Bayside's historic community center. Live music and a gourmet breakfast menu including: meat and veggie options. 8 am to noon. Info: 822-9998.

**Sunday, October 16: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration,** featuring the grand opening of the WildWing Deck, historic Hunt Cabin preview and Salmon Creek Restoration Project tours. Fun, outdoor, educational activities for all ages. More info on page 3 under "Protect the Earth."

**Sunday, October 16: Roshni Centre Benefit Tea.** Power-point presentation on women's needs in rural Pakistan with updates from Rabia's March 2011 trip to Pakistan. Dutch raffle, silent auction with local and Pakistani items. \$10. 3:30 - 7 pm at the Courtyards at Arcata Community Room, 3101 Boyd Road. Info: 826-7123 or [www.roshnicentre.org](http://www.roshnicentre.org).

**Tuesday, October 18: "Based on the Book" Master of Suspense: The Films of Alfred Hitchcock** featuring "Rebecca" (1940). Based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier. Starring Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, Judith Anderson and George Sanders. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Thursday - Saturday, October 20 - 22: Live Music, Silent Movie in McKinleyville** with the ArMack High School Orchestra. "Clash of the Wolves" with Rin Tin Tin, accompanied by a full orchestra. At McKinleyville High, 7 pm each night with a 2 pm matinee on Saturday. \$5. Info or tickets: Katie at 822-5453 or Sheri 839-4977.

**Friday, October 21: College of the Redwoods Science Night.** Science Night offers fun for all ages and includes demonstrations, hands-on activities, experiments, and lectures on many facets of math, science, health, and technology. 5 - 9 pm. Parking and admission are free. Refreshments available. Info: 476-4211 or [www.redwoods.edu/events/sciencenight/](http://www.redwoods.edu/events/sciencenight/).

**Saturday, October 22: Fur Ball 2011.** Companion Animal Foundation hosts a red carpet fundraiser featuring Beast-ro awards, yappy hour, prom pictures, divine and decadent desserts, The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and Dr. Squid. 8:30 – 11:30 pm at the Arcata Community Center. \$20. Info: 826-7387 or [www.animal-foundation.org](http://www.animal-foundation.org)

**Sunday, October 23: North Coast Co-op's Annual Membership Meeting.** Board of Directors election results, food and a barn dance with the Striped Pig String Band. All members welcome. 1 - 4 pm in the Turf Room at Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. Pick up tickets in advance at either Co-op. Info: 826-8670 ext. 132.

**Sunday, October 23: Senior Sunday at the Morris Graves.** Enjoy a Museum Tour with trained docents to learn about the Museum's history, permanent collection, and current exhibitions while sipping tea and meeting new friends! Free. 2 pm at the Morris Graves Museum, 636 F St., Eureka. Info: 442-0278.

**Thursday, October 27: "Based on the Book" Master of Suspense: The Films of Alfred Hitchcock** featuring "Shadow of a Doubt" (1943). Alfred Hitchcock considered this his favorite of all his films. Free. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Hosted by Phillip Wright. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; ALL AGES

**Saturday, October 15: KidCo Musical Event " Alice,"** a short presentation of songs and scenes from Alice in Wonderland, the upcoming production from Humboldt Light Opera Company's KidCo. Free. 2 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Wednesday, October 19: Family Literacy Night with Carpathian, the Friendly Ghoul.** Thrills and chills for the whole family, with stories to make you giggle, tremble, and wonder. A free book will be available for each family. 6:30 pm at the Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd St., Eureka. Info: 269-1910, [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

**Thursday, October 20: Share A Story " Mouse's First Fall,"** short video, stories, and crafts. A free book is available for each participating family. 6:30 pm at the Arcata Branch Library, 500 7<sup>th</sup> St. Info: 822-5954 or [www.humlib.org](http://www.humlib.org).

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Saturday, October 15: Free Public Hike To Headwaters Forest Reserve.** This 11-mile, medium-difficulty hike begins at parking lot at end of Elk River Road trailhead. Hike is level for first three miles, passing through scenic second-growth redwood forest along Elk River. Last two miles are steep climb and loop through beautiful old-growth section. Return along same route. Bring snacks & water. Carpools meet 9 am at Herrick Park & Ride lot off Hwy 101 or at trailhead at 9:30 am. No dogs. Info: 441-0702.

**Saturday, October 15: Grand Opening of the Ma-le'i Dunes Unit of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge.** Meet at the Bureau of Land Management Ma-le'i Dunes South Parking Area off of Young Lane in Manila and shuttle, walk or bicycle .7 miles north. Shuttles will run 12:45 to 1:30 pm and 3 to 4 pm. A brief program will begin at 1:45. The day will include music, light refreshments, informative displays and fun, educational activities for all ages including guided walks beginning at 2:15 pm. Info: 733-5406 or [www.fws.gov/humboldtby](http://www.fws.gov/humboldtby)

**Sunday, October 16: Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration,** featuring the grand opening of the WildWing Deck, historic Hunt Cabin preview and Salmon Creek Restoration Project tours. Fun, outdoor, educational activities for all ages including hands-on wetland exploration, birdwatching and a glance at the past. 11 am – 3 pm. Salmon Creek Restoration Project Tours begin at Noon and 1:30 pm. Meet at the Richard J. Guadagno Headquarters & Visitor Center. Take the Hookton Road Exit, #696, off Highway 101 near Loleta. Info: 733-5406 or visit [www.fws.gov/humboldtby](http://www.fws.gov/humboldtby).

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Redwood Region Audubon Society Free Public Field Trips** at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain or shine, docent-led field trips. Meet with binoculars in the parking lot at the south end of I Street in Arcata at 8:30 am.

**Saturdays, Ongoing: Friends of the Arcata Marsh Docent-Led Walks.** A 90-minute, docent-led walk focusing on different topics of the marsh. 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St. Info: 826-2359.

## WORKSHOPS AND MISCELLANEOUS

**Every Other Wednesday: Corporate Personhood Study Group.** Democracy Unlimited is hosting a five session bi-monthly community study group, People Challenging Corporate Power. The anti-corporate personhood workshop will provide all the tools required for cerebral liberation, covering everything from the history of the rise of corporate power to the subjugation of our democracy through the elimination of regulations and the abuse of private property. Info: 269-0984 or email [info@duhc.org](mailto:info@duhc.org).

**Various Dates, Starting in September and October: Our Pathways to Health.** These workshops are designed to help people gain self-confidence in their ability to control the symptoms of chronic disease and change how their health problems affect their lives. Two and a half hours per week for six weeks. Call for dates in your area. Info: 445-2806, ext 4.

**Monday, October 17: It Takes Two: Understanding Dementia Behavior,** a workshop for family caregivers. 10 am – 4:30 pm at the Alzheimer's Resource Center Library, 1901B California St, Eureka. \$30. Info or registration: (800) 834-1636 or 542-0282.

**Wednesday, October 19: Forum on Federal Dam Removal Process** to explain the contents of the federal and state environmental impact reports on Klamath Hydroelectric Project dam removal that are currently available for public review. 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka. Info: NEC at 822-6918 or EPIC at 822-7711.

**Now, In Your Garden:** Extra Produce? Have a surplus? The food bank would be happy to take it off your hands. Info: Food for People at 445-3166.

## MEETINGS

**Sunday, October 16: Label GMO Activist Meeting.** Discuss strategies and share information about the 2012 Label GMOs Ballot Initiative. 4 – 5 pm at Sun Yi's Academy of Tae Kwon Do, 1215 Giuntoli Lane, Arcata. Info: 822-4834 or [northernhumboldtlabelgmos@hotmail.com](mailto:northernhumboldtlabelgmos@hotmail.com).

## TALK SHOWS, COMMENTARY, & MEDIA SPECIALS

**"Thursday Night Talk" hosted by David Cobb of Democracy Unlimited** airs every Thursday 7:30 - 8:30 pm on KHSU FM 90.5. It is a live call-in show, so it's a great way to have your opinion heard by thousands of listeners. The studio line is 826-4805.



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## Occupiers & the Dems *(cont'd. from page 1)*

Democrats have not been the ones to engage in class warfare. That was the distinct product of right-wing Republican populism. Anybody recall the Republican ad in the 2004 presidential election describing Democrats as a "tax-hiking, government spending, latte-drinking, sushi-eating, Volvo-driving, New York Times-reading, body-piercing, Hollywood-loving, left-wing freak show?"

Republicans repeatedly attacked John Kerry as a "Massachusetts liberal" who was part of the "Chardonnay-and-brie set." George W. Bush mocked Kerry for finding a "new nuance" each day on Iraq—drawing out the word "nuance" to emphasize Kerry's French cultural elitism. "In Texas, we don't do nuance," he said, to laughter and applause. House Republican leader Tom DeLay opened his campaign speeches by saying "Good morning or, as John Kerry would say, Bonjour."

The Tea Party has been quick to pick up the same class theme. At the Conservative Political Action Conference of 2010, Minnesota Governor Tom Pawlenty attacked "the elites" who believe Tea Partiers are "not as sophisticated because a lot of them didn't go to Ivy League Schools" and "don't hang out at ... Chablis-drinking, Brie-eating parties in San Francisco." After his son Rand Paul was elected for Kentucky's Senate seat that May, Congressman Ron Paul explained that voters want to "get rid of the power people who run the show, the people who think they're above everyone else."

Which brings us to the present day. Barack Obama is many things but he is as far from left-wing populism as any Democratic president in modern history. True, he once had the temerity to berate "fat cats" on Wall Street, but that remark was the exception—and subsequently caused him endless problems on the Street.

To the contrary, Obama has been extraordinarily solicitous of Wall Street and big business—making Timothy Geithner Treasury Secretary and de facto ambassador from the Street; seeing to it that Bush's Fed appointee, Ben Bernanke, got another term; and appointing GE Chair Jeffrey Immelt to head his jobs council.

Most tellingly, it was President Obama's unwillingness to place conditions on the bailout of Wall Street—not demanding, for example, that the banks reorganize the mortgages of distressed homeowners, and that they accept the resurrection of the Glass-Steagall Act, as conditions for getting hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars—that contributed to the new populist insurrection.

The Wall Street bailout fueled the Tea Party (at the Utah Republican convention that ousted incumbent Republican Senator Robert Bennett in 2010, the mob repeatedly shouted "TARP! TARP! TARP!"), and it surely fuels some of the current fulminations of Occupy Wall Street.

This is not to say that the Occupiers can have no impact on the Democrats. Nothing good happens in Washington—regardless of how good our president or representatives may be—unless good people join together outside Washington to make it happen. Pressure from the left is critically important.

But the modern Democratic Party is not likely to embrace left-wing populism the way the GOP has embraced—or, more accurately, been forced to embrace—right-wing populism. Just follow the money, and remember history.

- - - **HOPE Coalition Needs Your Support** - - -

### The Objective of the HOPE Coalition:

To synthesize & promote the individual visions of the organizations that make up Humboldt's environmentally & socially just community. These include, but are not limited to, the following organizations: Environmental, Social Justice, Peace, Labor, & Human Service.

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The HOPE Coalition Newsletter is available in Arcata at: the Co-op, & the Northcoast Environmental Center; at the main Humboldt, Arcata, McKinleyville, and Trinidad libraries; and at the Senior Center in Eureka.

**HOPE Coalition Newsletter Insert**—this insert contains regularly scheduled events. For special happenings and one-time events, see the regular calendar that follows the page one editorial.

## PEACE NEWS

**GI Rights Hotline;** provides accurate, helpful military counseling and information on military discharges, AWOL and UA, and GI Rights. [www. Glrightshotline.org](http://www.Glrightshotline.org) or 877-447-4487.

**Peace Vigils** Fridays 5 - 6 pm on the Arcata Plaza. Mondays at 4 pm at the Courthouse in Eureka, 445-5100 ext. 215, ask for Jack.

**Vets for Peace Silent Vigil;** Fridays, 5 - 6 pm: SW corner Arcata Plaza.

**Vets for Peace, Humboldt Bay Chapter 56** meets 1st Thurs. at 7 pm: at 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox). Info: 826-7124.

**Women in Black** stand in silent vigil every **Friday 5 - 6 pm** at the **Arcata Plaza**, 8th & G, at the **Humboldt County Courthouse** (also Saturdays at noon), the **McKinleyville Shopping Center** on the grassy area out front, and **Fridays 4 - 5 pm** in **Trinidad** at the intersection of Scenic Dr. and Main St.

## TALK SHOWS, WORKSHOPS & COMMENTARY

**Access Humboldt:** Public, education, & government media access. Cable channels 8, 10, 11 & 12. For program schedule, submission policies, and program request forms go to [www.accesshumboldt.net](http://www.accesshumboldt.net). Call or email for further info. 476-1798 or [info@accesshumboldt.net](mailto:info@accesshumboldt.net).

**COMMENTARY on KEET TV** Channel 13 445-8013: **Wide Angle** Tues. at 9 pm

**NOW** with David Brancaccio. Fri. at 8:30 pm:

**COMMENTARY on KGOE** 1480 am, 442-2000: **Thom Hartmann**, weekdays 9 am - noon.

**Peter B. Collins**, weekdays 3 - 6 pm. Progressive talk show from San Francisco.

**COMMENTARY on KHSU**, 90.5 fm, 826-6089. **Democracy Now!** with Amy Goodman: weekdays 9 - 10 am.

**The Econews Report** with Greg King. 1:30 pm Thursdays.

**A World of Possibilities** locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 1:30 pm Wednesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.

**COMMENTARY on KMUD**, 88.3 fm, 923-2513. **Counterspin**, Sunday 1 - 1:30 pm.

**Alternative Radio**, Mondays 9 am. Boulder-based award-winning weekly series with David Barsamian.

**Animal Advocate**, 2nd Thursday, 7 - 8 pm. Animal welfare issues. Info: Barbara Shultz at 986-7835, [animaladvocate4@yahoo.com](mailto:animaladvocate4@yahoo.com).

**A World of Possibilities** locally produced syndicated public affairs program. 9 am Tuesdays. Info: 826-9111 ext. 18.

**Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman;** noon, Mon. - Fri. Also 4 pm Access Humboldt Channel 12. Also 11 am on KIDE 91.3 fm. Also on Free Speech TV (FSTV) Mon. - Fri. midnight, 8 am, noon, or 7 pm.

**Civil Liberties Monitoring Project Report;** 1st Wednesday, 7 - 8 pm. 923-4646.

**Politically Correct Week in Review**, call-in radio show, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Mondays at 7 pm 923-3911.

**All Things Reconsidered** with Eric Kirk. 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

**Global Stuff** call-in talk show with Jimmy Durchslag, last Friday, 7 - 8 pm.

## PROTECT THE EARTH & ITS LIVING CREATURES

**Adopt-the-Bay.** Participate in a number of tasks aimed at maintaining a healthy Humboldt Bay. All welcome. Info: 443-0801.

**Audubon Society Field Trips;** Free field trips through the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary every Saturday at 8:30 am at the Klopp Lake parking lot (foot of I St. in Arcata). Bring your binoculars. Rain or shine. Info: 268-8052 or 822-3613.

Campus Center for Appropriate Technology; info: 826-3551.

**Friends of the Dunes;** Restoration workdays the first 3 Saturdays every month, 9 am - 1 pm. Info: 444-1397 or [info@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:info@friendsofthedunes.org). Complete calendar: [www.friendsofthedunes.org](http://www.friendsofthedunes.org).

**Friends of the Marsh** guided interpretive walks every Saturday 2 pm at the Interpretive Center on South G St., Arcata. Info: 826-2359.

**Redwood Alliance Climate Action Project.** (Public meetings temporarily suspended until after the election.) Info: 822-6171, [climatechange@redwoodalliance.org](mailto:climatechange@redwoodalliance.org); [www.redwoodalliance.org](http://www.redwoodalliance.org).

**Wild Urban Gardeners!** Meets Wednesdays at 7 pm, 1552 Spear Ave. in Arcata. Promoting food & native plant species, information about compost, greenhouses, seed banks, and community gardens. Info: 822-5861.

## ARTS

**Arcata Artisans Cooperative Gallery;** H St. on the Plaza. Mon. - Sat. 10 - 6, Sun. 12 - 5. Info: 825-9133, [www.arcataartisans.com](http://www.arcataartisans.com).

**Arts Alive! Eureka;** first Saturday of the month at venues around town. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 442-9054.

**Arts! Arcata;** second Friday of the month at venues around town and at HSU. Art, music, dance, refreshments. Info: 822-4500.

**Clarke Historical Museum;** 240 E St., Eureka. Info: 443-1947 or [www.clarkemuseum.org](http://www.clarkemuseum.org).

**First Street Gallery;** 422 First Street, Eureka. Tuesday - Sunday from noon - 5 pm. Info: 443-6363 or [www.humboldt.edu/~first](http://www.humboldt.edu/~first).

**Morris Graves Museum;** 636 F St., Eureka. Wed. - Sun. 12 - 5 pm. [www.humboldtarts.org](http://www.humboldtarts.org)

**The Ink People;** 411 12th St, Eureka. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm. Info: 442-8413 [www.inkpeople.org](http://www.inkpeople.org).

**Westhaven Center for the Arts;** 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Info: 677-0860, [www.westhavenarts.org](http://www.westhavenarts.org).

## MEETINGS

**Arcata's Committee on Democracy & Corporations** meets the third Tuesday of each month and was established in response to Arcata's Measure F. Info: 822-5951 or [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org).

**Arcata's Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and Peace Commission.** On indefinite hiatus due to lack of a quorum. Applications available at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) or at city hall. Info: 822-5951.

**Commission on Status of Women** meets 3d Tuesday at 6 pm. Call for place: 822-2502 or [www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/](http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/commissions/csw/).

**Eureka Greens** meet 3rd Saturday of every month. 3:30-5pm. 321 Coffee (321 Third St. in Old Town). Info: [www.EurekaGreens.com](http://www.EurekaGreens.com).

**Green Wheels;** Mondays 6:30 pm at the Northcoast Environmental Center. Info: [mail@green-wheels.org](mailto:mail@green-wheels.org) or [www.green-wheels.org](http://www.green-wheels.org).

**Humboldt County Human Rights Commission** meets 2nd Tues. City Courthouse, Rm. B, Eureka, 6 pm. Info: 268-2548.

**Humboldt Democratic Central Committee;** 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm. 129 Fifth St. Info: 445-3366 or [www.humboltdemocrats.org](http://www.humboltdemocrats.org).

Humboldt Exchange Community Currency Project. Call for meetings: 269-0984.

**Humboldt Watershed Council** at NEC, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7 - 9 pm. Info: [sheds@humboldt1.com](mailto:sheds@humboldt1.com).

**Mother Jones Club & Humboldt Communist Alliance.** Call for meeting times: [ncalview@igc.org](mailto:ncalview@igc.org) or 839-3824.

**NAACP;** Monthly meetings: 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm, Boys & Girls Club, 3015 J St., Eureka. Info: 268-8287.

**North Coast IWW, the Wobblies** meets every 3rd Wed. 6:30 - 8 pm at the Labor Temple, 840 E St., Eureka. Info: 725-8090.

**Northern Humboldt Greens** meet 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 8 pm. Info: Shaye, 237-2790 or email [arcata@greens.org](mailto:arcata@greens.org).

**Redwood Chapter ACLU** meets 3rd Tuesday at noon at 917 Third St. in Eureka. Info: 336-2258, [redwoodaclu@hotmail.com](mailto:redwoodaclu@hotmail.com).

**Sequoia Greens** of southern Humboldt. Call for meetings: 923-4488 or [encimer@hotmail.com](mailto:encimer@hotmail.com).

**Veterans for Peace (SoHum Chapter);** 1st Tuesday of Each Month at 7 pm at Haynes Vets Hall, Garberville.

**Vets for Peace (Humboldt Chapter 56);** 550 Union St. Arcata in the Common Room (next door to Equinox) first Thursday of the month. Info: 826-7124.

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF);** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, location varies. Info: Sue at 822-3405 or [suejh@humboldt1.com](mailto:suejh@humboldt1.com).

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Arts in the Afternoon;** a free art studio for teens (6th - 12th grade). Open week days during the school year, 3 - 6 pm at Arcata Community Center. Sponsored by City of Arcata's Recreation Division. Info: 825-2028.

**HSU's Natural History Museum,** 1315 G St. Arcata. Closed to public, available for classroom visits. Info: 826-4478.

**Humboldt County Library in Eureka Story Hour:** 10 am Fridays & other programs. Info: Jo Ann Bauer, 269-1900.

**Humboldt County Teen Court** is looking for teen volunteers. Info: 444-0153.

**Mondays, Fridays, & Saturdays: PULSE, new Teen Recreation Center;** regular programming from 6 - 9 pm at the John Ryan Youth Center, 1653 J St, Eureka. Info: 268-1858.

**Raven Project Queer Coffee House for Youth;** Tuesday, 6:30 - 9 pm. Also, girls & women 10 - 24 years meet Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 523 T St., Eureka, 443-7099.

## COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING SERVICES

**Buddhist Queers** (lesbian, gay, bi, transsexual) Vipassana, Zen, etc. Beginners welcome. phone 269-7044.

**Eureka Mindfulness Buddhist Meditation & Discussion.** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. 7:15 pm First Christian Church 730 K St. Wheelchair accessible, fragrance free, beginners welcome. Info: 269-7044.

**Fridays, Ongoing: Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance: Arcata Support Groups;** free, voluntary, and open peer-support groups for those experiencing depression (seasonal, situational, or chronic) and/or mood swings. Open to the public. Family and friends are also welcome. 6 pm at the Arcata Library Conference Room. Info: 443-9659 or [dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbsahumb@sbcglobal.net).

**Health Insurance and Advocacy Program (HICAP)** provides objective information, help, and advocacy for people relying on Medicare. Info and appointments: 444-3000.

**Healthy Kids Humboldt Enrollment Headquarters** offers health care insurance by assisting with Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Cal Kids applications for children. 517 3rd Street, Eureka. 442.6066.

**Humboldt Community Switchboard** can direct anyone to services in Humboldt County. Info: 441-1001 or [www.theswitchboard.org](http://www.theswitchboard.org).

**Humboldt Domestic Violence Services Support Groups;** all services are free. Support groups Thurs. eves and Fri. afternoons, with therapeutic childcare offered. Info & child care: 444-9255. 24-hour crisis line: 443-6042 or toll free 866-668-6543.

**Humboldt Literacy Project,** to improve adult reading skills necessary to function on the job, in the family, & in the community. Free & confidential. Info: 445-3655 or [www.humlit.org](http://www.humlit.org).

**Nature-Based Spiritual Queers (GLBT)** pagan, Native American traditions, etc. Newcomers welcome. phone 269-7044.

**North Coast Rape Crisis Team;** 24 hour crisis line: 445-2881. Business phone: 443-2737.

**Ongoing: Drop-in Grief Support Groups.** Hospice offers free, drop-in grief support groups in Arcata, Eureka, Fortuna and McKinleyville. These groups are open to anyone in the community experiencing grief and loss of a loved one. Info and schedules: 445-8443.

**Ongoing: Volunteer Center of the Redwoods (VCOR):** The Drop of a Hat Brigade connects volunteers of all ages with one time and short-term events. RSVP provides benefits such as limited mileage reimbursement for volunteers ages 55 and older. Info on these and other volunteer opportunities: 442-3711 or [www.a1aa.org/VCOR/](http://www.a1aa.org/VCOR/).

**The Area 1 Agency on Aging** sponsors many senior programs. Info: 442-9591 or [www.a1aa.org](http://www.a1aa.org).

**The Emma Center** Advocacy, support, referral services, library, and classes for trauma and abuse survivors. 920 Samoa Blvd. Suite 207, Arcata. Info: 825-6680 or [info@emmacenter.org](mailto:info@emmacenter.org) or [www.emmacenter.org](http://www.emmacenter.org).

**Vision Loss Services;** Lighthouse of the North Coast, solutions for living with vision loss. Info: 268-5646 or [www.lighthouse-sf.org](http://www.lighthouse-sf.org).