



# Willits Economic Localization Newsletter

# The WELL Bucket

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## Schedule of Events Jan & Feb 2015

**Jan. 12,** 6:30 – WELL Coordinating Committee, see p. 7

**Jan. 13,** 5:30 – Healthy Living 6-week class begins, see p. 3

**Jan. 15,** 7pm – Film “The Culture High,” see p. 8

**Jan. 17,** 10am-2pm – Phoenix Rising first of bi-weekly gardening classes, see p. 2

**Jan. 17,** 10-4 – Dialogue for Revolutionaries workshop, see p. 2

**Jan. 18,** 10-4 – Winter Pruning Workshop, at the Butler Cherry Orchard. Cost is \$35 for non-Grangers and \$20 for Grange members. Lunch is provided. Email [manager@grange-farmschool.org](mailto:manager@grange-farmschool.org) to register.

**Jan. 20,** 6pm – Farmers Guild meets the third Tuesday of every month at LL Grange, happy hour at 6 pm and potluck dinner at 7 pm.

**Jan. 21** – Master Gardeners Class begins, see p.10

**Jan. 25,** 8-11am – Grange Pancake Breakfast

**Feb. 1,** 4pm – John Jeavons presentation at LL Grange, see p. 1

**Feb. 7,** 11:30am – March for Real Climate Change in Oakland. Contact Peter Norris at 456-9968 or [petersnorris@gmail.com](mailto:petersnorris@gmail.com) for ride-sharing. More info at the website: [www.marchforclimateleadership.org](http://www.marchforclimateleadership.org)

**Feb. 7,** 5:30 – Sip Some Soup at Willits Community Center

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## GROWING SOIL & NUTRITION: Presentation by John Jeavons February 1<sup>st</sup>, 4pm • Little Lake Grange

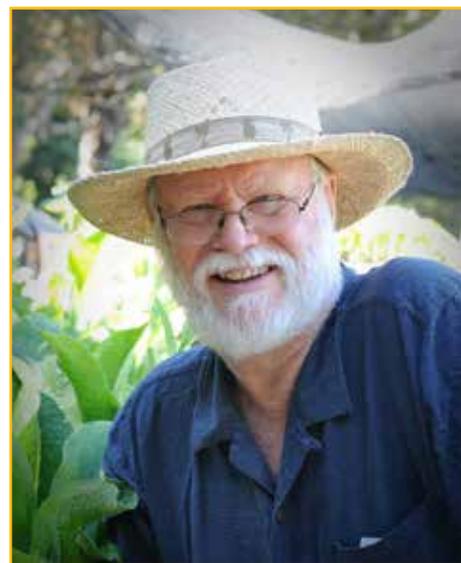
By Mary Zellachild

We are fortunate to have John Jeavons—internationally-known educator and developer of the GROW BIOINTENSIVE method of small-scale agriculture—living just up the hill from Willits.

In a presentation at the Grange on February 1<sup>st</sup> John will encourage local gardeners to think beyond the box when planning their summer garden. He believes if we begin to grow our own calories we become more connected to our own role in soil preservation and creation, which leads to becoming more aware of growing sustainable soil fertility.

One example he gives of starting to attain this fertility is growing flour corn or sorghum as well as potatoes. These crops give us the calories our bodies need while at the same time growing biomass for compost to feed the soil. All of this while minimizing the use of water and purchased nutrients! Many people are not aware that it's possible to grow grains in their backyards, but it is being done.

John Jeavons is an inspiring speaker and is always willing to answer questions. Come learn from him at the Grange at 4:00 pm on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is sponsored by Willits Economic Localization. For more information contact Madge: [mstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mstrong@willitsonline.com) or 459-1493.



*John Jeavons, renowned author of, "How to Grow More Vegetables."*

## Town Hall – Feb 22

By Mary Zellachild

**Our 95490 Community: What would you like to see happen here?**

Our amazing community has a theater, an art center, ball fields and a skate park, an active grange, a museum and library—all accessible to everyone in the 95490 zip code.

The Town Hall meeting on February 22, 4pm, at the Community Center (111 E. Commercial St.), will give us a chance to share ideas and plan on what more we would like to see in our community and how we can make it happen. Come express your opinions and hear what others are thinking. For further Info, contact Jane McCabe, 456-9067.

## 10-Year Retrospective on the Grateful Gleaners

By Karen Gridley

In the early and enthusiastic days of WELL (in the spring of 2004), Esther Faber and I came together to start a gleaning group. At the time, Esther was moving, so we held a huge garage sale and earned all the money to purchase orchard ladders, pickers and bags—the same tools that have served the group well these past 10 years.

It wasn't long before we attracted the people to start our group: the dedicated gleaners—people who can't stand to see good food go to waste, people who like to organize, and people who like to create forms! (We have forms, lists, a mission statement, policies and we collect lots of information.)

Over the years, we've become well organized. Despite some turnover, there have always been 6 or 7 dedicated people who have made the key decisions. I functioned as coordinator, formally and informally, but our process has been one of consensus. We evolved into a truly collective organization set up in a way that no one person leads and no one is indispensable. We have a rotational system to prevent burnout, because even though the gleaning season is short, it's very intense and involves a lot of organizing and physical labor. The core group has drawn from an evolving list of at least 25 people.

Although we have kept a rough estimate of the amount of fruit, vegetables and nuts we've gleaned over the years (up to 30 tons), I personally do not measure our success in tons. Those are the numbers one keeps when trying to obtain a grant or impress a foundation. The people we like to impress are those Willits groups or organizations who need and want good, non-sprayed fruits and vegetables for the people they serve. In the early years



*Karen picking apples.*

our list of drop-off locations was short: the Food Bank, Willits Daily Bread and the Willits Senior Center. At the end of 10 years, we have a list of about 15 programs and schools that welcome and use a box of fruit or other produce.

Success to us is the Willits Charter School cook who takes our donation of apples to have students make applesauce for their breakfast cereal, or the after-school program that works with the children to learn about the curing and cracking of walnuts for a snack, or the soup kitchen that is thrilled with the excess vegetables from a local farm.

Success is learning to find the balance within ourselves between feelings of abundance or scarcity, greed or generosity, and trusting that there will be enough for everyone, even in the midst of a "bad" year.

I feel that the Grateful Gleaners honors the earth by recognizing her abundance and by becoming a bridge between that abundance and those in need.

We are very appreciative of WELL for serving as our umbrella non-profit agency when we occasionally needed that status. We are hopeful that the Grateful Gleaners can continue to grow and evolve for the next ten years!

To volunteer, contact Karen at 459-2101 or gridleyk@pacific.net.

## Gardening Classes

"Phoenix Rising" - a model village garden and gallery - is resuming gardening classes Sat. Jan 17, 10am till 2pm, and will continue every 1st and 3rd Sat of every month, 10 am till 2 pm. Class content will parallel ongoing garden activities.

Fred Marshall and Ron Woolsey will be teaching the majority of the classes with occasional guest speakers. Phoenix Rising Garden is located on the west side of North St between Redwood and Pine in Willits. A materials donation is suggested of \$20 or \$30 for a couple (sliding scale). For more information, class content, or rainy day location, call 489-5408.

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## "Practical Dialogue for Revolutionaries"

A "Practical Dialogue for Revolutionaries" hosted by David Cobb (wearing his Green Party hat) will take place Sat. Jan. 17th, 10-4 at the LL Grange.

Social and political conditions are deteriorating. It helps to step back and discuss why these things are happening and how we are going to do more than just fight back—rather how we shall organize to win. We seek to form strategic political plans—to exchange ideas, inspire, educate, and organize people around a vision of the better world that is possible and what we might do locally.

This movement school is based on positive experiences of similar schools in various parts of the country. Readings will be provided. The session will be limited to 15-20 people. If you're interested, please contact Margaret Koster at mkoster@pacific.net or 459-5970.

## Brooktrails Community Garden, 2014

### A year of abundance! By Freddie Long

We started our Brooktrails Community Garden in March 2011 and have had a very productive three years. We've created 25 garden beds [garden plots] assigned to individual garden members as well as many communal garden areas throughout.

We have partnered with The Redwood Grove project of the Golden State Land Conservancy nurturing 150 redwood tree starts that will be transplanted in the Brooktrails Greenbelt and along the Willits Creek trail this coming year.

Our tool shed and greenhouse were built and installed along with a new water and drainage system. Thanks to Robert Melliush and his team from the Brooktrails Township Community Service District who helped us dig the trenches and to Ron Woolsey who oversaw these projects. We have raised funds for the garden through various events and activities. Our funding sources are from plot member fees and contributions from the greater Willits/Brooktrails community.

This last summer we were part of the Willits Garden Tour introducing the 'tourists' to our beautiful garden. We gave baskets of produce to the folks who won the prize drawing. It was a lovely experience and we hope to be part of it again in 2015.

Special thanks goes to Willits Economic Localization for seed money at the start of this project and a recent grant and loan to make much needed repairs and improvements to our greenhouse.

Our Angelic Donors include: Brooktrails Township, Willits Economic Localization, North Coast Opportunities, Howard Hospital, Flower Power, Ramming & Sons, Willits Integrated Services Center, Sparetime Supply, Howard Hospital, Sanhedrin Nursery, Golden



State Land Conservancy, Brooktrails Lodge, California Conservation Corps, J.D. Redhouse & Company, Tim Ramming and Cathie Nicolaus.

If you live in Brooktrails and wish to become a member of the community garden, contact Freddie Long at 459-5267 (longfreddie@gmail.com). Our facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/brooktrailscommunitygarden>

## Healthier Living Classes

A series of six classes starting January 13 is directed to adults with on-going health conditions, their caregivers and family members, and others interested in becoming more physically and socially active. Classes will be 5:30-8:00pm at 11 Oaks on the corner of Walnut St. and Hwy. 101 in Willits.

During these 6 free workshops you will learn:

- Tips to better manage your health
- Strategies to reduce pain, fatigue, stress, anxiety, and sleep loss
- Communication skills to work better with doctors, family, and friends
- Goal-setting and problem solving
- Healthy eating and activities

To sign up, contact: Charlie, 972-3191 or Susan, 671-5939. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. If you have questions, please contact Avenues to Wellness at 459-2777 or email [atwforhealth@gmail.com](mailto:atwforhealth@gmail.com).

## WELL Brainstorm Ideas By Madge Strong

Following up on our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in October, a core group of WELL members met on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> to come up with ideas for priorities and programs for 2015 and beyond.

Some of the specific ideas that emerged before, during and after the brainstorm session include:

- Barn-raising-type work parties, especially in conjunction with other community groups;
- Focusing (as we did a few years ago) on opportunities for local entrepreneurs and sustainable local investment;
- Working on developing alternative local and regional energy sources;
- An inter-cultural gathering, in conjunction with Nuestra Alianza and Native Americans;
- A Wellness Fair, with Howard

Hospital Foundation, elders, alternative practitioners, etc.;

- Directing some existing and/or new student scholarships to skills needed to return to the community;
- Improving local transportation infrastructure, especially for bikes and pedestrian safety;
- Touring public facilities (e.g. water, sewer);
- Continuing farm & garden tours and forums on local food;
- Emergency preparedness planning; and
- Expanding the bike show & parade to include the valley.

Our programs are all done by volunteers. With all these good ideas, the sky is the limit if there are people willing to take initiative! To get involved, contact Madge at [mstrong@willitsonline.com](mailto:mstrong@willitsonline.com) or 459-1493.

## Caltrans Bypass Update By Madge Strong

The latest news is that Caltrans received approval for a \$64.7 million overrun on the Phase 1 construction work. This includes \$9.7 million, a 15% share, from the Mendocino Council of Governments; MCOG admitted this will use up all local transportation funds for years to come. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) doled out the rest of the funds

Barely acknowledged is that this is only the *first* overrun request. This new price tag does *not* include the mitigation work, which will undoubtedly run at least \$50 to \$100 million more than is currently allocated. Nor does it include other overruns from now until the end of construction (late 2017). As just one example, the recent failure of the rock slopes at the southern interchange will be a costly fix.

Over a dozen letters submitted to the CTC pointed out that tens of millions could be saved – in addition to greatly reducing impacts to wetlands and Native American sites – if the northern interchange were eliminated. The CTC and Cal-



*Army Corp Protest, November 16, 2014 – Photo by Cynthia Raiser-Jeavons*

trans simply stonewall this option.

Meanwhile, on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, over 100 people, including a large Native American contingent, rallied at the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) office in San Francisco. ACE officials claimed that protecting the ancestral sites is up to Caltrans itself. Eventually, though, they were persuaded to hold a government-to-government consultation with the Tribes, now scheduled for Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

A final outrage is that Caltrans' is now seeking to use herbicides in parts of the mitigation lands. (See article below.) Check [www.savelittlelakevalley.org](http://www.savelittlelakevalley.org) for more news.

## Oak Woodlands Presentation, Feb. 8

Kate Marianchild will present an illustrated lecture on "Cooperation and coevolution in California's Oak Woodlands" on Sunday, February 8, 3 pm, at the Mendocino County Museum on E. Commercial St. Marianchild, is the author of *Secrets of the Oak Woodlands: Plants and Animals among California's Oaks*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. This event is FREE and open to the public.

## Alert – Caltrans Plans Herbicide Use in Little Lake Valley By Ellen Drell

Caltrans will be applying to the State Water Board to use herbicides on its mitigation properties in Little Lake Valley to kill blackberries and other unwanted "weeds". This would be the first major toxic assault on a relatively unspoiled Little Lake Valley. We must not let it happen.

Why is Caltrans doing this? To hurry-up its promised "mitigation" for the damage caused by the Willits Bypass to Little Lake Valley wetlands. The Mitigation Plan which the resource agencies agreed to called for manual or mechanical removal of unwanted species as

the preferred method. Typically though, the plan allows the use of a long list of herbicides, including 2,4D, RoundUp and Garlon, if manual or mechanical removal proved too costly or ineffective. Not surprisingly, Caltrans is immediately punting to poison.

Broad-scale use of herbicides should never be used to improve ecosystem health. Many herbicides, including RoundUp, are long-lived in the soil and in aquatic environments with dangerous and unanticipated consequences. Recent studies have found RoundUp in the gut tissues of livestock and

in the urine of humans. (See Analytical and Toxicology Journal, 2014). Ongoing studies by Moms Across America are finding RoundUp in human breast milk!

Once Caltrans has properly filed its application with the Water Board, the public has thirty days to comment. Please watch for email alerts, or call the Willits Environmental Center (459-4110) or WELL (459-1493) for information so that you can submit your comments within the 30-day window. A well organized citizenry can halt this plan!

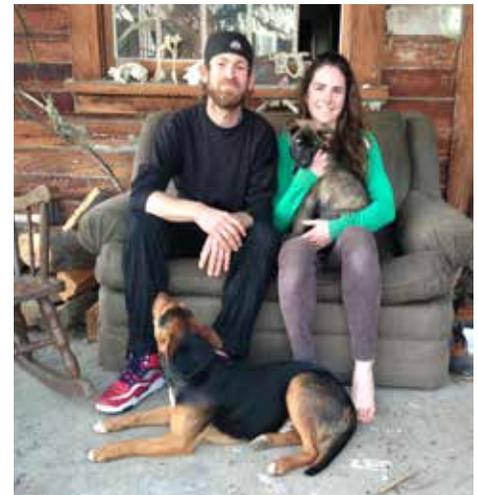
## Grange Farm School News By Ruthie King

The Grange Farm School is pleased to add Tim Ward to our staff, as the Program and Development Director, promoting Ruthie King (at least in title) to Operations Director. We also have a newly active Board of Strategic Advisors.

Tim is just the enthusiastic farmer, educator, and grant writer for the new job. He grew up in West Sonoma County, studied organic farming at Santa Rosa Junior College, and was involved for many years in the Santa Cruz area in farm labor, landscaping, consulting, catering, and the Live Oak Grange revival. After graduating from UC Santa Cruz in 2002, Tim spent nine years in educational programming, in the subject areas of Science, Nature, Farming and Leadership. He instructed, co-administered

and fund-raised at Vida Verde, a non-profit offering free experiential field trips to inner city school children. In recent years, Tim started a community focused farm business in Boonville: Anderson Valley Community Farm. Tim is also the newly elected Lecturer for Anderson Valley Grange.

2015 will bring many new developments for the Grange Farm School as we launch our Practicum Student Program and host tuition paying students for the first time. Tim is joining the team just in time to help oversee the Americorps crew we will be hosting for 9 weeks. Infrastructure development will continue to ready the campus for students in March, and meanwhile a workshop series will begin on January 18 with a Winter Pruning



*Tim Ward and Ruthie King*

Workshop with experts and hands-on practice in the Butler Cherry Orchard. More information about Grange Farm School's programming can be found on our website: [www.GrangeFarmSchool.org](http://www.GrangeFarmSchool.org) and you can contact us at [info@grange-farmschool.org](mailto:info@grange-farmschool.org)

## Mendocino County Passes Measure S: *Community Bill of Rights*

Adapted from an article by Shannon Biggs, Global Exchange

In the Nov. 4th 2014 election, voters in Mendocino County made California history, passing Measure S by a whopping 70% of the county vote. Measure S is the Community Bill of Rights Ordinance that bans fracking, dumping of frack waste and protects our water from being used for fracking anywhere in the state.

It was not the only measure in the state to ban fracking—San Benito, CA voters passed Measure J despite the heavy influx of Big Oil funding to defeat it, while Santa Barbara's anti-fracking measure succumbed to corporate money influence.

But residents of Mendocino County did far more than ban fracking this election. With the passage of Measure S, Mendocino County made history as the first California community to adopt a Community Bill of Rights, placing their rights above corporate interests. Residents see

enactment of this ordinance as a step in asserting their right to local self-government, rejecting the idea that their community will be a sacrifice zone for corporate profits. This is a huge milestone for the community rights movement in California—joining with over 180 communities across the country which have also changed the structure of law by passing rights-based legislation.

This movement in Mendocino County grew with extensive help along the way from Paul Cienfuegos, the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), the Californians Against Fracking coalition, and Global Exchange.

But it was the community that came together to put this into law. Peter Norris of Willits was instrumental in initiating trainings by Paul Cienfuegos and CELDF. A core group of 30 and countless vol-

unteers then formed the Community Rights Network of Mendocino County (CRNMC). They worked tirelessly throughout 2014 to collect the signatures for the ballot, host public events, write letters to the editor, paint lawn signs and go door-to-door with the message that decisions about water protection in Mendocino belong to residents and residents alone.

As CRNMC member Kelly Larson said, "Measure S was organized around a network model, rather than the old hierarchical top-down leadership, thereby modeling the 'community' in community rights." Another organizer, Jamie Lee, said "This is only the beginning of local self-governance for us here in Mendocino, the first step of many toward changing the rules about 'who decides' what happens here. WE do."

## Mondays At Wowser

By Roger Wilson

Wowser is a place where creative people congregate and have fun making something, or learning HOW.

We want Wowser to be a place where you can come in and hear new ideas and see cool stuff that other people have made. Or watch as they do it in front of you. That (in a nut shell) is what "Mondays at Wowser" is all about. Our plan is to offer a free evening of something new and interesting each Monday with such things as:

- A lecture from one of our teachers
- A slide show/video of a project being built
- Speakers from afar to help us learn new skills
- Presentations followed by spirited discussions.
- Videos to get you excited about a new project.



A happy WOWSER participant woodcarving.

WE want to be excited about "Mondays at Wowser" and hope it becomes a place for you to meet other like-minded folks. The official presentation runs from 7 pm to 9 pm, but you are welcome to show up a little early to chat with friends. Starting Monday, January 5th.

In addition, the workshop schedule for January has been finalized. There are a wide range of workshops that are beginning on Sunday, January 11th. Find the workshop descriptions and sign up: <http://wowser.org/workshops/>

## Farm Hack Report

FarmHack – a two day event Dec. 6-7 exploring local ethanol fuel production - was a resounding success. Speakers ranged from carbon negative John Wick discussing a fuelshed using native grasses and sequestering carbon to Linda Collister of the Division of Hazardous Waste discussing ways to stay safe and get approval for your operation. Workshops and demonstrations at the Ridgewood Ranch helped participants explore the reality of distillation, and tours of the 300-gallon Revenoor still revealed an interesting history of ethanol. This event gave us all hope for a user group cooperative fuel production facility using recycled waste products. For more info contact Ruthie King at [manager@grangefarmschool.org](mailto:manager@grangefarmschool.org).

## Farm/Ranch Business Management Course

Grange Farm School will be teaming up with Holistic Management International to offer "Get Down to Business with Holistic Management: California Whole Farm/Ranch Business Planning Course" here in Willits. Dates are January 17, January 30-31, and March 6-7.

While many folks are attracted to farming and ranching because of their love of the land or to do truly meaningful work, farming and ranching is still a business. So HMI created this in-depth course to give both new and experienced farmers and ranchers the tools they need to run their business. This five-day course is taught over approximately six weeks. Participants will develop a draft business plan, a whole farm/ranch goal, and financial and marketing plans. Due to grant funding the cost is only \$100 per person, with a limited number of full scholarships also available. Lunch is included. Please register online at [www.GrangeFarmSchool.org/workshops](http://www.GrangeFarmSchool.org/workshops)

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## WELL CoCom Summaries

### Nov. 10, 2014

We have contracted with Sarah Schuyler as our new data management person, replacing Lila Ryan, thanking her for two years of excellent service.

We discussed the format of the upcoming Potluck-Brainstorm meeting, as well as one idea regarding student scholarships that came in advance. At that meeting, Holly & Kimbal are up for re-election to the CC.

We're also following up on several potential guest speakers for 2015.

We approved a grant of \$400 and a PIF loan of \$400 for the Brooktrails Community Garden.

### Dec. 8, 2014

We reviewed ideas for potential WELL programs. Most timely for early 2015 are: a presentation by John Jeavons and/or a forum about Caltrans' proposed herbicide use.

We re-elected our officers.

There is progress on developing the new template for our website; hopefully will convert within a month or two! We approved funding for template updates and for keeping our domain names.

Sarah reported we have 220 current members, with about half not yet renewed for 2015. We also reviewed our finances and adopted a 2015 budget (see p. 8.) Note that we decided to ask an extra \$10 for those wishing to receive the newsletter by US mail.

We approved use of our insurance for a workshop on Jan. 17th (Move to Amend-related) and tentatively for a dance on Dec. 27th (a fundraiser for Dragonfly, a new anti-violence group). We also adopted a policy regarding reimbursement for our insurance use in the future.

Next CC meeting: Jan 12th and Feb 9th 6:30, at WAG log cabin, NE corner of WISC, 221 S. Lenore. All meetings are open to the public.

## We need an Organic Hay & Feed Buyer's Cooperative

By Sara Grusky, Green Uprising Farm

I believe we need an Organic Hay Buyers Cooperative now, right here, for the growing small farmer community in Willits, Laytonville, Redwood Valley, and Anderson Valley.

Here are the top four reasons:

- Pool our purchasing power and influence the choices of local feed stores and brokers.
- Reduce the price of high quality organic hay and feed.
- Support local farmers and ranchers.
- Ensure the quality of local hay, compost and manure.
- Build a foundation for other cooperative ventures

The Hay Buyer's Cooperative could be a project supported by our local Granges or the Mendocino Farmers Guild. First, we need a critical mass of people who are interested in making this happen. If you are interested in this idea contact Sara Grusky at: homesteadingsara@gmail.com. Let's make it happen!

### WHAT IS WELL?

#### Willits Economic Localization

**Vision:** An enduring local economy that provides health and security for our community.

**Mission:** To foster the creation of a local, sustainable economy in the Willits area by helping residents to learn valuable skills and to take action, and by partnering with other organizations to share knowledge and support projects that build a thriving community.

**Please send in your WELL membership renewal for 2015 (if you haven't already done so).**

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## WELL FINANCIAL REVIEW: Year End 2014 & Budget 2015 By Madge Strong

WELL continues to be financially stable within our small budget. This chart shows income & expense data for WELL's general fund for 2012 through 2014 and our projected budget for 2015.

In 2012 we invested in new equipment, which accounts for the net loss in that year. In 2013 we ended with a net income of \$670, despite giving out over \$1,000 in seed grants. And in 2014, we have ended with a net income of \$904.

Almost all our income comes from memberships and individual donations. Much of the events income in 2014 was from the garden tour, and we then allocated \$775 in grants to three of the gardens. Newsletter ad income helps offset newsletter costs (the editor plus printing).

Our biggest expenses in 2014 were for the newsletter editor, office rent, and liability insurance. Reimbursements for use of our insurance help offset that expense item. We saved a good deal by canceling our office phone. The windfall was Lila Ryan donating her data management services.

Our budget for 2015 projects a net loss of \$165. Most income and expenses are similar to the past few years. We will now be paying for data management, so we're tightening on a few other items and hoping for good member renewals and donations.

Overall, we're managing to sustain our vibrant volunteer-run programs on less than \$500 per month. We would of course welcome any major donations or anyone with skills at obtaining grants! With any windfall income, we can give out more grants and/or initiate other pro-active programs!

WELL has several separate restricted funds, not included in the general fund. Our Pay It Forward fund began in late 2012 with \$1,300 from individuals and \$2,000 from WELL funds, plus an additional \$300 donated during 2013. So far we have made two PIF loans: \$500 in 2013 and \$400 in 2014. We welcome applications from new or growing local enterprises that need a small loan!

During 2014, WELL also served as a fiscal sponsor for Save Our Little Lake Valley (SOLLV), Wowser, the Community Rights Organization of Willits, and the Farmers Market Food Stamp program. Our sponsorship has enabled these groups to receive tax-deductible donations for their educational and advocacy activities consistent with WELL's mission. Some have now formed their own non-profit or independent entities. Offering fiscal sponsorship is a service that WELL can provide to community groups.

WELL: Budget 2015 vis 2012-14 Actuals				
GENERAL FUND	2012	2013	2014	2015
INCOME	Yr-end	Yr-end	Yr-end	Budget
Foundations/Gifts	367			
Ind. Donations	1,605	1,922	1,323	1,400
Memberships	3,823	3,487	2,425	2,900
Sales/Sponsor fee		589	316	150
Events	562	155	667	300
Newsletter Ad Sales	725	420	580	660
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,082</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>5,311</b>	<b>5,410</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
Grants Allocated	750	1,070	775	200
Contract - Data Mgmt	1,210	845		1,800
Contract - Newsletter Ed	900	900	850	900
Honorariums	300	100	100	
Telephone	485	425		
Internet	0	161		100
Website Mgt		115		150
Postage/Delivery	333	178	340	200
Office Rent	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Rent for Events	275		50	100
Printing/Posters/Ads	170	101	190	300
Newsletter Costs	216	328	328	400
Conferences/training	300			
Food/Catering	65		45	40
Equipment & Supplies	1,610	30	97	100
Liability Insurance	818	792	745	500
Insur. Reimbursement	(300)	(400)	(450)	(500)
Bank Charges	45	58	50	50
Paypal Fees/Taxes/Dues	69		87	35
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>8,446</b>	<b>5,903</b>	<b>4,407</b>	<b>5,575</b>
<b>Net Income/Expense</b>	<b>(1,364)</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>(165)</b>

### Now and Then Film Series – Jan. 15

"The Culture High" is a powerful, hard hitting examination of the controversial "War on Drugs" - specifically the prohibition and "War on Marijuana." This film reveals the truth behind the arguments and motives governing both those who support and those who oppose the existing pot laws.

The quirky, profound storytelling of "The Culture High" includes rare footage and moving testimonials from both sides of the spectrum, including top celebrities, former undercover agents, university professors and a slew of unforgettable characters.

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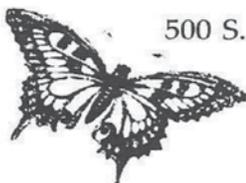
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**Feb. 8,** 3pm – Oak Woodlands talk at Co. Museum, see p. 4

**Feb. 9,** 6:30 – WELL Coordinating Committee, see p. 7

**Feb. 17,** 6pm – Farmers Guild potluck at LL Grange

**Feb. 19,** 7pm – Now & Then Film TBD

**Feb. 22,** 8-11am – Grange Pancake Breakfast

**Feb. 22,** 4pm – Town Hall at City Council Chambers, see p. 1

**On-Going Events**

**Thursdays, 3-5:30** – Farmers Market at LL Grange

**Mondays, 7-9pm,** Wowser programs, see p. 6

**Master Gardeners Course**

The Mendocino County Master Gardeners invite applications for the winter 2015 training leading to Master Gardener certification by University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Successful applicants share a love of gardening, seek to gain scientific knowledge, enjoy the company of fellow gardeners and give back to their communities as Master Gardener volunteers.

The course is from Jan 21 to Apr 29. Most classes will be offered at the Extension offices, 890 N. Bush, in Ukiah.

Applicants must have access to online communication. The \$200 fee covers books, materials and instruction. For more info contact the UCCE office at 463-6360 or Wendy Roberts at 937-4702 (wendy@mcn.org).

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