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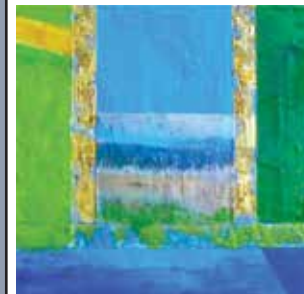
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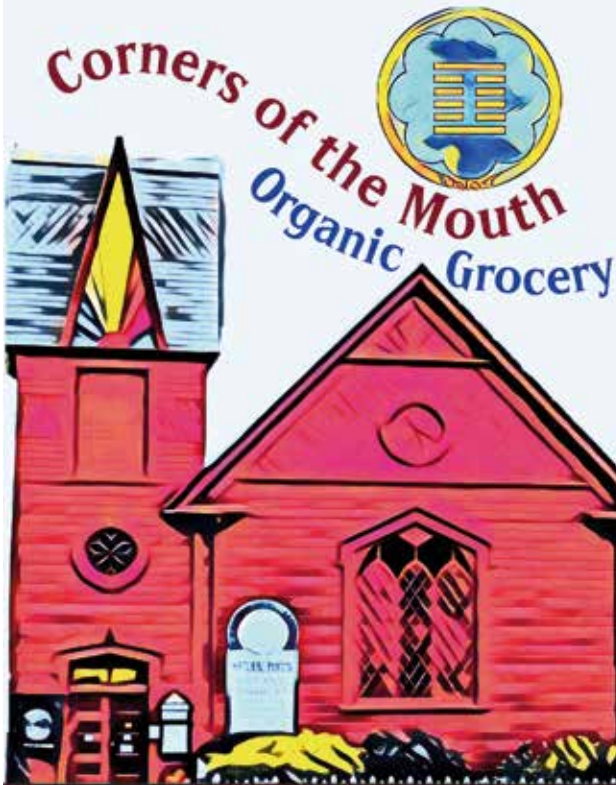
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September 14–October 22 — WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF? Classic American portrait of a tempest-tossed marriage. By Edward Albee. Directed by Willo Hausman. Mendocino Theatre Company, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-4477. mendocintheatre.org



September 18–24 — MENDOCINO OPEN PAINT OUT. A plein air festival. Watch artists paint outdoors, and attend daily wet paint sales and demonstrations. Mendocino Art Center, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-5818. MendocinoArtCenter.org

October 6 — ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE PRESENTATION. Mendocino Art Center's Artists in Residence talk about and show their recent artwork. 5pm. Mendocino Art Center, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-5818. MendocinoArtCenter.org

October 6–15 — AMERICAN CRAFT WEEK. Businesses countywide offer art shows, events, and demos. MendocinoCraftWeek.com

November 2–December 10 — OUTSIDE MULLINGAR. This romantic comedy by John Patrick Shanley, author of *Doubt* and *Moonstruck*, is lyrical, poetic, and utterly winsome. Directed by Lorry Lepaule. Mendocino Theatre Company, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-4477. mendocintheatre.org

November 3–9 — HURRICANE SMITH. Directed by Andrew Atkinson and David Kosonen. Music direction by Jack Leung. Vocal direction by Jenni Windsor. Gloriana Musical Theatre. Eagles Hall Theatre, 210 N. Corry at Alder, Fort Bragg. 707 964-SHOW. gloriana.org

November 3–12 — MUSHROOM, WINE, AND BEER FESTIVAL. Mushroom tastings, lectures and events countywide. VisitMendocino.com

November 11–12 — SYMPHONY OF THE REDWOODS FALL CONCERT. Gershwin with Vivian Choi, piano. Cotton Auditorium, corner of Harold

and Fir streets, Fort Bragg. 707 964-0898. SymphonyoftheRedwoods.org

November 24–25 — MENDOCINO ART CENTER'S 58TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR. High quality artwork and gift items, including handcrafted jewelry, paintings and photographs, functional and sculptural ceramics, fiber art and clothing, and more. 10am–5pm. Mendocino Art Center, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-5818. MendocinoArtCenter.org



November 24–25 — FESTIVAL OF TREES. Handcrafted wares and demonstrations. Fri., 10am–6pm. Sat., 10am–4pm. Gualala Arts Center, 46501 Gualala Rd., Gualala. 707 884-1138. GualalaArts.org

November 24–December 17 — FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. The gardens are transformed into a spectacular show of glittering color. Fri.–Sun. Festival of Lights Gala: Nov. 29. Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, 18220 N. Highway 1, Fort Bragg. 707 964-4352. gardenbythesea.org



December 9 — SECOND SATURDAY HOLIDAY RECEPTION. Holiday cheer, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres and wine. Browse the exhibits and Gallery Shop for unique gift items. 5pm–8pm. Mendocino Art Center, 45200 Little Lake St., Mendocino. 707 937-5818. MendocinoArtCenter.org

January 19–28 — CRAB, WINE, & BEER FESTIVAL. Food, wine and art events countywide. 707 462-7417. VisitMendocino.com

February 3–4 — SYMPHONY OF THE REDWOODS WINTER CONCERT. Brahms with Jay Zhong, violin, and Stephen Harrison, cello. Cotton Auditorium, corner of Harold and Fir streets, Fort Bragg. 707 964-0898. SymphonyoftheRedwoods.org

MENDOCINO COUNTY – INLAND

Ongoing — FIRST FRIDAYS ART WALK UKIAH. Eight gallery receptions. First Fridays each month. 5pm–8pm. 707 462-1400.

Ongoing — UKIAH FARMERS MARKET. Arts and crafts. Sat., 8:30am–12pm. Alex Thomas Plaza, School and Clay streets, Ukiah. 707 462-7377.

Through October 8 — CALIFORNIA'S WILD EDGE: THE COAST IN PRINTS, POETRY, AND HISTORY. Woodcut artist Tom Killion and California authors. Grace Hudson Museum, 431 S. Main St., Ukiah. 707 467-2836. gracehudsonmuseum.org

September 1–30 — PEACE. Juried art show. Local artists exhibit works in a variety of media. Art Center Ukiah, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400.

September 1–30 — UKIAH PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW. Local members exhibit current works. Corner Gallery, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400. cornergalleryukiah.com

September 1–November — WILLITS MAIN STREET. Stroll back in time as the Museum's long gallery is transformed into Main Street, Willits, as seen through the centuries. Mendocino County Museum, 400 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-2736. mendocinomuseum.org

September 3–30 — MAINTAINING INNER LIGHT—A SEVEN YEAR JOURNEY. Artist Nancy McHone exhibits papier-mâché sculpture plus new works of art. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

Events

SEPTEMBER 2017 through MARCH 2018

September 9–10 — SEASON GALA OPENING: PAULA SWINGS TO THE BIG BAND ERA. Featuring vocalist Paula Samonte and conductor Les Pfitzenreuter. Mendocino College Center Theatre, 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-0236. UkiahSymphony.org

September 13–17 — ARTSTAY. Arts and crafts workshops for adults. Emandal – A Farm on the River, 16 miles NE of Willits. 707 459-5439. emandal.com

September 23–24 — UKIAH VALLEY ARTISTS COOP 8TH ANNUAL STUDIO TOUR. Member artists plus additional inland area artists open their private studios for self-guided tours. 707 463-0610.

October 5–31 — BEAST: A REIMAGINED FAIRYTALE. Created by Lonnie Lopez and Jenny Peterman with a Halloween show on October 31. Ukiah Players Theatre, 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-9226. UkiahPlayersTheatre.org

October 6–15 — AMERICAN CRAFT WEEK. Art Center Ukiah features woodcarving and weaving, with Mendocino Inland Ceramic Artists ceramics display in the Corner Gallery. At Grace Hudson Museum, try your hand at printmaking blocks with the guidance of printer Meredith Hudson-Redfield. Art Center Ukiah, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. Grace Hudson Museum, 431 S. Main St., Ukiah. gracehudsonmuseum.org

October 7–28 — SEVEN KINDS OF WONDERFUL. Seven inland artists display their art encompassing seven different mediums. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

October 14–15 — HOPLAND FALL PASSPORT. Wine tasting, music, food and games for the family. 800 564-2582. destinationhopland.com

October 21–22 — UKIAH COUNTRY PUMPKINFEST. Arts, crafts, music and food. School St., Downtown Ukiah. 707 462-6789.

October 28–January 28 — MASTERING THE MOLTEN: MENDOCINO COUNTY ART GLASS. A dazzling exhibit featuring the work of contemporary county glass artists. Grace Hudson Museum, 431 S. Main St., Ukiah. 707 467-2836. gracehudsonmuseum.org

November 3–12 — MUSHROOM, WINE, AND BEER FESTIVAL. Mushroom tastings, lectures and events countywide. VisitMendocino.com

November 3–30 — FARMTOTABLE. Juried art show featuring paintings, sculpture, mixed media, and photography by local artists. Reception: Nov. 3, 5pm–8pm. Art Center Ukiah, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400.

November 3–30 — MENDOCINO COUNTY ARTISTS ASSOCIATION. Exhibition of members' special works in the front windows. Corner Gallery, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. cornergalleryukiah.com

November 4–30 — WILLITS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ANNUAL SHOW. Willits Photo Club members. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

November 24–December 17 — A LITTLE PRINCESS. Directed by Susie Slinkert. Based on the novel by Frances Hodges Burnett. When young Sara is sent to a boarding school by her well-meaning World War I bound father, the imaginative girl makes the best of things by entertaining her friends with fanciful tales. Ukiah Players Theatre, 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-9226. UkiahPlayersTheatre.org

December 1–2 — ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND CRAFT FAIR. Local arts and crafts, Santa Claus, seasonal refreshments and live music. Fri., 5pm–8pm. Sat., 10am–3pm. Grace Hudson Museum, 431 S. Main St., Ukiah. 707 467-2836. gracehudsonmuseum.org

December 1–30 — SMALL WORKS. Juried art show featuring works 12"x12" or less. Reception: Dec. 1, 5pm–8pm. Art Center Ukiah, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400.

December 1–30 — PHOTOGRAPHER CRAIG MAIZE AND PAINTER ELLEN BOULANGER. Diverse exhibit in the front windows. Corner Gallery, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. cornergalleryukiah.com

December 2 — VINTAGE TOY DISPLAY & HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE. Vintage toys, live music, crafts and activities, games, story time, and Museum Gift Shop specials. "Roots of Motive Power Holiday Express" annual arrival of Santa on the steam train. Train rides. 12pm–4pm. Mendocino County Museum, 400 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-2736. mendocinomuseum.org

December 2–3 — MARGIE RICE CONDUCTS! Pianist Elena Casanova, violinists Jessica Rice Vierra and Patricia Rice Agee, and cellist Elizabeth Rice Oliver. Ukiah Symphony. Mendocino College Center Theatre, 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-0236. UkiahSymphony.org

December 8–10 — 31ST ANNUAL WILLITS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

December 22–24 — THE NUTCRACKER. Mendocino Ballet's presentation of America's favorite holiday classic comes to life with exciting dancing and beautiful costumes. Fri., 7pm. Sat., 2pm and 7pm. Sun., 2pm. Mendocino College Center Theatre, 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah. 707 463-2290. MendocinoBallet.org

January 6–31 — CERAMICS. Local ceramic artists Doug Browe and Darril Carpenter exhibit their latest works. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

January 19–28 — CRAB, WINE, & BEER FESTIVAL. Food, wine and art events countywide. VisitMendocino.com

January 27–28 — CONCERTO! CONCERTO! Elizabeth MacDougall, piano; Landon Gray, trumpet; Randy Masselink and John Lounsbery, horns; and Les Pfitzenreuter, conductor. Mendocino College Center Theatre, 1000 Hensley Creek Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-0236. UkiahSymphony.org

February 3–28 — FABRIC, FIBERS, AND JEWELS. Ursula Partch's fiber fabrics and felting art and jewelry created by local artists. Willits Center for the Arts, 71 E. Commercial St., Willits. 707 459-1726. willitscenterforthearts.org

February 8–March 4 — 1984. A man loses his identity while living under a repressive regime. Directed by Chris Douthit. Based on the novel by George Orwell. Thu., 7pm. Fri. & Sat., 8pm. Sun., 2pm. Ukiah Players Theatre, 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah. 707 462-9226. UkiahPlayersTheatre.org

March 2–30 — GARDEN ART CREATIONS. Local artists create works of art for the garden and patio. Fundraising auction for Art Center Ukiah. Art Center Ukiah, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400.

March 2–30 — PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION. Lech Slocinski, local photographer and Ukiah High School photography instructor exhibits his personal work in the front windows. Corner Gallery, 201 S. State St., Ukiah. 707 462-1400. cornergalleryukiah.com

Poetry: Virginia Sharkey

Monday

Monday, architect numero uno, you raise your 2 x 4's
out of the blueprints of dream,

framing a maze of hallways, annexes,
and intricate porticos onto the brand-new air.

Monday, stanchion by my side for my entire life,
let me never linger merely at your threshold,

or dread to open your latch,
but wander your sub-floors eagerly,

room after sawdust room, hoisting a ladder
to inspect the massive ridge beams of your roofs.

Grabbing a handful of galvanized seconds
how deftly you hammer each into a perfect minute.

The whine of circular saws glues itself into the morning
as you dovetail, diligently, each intricate mortise of day.

Tuesday

Tuesday, you big yellow dog,
I have always loved you the best.

You with your sibilant hissing and frisky exuberance
happily second place
in the ramble of obedient days.

Into each one of your seconds
the sun has squeezed its golden splinters.

Making Paintings

After Lorca

Because I want to live with that shadowy child
who longed to walk on the bottom of prehistoric seas,

I spend nights with the bristles of boars
and the mineral pigments of zinc, iron and cadmium.

Steeped in the still deep lake of violet
pick-axing for ore in the umber of the never-before-seen,

I invite onto the hollow thrum of taut canvas
slants of the luminous peculiarity of light, confronting

arabesques of line, stubborn planes, the tug
and heft of gravity's rhythms,

trying to hear the melody that will breathe
into the beautiful silences of saturated hues.

My sole midnight compadre outside the studio door
a terrifying roar of the swaying eucalyptus

who along with me by the flurry of salt wet rain
scrapes from its palette the muddy thickness of day.

Swerving home down asphalt's cold ribbon
I dodge branches hurled down like arms flailing,

fallen hopes scattered on pavement,
the litter of ropes flung outward to drowning souls.

The Color White

What you see out the top window pane on the edge of morning.

The blank clarity of no desire.

A single sound, the black clarinet's hollow moan.

A page with no ink, no thought.

A complicated dream obliterated by new falling snow.

Virginia Sharkey is an abstract painter, poet, and musician living on the Mendocino Coast. Her poetry has appeared in numerous publications and anthologies, and she is a frequent contributor at local poetry readings.



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