

MAY

22-24 Watsonville Fly-In & Air Show, Watsonville Municipal Airport. Classic aircrafts and aerobatic performances, military flybys, memorabilia vendors and Kid's zone. Begins with Friday night fireworks. Fri 12noon-10pm, Sat & Sun 9-5pm, (831)763-5600, watsonvilleflvin.ora.

22-25 Annual O'Neill Surf Shop Parking Lot Sale. Great deals at annual surfing gear event. Fri & Mon 9am-8pm, Sat & Sun 8am-8pm. (831)475-4151.

23-24 17th Annual Santa Cruz Blues Festival, Aptos Village Park, Aptos. Major blues top performers over a two-day weekend 11am-7pm. Take the free shuttle bus from Cabrillo College lot. Blues Hotline (831)479-9814, santacruzbluesfestival.com.

23-24 25th Annual Santa Cruz Longboard Club Invitational, West Coast's oldest longest-running competitive surfing event, Steamer Lane at Lighthouse Point, Santa Cruz 6am-6pm, (831)917-4371, santa-cruzlongboard-union.com.

23-25 20th Annual Boulder Creek Art, Wine & Music Festival in Downtown Boulder Creek, with 2 live music stages, 15 international food booths and local wines. (831)338.2578. bcba.net.

23-25 Roaring Camp's 28th Civil War Battles & **Encampment**. Enactments of civil war historic battles & encampments of Union & Confederate soldiers held at Roaring Camp, Felton. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.

JUNE

6-7 Vintner's Festival. Winery Tours, special tastings, music and exhibits at various wineries. 11am-5pm. (831)685-8463, scmwa.com,

6 Festival at the Cement Ship, Seacliff State Beach in Aptos. Experience the park's history with art & crafts, games and stories. Make kites, learn about local marine life 11am-4pm. (831)685-6444, santacruzstateparks.org

6-7 4th Annual Rod & Custom Classic Car Show. Over 250 classic cars cruise Sat. 8am starting at the Boardwalk, then on display Sat. 9am-5pm & Sun. 9am-2pm on the Esplanade, Capitola Village. (831)475-6522,

capitolacarshow.com.

7 World's Oceans Day at the Seymour Center. Celebrate our blue planet. Learn about protecting 71% of our planet that's blue. Kid's crafts, activity sheets, scavenger hunt. Free. (831)459-3800, end of Delaware Ave, Santa Cruz, http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu.

13 Juneteenth Celebration, Laurel Park, Santa Cruz. Celebrates The Emancipation Proclamation, a tradition among African Americans featuring food, crafts, music and speakers. 12pm-5pm. (831)420-6177, nelsoncenter. com.

17 Twilight Concerts. Wednesday nights through August 26, 6pm-8pm, Bring a picnic, sit in the park or on the beach, dance to live music on Capitola's bandstand in Esplanade Park. capitolavillage.com.

19 Free Friday Night Concerts at the Santa Cruz 4 Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebra-Beach Boardwalk. Free shows with sounds of the 60s. 70s, & 80s, 6:30pm & 8:30pm every Fri. night through Aug. 28, beachboardwalk.com.

20 Whale of an Auction. Benefit for marine science education at Friends of Long Marine Lab. Bid on one-ofa-kind field trips with world-class scientists, vacations around the world, art, wine, exclusive dining, and more, (831) 459-3800, http://sevmourcenter.ucsc.edu.

20 Japanese Cultural Fair, 23rd Anniversary. Traditional Japanese and contemporary performances, martial arts, craft workshops & food. Mission Plaza Park, near downtown Santa Cruz. (831)462-4589, jcfsc.org.

21 Hats Off To Dad with Steam Train Ride, Bluegrass Bands & BBQ. Roaring Camp, Felton. 9am-5pm. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.

27 Surf City Classic "Woodies on the Wharf," Santa Cruz Wharf. Celebrate the surf spirit with 100 pre-50s 'woodies." Music, memorabilia and prizes. 10am-4pm. (831)420-5273, santacruzwharf.com,

27 A Garden of Poetry & Music. An afternoon in a garden for poems and tunes of the region. Free at Alan Chadwick Garden, UCSC, Santa Cruz 12noon-2pm (831)459-3240, jonitann@ucsc.edu.

JULY

1-31 Free Friday Night Concerts at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. See June 19 listing. beachboardwalk.com

4 Independence Day Celebration. Bop on over to Roaring Camp for a Sock Hop and 50's family fun: Hula Hoop contests, games, live music, All-American barbecue. Roaring Camp, Felton. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp. com

4 World's Shortest Parade, corner of State Park & Soquel Dr. to Trout Gulch, Aptos. Pancake breakfast, music & games. (831)688-1467, aptoschamber.com.

4 Fireworks Celebration Parade, live music, family fun & food. Adm. \$7, gates open 3pm, fireworks 9:15pm. Scotts Valley Community Skypark, 360 King Village Rd. (831)438-3251, scottsvalley.org.

4 Firecracker 10K Race. Scenic course through the Pogonip starting at Harvey West Park, Pancake breakfast follows. santacruzfirecracker10k.org.

tion at Wilder Ranch State Park, Music, crafts, games, ice cream making and children's parade. 11am-4pm. (831)426-0505, santacruzstateparks.org.

4 Spirit of Watsonville. Celebrates Watsonville's 158th Birthday! Pancake breakfast, festival and parade. 2pm-5pm, (831)768-3266.

11-12 Bargetto Winery Fine Arts Festival. Local artists display their works. 10am-5pm. 3535 N. Main St. Soquel, (831)475-2258, bargetto.com.

18 Passport Program, Santa Cruz Mountain Winegrower's Association event. Special tastings at wineries and pairings at local restaurants, 11am-5pm, (831)685-8463, scmwa.com.

19 Art On the Wharf, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz, Live jazz arts and crafts show, Free, (831)420-5273, santacruzwharf.com.

21-31 Shakespeare Santa Cruz, Performing Arts, UCSC. Innovative Shakespeare performances. See page 10 for season details. (831)459-2159, shakespearesantacruz.org

26-Aug. 16 Cabrillo Stage: Professional Musical Theatre 28th Season. "I Love You, You're Perfect...Now Change" and "The Wizard of Oz" with full orchestra, Broadway caliber shows. Cabrillo College Theatre, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, (831)479-6154, cabrillostage.com.

26 37th Annual Wharf to Wharf 10K Run, Santa Cruz Wharf to Capitola Wharf. Limited to 15,000 runners. Live bands & festive spectators. Starts at Main Beach. Santa Cruz, 8:30am, (831)475-2196, wharftowharf.com,

26 Annual Moss Landing Antique Fair, small fishing village with a myriad of antique stores. 8am-5pm. No dogs allowed. Free parking.(831)633-4501, mosslandingchamber.com.

31 Monterey Bay Strawberry Festival. Strawberry delights, entertainment, contests. Ramsay Park, 1255 Main St., Watsonville, 12noon -4pm (831)724-3900.

A U G U S T

1-2 Santa Cruz Pier Swim & Cruz Cruise. 1 & 2 mile ocean swim around the Wharf. (831)425-5762.

1-31 Shakespeare Santa Cruz (See July 21)

1-28 Free Friday Night Concerts at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. (See June 19) beachboardwalk.com.

1-16 Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, Civic Auditorium, Santa Cruz. Conductor Marin Alsop heads this award-winning festival. Guest Artists. See page 10 for details. (831)426-6966, cabrillomusic.org.

2-8 Dickens Universe, UCSC. Dickens scholars and students convene to discuss "David Copperfield." Public invited. (831)459-2103. http://ucsc.edu/dickens.

8-9 Cabrillo Music, Art, Food and Wine Festival, in Downtown Santa Cruz at the Civic Auditorium. Free two days of global and ethnic music and dance. (831)426-6966, cabrillomusic.org.

9-10 Scotts Valley Art & Wine Festival. Fine art, wine & beer tasting, great food, and live entertainment in an open park setting at Skypark in Scotts Valley 10am - 6pm. (831)438-1010, scottsvalleychamber.com.

9 Musical Saw Players Festival, Roaring Camp, Felton. Unique instruments playing bluegrass, classical and country music. (831)335-4484, roaringcamp.com.

16 Aloha Outrigger Races & Polynesian Festival, Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz. Outrigger races, island music & dance, Polynesian culture. Races at 9am, festival 11-5pm. (831)420-5273, santacruzwharf.com.

SEPTEMBER

1-2 Shakespeare Santa Cruz (See July 21)

4-7 57th Annual Capitola Begonia Festival, Capitola Village. Nautical parade with begonia-covered barges, Sand Sculpture competition, Horsehoe Tournament, Fishing Derby and more. (See page 11) (831)476-3566. begoniafestival.com.

4-5 Movies at the Beach. Bring flashlights, beach chairs and blankets. Free popcorn, seating at 6:30, movie at 7pm, capitolavillage.com.

4-7 Annual O'Neill Surf Shop Parking Lot Sale. Great deals at this annual surfing gear event. Fri & Mon 9am-8pm, Sat & Sun 8am-8pm. (831)475-4151.

4-6 Greek Festival, held on Center & Church Streets, Santa Cruz. Greek food, wine, music, & dancing. (831)429-6500.

8-13 114th Santa Cruz County Fair, Fairgrounds, Watsonville. "Old Fashioned" county fair, agricultural, art

and food exhibits, award-winning local wines. (831)724-5671, santacruzcountyfair.com.

11-12 UCSC Fall Plant Sale. Region's varieties of organically grown vegetables and plants. Barn Theater Parking Lot, UCSC, Santa Cruz, Fri.12noon-6pm, Sat. 10am-2pm. (831)459-3240, jonitann@ucsc.edu.

12-13 27th Annual Capitola Art & Wine Festival, Capitola Village, Capitola. Food, music, art & wine. Over 185 artist's works for sale 10am-6pm. (831)475-6522, capitolachamber.com.

17 Oktoberfest, a Bavarian Fall Festival at the Tyrolean Inn, a German restaurant located at 9600 Highway 9, Ben Lomond, German food, beer and live music. (831)336-5188, tyroleaninn.com.

19 Ohlone Day, explore the Ohlone culture with music, dance and stories, 10am-4pm. Build a tule boat and more family fun. Henry Cowell State Park, Felton, (831)335-7077, mountainparks.org.

20 27th Annual Santa Cruz Triathlon, Main Beach, Dream Inn, Santa Cruz. One mile swim around the pier, 24 mile bike ride and 6.2 mile run along the coast. Register at santacruztriathlon.org.

24-27 Monterey Bay Birding Festival, Over 300 birding species at Watsonville Civic Plaza, 275 Main St. Watsonville. (831)724-3900, montereybaybirding.com.

26 Big Basin Founders' Day. Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Celebrate our wild heritage with a melodrama, music, historic hikes and kid's games,10 am-8pm. (831)338-8883, santacruzstateparks.org.

26 UCSC Farm & Garden Harvest Festival. Celebrate autumn with live music, food, apple pie bake-off from 11am-5pm. (831)459-3240, http://casfs.ucsc.edu.

OCTOBER

3 Loch Lomond Highland Games & Celtic gathering, Bagpipes, haggis, living history, music, dance & athletic competitions. Highland park, Ben Lomond, (831) 457-6716. lochlomondceltic.org

3 Annual Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza. Family event 50 games and food booths, fireworks display. Seacliff State Beach, Aptos. (831)685-3317, monte-foundation.com.

3-4, 10-11, 17-18 Open Studios. For three weekends artists in Santa Cruz County open their studios. Meet the artists on self-guided tours, buy original art. (831)475-9600, ccscc.org.

10 Lobster Feed, Henry Cowell State Park picnic area, Felton. Maine Lobsters with all the trimmings & Bluegrass music. Local State Park benefit. From 4:30-7:30pm. Reservations required, (831)335-3174, mountainparks,

11 Welcome Back Monarchs Day. Arts & crafts, games, music & monarch butterfly fun. Natural Bridges State Park, Santa Cruz, 10-4pm. (831)423-4609. santacruzstateparks.com.

24 Heritage Harvest Festival. Draft horse demonstrations, wagon rides, decorate pumpkins at a historic ranch. 11am-3pm. Wilder Ranch State Park, Santa Cruz, (831)426-0505, santacruzstateparks.org.

- A Cup of Relaxation

Asana

Asana is just steps from Pacific Avenue in downtown Santa Cruz. Come chill in this comfy tea café and restaurant that serves gourmet breakfast, lunch and dinner with many organic, vegetarian dishes. They feature over 60 world class teas in a relaxing, soothing environment. Visit Asanateas.com for a full menu and live music schedule. Free WiFi. 103 Lincoln St, Santa Cruz. (831)425-TEAS(8327).

Kind Grind

Start your day at The Kind Grind enjoying a superb espresso and fresh pastry while admiring the sailboats & views of the bay. Located at the Santa Cruz Harbor, fresh coffee and French pastries are ofered as well as made -to- order deli sandwiches and ice cream. 2222 E Cliff Drive # 130, Santa Cruz. (831) 476-9136.

Santa Cruz **Coffee Roasting Company** & Aptos Coffee Roasting Company

The Central Coast's first Fair Trade certified roaster. stocking a variety of award-winning organic and specialty coffees. Industry leader, Kenneth Davids, named Beethoven Blend the "best in the industry." 1330 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, (831)459-0100, Open Daily 6:30am-11pm. 19-A Rancho Del Mar Shopping Center, Aptos. (831)685-0100. Open 6am-10pm.

Westside Coffee Company

Located "Behind the Clock" in the Safeway Plaza at Mission and Almar Streets, this coffee company has a surfing photo gallery and surfing videos. Offering lattes, espresso drinks, cappuccinos, smoothies, all vour favorite breakfast & lunch specials. Free Wi-Fi. Open 5:45am-6pm. 849H Almar St., Santa Cruz (831)427-1300.