

ARTS IN NATURE FEST MARCH 9 PLANNING MEETING NOTES

Folks attending: Alan and Nancy Candee, Alan Lubanes, Nancy Monroe, Buzz Chernoff, Wendy Appleby, Ray Griffiths, Michael and Sharai Smith, Traci Preble, David Blonski, Drew Woodall, Mignon Geli, Jo Chandler

Updates:

- Flyers/Posters - There has been no progress on the official flyer/poster for the event. Nancy talked to Liz Dowel and it was agreed that Buzz will follow up by contacting Liz and Laura Schick to get them started on the project.
- Banners - John Daniels has the banners and has updated them in the past. Buzz will contact John and ask him about updating for this year. Drew volunteered to help John put up the signs when they are ready.
- Funding - Nancy has been working on funding and has contacted Patty Smith. She has decided to wait until there is a draft of the official flyer to take to other potential sponsors like the bank and Irene Smith. The group agreed that this is a good idea and that sponsor logos should go on the final draft of the flyer/poster.
- Vendors - We still need a coordinator for the vendors, but in the meantime, Buzz has sent out applications to past vendors and some new one. We have received one completed application – Divide Ready by 5.
- STARS – Nancy contacted STARS for 6 to 8 volunteers. Traci will follow up and be in charge of making sure we get the STARS volunteers, and the locations they will work.

We went over the progress that has been made developing each of the activity areas. Peggy has the art gallery painting area under control. She is working with Doris Goren from the Divide Art Gallery about having adult work exhibited, and Doris would like to have a table next to Peggy for help with making kids art. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea. Drew offered to give Peggy wire for wiring the art panels together. Drew is working on getting folks lined up for the Amphitheater stage. Buzz will send Drew contact info on Kim Hoel and Tila Biale who are involved with home schooled kids doing music. Mignon has a women's group from Alturas to perform drumming at the Nisenan Village. She is also working on getting someone to do the opening ceremony. Peggy will do an adult art class in the art area above the village, and Buzz will contact Jack Nissen about doing a workshop on taking nature themed digital photographs. Jo is developing a program for journaling/nature writing at the Alder Creek writing area. She plans on having two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Sara Hathaway, a young local published author, will help Jo with the classes. Jo will be handing out writing books and handouts and would like to have a logo on the books. We agreed that it would be nice to have a logo for the event, and Nancy and Buzz will work on this for presentation at the next meeting. Michael has a group of storytellers for the Nisenan Trail Storytelling area. Nancy has lots of folks to choose from for the Peace Pole area. Traci will do yoga in the area and David Blonski will make his magic music at the spot. Nancy contacted Byron Pethman who has agreed to coordinate the open mic/jam at the little theater. Buzz noted that two students, Saxton Ahern and Darby Bernoudy have expressed an interest in being involved in the activities at the little

theater. After some discussion and laughter, it was agreed that this area should be called the Jam and Slam area. Alan is working on lining up folks to participate in the Gold Mine area. He has someone from the Gold Rush Discovery Park to give a historical talk on the gold rush, and another volunteer from the park to put up a gold panning area. He will also contact Alan Fuller about performing gold rush songs and talk about Old Put. Kids with Ukes will also perform in the area. And finally, Ray is working on activities for the Homesteading Arts area. He briefly described a program he would like to do on preparing acorns for cooking and a nature activity for kids identifying plants in the nature area; a kind of nature scavenger hunt. He has not been in contact with Tamara so Buzz will send him and Tamara an e-mail so they can talk about other activities for the area.

Buzz asked, and all the area coordinators present agreed to write 2 or 3 sentences describing the theme and general activities that will take place at each area. They will send them to Buzz within the week, and he will send them on to Drew, Liz and Wendy for inclusion in a press release, on the web page, and on the face book page respectively.

We briefly talked about publicity and Buzz agreed to get PSA's to KVMR in Nevada City and KXJZ CAP City Radio in Sacramento. Drew will contact Beth Ruyak at KXJZ about doing a spot about the festival on her program 'Insight'. We also talked about articles for the Sacramento Bee special section, and the Sacramento News and Review. Buzz will contact the El Dorado Arts Council about getting information on the festival posted on their web page, and also about the possibility of some funding help.

Alan said that he is on top of the sound for the amphitheater and will do a dry run later this week. To do that he will need a key to get into the area with a car; and have power on in the outlet at the top of the Amphitheater stairs. Alan also offered to do a 15 minute presentation on how to start a fire the old fashioned way in one of the areas. Any fire concerns will need to be dealt with.

We briefly discussed getting community public safety organizations involved in the festival. Nancy has contacted some groups (Blodgett Forest, CDF) and we all need to work on getting more. It was suggested that this include GPUD. Buzz will go over the list of community organizations that have participated in the past and send them applications to participate again this year.

The next meeting will be on Monday March 23 at 4 pm in room 201 at Georgetown School, or the Hut. Exact location will be sent in the next few days.