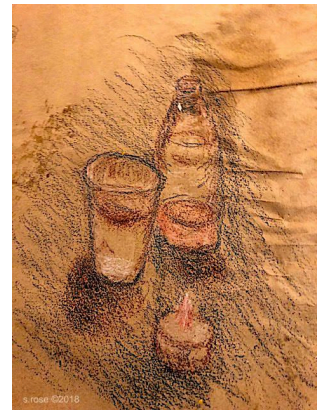
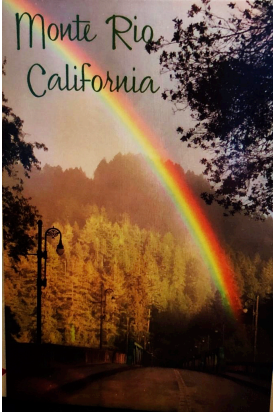


Friends of Monte Rio Annual Report 2019

The Mission of the Friends of Monte Rio

Is to enhance & strengthen the quality of residential community life in Monte Rio, CA by developing and supporting a series of low and no cost social, cultural and educational programs and activities.

The Friends of Monte Rio (FoMR) will mark its 10th year in 2020 – and in 2019, we endeavored to fulfill our mission of creating programs and space for everyone along the Lower Russian River. With the involvement of so many community volunteers, we have continued to offer a wide array of on-going monthly and annual events. (See Attached Programs List) In addition, The FoMR joined with other locally based organizations focused on making the Amphitheater more affordable and available for local groups to encourage new outdoor events.



Just after the flood of 2019, Lauren Spates caught this rainbow scene at the Bridge (Buy a Postcard, Support the FoMR!) Wondering if we would need to cancel the monthly dinner, the Chef, Band and Volunteers rallied so that just a few days after the flood, we were all able to gather to recover and check in on neighbors at the March Supper Club. Thanks to diners who leave us their table art each month, like this still life by regular attendee and local artist, Donna Roberts. See more @ FoMR FB



The Annual Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt & Games moved to the Monte Rio School with expanded activities and closer coordination with the PTSA. Michael Fisher was on hand to work his magic at the face-painting booth. We are so sad to mark the passing of this very talented, involved and giving member of our Friends community. An exciting addition to the annual programs is Swimming Lessons with the YMCA, thanks to support from a MR Fire District grant. Collaboration with other local groups is foundational to FoMR programs and the annual Dia de los Muertos celebration, now in its second year is a great example; co sponsored by the Spanish Club, River to Coast Children's Services and the MRRPD.

For your year long volunteer efforts, FoMR offers Special Thanks (in no particular order) to Amanda Yskamp, Christmas Leubrie, Leslie Hofelich, Sherry Pimsler, Soledad Figueroa, Bette Spagel, Doug Larsen, Suki McCoy, Jane Kleimo, Jane Saunders, and Peter Andrews. The FoMR acknowledges and appreciates the partnership with the MRRPD and our shared commitment to broadening access and programs available at our awesome Rec and Park facilities. (Photo Credit: Suzi Rose)