



## Transition Cotati Salon

FrogSong Common House  
8290 Old Redwood Highway, Cotati

In these monthly, facilitated gatherings we discuss issues, welcoming the diversity of ideas and opinions, and create action plans to build community and enhance resilience.

### *Transition Cotati Series*

#### **FREE/ NO COURSE #**

Sat, Mar 21	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sat, April 18	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sat, May 16	1:00- 3:00 PM
Sat, June 20	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sat, July 18	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sat, Aug 15	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## Movie Night – Food Theme

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With so much interest in local food, sustainability, organic, home grown, free range, solar cookers and more, what would be better than a movie on these topics? Come on over to FrogSong for some popcorn and foodie movies.

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Sat, Mar 28 7:30 PM

## Bicycle Tour

### Exploring the Byways, Bikeways & Habitat of the Southern Laguna Watershed

Community Center

A gentle bike ride to explore parts of the southern Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed around Cotati, with choices of route length (approximately 6-20 miles) and stops to enjoy the countryside. Kate Symonds, a biologist who works in a habitat restoration program with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, will give us an overview of the vernal pool landscapes and valley oaks we pass along the way. **Helmets and bikes in good working order are essential, and you are responsible for your own bicycle safety.** Contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 792 4422 for details and to register.

## *Cotati Creek Critters Inside/Outside Nature Education Series*

### **FREE/ PREREGISTRATION**

Sat, Apr 4 9:00 AM– 1:00 PM

## Movies in the Park

La Plaza Park  
Old Redwood Hwy & West Sierra Avenue, Cotati

The City of Cotati Recreation Department has teamed up with The Real Estate Team of Britt & Barbara Johnson to offer FREE Movies. The 3rd Friday June 19 through September 18 we will be showing family friendly movies in a community oriented, big screen celebration of movie classics, and old fashioned, outdoor fun. Plus, all of our concessions will be catered by local youth groups. There will be the usual fare of popcorn, hotdogs, and candy, not to mention you will be helping with their fundraising efforts. Movies in La Plaza are a walk-in, bring –your–own–seating kind of event, so don't forget your low lawn chairs, beanbags or other creative seating. Bring a blanket to keep warm and a flashlight to walk home, but **please no dogs**. Please call the Cotati Events Hotline (707) 765-3939 to confirm movie title.

### **FREE /NO COURSE #**

Fri, June 19, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18  
At dark

## Bike to Work Day

La Plaza Park  
Old Redwood Hwy & West Sierra Avenue, Cotati

Cotati Energizer Station at La Plaza Park, stop by for a snack and water. For a complete list of Energizer Stations contact 545-0153 or go to [www.bikesonoma.org](http://www.bikesonoma.org) for more information.

### **FREE/ NO COURSE #**

Thurs, May 12 6:00 – 9:00 AM

## Birds of California Grasslands

Tolay Lake Regional Park

California grasslands are "powerhouses" of biological productivity and critical habitat for a remarkable array of birds, including raptors such as red-tail hawks, northern harriers, white-tail kites and golden eagles. Join Lishka Arata, a biologist-turned-educator in

PRBO Conservation Science's Education and Outreach program and Wade Belew, Vice-President of the California Native Grasslands Association at Toley Lake Regional Park, as we scan the skies for birds and examine the grass at our feet, and make the ecological connection between the two. This is a collaborative event with Cotati Creek Critters, PRBO Conservation Science and the Sonoma County Regional Parks Service. Numbers are limited. Please contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707 792 4422 to register and for details and directions.

*Cotati Creek Critters Inside/Outside Nature Education Series*

**DONATION/ PREREGISTRATION**

Sun, May 3 9:00 AM– 12:00 PM

- **George Rathmell**, author of *The Pickle Girl* about the 1939 fair on Treasure Island, & *Realms of Gold*, a history of Bay Area writers from 1850 – 1950.
- **Ana Manwaring**, author of a thriller series set in Mexico & California.
- **Mary Lynn Archibald**, author of *Six Cows*, *No Horse & No Clue*, a memoir about her adventures in ranching.

*Redwood Writers* is one of seventeen branches of the California Writers Club, the oldest professional writing club in the nation. CWC was established in 1909 by a group of writers including Jack London and John Muir.

**FREE/ NO COURSE #**

Sat, June 6 2:00 PM

**Bicycle Tour of Urban Gardens**

Community Center

Have you dreamed of growing vegetables and fruit trees instead of watering and mowing your lawn? Are you interested in learning to live more sustainably by growing your own food? Join us on a bicycle tour of some urban backyard (and front yard) gardens. Meet at the Ray Miller Community Center at 10 am for a 4 mile bicycle ride to the A and L sections of Rohnert Park. **Helmets and bikes in good working order are essential, and you are responsible for your own bicycle safety.** After the tour we'll share a picnic lunch at a local park.

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Sat, May 16 10:00 AM

**Redwood Writers Present:**

**Writers of the West**

Community Center - Stony Point Classroom (#7)

Come join us for a chance to hear and chat with local authors. These writers live in Sonoma County and often write about the west.

Featured Local Writers:

- **Jennie Frost Butler**, local award-winning poet.
- **Catharine Bramkamp**, author of *Woman on the Verge of Wyoming* & a mystery series starring Allison Little, a real estate agent.

**Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue**

Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and orphaned wildlife and to promote understanding and appreciation of wildlife. Sick, injured or orphaned wildlife that could not survive in the wild are given a second chance at the center. Current residents include a coyote, a red fox, a gray fox, a squirrel, raccoons, a skunk, and two mountain lion cubs. Join us for a presentation and tour of the Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue center with Cassidy Slater, Education Outreach Director. A good opportunity for a family outing! Donations to SCWR requested to help cover costs. Contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) to register and to arrange carpooling.

*Cotati Creek Critters Inside/Outside Nature Education Series*

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Sat, June 6 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Western Pond Turtles in Urban Waterways**

Shollenberger Park

Shollenberger Park has a population of resident western pond turtles, along with non-native turtles (red-eared sliders) and provides an excellent opportunity to observe the interactions between these two species. Spend the morning viewing turtles and other wildlife, with Dr. Nicholas Geist is an Associate Professor of Biology at Sonoma State University. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Bring binoculars if you have them, water and a snack. Contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707 792 4422 to register and for details, directions, etc.

***Cotati Creek Critters Inside/Outside Nature Education Series***

**DONATION/ PREREGISTRATION**

Sat, July 11 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Day Parade & Festival**  
***Theme: Rock N' Roll Through the Ages***

Community Center &  
La Plaza Park

You are encouraged to design a costume and decorate floats, bikes, wagons, strollers, etc. related to the theme. Be in the parade or be a spectator. Kids, grown-ups, businesses, and clubs are invited to participate. For a group, obtain a FREE parade application and compete for prize money and ribbons. Or as an individual join us informally and march in the parade for the possibility of winning.

The Pancake Breakfast will be served 7 – 11 AM and hosted by Church of the Oaks. Adults are \$5, kids 12 and under are \$3. Church of the Oaks is located at the corner of West Sierra and Page Street.

After the parade, there will be a free festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in La Plaza Park. Activities include the annual Cotati Chamber of Commerce Diaper Derby for the pre-toddler group, and other contests. There will be food, and arts & crafts booths too!

**FREE/ NO COURSE #**

Sat, July 18

Parade line-up: 9:30 AM Community Center

Festival: 10 AM – 3:00 PM La Plaza Park

**Gardening to Conserve Water & Protect Creeks**

Community Center – Stony Point Classroom (#7)

The choices we make every day at home, and at work, have significant impact on the environment around us. Laurel Marcus, restoration ecologist, is author of ***The House & Garden Audit: Protecting Your Family's Health and Improving the Environment***, an invaluable guide to what we can all do to take care of the environment around us, starting at home. She will discuss everything from cleaning and pest control to gardening and creek care. Everyone who attends will

receive a **free copy** of this useful book! Sierra Cantor, Watershed Biologist will explain how the health of our creeks reflects the health of the entire watershed. Contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707 792 4422 for additional details.

***Cotati Creek Critters Inside/Outside Nature Education Series***

**FREE/ NO COURSE #**

Sat, Aug 1 10:00 AM

**Kids Nature Discovery Walk**

Cotati City Well Lot #2  
Lakewood Ave

Experience the Laguna de Santa Rosa channel in Cotati to look at insects, birds and plants during this parent/child nature walk with Julie Byrne. The topics emphasized will be conservation, life cycles and habitats. Julie Byrne is a credentialed biology teacher and a naturalist in the field of environmental education. She conducts workshops and ecology classes throughout Sonoma County. Children, K – 6<sup>th</sup> must be able to walk on their own and be attended by an adult. Please have warm layers of clothing, water for the trail and sturdy walking shoes. Binoculars recommended. See directions and map posted under Creek Stewardship Day guidelines at [www.CotatiCreekCritters.info](http://www.CotatiCreekCritters.info) To register contact [jenny@creeks.cotati.info](mailto:jenny@creeks.cotati.info) or 707 792 4422.

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Sat, Sept 5 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

