



Meeting Date: March 30, 2022

Agenda Item: D.8

## AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

Point Arena Merchant 's Assoc. (PAMA) and the Point Arena Lighthouse (non-profit) are requesting a bus for their special event "Almost Fringe Festival"

### **SUMMARY:**

The Point Arena Merchants Association together with the Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers are holding the 4th annual "Almost Fringe Festival" on April 23.

They would like to arrange with MTA for a shuttle bus between the Lighthouse and the City Pier, stopping in downtown Point Arena. They would like the shuttle to run from 11am to 6pm.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adding the Point Arena "Almost Fringe Festival" to the Special Events Calendar.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Almost Fringe Festival Flyer with attached letter from Director Dahloff.

MTA Board,

The Point Arena Merchants Association together with the Point Arena Lighthouse Keepers are holding the 4th annual "Almost Fringe Festival" on April 23.

They would like to arrange with MTA for a shuttle bus between the Lighthouse and the City Pier, stopping in downtown Point Arena. They would like the shuttle to run from 11am to 6pm.

This event ties together the non-profit Lighthouse, the City Pier and local businesses. More information about the event is attached.

The contact person is Kersten Tanner  
707-882-2966 [ktanner@mcn.org](mailto:ktanner@mcn.org)  
Point Arena Merchants Association  
PO Box 274  
Point Arena, CA 95468

Thank-you for your consideration  
Eric Dahlhoff

[View this email in your browser](#)



[STAY](#) | [SEE+DO](#) | [EVENTS](#) | [EAT+DRINK](#)

The poster for the 2022 Almost Fringe Festival is a vibrant, artistic composition. The central focus is a stylized face of a woman, where the hair is a dense arrangement of various flowers and foliage. The eyes are large and expressive, and the mouth is a simple, smiling line. The background is a light blue sky. Text elements include "2022" in a yellow circle at the top right, "ALMOST fringe FESTIVAL" in large, colorful letters across the center, and "POINT ARENA" in yellow letters below it. A red circle on the left contains the date and time: "Saturday April 23rd 10am-6pm". A list of activities is on the bottom left: "Art Openings", "Crafts Fair", "Live Music", "Local Cuisine", "Performance Art", and "Kids Activities". At the bottom, a yellow banner reads "Visit PointArena.net for the complete Schedule of Events". Logos for KZXX and the Point Arena Merchants Association are in the bottom right corner.

## The 4th Annual Almost Fringe Festival!

Join the characters of Point Arena in celebration of all things creative in their own backyard! From traditional to cutting edge, artsy to agrarian, and everything in between!

The Almost Fringe Festival movement got its start in Edinburgh, Scotland. While Point Arena is a long

way from Edinburgh, it's no less stunning in natural beauty and artistry from this creative community!

## COME AND VISIT



### Where Kites are King

Kicking off the Almost Fringe festivities is the Wind & Whales Celebration at the Point Arena Lighthouse with the Berkeley Kite Wrangles! With an abundance of space and stunning coastal views, this is an ideal spot to fly a kite...or whale watch. Not only will whale experts be on hand to answer questions, but The Lighthouse Gift Store will have sales on whale related items and other gift ideas! Get those kites ready!

## COME PLAY

### Getting Crafty

A pop-up arts & crafts market will take place at Druids Hall with a host of crafty vendors displaying their creations, plus check out art openings at the Coast Highway Art Collective, Think Visual and The Pier Chowder House. There is no shortage of creative and crafty individuals, and now is the perfect time to discover a new favorite artist!



## DISCOVER



## BEYOND BOOKS

Learning comes in all forms, and at the Point Arena Library, experience Black-Out poetry, music, artworks, plus fun for the kids with *Action Network* including face painting, bubbles and art projects. Check out all the activities happening at the Point Arena Library from Noon - 2 PM.

LEARN MORE

## PERFORMING ARTS

What would an Almost Fringe Festival be without music and other performance arts?! Not the same. Fortunately, there is plenty of opportunity to catch live music in multiple locations, as well as dancers and other performing artists entertaining all throughout Main Street. And don't miss the high school drama club performance - today's HS drama king or queen could be tomorrow's Academy Award winner!



HAVE FUN

## ARTFUL FOOD

Enjoy food from local restaurants and food vendors, many of which are offering specials, including the newest eatery - Gama, with their amazing Bento Boxes. Check out all



the restaurants, including those with art displays and even some featuring the performance art of Karaoke! Join the fun and sing us a song!

SAVOR

Enjoy a Preview Clip before Your Trip!



Point Arena: A Natural View





## **Point Arena's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Almost Fringe Festival 2022**

**Saturday, April 23 ~ 10:00 – 6:00**

Come enjoy the arts and our unique community at this fun festival celebrating all things creative from traditional to cutting edge and artsy to agrarian. Loosely based on the International Fringe Art Movement, there will be live music, art and photography shows, a crafts fair, performance art, participatory creative events and activities for kids, as well as amazing local cuisine.

This year's festival kicks off at 10:00 with the Wind & Whale Celebration at the Lighthouse and gentle Yoga in the park, led by Sutra Yoga's owner Emily McConnell. At the Lighthouse see the Giant Kites flown by the Berkeley Kite Wranglers, and watch the migrating whales while learning about them from whale experts Scott and Tree Mercer. They will have displays of baleen whale artifacts and answer questions about the marine mammals. The Light Station Store will be offering sale prices on whale related gifts and other items.

From 10:00 and 5:00 the library is encouraging everyone to tap into their inner creative muse and express themselves. Create music on a Theremini, blackout a printed page to create poetry, paint expressionist art to music, or chalk up the pavement with wild designs! Stop by and meet our creative new librarian, Mellisa Hannum.

Across the street at Centennial Plaza there will be a variety of performances. At 1:00 enjoy excerpts from a Point Arena High School upcoming play, Clue. At 2:00 experience a sound healing bath and mini-healing sessions, at 3:00 watch the talented Folklorico Dancers, followed by Soap Box Poetry at 3:30 which is open to all poets and spoken word artists. Action Network will be at the park behind Outback involving kids in art projects, bubble blowing, face painting and more from 12:00 – 2:00. Arena Theater will be showing a National Theater Live Telecast of 'Book of Dust' at 1:00.

The Zen House is hosting a Fringe Motorcycle Gathering at 1:00, which begins with a Fringe Motorcycle Parade led by motorcycle collector Peter Richardson on his very collectable 1974 Ducati Super Sport. Immediately following the Fringe Motorcycle Parade, enjoy the Zen Motorcycle Display "Ducati Bevel Twins of the 70's" while engaging in informal discussions with special guests Quail Motorcycle Gathering Judge, Will Guyan (Former editor of BMW's On The Level) and motorcycle collectors Peter Richardson and Garry Willy.

Live Music will be playing at Coast Highway Art Collective, Think Visual, Arena Market and Café, with wandering minstrels up and down Main Street, and a grand finale with Buckridge Racket Club from 4:30 – 6:30 at the pier. Will there be jugglers and clowns on Main street? Bring your family and smiling face and come find out!

Coast Highway Art Collective will be open from 10:00 to 6:00 with a celebratory opening reception of art by member and guest artists for this fun and sometimes bizarre festival. There will be live music by Barbara Johannes on the accordion from noon to 2:00 and Tom Merline and Keith Abrams from 2:00 to 4:00. Think Visual will have plenty of art, and music by the Think Jazz Combo in the afternoon.

Arena Market and Café is celebrating the Almost Fringe Festival with gift basket give a ways, food samples all day, and wine tasting from 3:00 – 5:00. Members will receive an additional 5% discount and music will fill the market with Wildheart playing from 1:30 – 3:00 followed by Tim Mueller from 3:00 – 5:00.

In the parking lot next door to the Arena Market you'll find a Farmer's Market, a Plant Exchange and Seed Give Away, food vendors, as well as a Live Art Painting Demonstration by renowned muralist, Art Goddess Lauren Sinnott.

Other fabulous food offerings will be available to satisfy the festival goer's appetite. You'll find Point Arena's newest eatery Gama serving Bento Boxes to go from 11:00-6:00, followed by Small Plates and Karaoke from 5:00 – 9:00. Center Street Market will have a special boba drink and sandwiches, while The Good Food clubs serves up locally sourced yumminess in their parking lot. Delicious fringy pastries will be found at Franny's Cup and Saucer

Don't miss the Crafts Fair at the Druids Hall from 11:00 to 5:00 with familiar returning artists like Nicolette Kaliebe with her hand painted purses , bags, and Siobohn's scarves, Marla Skibbens with her inspirational glass jewelry, Albion Farmers Market soaps and shampoos, and Bill and Barbara Pettigrew with handmade knives and beaded necklaces. There will be succulents and abalone jewelry, gifts for kids, and more!

Over flow parking will be at the wharf where the Pier Chowder House will exhibit photos by two brothers. A yet to be announced mystery art and landscape interactive event is being planned and there will be roller skating and the musical finale. We plan to have a shuttle this year running between the lighthouse, Main St and the wharf where there will be plenty of parking.

Complete the Fringe-EE Day by heading down to the pier for the sunset. After grooving to the tunes of the Buckridge Racket Club from 4:30 to 6:30, move uptown to Gama for small plates and get your karaoke on until 9:00. Visit [PointArena.net](http://PointArena.net) for more details and a complete schedule of events.