



Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden announces the second annual Free Locals Day and Grand Opening of our Sculpture Gallery on Sunday, May 24th, 2009 from 9am – 5pm. This event is an opportunity for the residents of Mendocino and Lake Counties to enjoy the wonders of Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden for free! Visitors will receive free admission to the Garden with a contribution of a non-perishable food item for the Hospitality House.

The Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden has partnered with the Arts Council of Mendocino County to create a Sculpture Gallery in the garden. Drawing upon the wealth of regional artistic talent, the Sculpture Gallery primarily features the work of California artists. Visitors will be able to view and enjoy the artwork in an intimate, natural setting, connected by meandering paths and quiet walkways. Artwork is available for purchase and the display is on-going. There will be new artwork displayed every 6 months. Participating artists include:

Franz Arner
Erica Benotti
Sue Brown
David Butts
Diane Cochran
Rebecca Fox
Stefan Furrer

Kitty Gordon
Yorgen Kvinsland
William Lewis
Linda Serrao
Nick Taylor
Chris VanGoethem
John Fisher

Visitors will get the opportunity to tour the Garden's 47-acres with guided tours at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. or explore the Garden on their own. The 1pm tour will be lead by the Executive Director and will be focusing on the Sculpture Gallery with the artists available to answer questions.

There will be chances to win free memberships, too. Come enjoy your own community resource and see all the exciting changes at Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden.

For more information please call (707) 964-4352 or visit our website
www.gardenbythesea.org