

## Yachats Celebrates Its 50/100 Anniversary on July 15 & 16

Yachats is recognizing two special anniversaries this month. One hundred years ago, the Postmaster in Oceanview changed the village name from Oceanview to Yachats, renaming it after the local Yachats River. The name change was meant to reduce confusion and ease the delivery of mail along this scenic coast where other towns and communities had also adopted names that included "ocean" and "view." Fifty years later, the City of Yachats was incorporated. Thus, we have the "50/100 anniversary" in Yachats.

The weekend of [July 15-16](#), Yachats will observe and celebrate these events with the Yachats 50/100 Anniversary Celebration and [Sunday](#) Community Picnic. The celebration will include displays and presentations, live music, a guided community art project, and a community photo just before the picnic on [Sunday](#). Displays and multi-media presentations on local history will be offered both days in the Yachats Commons, 441 Hwy 101N.

On [Saturday](#) between 12:00noon and 2:00pm, there will be lunch available at the Commons with music provided by six members of the locally famous *Yachats Big Band*. The music is free. Lunch items are \$3 to \$4 each and include a variety of quiches (ham, bacon, vegetarian), wraps (turkey, ham, vegetarian), and side salads (potato, macaroni, fresh fruit). Desserts and beverages include cupcakes (\$2/ea), cookies (3 for \$2), and lemonade, ice tea, or coffee (\$1.50). Before and after the music, view the displays and slip into Room 8 for some interesting local history presentations.

### [Saturday](#) Presentations, Rm 8:

10:00am-11:00am

An Overview of Yachats History - by Joanne Kittel and Bill Hall (pre-recorded)

11:15am-12:35pm

Living Amid Middens - Preserving the Past, Looking to the Future - by Phyllis Steeves (pre-recorded)

2:00pm-3:00pm

A Look Through Time: Cape Perpetua Visitor Center - by Reba Eggert

3:00pm-4:00pm

Holy Rollers - Murder and Madness in Oregon's Love Cult - slideshow by author Theresa McCracken

### [Sunday](#) Presentations, Rm 8:

10:00am-11:20am

Living Amid Middens - Preserving the Past, Looking to the Future - by Phyllis Steeves (pre-recorded)

1:00pm - 2:00pm

An Overview of Yachats History - by Joanne Kittel and Bill Hall (pre-recorded)

2:15pm – 3:55pm

Here on the Edge - about CO Camp Angell during WWII  
slideshow by author Steve McQuiddy (pre-recorded)

(or)

2:15pm - 3:35pm

Living Amid Middens - Preserving the Past, Looking to the Future - by Phyllis Steeves (pre-recorded)

On [Sunday](#), at 11:30am, area residents and guests will gather for an "all-Yachats" photo just north of the picnic shelter. The Community Picnic will follow from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm.

Mayor Gerald Stanley says, "You may see some iconic Yachats historical figures walking around in period costume. Event planners are inviting you to dress up as someone YOU associate with our town's story, or just choose to dress in a style from any of the past 100 years. Some of those well-known Yachats characters might even still be living and at the picnic themselves! Will they recognize each other?"

For the [Sunday](#) Picnic you may bring your own picnic lunch and take advantage of the chance to visit with neighbors, or there will be hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, plates and utensils provided by the City at no charge (for as long as supplies last). Local chefs are also supplying free desserts. The rest of the picnic is on your own (bring your own drinks, salad, chips or favorite summer dish).

Live music, another summer thing we all love, will be provided at the picnic by *They Went That-a-Way* (12:00Noon to 1:00pm) and *The Bad Weeds* (1:00pm-2:00pm).

For some creative fun on [Sunday](#) after lunch, event planners invite you to join an exciting Community Art Project between 1:00pm and 4:00pm led by artist Raziah Roushan. This is a Grid Tile Project that will produce three (3) 30"x 40" individual compositions to commemorate this anniversary. To start, Raziah has created compositions inspired by historic Yachats images and cut them into uniform tiles. Each tile will be colored by attendees using high quality chalks, and afterwards preserved with a fixative. The finished tiles will be reassembled to create a dynamic quilted image.

In Yachats, it's called the "50/100 Celebration," and you are invited to join the festivities.

For additional information, visit [yachats.org](http://yachats.org) or [goyachats.com](http://goyachats.com).

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