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# North Coast Otters Public Arts Initiative: Commemorative Auction Catalog

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NORTH COAST  
**OTTERS**  
PUBLIC ARTS INITIATIVE

Commemorative  
Auction Catalog

SEPTEMBER 2021









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**On receiving the blank canvas (the plain white otter), artists were asked:**

## **What would you like your otter to say to the world?**

The otter on the front cover, for example, Íshaha Uum Imyáahti (Water is Life) by Lyn Risling, depicts several important themes of the North Coast Otters project. Lyn writes:

**Páy Sáruk Asiktávaan, Toopiip, “Íshaha uum Imyáahti”**  
(Otter Woman, she says, “Water is Life”)

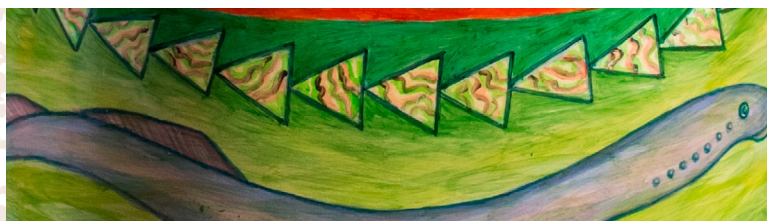
For the Karuk People and other tribes of Northern California, water is our life blood. For many generations, our peoples, like the otter, lived along the rivers and creeks, (and many still do) and relied on these water sources and the ocean for our food, such as salmon, eels, sturgeon, trout, and shellfish. We consider ourselves kin to all the animal and plant life who also rely on these water sources that sustained a rich and balanced life and supported our ecosystems for thousands of years.

Along with the Otter and other species of plants and animals, our future survival depends on clean water and healthy natural environments.

**Lyn Risling**  
Karuk/Yurok/Hupa

**[lynrisling.com](http://lynrisling.com)**

Lyn’s otter will be kept on display at the  
Karuk Tribe’s Peoples Center in Happy Camp, California.



# Celebrate Life, Otters, and Waters!

Dear Friends

Wow, what a couple of years we've had! We sure needed some Otter joyfulness in our lives again, don't you agree?!

I hope everyone who interacted with this initiative has learned more about art, nature, and science, and that our community rallied in celebration of artists, clean water, and wonderful otters!

Let me begin by thanking all 110 artists for sharing their vision of our connection with nature through art, science, and other ways of knowing.

Through the project, I met and learned from many of the region's talented artists, including Julian Lang (Karuk/Wiyot/Shasta Xuntapan) who shared the following:

**"All natural beings have their own story and/or song, as is expressed by the names for river otter in some of the region's original languages, including:"**

**Hupa:** *to:q'-yiditile*, *salmon-it relishes, craves*

**Karuk:** *pay sâruk*, *down by river one*

**Tolowa Dee-ni':** *naa-ghaa-t'uu-ne*, *they are swimmers together*

**Wiyot:** *sukseswilh*, *takes an ugly mouthful*

**Yurok:** *ne-pe'-weesh-neg*, *fish eater*

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The exceptional HSU students that helped prepare and deliver this project included Jessica Barger, Brissa Christophersen, Sarah Duffy, Rachael Garcia, Riley Gorman, Julie Hartman, Emily Harvey, Brighton Hayashida, Karlee Jewell, Michelle Kunst, Christi Nash, Isabelle Otillo, Joshua Overington, Natalie Sanman, Ben Sparks, Anna Spitzer, Rosemary Torres, Korinn Trinies, and Whitney Vickers.

We hope you remember that when you next see a river otter in the wild, give them a thumbs up, and wish them well!

Thank you for joining me in the spirit of promoting clean water and healthy habitats where we live and play!

Stay safe and kind regards,

**Jeff Black**

Wildlife Professor  
Humboldt State University  
2021



P.S. - Please also remember to send us details of your wild otter observations! Send to [otters@humboldt.edu](mailto:otters@humboldt.edu).



# Our Story

## Merging Citizen Art and Citizen Science

Wild river otters, seen at all times of day on the North Coast, have captured the attention of thousands of community members. From busy harbors to remote rivers, it is not uncommon to see a river otter hunting, playing, or just passing by. In 1999, a citizen science program for submitting river otter observations was created through the Humboldt State University Wildlife department. Since then, community volunteers have been collecting wild river otter records as a way to track the quality of North Coast habitats.

The North Coast Otters—Public Arts Initiative arose from a desire to share what we were learning from the citizen science program about wild river otters with the community.

By merging citizen art and science, the project increased awareness and value in our natural world with the river otter as the visual “spokesperson.”

## Moor Otters—England

In 2017, Jeff and Gilly Black from the HSU Wildlife department were inspired by the public arts initiative by The Art of Fundraising project on behalf of Dartmoor National Park in England.

“We had such a blast searching for the Moor Otter sculptures and discovered many new places along the way. We knew right there and then, that we needed to do this on the North Coast—celebrate otters and clean water habitats—so we bought one of the otters in the auction; A Decoration of Buntings (nicknamed, Bunty) by Maria Burns, to show everyone!”

## North Coast Otters—California

Much like the project in Dartmoor, our project merged the two fields of art and science, which both share an immense sense of wonder while attempting to describe the natural world. In 2019, local North Coast artists were contacted through a special partnership with Ink People Center for the Arts, North Coast Open Studios, HSU’s Art Department, Crescent City Art (previously, California Redwoods Art Association), and the Trinity County Arts Council.



Mark Larson

Artists decorated their 3-foot-tall otter sculptures during the fall and winter of 2019, with media that included oil and acrylic paint, clay and mosaic tile, wire, cloth, plastic trash, and paper. We placed more than 100 unique Otter Art sculptures at shops, galleries, schools, and other North Coast locations.

After the 2020 lockdown due to the pandemic, the Otter Art Treasure Hunt was offered as a way to help rebuild community spirit throughout the North Coast.

## The Auction

The Otter Art sculptures have found new, permanent homes after the auction. Proceeds have provided valuable funds for future otter studies and student internships with community-based watershed projects.









*"Whether reporting a mother otter and a half-size pup, a singleton, or a whole "bevy" of otters, every record is worth so very much!"*

## Have you seen wild river otters lately?

Photography by Talia Rose

You are invited to join the growing number of 'wild otter spotters' in our community. Just let us know where and when you see wild river otters when you are out enjoying nature.

The river otter sits at the top of the water-based food chain. When their numbers struggle, we know that there is something wrong in the environment. There are 13 types of otters in the world; 12 of which are listed as endangered or near-threatened; our river otters in northern California are making a comeback. Indeed, we hope Pacific Northwest habitats will continue to support wild river otters. The only way to know for sure is to monitor local otter families and singletons, and we need the help of the community's citizen scientists to do that.

Each year for over 20 years community members reported observations of wild river otters seen throughout Humboldt, Del Norte, and adjacent counties, making a long-term and wide-ranging study of our local river otters possible.

When you see wild river otters, please do send us your record (email: [otters@humboldt.edu](mailto:otters@humboldt.edu), phone 707-826-3439), including: Date, Time, Location, Number of adults and smaller pups, and the otter's behavior.

River otters have a varied diet, mostly taking slow-moving fish, crayfish, birds, and other water creatures that are abundant or easily captured. In some areas, river otters must work extra hard and travel far to find enough to eat to survive. River otters generally live in extended, mother-daughter family groups, and when full-grown, the males may travel together to hunt. River otters of all types readily come together and roll, twist, communicate, and play. Some river otters hunt in the shallower parts of the ocean along our coasts, but they need fresh water for bathing and drinking each day.







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 Willow Creek China Flat Museum  
 Yurok Country Visitor Center  
 Yurok Tribe





# Welcome to the North Coast Otters—LIVE AUCTION!

North Coast Otters was a community “treasure hunt” to find sculptures painted by local artists, with an aim to celebrate life, water, and otters; support local businesses; and raise funds for student projects.

In addition, the project encouraged community members to participate in the ongoing “citizen science” river otter records study by consistently reporting when and where wild river otters were observed throughout the North Coast region.

This public arts initiative provided an accessible opportunity to explore our connection with nature through engagement with this charismatic critter.

Many of you fell in love with one or more of the 108 Otter Art sculptures on display at shops, restaurants, visitor centers, and other public spaces in Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Trinity, and Mendocino counties.

32 excellent North Coast Otters were selected as the Humboldt Otters to further raise valuable funds for river

otter studies and student internships with community-based watershed projects.

The starting auction price of otters in the live auction was the highest online bid as of 4 p.m. the afternoon before the live event. Prior to this time, otter sculptures had been purchased outright by “adopting” at the agreed rate. This had effectively removed the otter from the live auction. The agreed rate was \$5,000 except for one, Anahita the Mosaic Otter by Jennifer Amidi, which was more.

Participation in live auctions as permitted via phone lines in the auction rooms, online using the website, or via absentee “best and final” bids.

After the Live Auction, last bids for the remaining otters were entered online by 6 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Wednesday, September 15.

***Promoting clean water and healthy habitats where we live and play!***

# Auction Details

The North Coast Otters Live Auction took place outdoors at the Clarke Plaza across the street from the Clarke Museum in Eureka on Saturday, September 11. There was no admission fee to attend the auction, capacity in proximity to the otters was limited.

A Commemorative Auction Catalog was available for \$15, which went towards the Cal Poly Humboldt Wildlife department's otter studies and student internships. The day commenced at noon with time to preview the otters, followed by a welcome by Jeff Black, Cal Poly Humboldt Professor of Wildlife, and the auction, co-hosted by Monica Topping of North Coast Open Studios and the Ink People, commenced at 1:30 p.m.

## Buying at Auction

This section was designed to give useful information on how to buy at an auction. It was important for bidders to read the following information carefully.

## Pre-Auction Viewing Times

The 32 featured Humboldt Otters auctioned were on view at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka, on Friday, September 10, noon – 7 p.m., along with the 70+ North Coast Otters in the online auction.

## Auction Bidding

Guests who attended the auction were asked to complete the official registration form in advance of the auction commencing. Registered participants received an Auction Number. Additional registration forms were available at the registration desk on the day of the auction.

## Absentee & Telephone / Proxy Bidding

If bidders couldn't make it to the in-person silent auction, arrangements were made to allow additional bids remotely. Here's how:

1. Bidders were to email [giving@humboldt.edu](mailto:giving@humboldt.edu) with the subject line, "**Absentee Bidding Otters**" and include the following information: Full name, phone number, and the otter(s) intended for purchase.
2. All absentee bid emails must have been received by 4 p.m., Friday, September 10.
3. On the day of the auction, one of the staff members would call the bidder in the final hour of bidding.

## Condition of Lots

Prospective buyers were encouraged to inspect the property at the advance preview. Any questions were directed to Jeff Black ([Otterart@humboldt.edu](mailto:Otterart@humboldt.edu), (707) 826-3439) or Monica Topping ([Otterartmonica@gmail.com](mailto:Otterartmonica@gmail.com), (707) 442-8413).

## Bidding at Auction

Bids were executed in person by writing amounts in at least \$50 increments at otter stations, in writing (email) prior to the sale, or by telephone during the auction.

Starting bids were indicated on each otter's bidding sheet. The starting bid on the day was the highest online bid prior to the Auction.

## Bidding in Person

The in-person bidding was in a silent auction format. If you were bidding in person, you would have needed to complete a registration form prior to the start of the auction. The minimum incremental bid was \$50.

Then, you would have entered your Auction Number and next bid amount on the sheet at the station of your preferred otter(s). A last call to bid was made in the last minutes prior to closing the auction for the Auction Lots.

Were there to be any doubts as to the price or buyer, bidders were asked to please let a staff member know immediately. All lots were invoiced to the name and address of registered winners.

## Payment

Payment was due immediately after the auction at the registration table by the following methods: cash, check, or credit card. Checks were made payable to Cal Poly Humboldt Wildlife Special Programs, indicating the otter you won in the memo. A form of photo ID was required in the same name that appeared on the credit card or check. **Mail subsequent payments to:** HSU Gift Processing Center—SBS 285, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

## Storage and Collection

Following the auction, all Otters sold were picked until 4:30 p.m. Otters not picked up will be stored for one week in Eureka, free of charge. Thereafter, a storage fee of \$15 a day will be charged.

In exceptional circumstances requiring delivery, Jeff Black ([Otterart@humboldt.edu](mailto:Otterart@humboldt.edu), (707) 826-3439) or Monica Topping ([Otterartmonica@gmail.com](mailto:Otterartmonica@gmail.com), (707) 442-8413) were available to make arrangements. The buyer was responsible for handling, shipping, and storage fees.

## Program

The auction program has been replicated on page 63.





## *Pride the Rainbow Otter*

By Jasper Addams

LOT: 1

SPONSORED BY: **City of Eureka**

HOSTED BY: **Greater Eureka Chamber of Commerce**

It was only three years ago, I came out as trans and started showing pride in the LGBTQIA+ community. The community gave me the courage to be proud of who I am. And for many, a simple rainbow is empowering and safe. As the colors drip down, it shows that no matter what, our PRIDE will drip over whatever is in the way. It will always be. The community is one that is strong, loving and true.

[instagram.com/yasunoh](https://www.instagram.com/yasunoh)





# River Spirit Otter

By Susan Alexander

LOT: 2

HOSTED BY: **Trinity Nursery and Gift Shop**

This noble otter displays the ecology of a river in balance—clean water and clear air—sustaining the animals and plants that live nearby. The otter is playful and peaceful, with a congenial personality, whose presence indicates nature in balance. In covering this otter, I set out to show a spiritual view of the otter, beginning with the sun shining lovingly on all below.

I've included dragonflies, bees, centipede, butterflies, heron, osprey, bear, turtles, many fish, and a variety of plants—all part of the otter's habitat and dependent on an unpolluted environment.







# Anahita the Mosaic Otter

By Jennifer Amidi

LOT: 3

SPONSORED BY: **Kate M. Krebs**

HOSTED BY: **Organic Grace**

This mosaic otter represents clean water and a healthy environment for our rivers, forests and its creatures. I've lived surrounded by nature, the Eel River and the Humboldt Redwoods for 27 years, which inspires this project. There are mosaic redwoods, the Eel River, salmon and sky. I feel there are some elements that are vital to this area's environment for otters including Water: our beautiful river; Trees: our beautiful redwoods and Food: our amazing salmon. Each piece of glass has been hand cut to fit the design.

[instagram.com/jensblends](https://www.instagram.com/jensblends)





# *This One Dances, She Dances for the River*

By Carol Andersen

LOT: 4

SPONSORED BY: **Bob Gearheart**

HOSTED BY: **Plaza: Be Inspired**

This One Dances,  
She Dances to Honor the First People,  
She Dances for the River

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# An Otter Thing

By Jenna Catsos

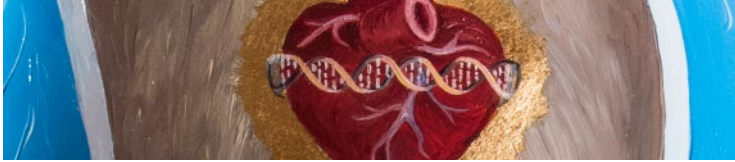
LOT: 5

HOSTED BY: Salt Fish House

I enjoy creating collections of similar objects that speak to a united theme. For this piece, I was inspired by otters and our north coast, and wanted to put together a collection of images that celebrated that. I was also inspired by wallpaper, and the idea of adorning an object with a repetitive, decorative pattern.

[instagram.com/pen.and.pine](https://www.instagram.com/pen.and.pine)





# Our Otter of the Water

By Jane Cipra

LOT: 6

HOSTED BY: **Friends of the Dunes**

This otter is a celebration of the sacred connections and interactions in ecosystems that support all life on Earth. This otter wears a robe of clean water, a golden halo of crabs, and carries a life-giving steelhead. A snowy egret soars across the water on the otter's back.







## B. Otterfly

By Carol Crivelli

LOT: 7

SPONSORED AND HOSTED BY: **Miller Farms Nursery**

SPONSORED BY: **Miller Farms Nursery  
& Points West Surveying Company**

B. Otterfly is a river otter, and she is playful by nature. She chases butterflies and has made many friends as you can see. She is particularly fond of Monarch butterflies! I love being part of this project. My motivation is to create awareness for clean water and healthy habitats for river otters, and all the creatures we share our planet with. I have been particularly concerned with the welfare of the Monarch butterfly. The food source in their caterpillar stage, milkweed, is vanishing therefore significantly reducing the populations of Monarchs. I feel the need to surround myself with these beautiful butterflies before they are all gone. So I paint them. The inspiration for my design is from a YouTube video. It was a beautiful, joyful record of three otters mesmerized by a single butterfly, and chasing it all around.





# Lily the Otter

By Donvieve

LOT: 8

SPONSORED BY: **Donvieve**

HOSTED BY: **Trinidad Art Gallery**

Lily adorns a red lotus at her heart center expressing her gratitude, love and passion for her environment. She lives life frolicking in clean fresh water where fish and crawdads are plentiful. We are stewards of these waterways helping to maintain them by being aware of their fragility and need for their preservation. Lily wears a mask at times to remind us that we are all connected to the earth as one being, wearing many disguises, all working together to preserve the rivers and streams.







## Olla as Otter

By Sonya Fe

LOT: 9

SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**

HOSTED BY: **Willow Creek - China Flat Museum  
for Willow Creek Chamber of Commerce**

Around the world, ollas (ceramic pots) have been found in ceremonial burial grounds throughout ancient times. Ollas (ceramic pots) have been known to contain many valuables or dead people's belongings, such as jewelry, crowns and items of their divinity. Seeing this purpose, Olla as Otter represents the balance in nature found in rivers and oceans.

[artistsonyafe.com](http://artistsonyafe.com)

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# The Humbirder

By Shawn Gould

LOT: 10

SPONSORED BY: **Katy and Tom Allen**

HOSTED BY: **Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center**

The Humbirder is a laid back, fun loving, outdoorsy type with an appreciation for birding. His shirt features a number of colorful birds, with an emphasis on native species.

[shawngould.com](http://shawngould.com)







# Kawa wa Hitotsu 川は一つ (All Rivers Are One)

By Holly Harvey

LOT: 11

SPONSORED BY: **City of Eureka**

HOSTED BY: **Eureka Visitor Center**

My otter design is inspired by Eureka's Sister City relationship with Kamisu, Japan, a port city about 55 miles northeast of Tokyo. This otter wears a kimono decorated with motifs inspired by Eureka, Kamisu and their environs. From Kamisu, we have the ephemeral cherry blossom, the coastal Hasaki Wind Farm and the bird-like emblem of the city. Eureka contributes representations of coast redwoods. The obi belt features California poppies and Cryptomeria, known also as Japanese redwood trees. Water—essential to the otter and the economy, environment and culture of both cities—is a unifying element suggested by color and pattern. The Japanese river otter (*Lutra lutra whiteleyi*), a subspecies of the Eurasian otter, is now extinct in Japan (Scientific American, 2012). At one time its population numbered in the millions but was over hunted by the fur trade and pressured further by human development. Called kawauso (獺、川獺) in Japanese, otters abound as shapeshifters in folklore.

[behance.net/HollyHarvey](http://behance.net/HollyHarvey)





# Francis Creek Otter

By Andrei Hedstrom

LOT: 12

SPONSORED BY: **The Wildlands Conservancy  
(Eel River Estuary Preserve)**

HOSTED BY: **Mind's Eye Manufactory and Coffee Lounge**

My work is focused on having and creating uplifting experiences. Both in the work and the activities and relationships that surround it, I feel most successful when I am letting in the color and light. Francis Creek Otter relates my first experience with a river otter on a local creek. What a magical day that was. I hope you like her.

[andreihedstrom.com](http://andreihedstrom.com)







# Sequoyah

By Terry Hill

LOT: 13

SPONSORED BY: **Tolowa Nation / Smith River Elementary**

HOSTED BY: **Howonquet Lodge**

My otter is representing a Tolowa Dee-ni' mother and child. My vision was to show the close connection between the Tolowa Tribe, the river otter, and mother and child. The Tolowa Dee-ni' hold special regard for the otter which is featured in their dance and ceremonies.

In addition, this otter represents the special relationship of family, which both the Tolowa and otters show particular delight in child rearing. Each are dependent upon the beautiful Northern California and Southern Oregon coastal and river region for their families upbringing and sustenance. Both have histories of suffering and loss. Thankfully, the recovery of tribe and otter has been one of grit and perseverance. Special thanks to Rudy Lopez (Tribal Resources Specialist) for his assistance and guidance in traditional Tolowa ceremonial dress and otter influence on his tribe.

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# Marching Lumberotter

By Heather Hutchinson

LOT: 14

SPONSORED BY: **HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation**

HOSTED BY: **Plaza Grill, Historic Jacoby's Storehouse**

At the beginning of November 2018, the Marching Lumberjacks (current and alumni) gathered to celebrate and remember 50 years of student run existence. Unfortunately, it was also the last Home football game, EVER, and they were there. The Marching Lumberjacks also journeyed to Canada for the last Away game. Not only are the Marching Lumberjacks part of the university, it's part of the greater community. Participating in events such as the Klamath Salmon Festival, Trinidad Clam Beach Run, Eureka Rhododendron Parade, and Paul Bunyan Days in Fort Bragg among others. The artist is an alumnus, and participates when they can. The band is a family, it's a continuum, a whole, we are one. You could be gone for years, come back and, if you've got your instrument, play. This is a tribute to the Marching Lumberjacks, *MARCH OR DIE*.







## *Follow Your True North Star*

By Laura Keenados

LOT: 15

HOSTED BY: **Many Hands Gallery**

This otter is inspired by river otters living on the Mattole River. They get to live their lives under the constellations that have existed long before our world. The design incorporates redwood silhouettes, fading into the fog, with the clear night sky above, including a star map of common constellations. The north star will adorn the top of the otter's head as a reminder of what is core to our existence.

[instagram.com/badcatpomegranate](https://www.instagram.com/badcatpomegranate)





## Injun Otter

By Jaimoe Kibby Sr.

Yurok/Karuk/Wiyot/Pit River

LOT: 16

SPONSORED AND HOSTED BY: **Bear River Resort**

Rivers are important animals for local tribes.  
I used the local basket patterns to represent  
different meanings and purpose.







# *Johner The Logger Otter*

By Claudia Lima

LOT: 17

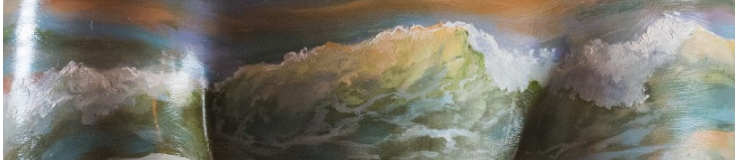
SPONSORED BY: **Jeff & Lynne Todoroff, Pacific Clears, and C&K Johnson Industries**

HOSTED BY: **Six Rivers National Forest HQ (Eureka)**

I have always loved Otters. It began as a child watching the Walt Disney Show on Sunday nights. I could really relate to all of the fun they seem to have. I have enjoyed watching them in our local rivers. I also like painting them. My theme is to embrace the local logging culture which has played a major role in Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity counties. The love that loggers, and those who work in the woods, have for the wildlife is immense. I suppose that's why they work in the woods.

[claudialimaart.com](http://claudialimaart.com).





# Pearl

By Carol Long

LOT: 18

SPONSORED BY: **Rumiano Cheese Factory  
& Joe Hamilton Elementary School**  
HOSTED BY: **Rumiano Cheese Factory & Shop**

The inspiration is my connection to the natural world we live in here on the North Coast. The beauty that is all around us on the North Coast, as well as the animals we are so fortunate to have as neighbors, are deserving of a project that will not only ensure their survival but the survival of all of us. This means clean water and a clean environment.







# Clashing Worlds

By Amanita Mollier

LOT: 19

SPONSORED BY: **Rick Gustafson Photography**

HOSTED BY: **Trinidad Bay Eatery and Gallery**

My inspiration came from the local terrain around the Salmon and Klamath Rivers. I juxtaposed the polluted toxic environment against the pristine clean environment to show how our choices have consequences on our surroundings. I showed some of my favorite animals and plants of the region. This design shows the contrast between a healthy, pristine, thriving, environment against a scene of destruction due to wildfires, pollution, and toxic algae. My inspiration for my scene comes from growing up along the Klamath River where animals thrive, yet unsafe waters are a reality. The main subjects are: osprey, eagle, steelhead, turtles, mergansers, and of course otters! For plants: alder, willow, dogwood, redbud, fir trees, indian rhubarb, to name a few. The divider design is based off the "Friendship Design" from the Karuk Tribe.

[facebook.com/AmanitaMollierSilkpainter](https://facebook.com/AmanitaMollierSilkpainter)





# The backbone of our wOTTERsheds

By Kaitlin Mottershead

LOT: 20

HOSTED BY: **Los Bagels (Arcata)**

The inspiration behind the design of the otter integrates the anatomical skeleton of the animal placed along the map of the Pacific watersheds (its natural habitat). My intention was to support the connection between the health of our river otters being dependent on the quality of our waterways—in the case, specifically the coastal tributaries, lagoons, rivers, and reserves located in Humboldt's own backyard. This reflects on the fact that a top predator, the river otter, helps to maintain the health of our waterways by helping control the population of the species they prey upon. Healthy otters reflect healthy waters.







# *Otter von Humboldt*

By Ninfa Mottershead

LOT: 21

SPONSORED BY: **Mindy R. Hiley**

HOSTED BY: **Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission**

The perspective of the paintings were inspired by on-site observations that best characterize the wild places and outdoor spaces found in Humboldt County. By featuring the Eureka Marina and Arcata Marsh I am embracing the local vibe and culture, in addition to giving a nod to all the bounty of the surrounding ocean, bay and rivers and their stunning blue hues.





# Oscar

By Harley Munger

LOT: 22

SPONSORED BY: **Crescent City Council & Sunset High School**  
HOSTED BY: **Fred Endert Pool**

Oscar the Otter was made by artist Harley Munger of Piece by Piece Pottery in Crescent City, CA. Oscar is made of 519 custom cut tile pieces, glazed with hand made glazes, glued on the otter form and grouted notice his custom-made belt buckle! He took several months to create, with each piece requiring several firings. This otter was inspired by the local flora and fauna, including a family of river otters that frequent the artist's property.

[customceramicmurals.com](http://customceramicmurals.com)







## *HSU Otter Student*

By Thomas O'Hara

LOT: 23

SPONSORED & HOSTED BY: **Get Ready Humboldt**

HSU Otter Student is a proud member of the university and local community! As a Fisheries Biology major—due to dietary preferences—HSU Otter Student explores many of the region's outdoor wonders, especially the watersheds and wetlands near campus. HSU Otter Student likes that we strive to protect and restore North Coast habitats, in the spirit of the HSU graduation pledge taken by hundreds of seniors each year: "I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organizations for which I work."





# Thule

By Briana Owens

LOT: 24

SPONSORED BY: **Mike and Marie Caldwell  
& Del Norte High School**

HOSTED BY: **Crescent City-Del Norte County Visitor Center**

The design for Thule (pronounced too-lee) came from my own love for travel, adventure, a good hike, or a long trail run. My husband and I travel full time in our RV—by living with less it allows more time for adventures. National Parks hold a special place in our lives; so Thule is prepared for adventure with his backpack, and snacks! As we've been traveling, I have really grasped the importance of protecting and preserving our national parks, public lands and waterways. I painted Thule as a walking billboard, promoting healthy habitats and preservation of these wonderful places through various patches on his backpack. I, too, collect patches as we travel, so it only seemed natural to incorporate them into my otter design. Most are serious, but take a look—there are some fun ones, too! The name Thule is in memory of our dog, he was a great adventure buddy!

Briana is author/illustrator for Baby Ranger Books.  
(babyrangerbooks.com) @babyrangerbooks on Instagram.

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## *Dolores the Patchwork Otter [with Flowers & Friends]*

By Katie Pasquini Masopust

LOT: 25

SPONSORED BY: **Katie Pasquini Masopust**

HOSTED BY: **Stitch**

I feel that we all need to do our part to keep our environment healthy. The rivers need to be pure in order for the otters to enjoy life to the fullest. I covered my otter with bits of colorful fabric flowers cut from yards and yards of printed cloth. With clean rivers and fresh rain the flowers will cover the earth in beauty. Then the otters will be happy and healthy. Otters do love flowers!

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[facebook.com/Katiepm-238211808792](https://www.facebook.com/Katiepm-238211808792)





# Celestial Harmony Otter

By Jan Ramsey

LOT: 26

SPONSORED BY: **City of Eureka**

HOSTED BY: **Kinetic Museum**

From Pythagoras' idea that: the harmonious frequencies of the planets influenced the quality of life on Earth, I have illustrated this otter as my prayer that the beauty of music (from whales and geese thru penny whistles, strings, horns and drums ... folk and classical) will carry the Spirit of healing, love, gratitude and inspiration deep into our hearts for the renewal and celebration of our lovely planet home. Pythagoras wondered in 550 B.C., if the Moon, Sun, and planets or stars created music as they moved through the heavens since he noticed that simple mathematical ratios exist among harmonious frequencies. He speculated that this "music of the spheres" influenced the quality of all life on earth. (Davis, J. The Real Music of the Spheres. Astronomy, January 2018). Yes! Music certainly makes life better! Celestial Harmony reminds us that all music—folk classical, jazz, popular—connects us deeply with each other and with our island home, Earth. As we spin through space we compose music about stardust and moon shadows and sing for our very lives.

[instagram.com/janramsey555](https://www.instagram.com/janramsey555).







## *H2Otter, the Healer*

By Annie Reid

LOT: 27

SPONSORED BY: **Mark and Sydney Larson**

HOSTED BY: **Murphy's Market (Trinidad)**

I have always delighted in otters. I see them in Little River near my home and in the ocean below Houda Point, in the Trinidad Harbor and elsewhere. They have sported with me while I kayaked the Mattole River—followed me downstream and surprised me from beneath a rock riffle as I maneuvered a tricky turn.

Unlike humans, these sleek mammals are perfectly adept to a water environment. They hunt, mate, and raise their young at the edge of water courses. Their survival depends on clean water and a healthy ecosystem. I have lived my entire life near rivers and streams, never more than 30 miles from California's Pacific shore. I feel these waterways are family to me. The delightful otters and precious water are the inspiration for my otter.

My wish is that the Otter Project, and my design, will make individuals and families aware of the local otters, the habitat they live in and the need for pollution-free water. With Otter Project awareness, the hope is viewers will protect this and other habitats and species.





# Green Waters

By Rachel Ristine

LOT: 28

SPONSORED BY: **Trinidad Rancheria**

HOSTED BY: **Seascape Restaurant**

Inspired by the Smith River and the bounty of life it supports, I wanted to feature some of the more common animals whose lives depend on our healthy North Coast Watersheds. The beautiful Smith River supports some of the most amazing wildlife I've ever seen. Beyond supporting river otters themselves, I was inspired by all the other creatures wrapped into the biotic web of life that are dependent on the river. From the salmon that return every winter to the kingfishers that snag fish from the green waters to the dragonflies that skim the surface, each creature is a piece in the larger puzzle of this pristine watershed.







## Trinity

By Stock Schlueter

LOT: 29

SPONSORED & HOSTED BY: **Inn at the Lost Coast**

The otter is immersed in his environment, sky, land, and even under the water, using images from his home here in the Northwest, especially on the Trinity.

[stockschlueter.com](http://stockschlueter.com)





# Fern Lily

By Patricia Sennott

LOT: 30

SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Environmental Center  
& Native Plant Society North Coast Chapter**

HOSTED BY: **The Garden Gate**

Surrounded by her familiar native plants and butterflies, Lily surveys the Mad River which she calls home, in Humboldt County, the Pacific Northwest. Crimson Columbine blossoms, Acmon Blue male and female butterflies, Humboldt Lilies and Umbrella Plant envelop her.

When newly arrived in Humboldt County from Kentucky (1980), I was blessed to have friends on Redwood Creek where I could escape the coastal fog. My first experience with River Otters was there at their swimming hole in the valley, alone, when an Otter family appeared and remained close by! Barely believing my eyes, I enjoyed them swimming, sunning, grooming each other and seeming to frolic in the current. Later sightings for me include witnessing the Trinidad Bay Otters when I lived there in the 1990s. More recently, I was blessed to discover, betrayed by their sounds, a trio of very young Otters behind the fish hatchery in Blue Lake early one Spring. Have also seen pairs of Otters at Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and at Arcata Marsh.

[facebook.com/patricia.sennott.art](https://facebook.com/patricia.sennott.art)







# Luna

By Jessica Slayton

Yurok

LOT: 31

SPONSORED BY: **Del Norte County Library Smith River Branch  
& Pine Grove Elementary School**  
HOSTED BY: **Crescent City Art**

[instagram.com/slayton.jas](https://www.instagram.com/slayton.jas)





# Buddy (Dia de los muertos)

By Greta Turney

LOT: 32

SPONSORED BY: **Ten Window Williams Jewelers**

HOSTED BY: **Los Bagels (Eureka)**

My idea for the otter is a Day of the Dead skeleton that will bring an educational element to the artwork which will hopefully increase awareness to those who see the otter. Brilliant colors make the piece an eye-catching and positive depiction of my scientific representation of the otter.

[facebook.com/KojobugCreations](https://facebook.com/KojobugCreations)





## *Flynn*

By Robot Adams | **Bid#: 1**

[instagram.com/cherrybombsarentcandy](https://www.instagram.com/cherrybombsarentcandy)



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**College of the Redwoods**

## *Home Sweet Otter Home*

By Louise Bacon-Ogden | **Bid#: 5**



SPONSORED BY: **HSU College of Natural Resources & Sciences (CNRS) from CNRS Advancement Trust**  
HOSTED BY: **HSU Natural History Museum**

## *The Wish*

By Dana Ballard | **Bid#: 6**

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**Castle Inn at Shelter Cove**  
**in honor of the McDaniel Family**

## *Bob the Adventure Otter*

By Jessica Barger | **Bid#: 7**



SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**  
HOSTED BY: **Adventures Edge (Arcata)**

*Mrs Otter ~  
The Story of My Life*

By Karen Barr Mast | **Bid#: 8**



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HOSTED BY: **NorthtownBooks**

*Sweet Water Otter*

By Lee Beising | **Bid#: 9**



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HOSTED BY: **Six Rivers National Forest (Gasquet)**

*Wire Otter*

By Elizabeth Berrien | **Bid#: 10**  
wirelady.com



SPONSORED BY: **Ten Window Williams Jewelers**  
HOSTED BY: **Morris Graves Museum of Art**

*Wan*

By Spencer Bishop | **Bid#: 11**



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& Redwood Elementary**  
HOSTED BY: **Northridge Electric**



## Ada Otter of the Red Brigade

By Abigail Black  
& Rowan McClelland-Bishop | **Bid#: 12**

[instagram.com/abigailblackart+F124](https://www.instagram.com/abigailblackart+F124)



SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**  
HOSTED BY: **InfuZions Humboldt**

## Zuri in the River

By Marina Blancas | **Bid#: 13**



SPONSORED BY: **Mary Anne Rand:**  
**IMO Camille Rand who loved *Lontra canadensis***  
HOSTED BY: **Changing Tides Family Service**

## You Are What You Eat

By Gary Bloomfield | **Bid#: 14**

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HOSTED BY: **Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge**

## Naa-ghaa-t'uu-ne Chag-yii-ne (Old Man Otter)

By Pyuwa Bommelyn | **Bid#: 15**

Dee-ni'/Karuk



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SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**  
HOSTED BY: **College of the Redwoods (Crescent City)**

## Unnamed

By Brittany Britton | **Bid#: 16**

Hupa • [instagram.com/2brittbritt2](https://www.instagram.com/2brittbritt2)

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SPONSORED BY: **Bear River Resort**  
HOSTED BY: **Visitor Center, Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria**

## Old Growth Redwood Otter

By Joan Carpenter | **Bid#: 17**



SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**  
HOSTED BY: **Richardson Grove State Park Visitor Center**

## Banana Slug

By Parker Chapman | **Bid#: 19**

[instagram.com/turbodrawn](https://www.instagram.com/turbodrawn)



SPONSORED BY: **Linwood and Jenny Gill**  
HOSTED BY: **Ford House Visitor Center**

## Infinite Friend Placed in a Mandala of Golden Eternity

By Augustus Clark | **Bid#: 21**

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HOSTED BY: **Rio Dell/Scotia Chamber of Commerce**



## *Six Rivers Otter*

By Carlotta Clarks | **Bid#: 22**



SPONSORED BY: **North Coast Otters**  
HOSTED BY: **Strawhouse Resorts & Cafe**

## *Indigo*

By Erin Cooper | **Bid#: 23**

[instagram.com/erins\\_expressions](https://www.instagram.com/erins_expressions)



SPONSORED BY: **Ten Window Williams Jewelers**  
HOSTED BY: **Humboldt Herbals**

## *Stardust*

By Eva Creature | **Bid#: 24**

[facebook.com/EvaCreature](https://www.facebook.com/EvaCreature)

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## *Pacifica*

By Kathy Croomer & Lynne Whiting | **Bid#: 26**



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HOSTED BY: **Willits Center for the Arts**

## *Ollie the Otter*

By Dakota Daetwiler | **Bid#: 27**

[paintingsbydakota.com](http://paintingsbydakota.com)

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SPONSORED BY: **McLean Foundation**  
HOSTED BY: **Gene Lucas Community Center**

## *The Dance of Rejuvenation*

By Armando Delgado | **Bid#: 28**

[painteroflegends.tripod.com](http://painteroflegends.tripod.com)



HOSTED BY:  
**One Log House Espresso & Gifts**

## *The Mist Maker*

By Miranda DeSilva | **Bid#: 29**

[instagram.com/art.by.mir](https://www.instagram.com/art.by.mir)



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HOSTED BY: **Benbow Inn**

## *Amazonia*

By Leo Frederickson | **Bid#: 32**

[instagram.com/lemurrama](https://www.instagram.com/lemurrama)



HOSTED BY:  
**Coast Central Credit Union (McKinleyville)**



## *Edward Otter*

By John Garrett | **Bid#: 33**



HOSTED BY:  
**Merchant's Mall**

## *Clean Water for Every Family*

By Kristin Gordon | **Bid#: 34**

whatnowceramics.com

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HOSTED BY: **Ink People Center for the Arts**

## *Dungeness Otter*

By Riley Gorman | **Bid#: 35**



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HOSTED BY: **Gill's By the Bay**

## *Otter Woman*

By Albert Hailstone | **Bid#: 37**

Yurok/Karuk/Hupa

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HOSTED BY: **Nealis Hall, Native American Collection /Clarke Historical Museum**

## *Eco-conscious citizen-otter*

By Michelle Harris | **Bid#: 38**

[instagram.com/redwood\\_michelle](https://www.instagram.com/redwood_michelle)



HOSTED BY:  
**Southern Humboldt Chamber of Commerce**

## *Bella*

By Ramona Heimlich | **Bid#: 41**



SPONSORED BY: **Del Norte County Library /  
Mountain School**  
HOSTED BY: **Crescent City Public Library**

## *Keonik the Otter*

By Jane Higley Dalton | **Bid#: 42**



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**Sequoia Park Zoo**

## *Na:'ndigay-ch'e' (return: she [girl] came back [home])*

By Melitta Jackson | **Bid#: 45**

Hupa/Karuk/Yurok/Modoc • [instagram.com/bitterlyfun](https://www.instagram.com/bitterlyfun)

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HOSTED BY: **HSU Library**



## *Nugget*

By Cecilia Johnson | **Bid#: 46**



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& Castle Rock Charter School**  
HOSTED BY: **Les Schwab Tires**

## *Wicket*

By Killian Jones Mathew | **Bid#: 47**



SPONSORED BY: **Moore Heating and Air  
& Mary Peacock Elementary School**  
HOSTED BY: **Wild Rivers Market**

## *Donakeh*

By Nanette Kelley | **Bid#: 49**  
Osage Nation / Cherokee Nation ▪ NanetteKelley.com

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HOSTED BY: **Booklegger**

## *BPSA Rover Scout & Otter Scout*

By Jennifer Kennedy | **Bid#: 50**



SPONSORED BY: **124 Redwood Rangers Otter Scouts**  
HOSTED BY: **Pacific Outfitters**

## *No Hotter Otter*

By Yvonne Kern | **Bid#: 51**



SPONSORED BY: **Rollin Richmond**  
HOSTED BY: **Redwood Raks and the Creamery District**

## *Tillie*

By Andre Kline | **Bid#: 53**



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& Crescent Elk Middle School**  
HOSTED BY: **Elk Valley Rancheria Visitor Center**

## *Cali and the Colorful Carnivores*

By Anna Kowalczyk | **Bid#: 54**

[facebook.com/thepolishjalapeno](https://facebook.com/thepolishjalapeno)



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HOSTED BY: **Benbow KOA Campground**

## *Xuntapan Säkriivha, Acorn Power*

By Julian Lang | **Bid#: 55**

Karuk / Wiyot / Shasta Xuntapan

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HOSTED BY: **Salmon River Outpost**



## *The Terminotter*

By Gary Lavarack | **Bid#: 56**



HOSTED BY:  
**HealthSPORT Arcata**

## *Riparian Otter*

By Claire MacKenzie | **Bid#: 59**

[instagram.com/claireastra](https://www.instagram.com/claireastra)



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HOSTED BY: **E Street Temple Hall**

## *River Dancer*

By Nelia Marshall | **Bid#: 60**

Yurok/Hupa/Karuk

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HOSTED BY: **Hoopla Shopping Center**

## *"In Unity"*

By Jennifer McClure | **Bid#: 61**



SPONSORED BY: **Eel River Recovery Project**  
HOSTED BY: **Redwood Raindrop Harmonics**

## *Nepuy*

By Louisa McCovey | **Bid#: 62**

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**HOSTED BY: Yurok Country Visitor Center**

## *A Coastal River Otter's Feathered Friends at Day's End*

By Maureen McGarry | **Bid#: 63**

[maureenmcgarry.com](https://www.maureenmcgarry.com)



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**HOSTED BY: Trinidad Coastal Land Trust**

## *Freedom*

By Julie McNiel | **Bid#: 64**



**HOSTED BY:**  
**Soul Feet**

## *Kika the Otter*

By Juan Mendez | **Bid#: 65**



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**McKinleyville Ace Home & Garden Center**



## *Airanna*

By Maureen Morales | **Bid#: 67**



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**Crescent City Art**

## *BUGS!*

By Jose Moreno | **Bid#: 68**

[instagram.com/jamorenart](https://www.instagram.com/jamorenart)



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HOSTED BY: **Friends of the Arcata Library**

## *Zero Waste Mosaic Otter*

By Abby Morical | **Bid#: 69**

[instagram.com/magicbeestudio](https://www.instagram.com/magicbeestudio)



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**Gypso Ale Mill**

## *Alita Joy*

By Layne Murrish | **Bid#: 73**

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of The Wildlife Society**  
HOSTED BY: **Humboldt Redwood Visitor Center (Weott)**

*You Can Discover  
the Wonders of Nature*

By Lush Newton | **Bid#: 74**

[instagram.com/lush\\_newton](https://www.instagram.com/lush_newton)



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**Art Center**

*Clean water  
means happy otters!*

By Karen Noble | **Bid#: 75**

Karuk/Chimarico

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HOSTED BY: **Northern California Indian  
Development Council**

*Distinguished Gentleman*

By Matt O'Brien | **Bid#: 76**

[instagram.com/skullface\\_project](https://www.instagram.com/skullface_project)



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HOSTED BY: **Oberon Grill**

*Otterink*

By Kris Patzlaff & Todd Kruper | **Bid#: 81**



HOSTED BY:  
**Ferndale Arts Gallery**



## *Lindsay Creek Otter*

By Jan Ramsey | **Bid#: 82**

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SPONSORED BY: **Rick Timmons, Essex Ranch**  
HOSTED BY: **Coast Central Credit Union (Fortuna)**

## *Ishaha Num Imgáahti (Water is Life)*

By Lyn Risling | **Bid#: 85**

Karuk/Yurok/Hupa • [lynrising.com](https://www.lynrising.com)

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HOSTED BY: **Karuk Tribe: People's Center**

## *Poppy Rose McOtter*

By James Rose | **Bid#: 87**

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SPONSORED BY: **Fortuna Chamber,  
Fortuna City, Humboldt Housing Alliance**  
HOSTED BY: **Fortuna River Lodge**

## *Celebration of Water Otter*

By Zoey Rosenthal | **Bid#: 88**

[instagram.com/zoeypaints\\_](https://www.instagram.com/zoeypaints_)



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**Harper Motors**

*Pa'iy saruk Asiktavaan  
~ Otter Woman*

By Eric Ruiz | **Bid#: 89**

Karuk/Ta'Ono'Odom

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*Watershed Otter*

By Alan Sanborn | **Bid#: 90**

[alansanbornart.com](http://alansanbornart.com)



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*Lyrical Flourish Otter*

By Rachel K Schlueter | **Bid#: 91**

[rachelkschlueter.com](http://rachelkschlueter.com)



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*The Otter King*

By Madeira Seaman | **Bid#: 93**

[instagram.com/madeirasmarvelousmonsters](https://www.instagram.com/madeirasmarvelousmonsters)



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## *Life is Connection!*

By Janet Self | **Bid#: 94**



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## *Spirit of the Otter*

By Debbi Sholes | **Bid#: 96**

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## *Neytiri*

By Cynthia Swain | **Bid#: 98**



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## *The River is Irresistible*

By Kati Texas | **Bid#: 99**



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## *Otterbe Natural*

By Stefani Thomas | **Bid#: 100**



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## *Alice*

By Rosalie Thomson | **Bid#: 101**

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## *Fred the Otter ~ "A Massive Otter Spill at the Oil Refinery"*

By Coco Thorpe | **Bid#: 102**



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**Dandar's Boardgames and Books**

## *Pagsárúk (down by river one)*

By Brian Tripp | **Bid#: 103**

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## *Stella*

By Gina Tuzzi | **Bid#: 105**

ginatuzzi.com



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Community—Together We Heal**  
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## *Atlas*

By Patrick Ulrich | **Bid#: 106**

patrickulrichdesign.com



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## *The Velvet Cosmos*

By James Woglum and Jenny Brown | **Bid#: 107**



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## *Moung*

By Crow Xiong | **Bid#: 108**



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Saturday, September 11 • noon–3:00 p.m.

The Clarke Plaza, outdoors

Adjacent the Clarke Museum, 240 E Street, Eureka

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## Program

**noon–1:00 p.m.**

On-site preview of 32 select Humboldt Otters

**1:00 p.m.**

Welcome, **Jeff Black**, Professor of Wildlife, Humboldt State University

**1:15 p.m.**

Invitation for bidders to take their places, **Monica Topping**, North Coast Open Studios and the Ink People

**1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

In-person Silent Auction for Lots #1–#16

**2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

In-person Silent Auction for Lots #17–#32

**3:00 p.m.**

In-person Auction Closed

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## Pre-In-Person Auction Viewing Time

The 32 select Humboldt Otters to be auctioned were on view at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center

921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka • Friday, September 10 • noon–7 p.m.,

together with 70+ North Coast Otters for auction in the subsequent Online Auction

## Online Auction Viewing Time

The remaining 70+ North Coast Otters to be auctioned were on view at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center

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**Bidding for Online Otters closed at 6 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Wednesday, September 15.**

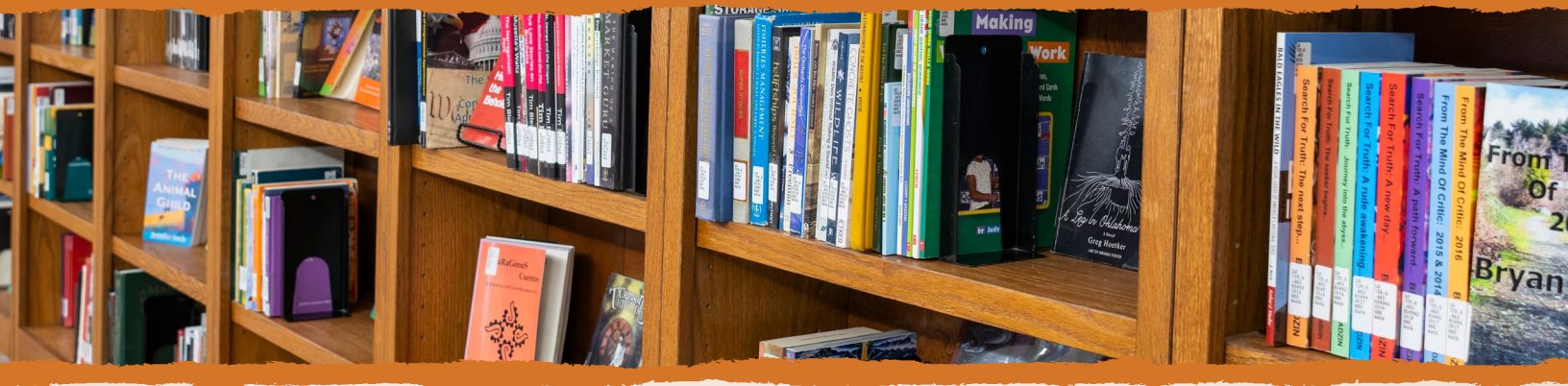
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