Del Norte Triplicate NEWS

‘Jacques Talks’

By Jacques Kepner: Sea-Side Social Scene November 12, 2026

Greetings dear readers! Allow me to wax poetic: This is the time of year when dishes gather in the sink like guests reluctant to leave. Our annual pilgrimage into the autumn of life is picking up speed.

Halloween, with all its oddities and borrowed ghosts, has mercifully slipped into the fog.. Thanksgiving beckons us to sit at festive tables and rigid church pews. We are all seeking assurance that our lives are worth the effort it takes to live them. One more season around the sun. One more year older and hopefully wiser! Here, take this quote as my gift to you. Digest and share it with others: “Do not regret growing old—It is a privilege denied to many.”

In downtown Crescent City, High Note Winery lives up to its name, filling glasses and lifting spirits! Owners Matt and Jennifer Fenner have created a welcoming abode with music, painting, poetry, tasty treats, and great wine! Thursday-Sunday, something is always up! Nov 22, a silent auction benefits the PPA from 2-4pm. Bravo, Matt and Jennifer! Your generosity and vision enriches our community!

Last week, the first two episodes of “Lighthouse Talk with Zim and Jacques” was recorded, canned and sent off to Ray Simon and Tom Bozack of KCIW, 100.7fm for final editing. This new radio show will be syndicated worldwide, sharing stories about the 25,000 lighthouses that encircle and illumine our world! My good friend, John Zimmerman, (Zim), is a man who knows lighthouses. He is the president of the St. George Reef Lighthouse Preservation Society, which works to preserve our historic lighthouse treasure. The radio show will air on KCIW in the near future. Find out more about YOUR community radio station by downloading the stations app at kciw.org.

Every second Saturday of the month, “Dog Park Mondays” rolls into 101 World Headquarters in Harbor for a howling good time packed with lively music and tail-wagging dance floor fun! Then, get creative with “Pints and Painting” on Sunday, Nov. 15, at Port-O-Pints, South Beach. Take a little quaff, add a dash of color, and paint a Picasso.

Have any of you gone to CHAG,(Crescent Harbor Art Gallery) for its free drawing class every Monday at 10am? Do it! CHAG is gloriously cool!

‘Tis the season for the 31st annual “Festival of the Trees” at the CC fairgrounds on Sat Nov 21. The Elks “Emblem Club” drums-up the holiday magic with 40 decked-out decorator Christmas trees and 3 whale-sized wreaths up for sale by bidding! Doors open at 9am for a fun day along with lunch. Early viewing on Fri. More info: 707-951-6378

DTP, (Disturbing the Peace), is arguably, our region's best dance band! Darin Bradbury, Charlie Perry, Vince Danna, Alex and Tony: When can you all swing by the KCIW studio and join Dr. Gigi and me to share the band's backstory? Let's talk tunes, tales, and the magic behind your music! Did you know that Colorful Troy Lea hosts "Rainbow Connection" on KCIW.org Fridays at 3pm and Saturdays at 2pm. His show welcomes everyone, with an LGBTQ slant. It's a kaleidoscope of music, talk and community! Calling all fungi fans and woodland wanderers! The Del Norte Mushroom Club meets every third Sunday from 2–4pm at the Family Resource Center in Crescent City. Explore, forage, learn, and geek out over shrooms with some seriously cool people.

This week's shout-outs go to some wonderfully sweet folks who make our coastal community sparkle, shine, and dance to its own beat! Kris Decossio, Scarlett Rose, Ken Gray, Birdy Finch, Rob Jacobs, Steve Shamblin, Scott Shaw, Chris & Deanna Dornaus, Thomas Kelem, Linda Ramsland, Tobias Kellogg, and Wyatt Monday!

Well, that's a wrap! Time to drop the curtain on this week's edition of "Jacques Talks." If you know of a character, gig, event, or wild tale that needs some ink—share it with me and I will help spread the good vibes! jaxlist4u@gmail.com Text 510-881-3679 Cheers!