



THE HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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“Second Saturday Family Arts Day”

BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS!

Saturday, January 13th, 2007 2-4pm

Join the Humboldt Arts Council and the Morris Graves Museum of Art as they celebrate a **new day** for family art, ***Second Saturday Family Arts Day!*** Saturday, January 13th, 2007, from 2 to 4 p.m. Super Cluck, the giant chicken, will be greeting children all afternoon. Join *North Coast Storyteller Paul Woodland* for his magical bird tales in the Performance Rotunda from 2-3pm, meet *Jerry Howard* and his 30 exotic birds in the Performance Rotunda from 3-4pm, build bird feeders in the Youth Classroom from 2-4pm, and make *Art and Crafts* in the Atrium all afternoon.

Paul Woodland is an enthusiastic and dedicated practitioner of the ancient art of storytelling. He studied his craft under the tutelage of renowned folklorist Ruth Stotter and fabled storyteller Gay Ducey at Dominican University where he earned a Certificate in Storytelling in 1993. He honed his storytelling skills while working as a park ranger at Lake Sonoma where he told compelling tales about the wonder and whimsy of nature to visitors of the park. Paul is a member of the National Storytelling Network and the North Coast Storytellers – a local storytelling guild in Eureka. His is the producer of an annual storytelling event in Humboldt County called Tellabration. Mr. Woodland has been a regular performer at the Storytelling Festival by the Sea at Patrick’s Point State Park since its inception in 2001, a resident teller at Olema Ranch Campground for the last 12 years and a featured storyteller at the Strawberry Storytelling Festival in 2002.

“Paul’s presentations are entertaining, funny and sometimes downright hilarious, animated and full of energy. He will captivate the interest of both the young and not so young.”

- Brent Montgomery, Interpretive Specialist at Patrick’s Point State Park

You can listen to Paul Woodland, the Mad River Raconteur, tell stories on his weekly radio program, *Once Upon A Tune*, on KHSU Saturday morning beginning at 11:30. *Once Upon A Tune* features an enriching and compelling combination of stories and songs suitable for the whole family.

Have you ever seen an exotic bird? Jerry Howard, “The Bird Guy”, will be sharing his family of birds this Saturday at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. The birds consist of Macaws, Cockatoos, Amazons, Ring-Necks, African Greys, and more! Jerry’s interest in birds began 20 years ago with his first bird, Dagwood. He now offers homes to donated and rescued birds, and educational presentations for the public. Come share in this rare experience!

Family Arts Day is every second Saturday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Day contact Rebecca at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.