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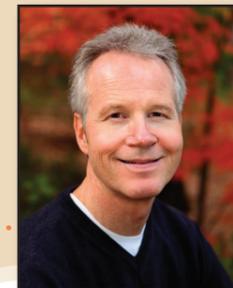
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*It May Be
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SUMMER 2016

Market Watch Article

We are almost at half time, both the volume and prices are heading up...the market is starting to favor sellers!

As promised, we have compiled the data from the Calaveras MLS to provide you with our annual summary. The statistics are for areas 2-7 (Dorrington to Hathaway Pines). The total number of homes sold in the 5 months of 2016 increased a whopping 23% over the same period in 2015. The sales pace stayed virtually the same at an average of 94 days on market and the list to sales price ratio declined to 96%, from 97% previously.

Semi Annual Market Trends – Jan 1st – May 31st 2016

RESIDENCES	UNITS SOLD	AVERAGE LIST PRICE	AVERAGE SALES PRICE	% OF LIST PRICE-AVG	AVG DAYS ON MARKET
2016	119	\$280,127	\$269,703	96%	94
2015	97	\$270,035	\$263,114	97%	92

The average sales price nudged up 2.5% and average list price increased 4%. There is currently a 4.6-month supply of homes for sale, so the trend is tilting in favor of sellers. Our home inventory typically peaks about the middle of July, so if the current sales pace continues, we could see a stronger sellers' market in the second half. We'll keep you posted!

Summer/Fall Calendar of Events

- JUNE**
- 18 Calaveras Big Trees State Pk – Free Guided Tour 795-2334
- 25 Cedar Center Arnold—Summer Concert Series 795-4222
- JULY**
- July 22-Aug 7 Bear Valley, Bear Valley Music Festival 813-0554
- 2-3 Arnold, 44th Sierra Nevada Arts & Crafts Festival 795-4222
- 2 Arnold, Annual Independence Day Parade 925-372-8961
- 2 Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys – Fireworks 728-1251
- 19 Arnold, Classic Car Show 795-4222
- AUGUST**
- 6&7 Arnold, Independence Hall Annual Flea Market 795-2152
- 7&21 Murphys, Salsa Dancing at Feeney Park 736-9456
- 13 Murphys, (17 tasting rooms) -Beat The Heat 728-9467
- 20 Calaveras Big Trees State Pk, Family Fun Day 795-2334
- 20 Arnold, Art, Music, Wine & Adventure Festival 795-7222

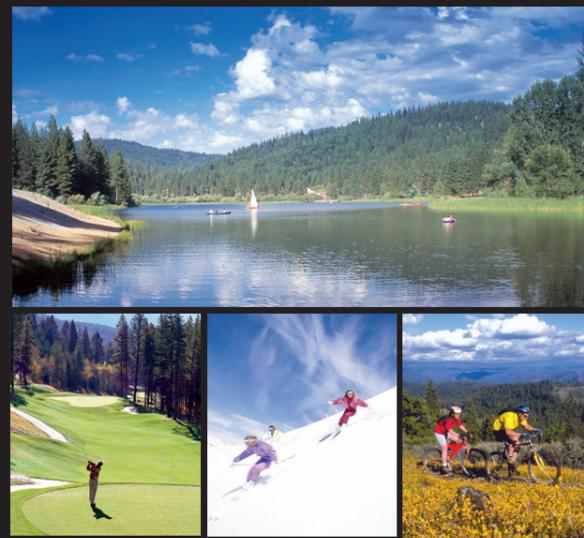
For more information about local events go to Calaveras Visitor's website at www.gocalaveras.com

Independence Day Celebration!

The **44th Annual Sierra Nevada Arts & Crafts Festival** will be held over the **Independence Day Weekend**, July 2 & 3, in Arnold on Highway 4. The Festival features over 60 booths of original crafts & art in all media – exhibited by the artists. There will be gourmet foods to sample and face painting for the kids – and 'adult' kids.

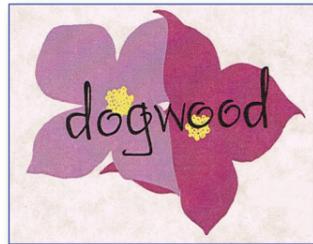
The annual **Independence Day Parade** will begin at 10am on Saturday, July 2, on Hwy. 4. Continuous shows of live country/swing music by the **"Stardust Cowboys"** from Sacramento and famous juggler **Izzi Tooinsky**, from Grass Valley, with performances both days. The **Ebbetts Pass Volunteer Fire Department** serves local Calaveras County beers. Rounding out the whole event are a variety of booths with homemade foods, kettlecorn, and baked goodies! The Fire Department also holds their annual BBQ with live music on Saturday evening – making for a full day of fun!

The Festival is held on the park-like grounds of Bristols Ranch House Café right at 961 Highway 4 in downtown Arnold from 10am - 5pm both days. Further Info: email Kim at afterthegoldrush@sbcglobal.net. Admission and parking are free, so come join the celebration!



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Dogwood: Arnold's New Dinner Spot!



Don McPherson, Chef/Owner of "Dogwood" located in Arnold, is no stranger to the area. Don has been coming to Arnold since childhood spending time with his parents at their Arnold cabin.

When asked what inspired him to become a chef, Don answered "spending time with my Italian grandmother in her kitchen." He claims his love for food is passed down. "Some of my earliest memories include being in the kitchen, standing on an apricot crate helping to prepare a meal," says Don.

While in his twenties he spent time cooking up the mountain at a variety of places including the dining room at Bear Valley Lodge.

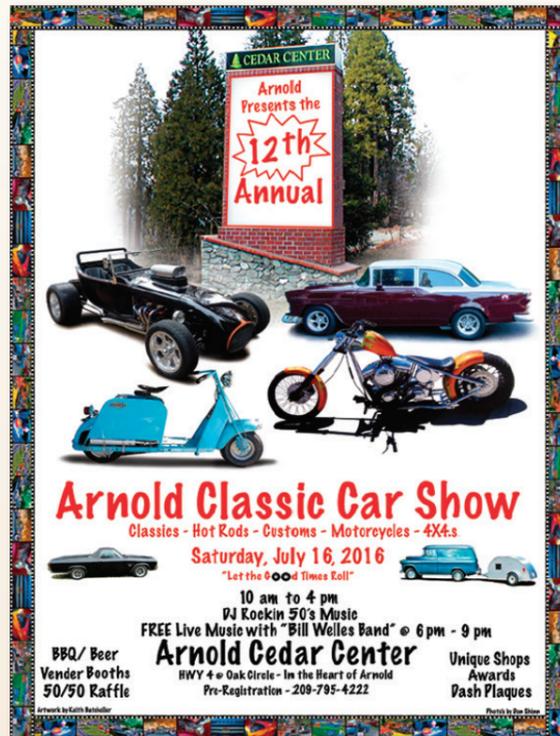
Don explains that during his time up the mountain, he served a restaurant owner from Newport Beach and was offered a job as chef, which he accepted. This was the start of his 16 plus years away from the Calaveras Big Trees, a time during which he received hands-on training and guidance from some pretty prestigious mentors, a time spent working in private clubs for persons well-known and celebrities along the Sonoma Coast/Carmel Valley. Don gathered ideas, philosophy and experiences during this time and brought them back to Arnold 6 years ago when he purchased a home here. In 2015 the idea of starting his own restaurant took hold and he began the "what if" process. Before the year ended, Don began getting permits, ordering equipment and seriously started renovating his new space. Dogwood opened Memorial Day weekend 2016 and has been greatly welcomed as evidenced by the repeat visits of several local customers, much to Don's enjoyment.

In answer to the question, "What type of cuisine is served at Dogwood?" Don answered, "Real food for Real People." He explains how the menu will revolve around what's available seasonally, and will change as necessary. "This is why the menu is not laminated" says Don. His vision is to provide the locals with casual fine dining, great hospitality, serve quality food, in a warm comfortable environment.

**Dogwood is open 5:00pm-9:00pm Seven Days a Week
(209) 813-7101**

Lastly, I asked Don if there was any significance to the name "Dogwood" to which he replied, "The Dogwood is an indigenous tree to the Western Sierra Mountains, it provides the most year round seasonal beauty with its flowers, foliage and bark, not to mention it's my mother's favorite."

**Welcome back Don, and congratulations
on your new adventure!**



Bark Beetles in California Conifers



Are Your Trees Susceptible?

What is a bark beetle?

What causes similar attacks?

Are my trees susceptible?

Have my trees been attacked?

How do we prevent attacks?

What are land managers doing?

Who should I contact?

For answers to these questions go to:

www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5384837.pdf



Open Air Summer Concerts ~ Up the Hill

You may be familiar with the big-name concerts at Ironstone Vineyards or the annual Bear Valley Music Festival, but are you aware of the many smaller venues up the hill offering a diverse menu of musical styles in relaxed, fun, open air spaces? Just a few are listed below:

Concerts in the Park at Cedar Center – Arnold

www.cometoarnold.com/concerts-in-the-park-cedar-center-arnold

Ironstone Summer Concert Series – Ironstone Amphitheatre, Murphys

www.Ironstoneamphitheatre.net/index.htm

First Fridays in the Park – Murphys Community Park

www.visitmurphys.com/free-music-abounds-in-murphys-community-park

Twisted Folk Concert Series – Twisted Oak Winery, Vallecito

www.twistedoak.com/events

Frog's Tooth Saturdays from 2p – 5p –at Frog's Tooth Vineyards tasting room, Murphys

www.frogtooth.com

Brice Station Hilltop Concerts – Brice Station Vineyards, Murphys

www.bricestation.com/upcomings

Outdoor Concert Series – Irish Family Vineyards, Vallecito

www.irishvineyards.com/events

Tommy's Backyard – General Store, Camp Connell

www.facebook.com/Camp-Connell-General-Store-104769198742

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