

MacCALLUM HOUSE INN & RESTAURANT

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, SEASONAL EVENTS AND TRADITIONS

Owners Jed and Megan Ayres and Noah Sheppard, all born and raised in Mendocino, consider being an integral part of the local community an essential part of doing business. Following are a few of the many ways they contribute.

DINE OUTS



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During the holidays and throughout the year it is important to count our blessings and give back to local community groups and those who are less fortunate. In this spirit MacCallum House hosts “Dine Outs”, where the entire proceeds from dinner are donated to a wide range of selected groups. Groups supported include: the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association, KZYX (community non-commercial radio station), Rainbow School, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino Film Festival, Kelley House Museum, MUSE (to support music in our schools), Cancer Resource Center, Mendocino Children’s Fund and Opera Fresca, a talented ensemble of Mendocino professionals dedicated to making opera accessible to a wide audience.

SPECIAL DINING EVENTS

During the year the restaurant teams up with several outstanding North Coast wineries to offer evenings of superb dining. One of the most popular culinary events every year is the mushroom festival dinner in early November featuring mushroom expert Eric Schramm of the Mendocino Mushroom Company and winemaker Greg Graziano, whose unique Italian varietals thrive in Mendocino soil and pair brilliantly with Chef Alan Kantor’s wild and exotic mushrooms dishes.



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Also, in spring there is an annual winemaker dinner with Kendall-Jackson to benefit the renowned Mendocino Music Festival with its magical blend of fine music by outstanding performers in one of the most enchanting sites in Northern California on the Mendocino headlands. maccallumhouse.com/pages/restaurant/events-past.html



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Annual Block Party & MUSE Event

Every July, a day or two after the 4th, a block in front of MacCallum House is closed off to host an afternoon of gourmet BBQ and live music. This community gathering is a benefit for the Anderson Valley and Mendocino school music programs. Over the past five years more than \$50,000 has been raised from this one event.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Every year the local kids bring their own baskets to search the gardens for real and plastic eggs with candy and prizes inside. A good time is had by all.

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Pride of Pets Fun Dog Show

In honor of all the wonderful pets that have stayed over the years, MacCallum House teams up with the Mendocino Humane Society to host this June event with its fun categories like Look-A-Like, Best Tail Wagger, Most Mysterious Heritage and Personality & Poise.

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Christmas and New Year's Eve

Every year the beautiful eaves of the Victorian, its walkways and gardens are strung with lights making a breathtaking sight in the crisp sea air of December. A Giving Tree is put up for the area's disadvantaged children and people come and select a tag from the tree, buy its suggested gift and place the gift under the tree for a gathering of children to share on Christmas morning. A full menu is offered that night along with special holiday menu selections.

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On New Year's Eve the 'Mac' goes full out with an elegant five-course menu including a select wine to pair with each dish. Good communal cheer sends out the year in style and rings in the new year in the convivial firelit dining rooms, warmed by riverstone fireplaces and accompanied by live music.

