

GOT AN INTEREST? LOCAL OFFERINGS ABOUND

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How many times have we, lucky residents in our coastal paradise, heard this from out-of-town visitors: “Gorgeous area, you lucky people, but what is there to do if you’re a full-timer?”

To that question, the correct response is “Ha!” and “Name it!”

Because full-timers realize there are not enough hours in the day for all of interesting options we have to choose from. We have libraries, lectures, surfing clubs and square dancing. There’s fly-fishing, even a Wiccan’s coven (although they’re quite secretive about where they cast their spells, as they should be). How about choirs, concerts, camps and creative dance? It’s all here and much more

Merriam-webster.com defines interest groups as “a group having a common identifying interest.” Often focusing on national government agencies, unions and economics with targeted persuasions and millions of members, locally we have choices galore that are much more approachable.

From maybe two or three people meeting regularly at a local coffee shop with a shared passion for tsunami graphs; to hundreds of small-town residents gathering to learn the pros and cons of a school bond or a new library, local interest groups offer an intimate chance to participate and, generally, they’re much more hands-on and interesting.



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ENCORE students attend a demonstration at the Air Port Crab Pot Co. in Warrenton.



An ENCORE class tours Bonstein Seafoods.



Hailey Strimple-Fields hangs out in the stall during 4-H competition.

