

# BUTTER & EGG DAYS

## One Planet's 1st Anniversary Fundraiser for Haiti

Owner Noelle Marshall, of One Planet Global Handcrafted Fair Trade Store, anxiously awaits word from Beyond Borders' international program, outlining the fate of a colony of ornate metal wall sculpture artists who pound their art out of discarded oil drums.

"Artisans who work with Beyond Borders in Haiti are folk artists in the classic sense. By utilizing materials around them in new and inventive ways to create striking pieces of art, these talented, hard working Haitian artists had begun to create better lives for themselves and their families through international fair trade," said Marshall.

Oil Drums are Haitian artists' raw materials. The process of converting the drums into sculptures is a tribute to both imagination and resourcefulness in the face of dire economic needs. Both ends of the oil drum are removed prior to stuffing the drum with straw and lighting it on fire to burn off residues.

Once cooled, the drum is sliced down one side and flattened into a four- by six-foot piece of metal canvas. Artists, with sticks of chalk, draw out images on the metal sheets and, with hammers and chisels, cut the design into intricate sculptures.

Located at 5 Fourth Street in Petaluma, One Planet stocks a wide selection of Haitian oil drum sculptures. "I have another delivery on its way from distributors," said Marshall. "After that, I have no idea what these incredible artists will have to overcome if, indeed, they have managed to survive."

Marshall held a first anniversary fundraiser at her One Planet store on February 5, featuring live Latin-beat of the Carlos Herrera Band from Sonoma County. 15% of the profits were donated to the Red Cross for Haiti along with an additional 15% of oil drum, rock sculptures and other Haitian craft purchases made throughout the week-end of February 6 and 7. Donations for the Red Cross are still being accepted.



Steel Drum Art at One Planet

## Friends of the Parade Button Campaign

The Petaluma Downtown Association has had its first Butter & Egg Days Committee meeting and has come up with some great fundraising plans. Due to a smaller budget (PLEASE NOTE: smaller budget, not smaller parade. The parade will be just as large as it was last year, including a NEW Youth Zone), they need to raise a lot of dough.

They will be having some fundraising events, the first of which was held on February 27 at TAPS. The PDA is having "Friends of the Parade" buttons made to sell to those wishing to help support the parade. Purchasers' funds will go 100% to supporting the parade, because the buttons are being sponsored by Sonoma Bank. On the day of the parade, people wearing buttons will be invited to march as the last unit of the parade. In addition, Downtown merchants are planning special offers and discounts for button-wearers throughout the month of April.

For more information on fundraisers and parade updates, visit the PDA website, become a fan of The Petaluma Downtown Association on Facebook, become a friend of Jenny Petaluma on Facebook, or subscribe to PDA tweets for updates.



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