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Green Gala Goes Gypsy

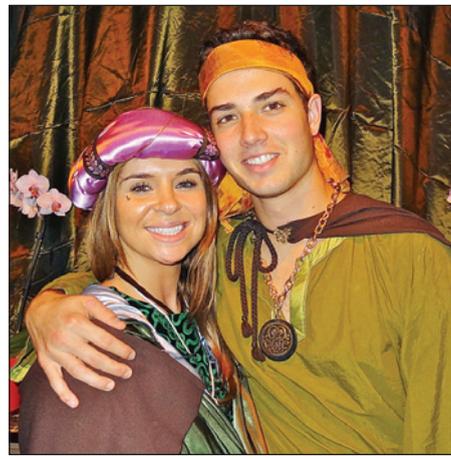


CEC junior committee president Sheridan Spivey, vice president of the CEC board Diane Boss with executive director Dave Davis and CEC junior committee member Lindsey McFadden in front of the gypsy caravan at the Green Gala

The Community Environmental Council (CEC) invited one and all to an eco-chic party – the Green Gala Gypsy Caravan. The Armory was transformed from a big barn-type room to a fancy Gypsy village complete with fortunetellers and tarot card readers. My husband even had his pocket “picked.” The

most spectacular thing was the centerpiece of the event. **Jim Forsha** and **Jamie Nelson** built an authentic, completely green gypsy caravan big enough to hold a double bed and furniture – a unique guesthouse, play house, office or whatever you can imagine.

Executive Director **Dave Davis** hap-



The princess and prince of gypsies Jacquelyn Hanley and Riley Arntz at the Green Gala.



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Greenopia founder and CEC honoree Gay Browne and husband Tony at the gypsy bash

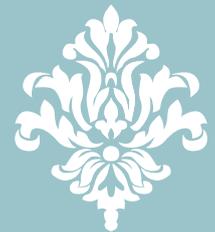
pily told us, “We sold out three times. First at 300, then at 325 and finally at 350.” He told the audience, “This is the place to be tonight – three hundred and fifty of the smartest, greenest, hippest people in town.” The CEC has been doing its thing for 40 years, being a local pioneer for a national movement to the dream of a healthy, sane, safe future for the world.

Among the feathers, brass, beads,

candles and tassels, costumed gypsy servers passed around organic wines and decadent specialty drinks. The canapés came directly from a pizza oven run by Full of Life Flatbread who also served a locally sourced dinner.

The goal of CEC is to transition away from fossil fuels in one generation or “Fossil Free By ‘33.” Some

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Vice president of development Elizabeth Wagner with "Drina," seamstress of the gypsies Nikki Hathaway, Tara Stephenson as "Elian," everyone's lover, and co-chair Kerry Allen shortly before visiting with the fortuneteller

positive solutions are programs to help you go solar, electric vehicles and wind and solar farms. There's also a campaign to get schools away from disposable plastic water bottles and the enormous amount of energy they take to produce. CEC invites us to gaze into our crystal ball and help create the clean energy future we all want.

Green Gala event chair **Kerry Allen** and honorary chair **Gay Browne** want everyone to know that over 90% of

the waste generated by this party for the last two years has been recycled, reused or composted. In the gypsy spirit, almost everything in the Armory was borrowed, repurposed or vintage including the costumes, greenery, décor and centerpieces. A team donated hundreds of hours to create it.

Merryl Brown Events and the committee paid attention to every detail including choosing dinnerware selected with thought as to how much

water it takes to wash. The junior committee of high school kids even made napkin rings out of bits and beads in their homes.

After a short live auction, **Tina Schlieske** and the Graceland Exiles rocked the house. By the way, you can still purchase the gypsy caravan for \$30,000. If you would like to know more about CEC visit www.cecsb.org.

Eat Well Stay Well

Sansum Clinic celebrated its 90th birthday with an Eat Well & Stay Well event. **Geoff and Alison Rusack** opened their 38.9-acre Hope Ranch estate, Isla Mar, for the event. It was originally built for Peter Cooper and Angelica Schuyler Bryce in 1926 and is another example of Spanish Colonial Revival style done by architect George

Washington Smith. (He was born on George Washington's birthday.) Interestingly, it is under restoration by architect **Marc Appleton** who is the grandson of the original owners and will be completed in 2012.

Sansum Clinic began in 1921 when Dr. Sansum was the only doctor in the United States administering insulin for diabetes. The life expectancy was 57 years. Sansum became the first multi-specialty clinic on the West Coast and now has more than 180 affiliated physicians serving more than 150,000 patients (600,000 visits) annually. The life expectancy today is 79 years.

CEO and Medical Director Dr. **Kurt Ransohoff** addressed the group seated for lunch. "There are thirty-three doctors and nurses here today totaling five hundred and eighty-three years of service." One was at each table so



CEO and medical director of Sansum Clinic Dr. Kurt Ransohoff and wife Nancy with hosts Alison and Geoff Rusack at the Eat Well Stay Well luncheon

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