Hey Ben,

Here are the three things Ted and I worked on

Groups Calendar Context

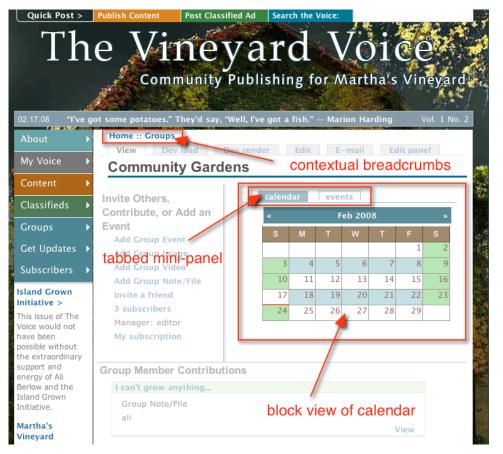
- \rightarrow Organic Groups/CCK-Views/Panels 2 Calendar using calendar and date module
- (not event and og_calendar)
- \rightarrow Tabbed mini-panel implementation of block passing arguments through to the view.
- → Organic Groups Breadcrumb Context management

I will try to walk you through in detail.

I provide all the steps and notes, even though you are familiar with many of them. (I will share this document with others less familiar with the process.)

Contextual Group Calendar Using Calendar module, Views and Panels 2

From a UI perspective, this is what we're after:



Work/Project Summary

I wanted full control over the evolution and design of calendaring in my site, but as importantly, I wanted to maintain group home-page context as users schedule and review events.

As you may know, using Event module takes control of calendaring AND disrupts the context — it moves the user from the groups area of the site with the calendar displayed into the event module breadcrumb. This is confusing for users, and I wanted to eliminate that confusion.

In order to do this I had to eliminate the Event and og_calendar modules, but I also had to have a way for the group node id (not the group id) to be read and maintained by Drupal. Once I understood what argument handling code to pass through (not just arguments), all as pretty straightforward.

The step that complicated this is that I am using mini panels to place a calendar block on the page. This is not hard, but the panel must recognize the argument handling code in order to "know" where it is — in order to maintain group context. By simply passing arguments through the mini panel to the view the whole set of 1) how to display events and 2) how to maintain context was all synched up, and I could move on to clarifying the breadcrumb.

The reason breadcrumbing was so important is that this is the only way to present navigational options with "Groups/"the-group-you-are-in"/calendar context at the top of each content area — following the trail from the group home page block-view to calendar-view to event listing to node. To manage the breadcrumbs a template page snippet had to be developed.

All this likely convoluted to the average user. It was to me prior to diving into it. I hope my breakdown of the steps helps others avoid the convolution and get right to clean, contextual group calendaring.

Many of the steps implemented here can be applied to other scenarios, and I hope too that the presentation of the steps helps people understand how Views, CCK and Panels 2 "talk" to each other through field types, argument types and argument handling code. It's really not that hard.

I worked with Ted Sirbinsky of Lullabot and MothersClick fame on solving this problem.

Views-based Calendar Configuration Procedure

The challenge of building a Views-based, tabbed mini-panel calendar has several parts: Check here for the concise, Drupal.org generic walkthrough of this process.

- I turning off the event and og_calendar modules, if they are installed,
- II installing calendar module and making sure date module are installed and enabled,
- III creating a simple event content type with a date-stamp
- IV configuring a group calendar view
- V installing panels 2 and tabs panel-style modules:

note: panels 2 is in beta and my current configuration does not work with panels 2 beta 2. It works well with panels 2 alpha 13. I don't know why, and I don't have time to figure it out right now.

Make sure you run update.php when you install Panels 2. There are some

database additions that are critical for proper Panels 2 functionality.

- VI creating a **block view calendar** with the right arguments and argument handling code,
- VII creating the calendar mini panel and passing argument handling code through to the view in the mini-panel.
- VIII creating the "group_tab" mini panel and styling the mini panel as "tabbed style" and placing the tabbed mini panel into Group home panel page
- IX clarifying breadcrumbs through template page code.
- I & II Easy part. I just removed event and og_calendar from my configuration. I did not have event nodes already on my site, so I didn't have to worry about management of those dates. Download the calendar and date modules, install and enable them.

III - Creating an Event Content Type

Karen S. wrote a very good, step by step for using Calendar and Date with views can be found here. There is also a step by step on creating the event content type. The one difference between the content type Karen S. creates and mine is that I use a Datestamp field instead of a Date field. (The view Karen S. provides had to be modified for my application.

VI - Creating a Calendar Block View

Installing and activating Calendar module makes available a calendar view. Once the view is **added** the basic template for a calendar is available -- it's just a matter of configuring it well.

This "simple" thing is where so many people spend too much time. The steps here are important to follow, and it's easy to miss a couple of them:

1) Editing the Calendar View:

Once you have added the Calendar View, choose "edit":

→ Give the View a good **name**. Mine's "group_calendar". You may add calendars in the future; a clear name will make them all easy to keep track of all calendars. This

group name is machine readable and is used by the your database. **Note**: It is NOT the View "Title". The View Title will be discussed below.

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u	t view group_calendar view care cone capare
	Basic Information
Na	me: *
_	roup_calendar
-	e unique identifier of the view; it is only important for overridden views and views that modules or themes will need
	use. Only alphanumeric and _ allowed here
	Cess:
AC	
	anonymous user
	authenticated user
	group admin
	super admin
Onl	y the checked roles will be able to see this view in any form; if no roles are checked, access will not be restricted.
_	
_	scription:
G	roup Calendar view.
	lescription of the view for the admin list.

2) Page View & Block View:

You will need both a Page view and a Block view for the group_calendar.

The reason is clear when you think about it. In terms of workflow or user experience, I wanted to have the block calendar available on the individual group home page that would link users to events in a compact space and would give them an overview of their specific group's events. They can click on an event in that calendar block and go to the page view calendar. [Creating a Groups home page is another whole step -- some of the process can be found here.]

- → Make sure "Provide Page View" is selected.
- It is important that the URL entered is clear and simple.
- → Because the Calendar View was added, the "View Type" will be automatically selected as Calendar.
- → The "Title" of the calendar view in my site is "Calendar."

Note: Be clear here. In order for you to place this block into a panel in the next section, Panels 2 will need the title of this view. The "View Title" helps YOU keep track of and use the view. "Name" helps the database keep track of and use the view.

- → Make sure "Provide Block" is checked.
- \rightarrow Calendar View Type will automatically be selected.
 - If for some reason you have changed it, make sure it is "Calendar."
 - I have titled the block "Test Calendar" title it what will make the most sense.
- → Display 999 nodes per block -- These are events, and chances are you may need a lot of linked references to nodes/events created by users. It helps to just max this field out.

- ▽ Page	
Provide Page View If checked this view will be provided as a page.	If not checked, the fields in this group will be ignored.
URL:	clear URL for group calendar
group/calendar	cical crizitol group calendar
Enter the URL to use for this view in the form of	'dir/dir'. Do not begin or end the URL with a /. Example:
In the URL, for example 'user/\$arg/tracker' or 'n required, even if they are listed as optional below to use URLs such as taxonomy/term/\$arg.	We view. You can also add \$arg as a placeholder for arguments passed ode/\$arg/related'. Note that any arguments listed here will be w. You do not need to list arguments at the end of the path. Do not try
custom is whatever you wish). Then open Page >	ps group home pages, set the url to 'node/\$group/custom' (where >> Menu and check Provide Menu and Provide Menu as Tab; also make nid(s) argument. The \$group path element is a placeholder for the irs on OG group nodes.
View Type:	automatic view type
Calendar How the nodes should be displayed to the user.	"calendar"
Title:	Title of view that
Calendar The title that be shown at the top of the view. M take arguments into account, use the "title" field	
Use Pager If checked this query may be multiple pages. If i	-
Breadcrumb trail should not include "H If checked the breadcrumb trail for this page will Front Page View, where it IS Home and should not be Brook and Should not should not be Brook and Should not be Brook and Should not include "H Brook and Should not include "H	I discard "Home". Usually you will not set this, but this is used for the
Nodes per Page: 0 The number of nodes to display per page. If 0, a maximum number of nodes in the list. > +	Il nodes will be displayed. If not using a pager, this will be the
-⊽– Block	
- Bioch	
 Provide Block If checked this view will be provided as a block. View Type: Calendar How the nodes should be displayed to the user. 	If checked title may not be blank.
Title:	
Test Calendar The title that will be shown at the top of the bloc	ck. May be blank.
Nodes per Block:	to display in the block. Pagers are not used in blocks.
[More] Link? If using a view as both a page and a block, displayed	ay a more link in the block that links to the view URL?
- > Header	
- > Empty text	

3) Fields:

The fields for this Calendar view are simple:

→ Create a Node **Title** field as a link

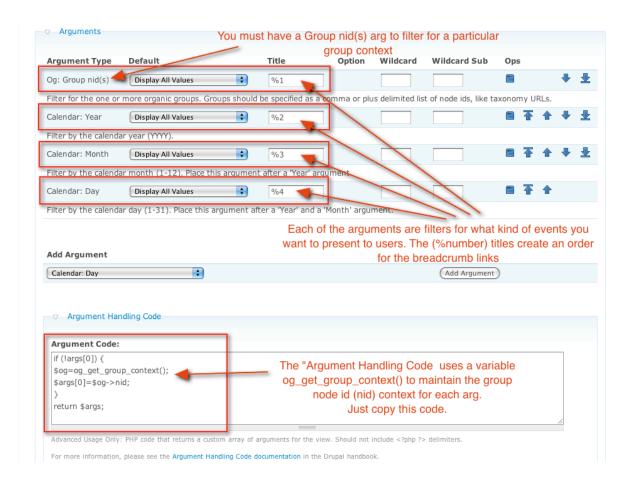
 \rightarrow Create a **Datestamp** (name of content type) field. The name of this datestamp must be the same as the CCK event_date content type. Don't group multiple values.

Name	Label	Handler	Option	Sortable	Default Sort	Ops		
Node: Title		Normal	As link	No 🛟	None		₽	1
Display the title of t	he node.							
Datestamp: event_date (field_event_date)		Do not group multiple values 🛟	Default 🛟	No	None	871	ŀ	
Add Field								
Comment: Subject	\$				Add Field)		

4) Arguments:

Once the fields are created you must create the proper arguments for each of ways your events are presented. This is the heart of OG context control.

- → Calendar module creates a view template and Calendar:Year, Month, Day should be already present in your view.
- → You will have to add the **Og: Group nid(s)** argument type in order to use the argument handling code.
- → These argument Titles will present the user with clear breadcrumbs which clarify where the user is at any time,
- → The Og: Group nid(s) arg type will establish a Node Id context which ties each of the args together with a og_get_group_context() argument code.
- \rightarrow It is important that these arguments be set up just this way. This is the heart of OG context control.



5) Filters:

→ make sure to set your filter to Published Equals Yes -- otherwise you won't get any published events.

Field	Operator	Value	Option		Ops			
Node: Published	Equals 🛟	Yes 🗘		Expose				
Filter by whether or not th	ie node is published. This	is recommended for	most Views!					
				The only filter is	"Published Equals	Yes"		
Add Filter								
Comment: Pending approva	I 🛟			(Add Filter			
Filters allow you to select a	Filters allow you to select a subset of all the nodes to display. All Filters are ANDed together.							
> Exposed Filters								
─ ▷ Sort Criteria								
─ ▷ Meta tags								
(Save) (Save and edit) (Dele	ete) (Cancel)							

Congratulations.

You now will have a Views Calendar Page view. You will also have a calendar block to place into your panel. Calendar module comes with a css-styled calendar-mini that will reference all event dates as links that will connect you with a day-view of the node, and to the node itself.

But much more on this next.

VII - Placing Views Block in Panels 2 mini-panel

1) Mini Panel Content panel (not the tabbed panel, but its content.)

In section V you downloaded and enabled the Panels 2 and Tabs Panel-style modules.

In this segment of section IV, you will create one content mini panel that will contain your Block View Calendar. We start with three mini panels already created.

Note: I have created a "calendar" mini panel, an "events" mini panel and a

"groups_tabs" mini panel. The last, "groups_tabs" mini panel will contain the other two mini panels and will display them with tabs. The first two don't need tabs.

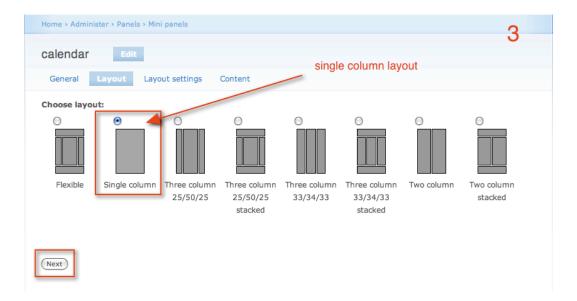
→ First click Add to create a new mini-panel

Home > Administer > Panels		1
Mini panels List Add Settings		
You can edit existing mini panels, or click add to create a new	w one.	Mini panel "calendar"
Title	Operations	
calendar 🚽	Edit Delete	Mini panel group_tabs
events	Edit Delete	
groups_tabs	Edit Delete	

→ Once you have clicked Add, provide a clear title -- "calendar" works well. Then click Layout.

Settings Layout Single column Mini panel title: Calendar The title for this mini panel. It can be overridden in the block 1. Calendar	alendar Edit	title your calendar mini panel clearly
Mini panel title: Single column calendar Middle column The title for this mini panel. It can be overridden in the block 1. Calendar	General Layout Layout settings Content	
Mini panel title: calendar The title for this mini panel. It can be overridden in the block 1. Calendar	Settings	Layout
Calendar Middle column The title for this mini panel. It can be overridden in the block 1. Calendar	Mini panel title:	Single column
		Middle column
	The title for this mini panel. It can be overridden in the block configuration.	1. Calendar

 \rightarrow For this mini panel we want a Single column layout. Then click Layout Settings, or Next.



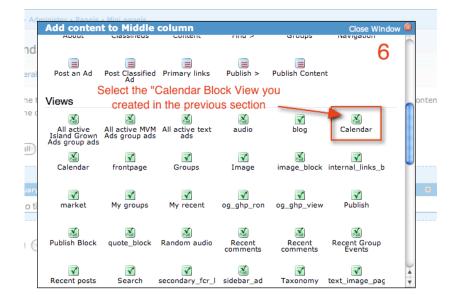
→ Layout settings provides a form to set the Panel style. Because this mini panel will go inside another, tabbed mini panel, set this to the default/no tabs style. Save.

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	4
Calendar Edit General Layout Layout settings Panel settings Content Panel style: Image: Content Default Content The style in which the panes of each panel will be displayed. Edit style settings	In Panel settings choose Default Panel style for mini panels which will be used as content in your tabbed panel (to be created in a couple of steps)
Save	

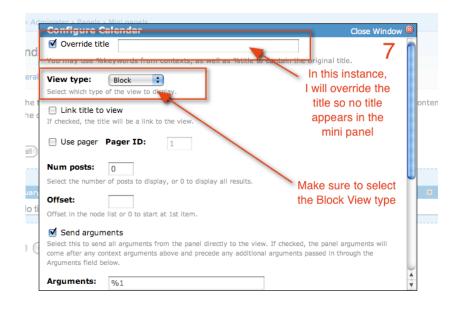
→ **Content:** Once you have set the layout, it's time to add your calendar block view. Click the icon to add content.

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	5
calendar Edit	J
General Layout Layout settings Content	
Grab the title bar of any pane to drag it to another panel. Click the add pane button in any panel to add mo Click the configure button on any pane to re-configure that pane. Click icon to add the Calendar Hide all Show all Show all	re content.
(Save) (Cancel)	

→ Add Content to mini panel. Here is the reason you were clear when naming your calendar view. In Panels 2 beta you can restrict the clutter of views available to panels, so you don't have to pick through a bunch of blocks and views. Here we have found our Calendar View.



→ Configure Calendar is an important form. It displays as a pop-up. I want to override the title of the block, so no title appears. We want the calendar to appear in the tabbed mini panel as a block, so select View type to be Block.



→ Arguments: Don't miss this step! This is where our argument handling code will be passed through to the view from the panel. You must click Send arguments and enter %1 in the Arguments field. Otherwise our code will go unnoticed.



→ Content placed in configured mini panel: If you have not missed a step, you will see your working block inside your single column mini panel.

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	9
calendar Edit	5
General Layout Layout settings Content	
Grab the title bar of any pane to drag it to another panel. Click the add pane button in any panel to add more co Click the configure button on any pane to re-configure that pane.	ntent.
(Hide all Show all Sh	
Middle column	
February 200℃ I No title	*
(Save) (Cancel) No title will appear	

\rightarrow Save your mini panel configuration.

alendar Ed	it					
General Layout	Layout settings	Content				
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onfigure button on any				accon in any part		
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VIII Tabbed Mini Panel implementation

This step by step will be quick and largely visual.

→ Again, I have created three panels in advance. Here, we will focus on the "groups_tabs" mini panel. We will use Tabs panel style module by Wim Leers to style "groups_tabs" and to display the "calendar" mini panel we just created.

Home > Administer > Panels		1
Mini panels List Add Settings		
You can edit existing mini panels, or click add to create	a new one.	Mini panel "calendar"
Title	Operations	
calendar	Edit Delete	Mini panel group_tabs
events	Edit Delete	
groups_tabs	Edit Delete	

→ Title your tabbed mini panel clearly so it can be selected easily when placing it in your Panels page layout (see below.)

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	
groups_tabs Edit General Layout Layout settings Content	Mini panel is going to be a container for the group calendar block, so I named it clearly.
Settings Mini panel title: groups_tabs The title for this mini panel. It can be overridten in the block configuration.	Layout Single column Middle column 1. Mini panel: "calendar" 2. Mini panel: "events"
Save	

→ Again, select a Single column layout. This is a "box" to contain your other panels, and it will be placed into two-column stacked panel later on.

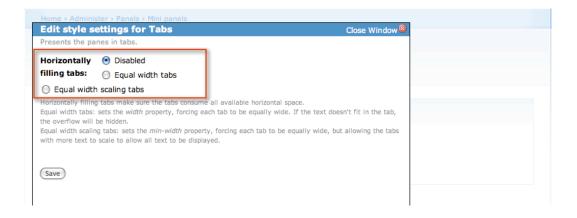
Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	
groups_tabs Edit	
General Layout Layout settings Content	Layout type is a single column "box" that will itself be placed on the Group
Choose layout:	home page.
Flexible Single column Three column 25/50/25 stacked	
Click Next	

→ Because your mini panel will have more than one block of content, you can select Tabs in the Layout settings section of mini panel configuration. (You must have the Tabs Style

module loaded and enabled to see this selection option. If you don't have it installed you will not see this.

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels	
groups_tabs Edit	
General Layout Layout settings Content	In Layout settings, select Tabs. (No style settings here.)
Panel settings	
Panel style:	
Tabs	
(Edit style settings)	
Save	

 \rightarrow I have no style settings set for my mini panel, but here is the edit pop-up, so you know it's options.



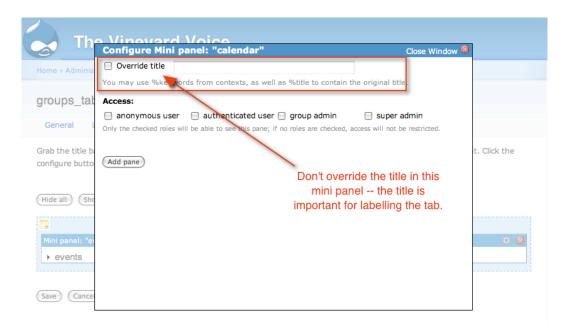
\rightarrow Add your "calendar" mini panel by clicking the icon.

Home > Administer > Panels > Mini panels
groups_tabs Edit
General Layout Layout settings Content
Grab the title bar of any pane to drag it to another panel. Click the add pane button in any panel to add more content. Click the configure button on any pane to re-configure that pane.
(Hide all) (Show all) Again, click the add icon.
Middle column
Mini panel: "events"

→ There is a special section in the Add content pop-up. In Panels 2 there is a Panels node selection option that allows you to filter the types of nodes that will show up in this window. If you have created multiple mini panels (I have "events" too) select those as well.

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Home > Administe	Custom						n	
groups_tab:	custom search form	New custom content	Node content	Publish Categories	Subhead		-	
General La	Mini panels				ndar" mini Ider Mini p	·		
Grab the title bar configure button	Mini panel: "calendar"	Mini panel: "events"	Mini panel: "groups_tabs"	Click	to configu	re.		Click the
	Core blocks						- 11	
(Hide all) (Show	Contractive forum topics	O Author information	اللہ New forum topics	E Recent blog posts	(E) Recent comments	Q Search form		
-	Syndicate	🗐 User login	👩 Who's new	🛐 Who's online				
Save Cancel	Menus							
	About	Elassifieds	Content	Find >	Groups	Navigation	4	

 \rightarrow I have not overridden the title here. Click "Add pane".



→ Once you have added the mini panel(s), they will be shown in your groups_tabs Content area. You can click the arrow/bullet next to the Mini panel title to preview its contents.

Home > Administer > Panels > <u>Mini panels</u>
groups_tabs
General Layout Layout settings Content
Grab the title bar of any pane to drag it to another panel. Click the add pane button in any panel to add more content. Click the configure button on any pane to re-configure that pane. Now you have a view of the content of the group_tabs mini panel.
(Hide all) (Show all) keeps track of newly added group events.
Middle column
Mini panel: "calendar" 🎽 🔅 🙁
calendar
Mini panel: "events" 🎽 🛞
▶ events
(Save) (Cancel)

VIII (Part Two) Placing Tabbed Mini Panel into your page layout

This section will not be outlined in detail. It is more of a bonus section to see how the panels page handles nested mini panels and to return us to the first UI image now with a little more understanding.

ightarrow Go to your Panels admin, and select panels pages

Home > Administer	
Panels	
 Mini panels 	
Panel nodes settings Panel pages	

 \rightarrow You must first create a panel. I have many and **Edit** the _groups panel page.

Home > Administer > Panel	S			
Panel pages	List	dd Import Settings		
You may peruse a list of y	our current	panels layouts and edit the	m, or click add to crea	te a new page.
Page title A	Туре	Layout	URL	Operations
Page title▲ No title	Type Local	Layout Two column	URL home	Operations Edit Export Delete
				• • • • • • •

→ In the layout area of the Settings section, you can see here I have already placed the "groups_tabs" mini panels in the right side of a Two column stacked layout.

O title View Export Settings Advanced	Layout Layout settings Content
	,
Page settings	Layout
Panel name:	Two column stacked
og_ghp_panel A unique name used to identify this panel page internally. It must be	Top Empty
only be alpha characters and underscores. No spaces, numbers or uppercase characters. Page title:	Left side 1. Group details Right side
uppercase characters.	1. Group details Right side 1. Mini panel: "groups_tabs"
uppercase characters. Page title: The page title for this panels layout	1. Group details Right side

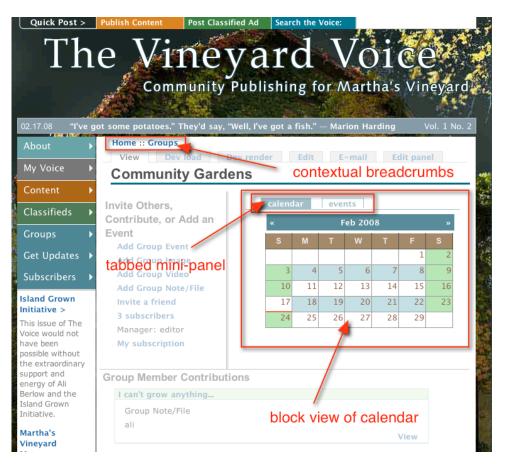
 \rightarrow This is where you would Add the tabbed mini panel "groups_tabs" as you have done in earlier steps.

Home > Adminis	ter > Panels	s > Panel pag	ges					
No title	View	Export	Settings	Advanced	Layout	Layout settings	Content	
configure butto					he add pane	button in any pane	I to add more c	ontent. Click the
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og_ghp_view ► Group Me	ember Cor	ntributions						# 🛛

→ If you select Preview (in Panels 2 beta, it is "View" in my alpha release) you can now see your tabbed mini panel display, and can toggle between calendar and events. (I have not added any additional arguments.)

ome > Administer > Panels > Panel pag	65						
View Export Settings A	Advanced Layo	ut Lay	out settin	gs Con	ntent		
	iments						
Url of real panel: _groups						your tab	
Additional arguments:		/				2 beta na	
Additional arguments:		-	ui	s appro	phately	Previ	ew.)
Separated by /							
Change arguments							
(,,)	/						
	calendar	events					
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	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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	17	18 25	26	27	28	29	23

→ Once again, the themed "final result."



IX Clarifying and making uniform the Breadcrumb Context

All the above "functionality" development enables the user to create context sensitive group calendars. But Drupal's existing breadcrumbing system doesn't talk to the group context very well. So we created a template.php theme function override that tells the breadcrumbs to behave.

I worked with Ted Sirbinsky of Lullabot and MothersClick fame on solving this problem too. The issue was that the Groups home page recognizes the URL passed through the view. But calendar module and Drupal's default theme_breadcrumb() breadcrumb variable aren't set to interact. The Theme function override helps hook the breadcrumb into the group's view, node id and specific arguments.

I wrote this note to Ted when we were working this out:

I like this structure.

Home :: Groups :: The Vineyard Voice

This structure allows for:

1) "Groups": group directory selection

2) "The Vineyard Voice": would take you back to the group you are in -- (When it is also a calendar name it is confusing. I'd like to eliminate that confusion.) This structure also serves as a real breadcrumb.

I would like to use this basic breadcrumb unit as the prefix for all deeper group calendar breadcrumbs.

For example, this current breadcrumb:

Home :: Test Calendar :: The Vineyard Voice :: 2008 :: January 2008

would be replaced with this structure:

Home :: Groups :: The Vineyard Voice :: Test Calendar :: January :: 2008

To accomplish this,

Ted wrote a theme_breadcrumb() override and called it vv_fix_breadcrumb(). The code is well commented and should be self-explanatory, even to non-phpers.

I will simply add the theme override code and bold the comments so you can understand what is happening:

* Fix breadcrumbs to work the way we want them to, overriding Drupal.

* @breadcrumb - Currently breadcrumb variable from Drupal.

*/

function vv_fix_breadcrumb(\$breadcrumb = array()) {

```
// if a user is looking at a calendar
// arg(2) is the group id
if (arg(1) == calendar' \&\& is_numeric(arg(2))) {
 $breadcrumb = array(); // reset to empty so we can rebuild them
 group = node_load(arg(2));
 $view = views_load_view(88); // the views ID of the calendar view
 $breadcrumb[] = I('Home', '');
 $breadcrumb[] = l('Groups', 'og');
 $breadcrumb[] = l($group->title, 'node/'. $group->nid);
 $breadcrumb[] = l($view->page_title, $view->url .'/'. arg(2));
 // if the view is showing a specific year
 if (is_numeric(arg(3))) {
  $breadcrumb[] = l(arg(3), $view->url .'/'. arg(2) .'/'. arg(3));
}
 // if the view is showing a specific month
 if (is_numeric(arg(4))) {
  $date = mktime(0, 0, 0, arg(4), 1, arg(3));
```

```
$month = date('F', $date);
$breadcrumb[] = l($month, $view->url .'/'. arg(2) .'/'. arg(3) .'/'. arg(4));
}
```

drupal_set_breadcrumb(\$breadcrumb);

 $^{\prime\prime}$ // This section of the breadcrumb override is not for the Group pages, but for the main content types section of the Vineyard Voice

```
if (arg(0) == 'publish') {
    $breadcrumb = array(); // reset to empty so we can rebuild them
    $breadcrumb[] = l('Home', ");
    if (arg(1) == 'audio' || arg(1) == 'blog' || arg(1) == 'video' || arg(1) == 'writing' || arg(1) ==
    'image') {
        $breadcrumb[] = l(ucfirst(arg(1)), 'publish/'. arg(1));
        }
        drupal_set_breadcrumb($breadcrumb);
    }
    return $breadcrumb;
}
```