



Concert in Old St. Hilary's

The Keil Volunteers

By Dave Gotz



Bernidet and Russell Keil, 1976 in their home at Keil Cove. The painting is "A Gypsy Girl" by Leopold Schmutzler (1864-1941), purchased by Hugo Keil (Russell's uncle) in Germany. (photo by Terry Groeper for the Ark)

As with any successful non-profit organization, the Landmarks Society was built upon a solid foundation of volunteers. In 1958 when the earliest conversations were taking place about saving the pretty little church that adorned the hill above Tiburon, those involved (Beverly Bastian, Susanna Dakin and Carol Ericson among others) realized that professional help would be needed to secure the church property. By the time Landmarks had its first Board meeting in March 1959, several important members of the Belvedere and Tiburon communities had volunteered to help.

As a prominent member of the St. Hilary's Parish, founding board member Russell David Keil had been sounding

out the possibility of preserving Old St. Hilary's. With an interest in California history and a director of the family real estate management company, Mr. Keil was ideally qualified for the task of negotiating with the Archdiocese of San Francisco for the sale of the church property. Together with fellow Board member Tom Procter (a partner with Coldwell, Banker & Company), they convinced the Church to forgo a higher offer from developers and allow the property to become an historic landmark. He received the following on May 28, 1959: "His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, has approved the recommendation of the Building Committee to sell to the community of Tiburon the old church site of St. Hilary's for \$10,000 net cash."

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By Jim Allen



Dear Landmarks Members,

The staff and the volunteers continue to do a fantastic job. At the most recent Board meeting, Gay Keil offered her heartfelt appreciation to the current staff—Dave Gotz, Leslie Doyle, Alan Brune, Michelyn Russell, and Barbara Carlson. Gay speaks with authority and deep knowledge of the history of the Landmarks. She is the Board Member with the longest track record at Landmarks. She was one of the original Society Board Members, past President and she even worked as an employee of Landmarks in the front office. She knows very well how much Landmarks has improved with the dedicated work of our wonderful staff. Everyone on the Board is equally thankful and heartily applauded the staff at the Board meeting.

This newsletter is dedicated to our volunteers. There are many wonderful volunteers who give amazing support to the Landmarks. Without these volunteers, the Landmarks would pale in comparison; our historic sites are run completely by volunteers who are actively educating visitors about our history.

A few docents at the Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum originated the idea of opening the museum extra hours on “Sunny Sundays,” which tourists and community members really

appreciated. Now, the RR Depot Museum is open at least five afternoons a week, Wednesday through Sunday. This is possible only because of passionate volunteer docents.

The China Cabin, Art & Garden Center, and Old St. Hilary's are also kept open by dedicated docents. Less visible but equally dedicated are the volunteers at the Thrift Shop on lower Ark Row. Whether your interests are railroads, ferries and steamships, wildflowers and open space, or relaxing in the beautifully terraced garden at the Art & Garden Center, we have something for you!

Is everything perfect? Not quite; we need more help. We would love to have more docents and more Thrift Shop volunteers.

I am asking every docent volunteer to “bring a friend or two.” Invite them to watch you

in action the next time you volunteer and show them what you do. Ask your friend to volunteer with your infectious enthusiasm. Your friends are likely to “catch” your local history bug, and soon they'll enjoy volunteering and meeting visitors from all over the world just as you do.

Docent training classes are always available from the Head Docents of each site and provide volunteers with ample training videos and reading material for additional information. The best thing about being a volunteer docent is that you always know more than the visitor passing through town. Your own memories and stories are what makes your role a priceless experience to visitors.

Catch the bug and help us open our historic doors!

Sincerely, Jim Allen

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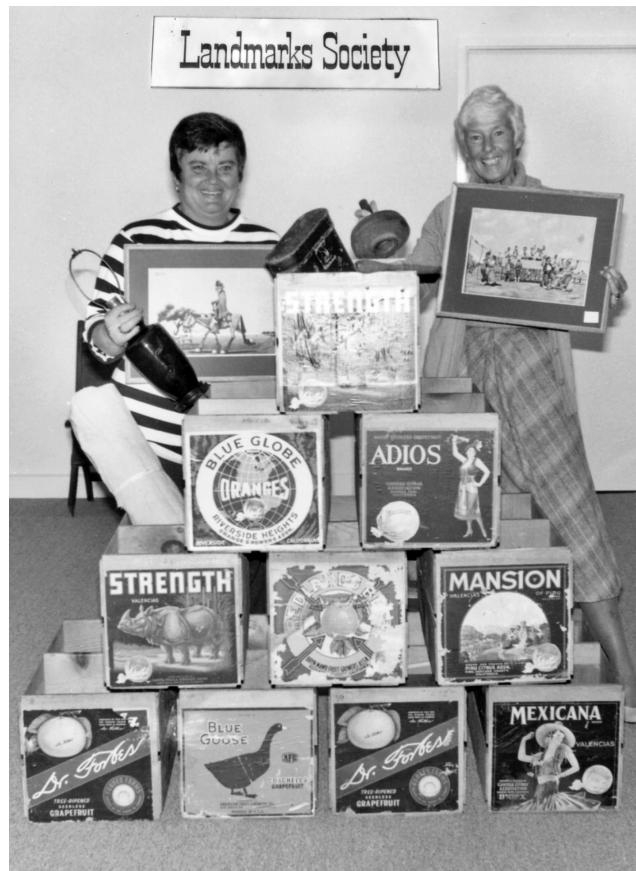
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The Keil Volunteers continued



Gay Keil and Justine Oyster, great friends and great volunteers, c. 1980's.

Mr. Keil remained on the Executive Board of Landmarks for a remarkable 17 years, serving terms as secretary and vice president along the way. He and his wife Bernidet generously supported our organization by hosting numerous fundraising gatherings at their exquisite estate on Keil Cove, as well as providing financial support whenever it was needed.

Upon his retirement from the Board in 1976, his son Russell, Jr. was elected to the Associate Board. After a three-year term, his sister Gabrielle (Gay) replaced him on that Board, moving up to the Executive Board in 1986. Gay served as secretary and was then elected president for the term 1987-88, during which she ably led

Landmarks through the gala celebration of Old St. Hilary's 100th anniversary.

Upon leaving the Board, Gay immediately volunteered to coordinate docents for the China Cabin. In 1994 Gay became office manager, serving as a cheerful presence and keeping the day-to-day operation of our organization running smoothly for 12 years. Although the job provided a small stipend, Gay volunteered many more hours of her time than she was compensated for. After a few years of "retirement," Gay has come back to the Board, providing us with a precious link to the founding of the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society.



The Keil family members supporting the Landmarks by attending the fall fundraisers: Molly Keil Hynes, Gabrielle Keil with Phil Cassou at 'Tycoon', Julie Keil at 'Nights in Venice', and Gabrielle Keil, Molly Heins and Tom Belton at 'Mad Hatter'. Photos by Gary Ferber.

Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum



Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum docents Bob Harrison, Jerry Romain, and Dolores Mizis greet the 3rd graders.

The museum housed in the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NWP) depot building on Shoreline Park in Tiburon is a reflection of Tiburon's railroad past. There are two museums in the depot: on the main floor, a Tiburon railroad history museum with a railyard model dated October 1909; on the second floor, the Stationmaster's home decorated in the 1920 - 1930s timeframe. These museums recall life in Tiburon 100 years ago, when the town was a rough and tumble, hard working community. The families that grew up here had a common bond with the railroad, whether they worked for NWP or the stores and hotels that provided support for the railroad workers.

The museum has a group of some thirty-five docents who are well versed in the history and stories of Tiburon in the railroad era of 1884 through 1967. These docents donate three hours a month (and sometimes multiple times a month) to provide information and demonstrations of our museum features. We also are open on certain holidays and Sundays in the off-season under a program run by volunteer docent Bob Harrison called "Sunny Sundays." You can operate a telegraph key, talk on a century-old candlestick telephone, use an antique adding machine, even run one of several trains on the H.O. scale railyard model of Tiburon.

The museum operating times are Wednesday through Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. April through October. We welcome new docents to talk about our history and help visitors learn how Tiburon got its start. Come Join us!

Head Docent: Phil Cassou

Upstairs House Museum Curator: Maggie McCann

**Nadine Agosta
Joan Bergsund
Steve Callender
Ted Carter
Frank Cassou
Linda Emberson
Elaine Enochs**

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China Cabin



Bel Aire School bus brings 3rd graders to visit "Captain Jack" in the China Cabin.

Happy Birthday to the China Cabin! The keel of the P.S. China was laid on January 13, 1866, and the ship was launched in December of that year. Therefore, the jewel of the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society is 150 years old this year. The cabin is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., April through October. There is a volunteer docent available to lead visitors through the history of how the China Cabin was restored and how it ended up in Belvedere. We have a total of eight docents who have welcomed almost 1,200 visitors in 2015 plus countless private tours and tours for all the 3rd grade classes in Tiburon Schools. The very professional docents are:

**Head Docent: Jack Fiorito
Jim Allen**

**Mimi Clarke
Sylvia Chase**

**Jack Gallagher
Zohre Grothe**

**Liz Kerslake
Joyce Wells**

Please stop in to visit the China Cabin during her birthday year; you'll be glad you did.

Docents of Old St. Hilary's

The Landmarks Society acquired Old St Hilary's in 1959, and it was dedicated as an historical monument on October 30th, 1960. In the early days visitation was by request, but by 1964, Beverly Bastian (one of the founders of Landmarks) and a group of her friends, including Patricia Bertrand, began a volunteer schedule for Old St. Hilary's to be open to the public. This continued into the nineties when Pat B. handed over the task of docent co-ordinator to Helen Lindqvist.

Open times for the public were originally Wednesdays and Sundays 1 – 4 p.m from April 1 through October, but more recently Sunday became our only open day.

Over the years several dedicated people who spent many hours docenting at Old St. Hilary's had to leave due to changing family circumstances. These included **Hildy Manly, Jo Quinn, Paul Kraus, Marilyn Fye, and Rayna Bernard**. Thank you for all your past help.

Two of our long-serving docents are deceased : **Allee (Alejandra) Hernan** whose wedding on August 9th, 1952 was the last performed in St Hilary's Mission Church before de-consecration (see pg.6 in the Old St Hilary's booklet); and more recently **Michelle Roads**, who always cheerfully stepped up to help whenever asked. They are sadly missed.

Currently there are five great docents who are long-term supporters of Landmarks and who have all been on the docent list for over a decade: **Annelies Atchley**, artist and teacher; **Gee Kampmeyer**, realtor; **Helen Muirhead**, botanical artist who produced the lovely Old St. Hilary's Preserve wildflower chart; and **Dr. Maureen Meikle** who celebrated her 90th this year!

Our two newest docents, friends **Jane Elkins** and **Wendy Soule**, shared a Sunday at the landmark on the hill, but unfortunately Wendy has moved to Seattle. Thankfully Jane will continue for 2016! **Bob Finch** who lives nearby is our "Hilary's Angel," always looking out for any activity harmful to the landmark, surrounds or wildflower areas. He will also be a substitute docent for the season.

Volunteering at Old St Hilary's is a great way to meet and talk to locals and people from far away. Whether your passion is wildflowers, open space, or the beautiful icon on the hill, join us and be a volunteer!



Head Docent, Helen Lindqvist greets the Bel Aire third graders during their field trips to all the Landmarks' sites this winter. The landmark is also used for piano and violin lessons, the Concert Series in partnership with the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Committee, in addition to the seasonal weddings.

Volunteering Fun at the Art & Garden Center

The Landmarks' Art & Garden Center is bustling with activity with Master Gardener Lectures, Plein Air drawing and painting in the Garden, Summer Camps hosted by The Ranch, and of course our wedding rentals.



Jeanne Price talking with the Bel Aire third graders about the old Brick Kiln Bunk House and how the brick workers lived in the early 1900's.



Diane Lynch giving her Master Gardener Talk, "Mini Succulent Gardens" on March 2nd.



Marin Master Gardener sponsored talks at the Landmarks Art & Garden Center hosted by, from left to right: **Nena Hart, Susan Lukens, Faith Brown, Jeanne Price, Julie Keil, and James Campbell (not pictured)**. Each of the three talks are free. The final talk on April 6th at 10 a.m. by Lois Stevens will discuss "Getting to the Root of the Matter: Deep Watering for Healthy Plants." Join us!

Celebrating the four seasons with art, **Joan Burgsund and Carol Weiss** host Drawing and Painting at the Landmarks Art & Garden Center. The winter art day was very well attended and overflowing with beautiful creations. Make sure to join us on the next Art Day on Thursdays 10-2 Spring: May 12, Summer: August 11, and Fall: November 17. Free & no experience needed.

Please visit our Web site at www.landmarkssociety.com for up-to-date information.

New Members

October 2014 - April 2015

Gabriel Ayuso
 Ingrid Berendt
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 Melanie Brunell
 Douglas Burkhardt
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 Caitlin Chu
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 Hannah Kim & Joe Caulderon
 Grayson Koonce
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 Jason S. Munn
 Tim Nakonsut
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 Tara Singh
 Gregory Small
 Elaine B. Taylor
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Thrift Shop



Friday's Thrift Shop Volunteers Liz Paterson, Bernadette Ferrar, Kathy and Gerry Silverfield.

The Tiburon Thrift Shop was created by Landmarks founder Beverly Bastian and other community leaders to raise funds to support local non-profit organizations. All of the money raised is distributed back to the local community, benefiting five non-profits: The Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Hilary Catholic Church, and the Community Congregational Church.

In the last five years the Tiburon Thrift Shop has disbursed over \$250,000 into the local community through these five organizations.

Every week Landmarks is responsible for staffing on Fridays and as well as the fifth Saturday. (But any day of volunteering at the Thrift Shop is beneficial to all). Landmarks has an incredible group of volunteers from diverse backgrounds. Some are younger, some are older, some are local, some come from outside our community, but each wants to make a difference in our community and help out.

Volunteer June Campbell highlights how the money raised from the Thrift Shop assists all the non-profits in their community programs. Campbell adds that she and the other volunteers feel good about the fact that "we offer reasonably priced gently used items for customers, and the recycling of useable items helps alleviate excess waste."

Longtime Landmark member Sylvia Ross, who has moved to the Tamalpais says, "I still meet my daughter Piper every fifth Saturday to work at the Thrift Shop because it allows me to return to Tiburon to spend time with her, see old friends and neighbors who drop by, and also because it benefits the Landmarks Society."

We are actively seeking more Landmark volunteers to help staff the Tiburon Thrift Shop. Volunteering is easy and fun! Come work with your friends and neighbors! If interested, please contact Alan at Landmarks, 415-435-1853 or at lmsalan@sbcglobal.net

Thrift Shop Volunteers:

Head Scheduler: Mary Eklund

Annelies Atchley

Zoila Avila

Piper Berger

June Campbell

Lisa Choy

Mimi Clarke

Lucretia Coomber

Joan Corwin

Nancy Devlin

Bernadette Ferrar

Debbie Fisher

Aurelia Fort

Dave Gotz

Judy Groesbeck

Beverly Hopps

Joyce Kami

Michael Katz

Marilyn Long

Kathly Lederer

Jean Lin, Jean

Debora Mains

Joyce Martin

Jim Martinoni

Bobbie & Larry McHugh

Sue Ohrenschall

Liz Paterson

Sylvia Ross

Janice Russell

Kathy & Gerry Silverfield

Bunny Sommer

Nancy Sumner

Susan Svanfeldt

Donations to Landmarks

SEPTEMBER 2015 - MARCH 2016

General Donations

The Allen Family Foundation
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Piper & Miles Berger honoring Dave Gotz
Timothy Bogan for Old St. Hilary's
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History Collections Donations

Kurt Heilman – Tiburon railyard painting by
Howard Lazar
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Pelican newspaper
Joan and Don Bekins – Numerous items for the
Depot museum, items from the Nights in Venice,
1996, and Christmas decorations
Bran Fanning – 18 books on local history
Jim Allen – 2 vintage Belvedere lot maps, railroad
hammer
Marcia Felton – Antique saw sharpener
Craig Lieber & Carolyn Freidman – Doors from
Tiburon Tommies restaraunt
Leslie Doyle - Tiburon Political Badge for Al Kuhn

IN MEMORY OF:

Allee (Alejandra) Hernan & Michelle Roads - two
wonderful long-time docents at Old St. Hilary's from
Helen & Bill Lindqvist

Dan Frederickson from **Robert & Susan Bernheim,
Julie Crocker, Jeanne Hoffmire, Edward and
Sheila Thompson**

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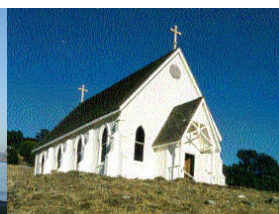
IN HONOR OF :

Maureen Meikle on her 90th birthday with thanks
for her more than a decade of docenting at Old St.
Hilary's By **Helen & Bill Lindqvist**

Jeanne Price for her dedication at the Art & Garden
Center from **Amanda Weitman**

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Art & Garden Center
 Open by appointment

China Cabin
 Open Sat & Sun 1-4 p.m.

Railroad & Ferry Museum
 Open Wed thru Sun 1-4 p.m.

Old St. Hilary's
 Open Sun 1-4 p.m.

April 6, 10 a.m.	Master Gardener's Lecture: "Getting to the Root of the Problem" FREE	Art & Garden Center
April 12, 7:30 p.m.	Jack Fiorito Lecture: "The Historic China Cabin and PS China" FREE	China Cabin
April 17, 4:00 p.m.	Black Cedar (flute, cello, and guitar)	Old St. Hilary's
May 12, 10 - 2:00 p.m.	Plein Air: Celebrate the Four Seasons - Draw & Paint in the Garden FREE	Art & Garden Center
May 15, 4 p.m.	Musae: "Bridge of Song" (Women's Vocal Ensemble)	Old St. Hilary's
June 12, 4 p.m.	Tonal Aura Jazz Duo – "Songs of Summer" (Guitar and Piano)	Old St. Hilary's
August 11, 10 - 2:00 p.m.	Plein Air: Celebrate the Four Seasons - Draw & Paint in the Garden FREE	Art & Garden Center
August 21, 4 p.m.	Hiroya Tsukamoto (A hypnotic blending of folk, jazz and world guitar)	Old St. Hilary's
September 15, 12 p.m.	Belvedere-Tiburon Golf Tournament	San Geronimo
September 16, 8 p.m.	Caroluna – "Full moon Celebration" (Soprano with string quartet)	Old St. Hilary's
October 8, 6:30 p.m.	Landmarks Fall Fundraiser	China Cabin
October 16, 4p.m.	Frequency 49 (Wind and piano sextet)	Old St. Hilary's
November 13, 4 p.m.	Landmarks Annual Member Meeting	Tiburon Town Hall
November 17, 10 - 2:00 p.m.	Plein Air: Celebrate the Four Seasons - Draw & Paint in the Garden FREE	Art & Garden Center
December 3, 10- 4 p.m.	Landmarks Holiday Art & Craft Sale	Art & Garden Center

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