

# THE LANDMARK

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## Hillary Don and Mary Eklund Go Down in History



The Pagoda Birdhouse  
The 5 x 7-foot Chinese pagoda birdhouse was a landmark at 207 Beach Road from 1899 to 1990 when it was donated to the Landmarks Society for safekeeping. It now sits in the garden of the Landmarks Society's Art & Garden Center.

Members of the Landmarks Society gathered at the SS China Cabin on Sunday, November 19th, for the Annual Meeting – one of the best events of the year because it's an opportunity to honor some special people. This year's honorees were Dr. Hillary Don as Honorary Member of the Year and Mary Eklund as Volunteer of the Year.

A former member of the Board of Directors and a past-president of the Landmarks Society, Hillary received honors for his many contributions to preserving the history of the community. Among them, "100 Years Ago," his column for *The Ark*, gives readers a picture into what life was like in Tiburon and Belvedere a century ago. He also was the editor of *Life in Belvedere and Tiburon 1890-1900*, a book compiling newspaper stories from those years, and he contributed a chapter on the Belvedere Golf Club to *A Pictorial History of Belvedere 1890 to 1980*. In addition, with his wife Joan, he helped to preserve the property on Belvedere Island that is now Centennial Park.

Mary Eklund is the hardworking curator who has helped to lovingly restore the stationmaster's family home at the Railroad-Ferry Depot Museum, complete with furniture and household goods from the early 20th century. She conducts both public and private tours at the Depot House Museum, which resembles the home as it was during the years from 1913 to 1940, when stationmaster William Bent and his family, and even a dog, occupied the upstairs apartment. Before taking on duties as curator, Mary was a volunteer at the Archives.

The Annual Meeting also signaled the changing of the guard for the Landmarks Society's Board of Directors. Grateful thanks are in order to retiring board members Don Davis, Anne Kasanin and Diane Lynch for their years of service. After a unanimous vote, Alan Perper officially joined the board as its newest member. Kudos and thanks also go to Jim Allen, Ida Mae Berg and Helen Lindqvist, returning board members who are beginning new terms.

In addition, the long-awaited Fiscal Fitness Fund drawing was a highlight of the Annual Meeting. Jim Allen won the bench at the Landmarks Art & Garden Center, and Dr. and Mrs. R.H. Connors won an autographed copy of *Tiburon, A California Railroad Town*.

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# President's Corner

By Phil Cassou, President

Our 2006 Landmarks Season came to a close on October 29th with more than 4,500 visitors enjoying our sites this year. They come from our local area and from around the world. To thank our loyal docents and volunteers for giving our visitors a memorable experience, we held a reception to thank them on November 16th. It was a great time for the whole volunteer group, as they traded stories and experiences from their sites.

Speaking of great times, we held our first Great Pumpkin Festival on October 29th at the Art & Garden Center. Children and adults had fun with face painting, stickers and pumpkin decorating. The town's finest pumpkin carvers displayed their skills and the youngsters judged the entries.

We also completed our second year of participating in Friday Nights on Main. Our Landmarks table was a popular spot with historical books and photographs for sale, eye-catching displays and all kinds of information.

In the new year, we will be hosting students from Reed Union School District at the Railroad-Ferry Depot Museum as part of their studies of town history. This will be one of our largest group efforts with some 140 students visiting in one week. In addition, January marks the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. We will join with the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society and the Native Sons of the Golden West in commemorating this milestone event.

The Old St. Hilary's Concert Series has a new look this season with a variety of entertainers. The first concert, on November 9, featured the Itchy Mountain Men and Christine Donaldson, who played to a packed house. The next event is on December 19, when we will feature the unique

singing of Musae, the young women's chorus. Get your tickets early for this one, as we had standing room only when they performed in 2005.

During the winter off-season, we are still busy working on our sites, preparing for the opening in April 2007. The activities include repairs, painting and museum enhancements. In addition, we are finalizing



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programs for 2007, such as concerts, a community musical, school tours and other events. And we are continuing to build our team of docents. If you haven't experienced the fun and learning of being a docent at our sites, consider trying it out next year.

Above all, I thank you for your support of the Landmarks Society this year and look forward to an even more exciting 2007.

The Landmarks Society's mixer for the Belvedere-Tiburon Chamber of Commerce, held at the China Cabin, was a great success. Co-chairing the event were Janice Anderson-Gram (left) and Judy Wilson.

## Landmarks Society 2006 Board of Directors

Phil Cassou, *President*

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Jim Allen, Janice Anderson-Gram, Beverly Bastian, Ida Mae Berg,  
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# Making History

Lyford's Stone Tower now has the necessary encroachment permit to allow ongoing maintenance. **Mike Gornet**, owner of Mr. Handyman, visited the Landmarks table at Friday Nights on Main and offered to paint the tower pro bono. **Dave Gotz** secured the necessary documents from the Town of Tiburon, and **Piper Berger** forwarded them to Mr. Gornet. While the tower is not a Landmarks Society property, we are committed to maintaining it in cooperation with the Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission.

Student filmmaker **Elliott Cattell** created a DVD of the Depot House Museum under the guidance of Dave Gotz. This community service project will allow visitors to the museum to enjoy the upstairs exhibit if they are unable to make it up the stairs. Elliott is a Redwood High School sophomore and has taken film classes at Stanford University.

The Landmarks Society greeted members of the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and showed off the China Cabin at a mixer on October 26. **Janice Anderson-Gram**, **Judy Wilson**, **Helen Lindqvist**, **Jeanne Price** and **Patrick Tanner** provided hors d'oeuvres and goodies, and the Chamber of Commerce provided beverages. **Jack Fiorito** raised the flags and got the saloon

ship-shape for the event, and **Phil Cassou** also lent a hand.

If you admired the orange flags and scarecrows at the entrance to the Art & Garden Center at the end of October, thank **Leslie Doyle** who, with help from her husband, **Frank**, and their children, **Laurel** and **Conor**, was the creative mind behind the décor that welcomed visitors to the Great Pumpkin Festival.

Docents and volunteers got a head start on the holiday season on November 16, when the Landmarks Society hosted a reception in their honor at the Art & Garden Center. More than fifty people sipped wine and noshed on goodies provided by **Jeanne Price** and Landmarks board members.

**Alan Brune** and **Leslie Doyle** hosted a wine tasting at the Railroad-Ferry Depot Museum on Friday, November 17, and introduced parents with children in Reed schools to the museum. Phil Cassou shared the history of Tiburon's railway with guests, and **Mary Eklund** and **Piper Berger** did the honors upstairs. Alan poured select wines from Bergstrom and Blackstone, while **Robin Scott Catering** provided tasty hors d'oeuvres. Guests **Anne** and **Andrew Slucky** donated a \$3,000 Stickley sofa for the Depot House Museum.

## At the Archives

Dave Gotz and Jack Fiorito spent a day filming and interviewing Dr. Richard Hahn in his historically significant Rey Home on Golden Gate Avenue. This is the first time anyone has documented this National Historic Belvedere home to this extent.

The Archives has established an Historical Collections Fund, named The Robert and Beverly Bastian Fund, by combining several funds with a common purpose designated for the conservation and acquisition of art, artifacts and related ephemera.

Two Esther C. Meyer etchings sold at Clars Gallery Auction. This new venue sells works by Esther Meyer that are not part of our permanent collection. Two more will be in the November auction.

The Artist as Historian Collection recently received an estate bequest of two significant paintings of Belvedere. One is of Beach Road, by Cooke, and shows the Belvedere Hotel. The second, a Wisby painting, depicts the Belvedere golf course, Richardson Bay and Mount Tamalpais.

Belvedere resident and Landmarks Society member Richard Snyder is currently photographing the Artist as Historian Collection. Richard has the skill and equipment to create archival-quality digital files of our outstanding fine art collection.

Piper Berger attended an all-day class at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. The subject offered by the Society of American Archivists & Society of California Archivists was "Describing Archives: A Content Standard," the new U.S. standard.



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## Gabrielle Keil Bids Landmarks Adieu

Landmarks is going to miss Gay Keil. She vacated her desk in the Landmarks Society office at the end of November in favor of retirement, which probably means that she'll be busier than ever. Watch for more news about Gay, a look at the past and her future plans in the next Landmark.

## Old St. Hilary's Concerts

Music is in the air. The concert series at Old St. Hilary's is off and running for another season. On Thursday, November 9, the Itchy Mountain Men - Joe "Snuffy" Morais (mandolin and vocals), Ben "String Bean" Margolin (acoustic bass), Ricky "Slick Rick" Meier (banjo) and Roger "Stretch" Krakow (guitar and vocals) were the headliners, as lovers of bluegrass and blues filled Old St. Hilary's. Christine Donaldson, a talented young blues vocalist from Tiburon rounded out the program with soulful songs.

At the request of the band, Jack Fiorito shared the history of Old St. Hilary's and the Landmarks Society with the audience and introduced the band, whose members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to perform in a beautiful place noted for its excellent acoustics.

Next on the concert calendar is Musae, a young women's chorus, which includes Tiburon's Maggie Lukens. Last year's holiday concert was standing room only, so get your tickets early. They are available at the Landmarks Society Office, Tiburon Town Hall, the Attic on Lower Ark Row and at the door. You also can purchase tickets from the Landmarks Office (435-1853) with a credit card, and we'll hold your tickets at Will Call on the evening of the performance.

The Del Mar Middle School orchestras, whose classes are funded by the Foundation for Reed Schools, will be performing on a date to be announced in March, and music teachers and professional musicians Kit Eakle of Reed School and Jeb Gist of Bel Aire will be on the playbill in April.



The Itchy Mountain Men warm up for their standing-room only concert at Old St. Hilary's.

## Holiday Gifts At The Archives

The holiday shopping season is here, so when you are making out your lists, remember the Landmarks Society. Donations and gift memberships are great choices, and the Archive at the Boardwalk has books, fine art and photographs for gift giving as well.

- Out-of-Print Publications, Limited Numbers
- A limited edition, color photo copy of the famous Selden Gile library mural of the cove, Corinthian Island and the Tiburon hills painted from the east side of Belvedere in the 1930s, \$300. (The original was destroyed in the Oakland fire.)
- *Pictorial History of Belvedere, 1890-1990, Centennial publication, 1990*, hardcover \$35, soft cover \$25.
- *Glimpses I*, photo album, 1964, \$40
- *Glimpses II*, 1980, \$4
- *Railroad Days in Tiburon*, souvenir of the last passenger train trip in 1961, \$30.
- *Old St. Hilary's History*, 1988, \$5

- *St. Hilary's Garden, 1972*, \$20.
  - *Tiburon Peninsula*, Arcadia Publishing, soft cover, \$20
  - *A Flora of the Tiburon Peninsula, 1963*, \$20.
  - *Pictorial History of Tiburon, Centennial publication, 1984*, 10 autographed copies, new from reserve, each \$300.
  - Note cards of Landmarks Buildings and local flora
  - Train ornaments, \$7.50 and train whistles, \$2.50
  - Photo reproductions of local scenes, starting at \$40
- In-Print Publications
- *Both Sides of the Track*, oral histories of Belvedere and Tiburon old-timers, hardcover \$25, soft cover \$15.
  - *Northwestern Pacific Railroad*, Arcadia Publishing, soft cover, \$27
  - *Lower Beach Road, Where Belvedere Began, 2005*, \$1

# Giving Thanks To Roger Felton

The Landmarks Society gave its thanks to Roger Felton at the Annual Meeting. After many years of service to the Landmarks Society, Roger retired in the summer, leaving a gap that will be hard to fill.

In addition to his tenure on the board and spending a term as president, Roger put his skills as an artist to work countless times for Landmarks and contributed to *A Pictorial History of Belvedere 1890 to 1980*.

In recent years, he worked behind the scenes as property manager, keeping everything from leaking roofs to worn paint ship-shape so that the Landmarks sites always looked their best. He also spent many long hours as recording secretary at meetings of the Board of Directors.

In recognition of his 40 years of support, the Landmarks Society presented Roger with a framed commendation and a gift certificate.



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## History Collections

Doing research that involves local history? The History Collections has all kinds of information, and it's all at Piper Berger's fingertips. Call her at 435-5490 to explain your needs and to make an appointment.

## Thrift Shop

Cleaning house? Do Landmarks a favor and donate your used items, in good condition, to the Thrift Shop on Lower Ark Row since the Landmarks Society is a recipient of Thrift Shop revenues. Our volunteers are there on Fridays, so if you visit then, remember to thank them for their efforts.

## Northwestern Pacific Railroad Celebrates Its Centennial

The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society and the Native Sons of the Golden West will be coming to Tiburon on Sunday, January 7, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the railroad. The two groups will dedicate a plaque honoring the railroad's contribution to Tiburon and the entire Redwood Empire which it served. The dedication ceremony and speeches will take place at 1 p.m.

## Mea Culpa

In the last issue of *The Landmark*, the story about the Landmarks Society's new relationship with the Reed schools omitted two names. Janice Anderson-Gram and Judy Wilson initiated contact with the schools and arranged the tours.

## Lit Up For The Holidays

Look for lights casting a festive glow on the Art & Garden Center during the holiday season. **Got Lights** donated the lighting decorations, and Barbara Carlson oversaw the installation.

## Help Wanted

Landmarks is seeking part-time office help. The position includes word processing, phones, production backup and general clerical support. Requires knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, strong communication and organizational skills, a friendly, positive attitude and the ability to multi-task! E-mail resume and cover letter to: [lmsoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmsoffice@sbcglobal.net).

## Get Ready for a New Community Musical

The Landmarks Society will be taking a page from history in March, when it presents a new community musical that includes some old favorites. Maria Woodward will direct, and Debbie Fisher will be the producer.

The show, titled "The Ghosts of Belvedere & Tiburon," will visit with characters from the community's past. Tentatively scheduled for early March, auditions will take place on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, 7 to 9 p.m. at Kimball Hall, St. Stephen's Church, 3 Bay View, Belvedere. The play is geared to adults and teens, and everyone is welcome.

Telli Marin is producing the programs, but the production needs additional underwriters to help with expenses such as the hiring of a professional musical director and sets. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Landmarks Office at 435-1853 or [lmsoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmsoffice@sbcglobal.net).

If you'd like to volunteer, either with production or fundraising activities, we'd like to hear from you too. Please send a message or give us a call.

## **JULY TO NOVEMBER 2006**

David Becker, to the Archives for Belvedere Tax Rolls,  
in memory of **Carol Monpere**

Jeanne and Robert Ortalda, in memory of **Greg Shannon**

David Stollmeyer Family, to the Railroad-Ferry Depot  
Museum for the Passenger Pier/Terminal

Ned and Porette Stephens, for the Reed School Archives,  
in memory of **Mary Poole**

Beverly Bastian, in memory of **Mary Poole**

### **ARCHIVES**

John Sanford

### **ARCHIVES HOLIDAY WINDOW**

Gabrielle D. Keil

Justine C. Oyster

### **FISCAL FITNESS FUND**

Dian Ashley

Mark Chiolis

Robert and Betty Conner

Jack and Shirley Fiorito

Allen Fulton

Helen Lindqvist

Mary J. Lang

Diane and Leslie Lynch

John and Midge Moore

Keith Pagan

Jeanne Price

Eloise Rauscher

Ed and Stephanie Regan

Mary Kay Ryan

Bruce and King Sams

Polly Smith

Marilyn Steinau

Marilyn Steinau in honor of **Gretchen Kimball**

Robert and Therese Tomasello

Cres VanKeulen

Judy Webb

Marie Winton

Bill Wissel

### **GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL**

Janice Anderson-Gram

Lawrence Guinness, Telli Marin

Leissa Jackmauh

Judy Wilson

### **HOLIDAY ART & CRAFTS SALE SPONSORS**

Gabrielle D. Keil

Bill Smith and Ann Aylwin

Marilyn Steinau

### **BELVEDERE-TIBURON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MIXER**

Janice Anderson-Gram

Lawrence Guinness, Telli Marin

Judy Wilson

### **OLD ST. HILARY'S CONCERTS**

Families of the Itchy Mountain Men and Christine  
Donaldson

### **WINE TASTING AT THE RAILROAD-FERRY DEPOT MUSEUM**

Alan and Kim Brune

Leslie and Frank Doyle

Mary Jane Wentz

### **New Members, October & November 2006**

George and Cindy Brown

Peggy Curran

Joe Elson and Rebecca Ets-Hokin

Neal and Barbara Gapoff

Diane and Andrew Kahn

Dorothea and Robert Kennedy

Cory and Manny Kopstein

Judson and Heather Lobdell

Bob and Cristene Schonefeld

Steve and Dorinda Sears

Tara Sullivan and Jim Horan

### **On Our Wish List**

For Old St. Hilary's Landmark:  
an antique podium

For the Art & Garden Center: a  
toolbox and tools, such as a hammer,  
screwdrivers, power strips, etc.

For the History Collections (Archives): items to sell on  
eBay

Underwriters for areas of the Depot House Museum at  
the Railroad-Ferry Depot Museum:

Northeast bedroom, Child's sleeping alcove  
Southeast bedroom, Living room, Dining room  
Kitchen, Tin tub and marble sink for the bathroom  
Utility room (utility room and toilet), Main Hall

# The Great Pumpkin Festival

The Great Pumpkin Festival at the Art & Garden Center on October 29 was a first for the Landmarks Society. Chaired by Janice Anderson-Gram, Leissa Jackmauh and Judy Wilson, the event drew a crowd of more than 100 enthusiastic parents and kids for Halloween activities, including spooky music, scary storytelling, face-painting, temporary tattoos and decorating goodie bags.

The highlight of the day was a pumpkin-decorating contest, in which children cast votes and chose the adult winners. Artist Lisa Cohan came in first with her snow boarder. Jeanie Brown of Jeanie's Java took second place honors for a pair of pumpkins — Marilyn and Monroe.

Other participants were Barbara Gness of *The Ark*, Jim Wood of *Marin Magazine* and *The Ark*, artist Libby Mills, Sheryl Ott of the Foundation for Reed Schools and her husband Jeff Ott, Joan Palmero and staff at Tiburon Town Hall, Tiburon Town Council, Frank Doyle of the Tiburon Design Review Board, the Berger Family, Brownie Troop #2267, Katherine Servino of Caffe Acri and Emergency Coordinator Laurie Nilsen and the Tiburon Police Department — who outdid everyone in quantity by carving and decorating three pumpkins.

Thanks to the following volunteers for making the festival a success: Ann Aylwin; Eileen Baylis; Hannah Baylis; Alexandra Callaway; Adriene Coffey; Tracey Cominos; Lawrence Guinness, Telli Marin; Deirdre McCrohan; Karen McMullen; Andra Nirenberski; Michelle Nirenstein; Bara Oscodar; Laura Rousseau; Natalie Rousseau; Kylie Smith; Natalie Smyth; Janet Taylor; Mabel Taylor.



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Barbara Gness went all-out to make her pumpkin, with its Ark-reading arachnid, newsworthy. To the left is the Tiburon Town Council's entry.

## Donations to the Archives – AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2006

### Jan Shaw

- Six maple and Plexiglas display cabinets with storage capability

### Leona Davis

- Pre-1960 postcards of Belvedere and Tiburon, black and white photos of Belvedere Cove (11 items)

### Mimi Berticevich

- Cloth bank bag from Tiburon First National Bank on the Boardwalk,
- Two rubber stamps from Crocker Bank • Tahitian Tikis, Tiburon.

### Joyce Bell

- Hardcover copy of *The Scarlet Letter* for use at the Depot House Museum.

### Carole Storey

- *Belvedere-Tiburon Mother's Club Cookbook, Vol. 1, 1936*

### Dorothy Cameron

- Invitation to tea at the Mattoon Residence, 1900 • Child's formal dress & hat for use at the Depot House Museum • *Belvedere School Gazette, 1903*

### G. Lynn Fox, Ph.D.

- Marin Emergency Response Antenna (MERA), scrap-books, 2000-2005

### Christopher Morrison

- Index of the Great Register of Marin County, 1902
- Seniority list of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Telegraphers, January 1, 1930.

### Franklin J. Buscher

- Cassette tape of Frank Buscher, Fred Buscher and Fred Mantegani locating homes of early Old Tiburon residents, September 19, 1996
- Related folder with hand drawn map with addresses, names and notes

### Christy Wise

- Black and white, 8-inch by 10-inch photograph of Bel Aire School, 1959.

### Dick Slottow

- Framed, black and white print, c. 1900, of three San Francisco views.

Thanks also to contributors to the raffle:

Bayside Nursery, Caffe Acri, Diana's of Tiburon, Janice Anderson-Gram, Armelle Holt, Leissa Jackmauh, David Perkinson, Judy Wilson.

A special thanks to Barbara Gness and *The Ark* for all the wonderful publicity.

# ON THE CALENDAR

December 19, 8 p.m.	Musae Holiday Concert	Old St. Hilary's
January 7, 1 p.m.	100th Anniversary of Northwestern Pacific Railroad	Railroad-Ferry Depot Museum
January 10, 7 - 9 p.m.	Auditions	St. Stephen's, Kimball Hall, 3 Bayview

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BELVEDERE-TIBURON LANDMARKS SOCIETY HISTORY COLLECTIONS

A couple with their son and family dog on the Corinthian Island drawbridge. In background right is where Next salon now is and to the left in the distance, where Tiburon Boulevard now runs, are three, two-story bunkhouses for railroad workers, c, late 1800s.