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WHAT HAPPENED
3-22-2021 Monday Morning Recap and Gratitude Spotlight
From Jennie Piefer

"What Happened" last week included some Community meetings and greetings. One of two Saturday "gatherings" was a Mesa Park Swap Meet, a "stuff exchange" where community members (who, because of this past year of COVID closures, have not had the Freebox available for those items that were ready to find new loving homes), could take things to the basketball court, spread them on blankets, and watch them be embraced by new owners. It was a nice sighting of folks, some cautiously reemerging from seclusion and not seen for months -- perhaps a bit difficult to identify at first, what with hats and sunglasses and masks. It was definitely a day of exchanging "stuff" and if parents had just dropped their kids off and gone, all the items would have been scooped up quickly, but that would have meant parents would have been taking home the same amount of items brought, just different things, so careful negotiating was required to limit acquisitions.

This wonderful free Swap Meet was an excellent way to prevent an unmanageable overflow of items delivered to the Plaza when the Freebox is reopened, so the Gratitude Spotlight shines this week on Melinda Stone, who was the organizer of this brilliant idea. Melinda is on the Board of Mesa Park, host of this event, and saw to it that at the end of the day, unclaimed items would be distributed to charitable organizations along with other appropriate recycling of the remains. Removal of leftovers was paid for by donations from people participating, Melinda is also a member of the Bolinas Book Exchange collective, (so no stranger to recycling in the Community), and is a professor at University of San Francisco. In that capacity she started the Young Stewards of the Land after school program, and five or so years ago, she introduced USF to Star Route Farm when it was for sale. The University proceeded to buy SRF, and continues to maintain it as a functioning organic farm, employing many Community members, including some of our Bolinas-Stinson School District families. Before the pandemic stopped us all in our tracks, Melinda brought her students to town for Free Food Fridays at the Downtown Park where they prepared and presented delicious meals of homegrown and gleaned ingredients for the community to enjoy. Thanks to Melinda for hosting this Swap event that hopefully will continue on a monthly basis through the spring. Not only is it great to have this happen while the Freebox is closed, it is good to have such a place for electronic items and things too large for the Freebox to be able to handle.

Interestingly enough, the second Community "greeting" Saturday, was a Bazaar/Bake sale in town happening concurrently in front of the Freebox in the Plaza, where there was a fundraiser for the fabulous Feed the People Program, organized by Chloe and Maya and the many participants cooking and providing meals available to take away -- take what you need and pay what you can. It is a phenomenal program and deserves support and big thanks for keeping this going throughout the pandemic. We have an amazingly generous town. I hope they did well Saturday.

Two of the meetings of the week include yesterday's "Soccer Club Annual Meeting" (all in quotes because Sunday Soccer is not actually a "club" since everyone and anyone who shows up to play on Sunday's is a "member" no matter age, origin of skin tone, gender, religion or lack thereof, income or lack thereof, citizenship status, etc.), and Wednesday's Bolinas Community Public Utility District monthly meeting, (full of important items to report that will take more time and room than I have here so will be reported on later). Results of the voting for the various awards at the Soccer Field yesterday (Most Valuable Player, Bravest, Don's Liquors Award for Nothing in Particular, the Jerome Bohman Award for...

Whatever/Whomever, Most Improved Player -- awarded to Patricia Hickey the past 8 years) ended with election of Rogelio Lopez as this years president with the hope that the games this year all be played in Spanish. Congratulations to Rogelio!

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

• Surviving a year of covid quarantine. It was March 15, 2020 that lockdown was announced. Here we are, still standing, most of us. So many gone. But it looks like we're going to make it through.

• The Bolinas Soccer Club. We celebrated our annual St Patrick's Day Homecoming/Awards/Election event yesterday. So many old friends and family to reminisce with. The secret of our success? 'Forty-eight years--no refs.'

• As of Saturday, spring has fully sprung. Greenery is all around us. The bulbs and fruit-trees have blossomed, all the trees are in leaf--it's time to get the garden in!

Cheers,

Ned Riley

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March 19, 10:00 - 11:30am

Carol Davis and Irwin Keller / And All the Ships at Sea: Point Reyes and the Culture of Radio (webinar)

April 2-May 1, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Parker Palmer, Michael Lerner, Christina Baldwin and Friends / Widening Circles: The Healing Circles Lineage Series (5 webinars)

April 10, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Michael Lerner / Living with Peace and Struggle in the Global Polycrisis (webinar)

April 23, 10:00 - 11:30am

Rupa Marya, A-dae Romero-Briones, Anna Lappe / Stolen Land: The Struggle for Rematriation (webinar)

Information & registration: tns.commonweal.org
ON THE DESTRUCTION OF 13 CURVES

Below are re-printed a recent letter from a Caltrans official and a couple letters in answer to her from those of us who object to Caltrans destroying forever a beloved part of our landscape—without any noticeable notice or public discussion. I’d just add that an assistant at supervisor Rodoni’s office pointed out that a single arborist’s opinion is not sacrosanct—different arborists can have different opinions. If you feel as we do—that this cutting needs to be, at least, less drastic—please contact her.

--Dale Polissar

Dear Mr. Polissar,

Thank you for contacting Caltrans with your concerns regarding the eucalyptus trees along Highway 1. The tree removal project is a safety project working to remove and/or trim dead, dying, and diseased trees between the cities of Olema and Bolinas, which is just north of Woodville. The project will either remove or trim approximately 200 trees that were inspected by a licensed arborist and determined to need attention.

We understand that the loss of the trees may change the aesthetics of the area, but it is necessary to remove or trim these trees for the safety of the traveling public. The removal of these trees will also allow the natural native flora and fauna the room to grow and thrive. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2021.

Please contact me with any additional questions you may have. Have a wonderful day.

Respectfully,

Chiconda V Davis,
Public Information Officer
Caltrans Disability Awareness Committee Chair
(510) 715-7906 Cell (email address: Chiconda V@DOT Davis)

Dear Ms. Davis,

Hello. My name is Ilika Hartmann. I am one of a group of Bolinas residents who were very surprised and saddened by the large cutting of Eucalyptus trees on the stretch of highway between Bolinas and Olema.

This is a landscape many of us have loved for decades. We did not know about the project at all and would have liked to have had input. Now, the project has started and many very large trees have already been cut. We heard that approximately 200 trees are planned to be cut.

We would like to propose that our group meet with the arborist and discuss modification of the plan. We understand that the most dangerous trees may have to be cut, but we would suggest that those trees may continue to line the road which pose no threat to the public.

We are ready to meet with the Cal Trans arborist immediately. Please contact us by phone or email.

Thank you,

Ilika Hartmann
Co-author of the book "The Town That Fought to Save Itself".

Ms. Davis: I don’t have time to respond to you at length this morning—have to go to work. But I want you to know that there are many of us here in West Marin who consider what Caltrans is doing on Highway #1 north of Bolinas to be a terrible desecration of a beloved landscape. I don’t think such a huge cutting project should have been launched without lots of public input from us who live on this land and have loved it all our lives. Most of us—including the editor of the largest local newspaper, the Point Reyes Light—had no inkling that this project was planned!

I can understand that, for public safety, some cutting is necessary. But this is huge!—a major change in a landscape we love. Please consider letting some of us confer with the arborist and see if he could moderate his plan and only cut the very most dangerous trees. This is not an acceptable way to behavior toward the people who actually live here!

Dale Polissar

MEASURE B
BOLINAS MARINE/SCIENCE FIELD LABORATORY
ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION UPDATE

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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Dear friends,

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Over the past year, as we kept our distance from each other and re-centered our lives to home, we turned inward to expressing our creativity. These pieces attest to the power of art to bring hope and joy, and get us through difficult times.

Now that we're gradually re-awakening to life in a post-vaccination world, we want to share what we've created with you. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions that limit crowd size, we won't be having an opening gala, but please stop by or schedule a distanced visit with me at the Gallery by replying to this email.

Toby's is open Monday-Saturday from 9am-5pm, and Sunday from 10am-5pm. All the art is for sale, and we invite you to come find your own special piece. In addition, I'll have materials there for you to make your own mandala to photograph and preserve its ephemeral nature. I'll also have copies of my book and a new line of greeting cards.

Our websites, and Instagram feed show the range of what you'll find:

mandalasbotanical.com
https://www.instagram.com/maxdlesser/
lauriecurtis.net

Best wishes to you!

Carol Whitman

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A WORLD AWASH
WITH FASCISM AND FEAR

This land is awash with fascism & fear
And the jilted cry for freedom
Let us not deal with the obvious
exemplars & arseholes of fascism
We will not name them with new free publicity
We all know where certain
fat cats are at
Their medals
give them away
We all know where the Party with the capital P
is at
We all know where the People with a capital P
are at
They are in the country and know where
it's at
And the country is rotten with fascism
as the world cries for freedom
There is too much of it
and not enough of it
and still we cry for it
still they cry for it
and eagles cry

America First! & Last!
My Country, Tears of Thee!
And Power to the People!
with fists raised fatally
as in fascist brigades
of the Spanish Civil War

Yes yes the world turns & turns on its fascist axis

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Photo of Lawrence Ferlinghetti by Ilka Hartmann
Poem by Lawrence Ferlinghetti (first page only)
Photo of poem by Alex Bleecker
All submitted by Ilka Hartmann
Kirsten Walker wrote in to memorialize 2 years since Ewan Macdonald's passing (3/30/19). Readers will remember Ewan as the Bolinas resident who restored the complex of buildings now home to the museum – Alex Bleeker. Photo and business card submitted by Kirsten Walker.
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LOCAL FAMILY OF 3 IN NEED OF HOUSING BY JUNE
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ME 4/6

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Envíe un correo electrónico a smileysaloon@gmail.com, o llame 415-676-8913 para expresar su interés y obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

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JP 4/19

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PERSONALS

Olive Oyl seeks Bluto
Me: Tall and light, smashed face, aging eyes.
A fairy by candlelight and crone in grey sun.
You: Obsessed by a thought, handsome under cover.
Literacy, curiosity, a donkey?

PERSONALS

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LOST & FOUND

FOUND: PURSE WITH MONEY IN IT by bench at Tennis Courts on Brighton Ave.Bolinas. No.1.D. In it. I have it. Owner can phone and describe. Mimi Callpestr @ 868-8930

X 2/3

LOST MAIL KEY SUNDAY, 1/31.
My mail key fell out of my pocket somewhere between Buzz's shop and the groin. It's on a NMDLND keychain (little white van). If found, please return to post office or call x9632.

Thank you.

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