What’s Happening?

Friday February 26
Quarantine Dreams
Radio Party 9-11pm on KWMR 89.9 Bolinas

Monday, March 1st
Deadline for Inverness Garden Club Scholarship applications (See inside for details)

Wednesday March 3rd
Special BCPUD Meeting
Regarding new septic pilot program
11:30 am Via ZOOM

Not Much Else, far as I can tell... -Ed

Today’s Hearsay Made by
Jeff Manson
&
YOU: everyone is a reporter
As you may have read in previous issues of the Hearsay and in yesterday’s IJ article, the BCLT is moving along with the proposed pilot septic program for Bolinas.

Many of the details are still being worked out, but if you have interest in this program, please reach out via phone at (415) 868-9468 or via email info@bolinaslandtrust.org. The program will be for only 22 properties at this time.

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Local Family Seeking New Home

Hello beautiful Bolinas community! We three humans (Keith, Meadow, and Enmys) plus one small panther cat are seeking a new spot to call home. We have been growing our roots down into this land and community for 9 years and are hoping with full hearts to continue on ever deeper.

Keith works at the Bolinas Museum, Meadow is a massage therapist and doula deeply involved with the Bo-Stin School and Bo-Stin Young Stewards, and Enmys is a 6th grader fervently hoping to be able to finish his last two years at school here.

We are seeking a 2 bedroom spot, ideally with a garage/basement/attic space for Keith’s art studio. Massage or people/land/house caretaking trade could be part of our rent, if desired. Our new landlords have asked us to be out by June.

If you have any leads, please email Meadow at greycrane2woman@gmail.com or call 510.393.0929.

Thank you!

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Ferlinghetti argues that poetry can save the world
By Steve Hollig

What is the "use" of poetry? Or, as more than one author has asked, Can Poetry Matter?

More than 50 years ago, renowned American poet William Carlos Williams wrote famously that "It is difficult to get the news from poems/ yet men die miserably every day/ for lack/ of what is found there."

A practical man who was not only a poet but also a practicing physician, Williams’ lines are usually read to imply that poetry - good poetry, at least - is essential to one’s inner life and spirit. In the cultural doldrums of the early 1950s, that rang true for many people.

Around the same time Williams wrote those lines, Lawrence Ferlinghetti arrived in San Francisco, fresh from Paris with a doctorate from the Sorbonne and a love of the printed word. He soon co-founded the landmark and still-thriving City Lights Bookstore and publishers, issuing not only his own work but also the first printing of Allen Ginsberg’s iconic poem "Howl" and many other works by writers who became known as Beat and others. Ferlinghetti has been poet laureate of San Francisco, received numerous awards both literary and civic, had his paintings widely exhibited and printed and, nearing 90 years of age, is about as famous as a poet can be in these times.

In other words, Ferlinghetti should need no introduction. That he still might, to the vast majority of Americans who rarely, if ever, read poetry, is part of the lamentable background to his latest book. It has been argued that the current decade is the 1950s all over again, but worse. And for Ferlinghetti, poetry’s "use" extends far beyond the personal into the political. "Poetry can save the world by transforming consciousness," he argues in "Poetry as Insurgent Art," a slim hardback pocketbook manifesto of prose epigrams, seemingly addressed to poets and those who might be.

"I am signaling you through the flames," he begins in the new section from which his book takes its title. "The state of the world calls out for poetry to save it." Poetry, in this vision, must be a political statement, arrows slung for freedom of expression, thought and resistance. "Write living newspapers," he counsels. "Your poems must be more than want ads for broken hearts" - in other words, to paraphrase Bertolt Brecht, to write mere "love poetry" in such times is "almost a crime." So "challnegengeralism masquerading as democracy";

"Liberate have-nots and enrage despots"; "Don’t cater to the Middle Mind of America nor to consumer society." And so on, in variations of his admonition to "be committed to something outside yourself."

This is a tall order for poetry, to be sure. But the six or seven (mostly) one-liners on each of the 30 pages are testament to Ferlinghetti’s enduring vision and commitment. Some of these lines read as if they could have been penned in the Beat heyday; decades ago: "Stand up for the stupid and crazy";

"Dig folk-singers who are the true singing poets of yesterday and today." Political economy, down-home mysticisms, and occasional cringe-worthy silliness ("Make permanent waves, and not just on the heads of stylish women") all blend into his own version of Rilke’s "Letters to a Young Poet." Thus, poets should "see eternity in the eyes of animals," but not "be too arcane for the man in the street."

Ferlinghetti can be self-deprecating: "Don’t lecture like this. Don’t say don’t." But he is also dead serious: "Don’t let them tell you poetry is bull-" and, especially, "Don’t ever believe poetry is irrelevant in dark times." Indeed, as Williams would probably agree, in dark times and in this vision, poetry becomes even more essential.
To paraphrase Rachel Cargle-

Remember, learning about Black History shouldn’t be limited to one month. Commit to lifelong learning and allyship, and continue to read books by Black authors, support Black organizations, shop Black, follow Black women, and share what you learn within your community!

BOOKS to READ

Origin of Others by Toni Morrison
Examines the ways in which literature reflects color-coded attitudes in obvious and sometimes oblique ways. It explores the subtle messages that inform our early experiences, shape our sense of identity, and how one’s self is set at odds with our perceptions of others.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
is a 2020 historical and narrative nonfiction work about the nature of inequality in the United States, India, and Nazi Germany. It is a deeply researched narrative describing how America has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human ranking.

Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement by Angela Y. Davis
In this collection of essays, interviews, and speeches, the renowned activist examines today’s issues—from Black Lives Matter to prison abolition and more.

Sister Outsider by Audre Lorde
Intersectional feminism has raised its profile in recent years, with a more diverse range of voices participating in the conversation than ever before. Much of that is owed to work by writers like famed poet and author Audre Lorde, who brought a black, queer, feminist perspective to the forefront of the cultural discussion in this iconic collection of essays and speeches on racism, sexism and homophobia.

Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin
A collection of ten essays by the novelist, playwright, poet and activist, mostly tackling issues of race in America and Europe.

Long Time Coming: Reckoning with Race in America by Michael Eric Dyson
Explores the birth & uninterrupted history of systemic racism in the U.S. A timely, heartfelt book that uses history to slice our nation open & show how racism is a sickness that has shaped our culture & society in a variety of insidious ways.

White Girls by Hilton Als
In the fierce style of street reading and the formal tradition of critical inquiry, reads culture, race and gender in his new essay collection, “White Girls.” Here, reading becomes psychoanalytic self-exhibition, complete with insights on identity, sexuality, voice and the attainment of knowledge.

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
is written as a letter to the author’s teenage son about the feelings, symbolism, and realities associated with being Black in the United States.

Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot by Mikki Kendall
Drawing on her own experiences with hunger, violence, and hypersexualization, along with incisive commentary on politics, pop culture, the stigma of mental health, and more, Hood Feminism delivers an irrefutable indictment of a movement in flux.

The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
One of today’s most insightful and influential thinkers offers a powerful exploration of inequality and the lesson that generations of Americans have failed to learn: Racism has a cost for everyone—not just for people of color.

From the Bolinas Antiracist Column group
- Submitted by Lisa Townsend
Firehouse Community Park Agency  
(a.k.a. Mesa Park Board)  
Regular meeting minutes  
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:00 pm  
VIA ZOOM

Call to Order: 7:07 p.m.

Board Members Present: Charles Whitefield, Leilani Fraser, Kevin McElroy, Melinda Stone

Others Present: Michael Cavette, Drew Sabec, Don Smith, Mark Butler, Shari Dell.

Community Expression:
1. Mark Butler offers to support our efforts to enhance downtown park. Proposal to form a committee.

Mesa Park:
1. Public shower (Don Smith) After much discussion it was decided that Mesa Park is not the place for a public shower.
2. Condition of Mesa Park: New skatepark ramp needs to go. Vehicles parked for many nights in the lot. Sewer cannon is problematic. Rotten playground border needs replaced.
4. Maintenance / clean up of playground & update on playground from Children’s Center: Michael will talk to community members to get this done.

Downtown Park:
1. Condition of Downtown Park: Looking good. Trash and debris from behind work at Sam’s House. Storage tank pump issues.
3. Re-design of Downtown Park / addition of park benches: Mark Butler, Melinda, Michael to form a committee with interested members of the public.

Manager’s Report:
1. Report: Dave Duffin’s storage container is in and he’s happy. No motorcycle incidents recently. Intend to clean out brush under the hillside eucalyptus stand above Downtown Park.
2. Covid-19 restrictions update for the parks: Covid restrictions extended and expanded by Marin County with no end date.

Old News:
1. None.

Other Business:
1. Review 2021 board meeting schedule. Third Tuesday going forward for now.
2. Discuss board ideas for CA State Parks grant. Many ideas discussed. Board members to review the grant letter and bring their top two ideas to the next regular meeting for a vote.

Treasurer’s Report:
Bank balances:
Checking $23,669.44
Friends of Mesa Park $1,747.40
Reserve: $2,166.98
Total: $27,583.82

TOTAL Warrants: $1,161.86 not including payroll.
We received our tax installment in December: $15,422.70.

Approve Warrants: Kevin motions. Melinda seconds. Pass 4-0.

Approve regular meeting minutes from 12/15/20. Leilani motions. Melinda seconds. Pass 4-0.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
(3rd Tuesday, ongoing)

Meeting adjourned: 9:53 p.m.
Free streaming of documentary, co-sponsored by the California Film Institute (CFI) and Golden Gate Village Resident Council. A documentary about a Chicago Housing Project where gentrification and displacement resulted from a private-partnership development plan to revitalize.

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ALERT!
Deadline for Inverness Garden Club Scholarship Fund applications is March 1st.
Applications have to be completed by that date.
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We can’t wait to help out!

-Harriet Kossman

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 3, 2021 11:30 a.m.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Notice:
The health and safety of community members, public officials, and employees is the top priority for the BCPUD. In compliance with local and state shelter-in-place orders, and as allowed by the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), the BCPUD will not offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend this meeting. The meeting is limited to essential district business items and will be conducted by the BCPUD Board and staff via teleconference (see below).

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely from a safe location as described below.

To join by phone, dial (415) 868-6163; user password 6163.

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll.
3. Community Expression
4. BCPUD Resolution 681: Establishing a Special Category of “Septic System Limited Water Use Permits” for Issuance in Connection with the Bolinas Septic System Pilot Program.
5. Minutes of the January 20, 2021 Regular Board meeting.
6. Adjournment.

The BCPUD requests individuals who require special accommodations to access and/or participate in this meeting to please contact the BCPUD office at (415) 868-1224 at least 24 hours before the meeting.
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1/31

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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.

X 2/3

**PERSONALS**

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