What’s Happening?
Tune In

Friday, November 13th
Quarantine Dreams
KJMR KR 9 p.m
WHEN: 9 p.m - 11 p.m

National Hug a Musician Day
WHEN: All Day

5 Days of King Tides Commence
WHEN: 9:20a.m (6.5')

It might rain

Saturday, November 14th
National Pi [Harvey] Day
Listen to PJ in your PJ's
WHEN: day or night

Sunday, November 15th
Bolinas Book Exchange
Hibernation Ritual
WHEN: 2:30-5pm

Happy Birthday!!

November 13th
Lulu Drux

November 14th
Siena Woods
Mozart & Beethoven

November 15th
Mason Elic Healthy-Patterson
Kristopher Dierks
Lincoln Smith

****THANK YOU FOR VOTING****
Bolinas Museum
BOOK MAKING ARTS
FREE ONLINE EVENT!
Saturday November 14, 2 PM
Must register before 2:30 PM Friday!

Bolinas Museum invites you to participate in a special free virtual live presentation, in conjunction with the delightful Bolinas Museum current exhibition “Marie Dern: The Art of Handmade Books.”

With years of experience in the world of handmade art books, master bookbinder and artist book publisher John DeMerritt will excite your imagination with his skills, insights, and experience. He will present an overview of the vibrant and diverse San Francisco Bay Area book arts scene that Marie Dern was so involved in, and interview several of her dynamic collaborators. Then, using videos and slides, John will share examples of book structures, and demonstrate techniques that you can create at home! This lively event will inspire you to explore the Bay Area’s world of book arts and too create some books of your own.

John, who worked closely with Marie Dern on many projects, has an extensive background in working with this art form, so don’t miss this presentation. John DeMerritt Bookbinding, in Emeryville, CA produces books and portfolios for artists, galleries, fine press publishers, and institutions. John has taught and lectured at San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco Center for the Book, University of California Santa Cruz, Kala Institute, Columbia College Center for Book and Paper, Visual Studies Workshop, Oregon College of Arts and Craft, The Guild of Bookworkers, and Dartmouth College, among other notable schools, centers, and programs. John and his wife, Nora Pauwels, publish collaborative projects with artists under their imprint DeMerritt Pauwels Editions.

Registration is free on the events page of bolinasmuseum.org. Attendees must register before 2:30 PM, Friday, November 13. A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to registered attendees prior to the event.

Made possible in part by a grant from the Stinson Bolinas Community Fund

SHAKUHACHI

The shakuhachi and the yokobue are types of flute. The shakuhachi consists of a bamboo pipe about twenty inches long, and has no reed.

Shakuhachi

Yokobue

A komuso, or mendicant Zen priest (16th – 16th centuries), playing a shakuhachi.
Gratitude to Retiring BCPUD Director Vic Amoroso for his Many Years of Public Service!

When the gavel strikes to call to order the regular meeting of the BCPUD Board of Directors on December 16, 2020, something will occur that has not happened in nearly forty years: Vic Amoroso will not be seated at the directors’ table. To mark the occasion of his pending retirement from the Board, Vic sat down for an interview with staff to share some details of his remarkable life and reflect upon his service to the community.

Vic’s early childhood was spent in Fort Bliss, Texas (3rd – 6th grade) and then in Atlanta, Georgia. (7th grade – college), where his father served as the head of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (“ROTC”) at Georgia Tech. Vic ultimately attended Georgia Tech, graduating in 1961 with a degree in industrial engineering. While at Georgia Tech, Vic served in the ROTC and, after college, he spent six months in El Paso, Texas, attaining the rank of second lieutenant. After fulfilling his ROTC obligations, Vic moved to Richmond, Virginia where he worked as an industrial engineer from 1961—1965, first for the DuPont corporation and then for Allied Chemical. While working in Richmond, Vic also attended business school at night – “It was a good way to meet women”, he chuckles, noting that he did not complete a masters degree.

In 1965, Vic accepted a job with the Mattel company and moved to Manhattan Beach, California. At Mattel, Vic worked initially as an industrial engineer, setting up production lines. He comments that the company’s most famous toy figures, “Barbie” and “Ken” were named after the actual children (Barbara and Kenneth) of the company’s founders, Elliot and Ruth Handler. After working for Mattel for three years, Vic took a leave of absence in 1968 to spend a year traveling solo around the world — he purchased an “around the world” airline ticket and flew to Amsterdam to begin his adventure.

In Amsterdam, Vic purchased a car and drove throughout western Europe (most of eastern Europe was closed to visitors at the time due to the Cold War). Vic’s strategy was to park his car as soon as he arrived at his destination and then use public transportation, he also would take an organized tour of each city in order to get a “lay of the land”. During this time, he visited England, Ireland, Scotland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, the former Czechoslovakia, the former Yugoslavia, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Portugal, Greece and more. Vic recalls being in Paris, France during the “events of May”, skiing in Switzerland, and attending Oktoberfest in Munich.

When asked to describe the highlights of his European adventures, he says that he was very impressed by the beauty of Portugal, particularly the area outside of Lisbon, as well as the Mediterranean coast and the Costa Brava of Spain – but, he notes, he had “the most fun” in Amsterdam. While in Amsterdam, Vic also had what he describes as “the best meal of my life” at the Bell restaurant (since closed); Vic said the meal included more than 36 different dishes, required the entire day to eat, and was just incredible.

After traveling throughout Europe, Vic continued east and visited Istanbul, Turkey, Beirut, Lebanon; Jerusalem, Israel; Tehran, Iran; and then India where he visited New Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata. He also traveled to Nepal, where he visited Kathmandu, which Vic described as “magnificent.” He proceeded to Bangkok, Thailand, where he spent a lot of time and would return later with his family, as well as Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Philippines. While in the Philippines, Vic took a boat to visit Corregidor Island, where his father had been stationed when World War II commenced; on the boat, he met a Japanese interpreter. “We became friends.” Vic said, noting that “only twenty years earlier we were killing each other [referencing to the Japanese and Americans]. I think about that a lot these days.”

The final leg of Vic’s world tour was in Australia and New Zealand, and he headed back to the U.S. via Tahiti. Vic says that his employment with Mattel was very helpful throughout his travels as the company had worldwide operations, so he had many contacts on which he could rely. When he returned from his world tour, Vic resumed working at Mattel and, after just a few months, was offered a job in Aroma, Italy, on the south end of Lake Maggiore, where he lived and worked for nearly a year. He ultimately returned to the U.S. and interviewed with Mattel for a position; he was offered a position in the Internal Audit department and served as the Director of Internal Audit for three years, until he resigned in 1973 and “retired from the straight world.” Reflecting back on his years at Mattel, Vic describes the period as “my previous incarnation” and says he consciously stepped away from that world, consistent with the “mentality of the time.”

Vic moved to Mill Valley in 1973 and visited Bolinas from time to time where, in 1976, he met his wife Nancy McDonald in Smiley’s Saloon. Two weeks later, they married and, after returning from their honeymoon, they opened “the shop” at what is now the Grand Hotel on Brighton Avenue, which Vic runs to this day. At the time, he and Nancy lived on the top floor above the shop and rented out the house behind the hotel; eventually they moved into the back house and converted the says he found the “Grand
Hotel sign dumped in a hedge and put it up on the front building) Vic and Nancy subsequently had two daughters, Kristina and Sonya, whom they raised in Bolinas and who remain close by. After 30 years of marriage and many adventures together, Vic's wife Nancy passed away in 2006.

Vic was always interested in local Bolinas affairs; he attended BCPUD Board meetings and got to know the directors. In 1981, he was appointed to the Board to fill a temporary opening for a few months. He subsequently was elected and joined directors Paul Kayferz, Jack McClellan, Gerry LeMieux and Peter Martin on the Board in 1983. Vic has served on the BCPUD Board since that time, helping guide the district through the litigation challenging the legitimacy of the water meter moratorium resolution and dozens of other controversial town issues. He also served on the Finance Committee throughout his time on the Board, donating his business expertise and keeping a keen eye on the district's financial position. Vic says he loves living in downtown Bolinas (across the street from the post office) noting that, for the last 44 years, he has had a "bird's eye view" of the community. Vic acknowledges that a lot in Bolinas has changed since he arrived in 1976; he likens the changes to watching children grow up — on an everyday basis, the changes are not that obvious, but over time the changes are quite significant. Nonetheless, those changes, Vic has no plans to relocate — he says he came to town "looking for a home" and he found that home in Bolinas.

There is no question that the town is better off as a result of Vic's presence here and his dedication to the community. The historical perspective, sociological understanding of the town, and thoughtfulness he has brought to questions faced by the District have been invaluable.

On behalf of the BCPUD staff and his fellow directors, we THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, VIC, FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!
Intent to conduct a 23-acre controlled burn at Martin Griffin Preserve, Stinson Beach, Saturday or Sunday, November 14-15, 2020* 

**Smoke and Traffic Advisory**

If weather permits, the controlled burn will commence as early as 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 3:30 p.m. There may be smoke in the air for approximately 7 hours. Martin Griffin Preserve’s property includes frontage along Shoreline Highway 1. Travelers in the Stinson Beach and Bolinas area may see smoke in the air or experience slowing traffic. This is a controlled burn conducted under a burn permit issued by Marin County Fire Department; do not call 911.
You say of your first guitar, “I knew by holding it against my chest it was hearing my heart. It became a part of me.” I wonder, does music feel like the most instinctive way to express your feelings? Is it easier to play through some of that stuff than to express it out loud?

Oh, I don’t know. The first guitar I owned, my grandfather bought it from a Sears, Roebuck catalogue. It was a Stella guitar, and I think it cost four or five dollars. I’ve had all kinds of instruments. I love Trigger, the guitar I have now, because I can get a sound out of it that I like. I’m a huge Django Reinhardt fan, and I get a tone out Trigger that’s similar—it’s similar to what I like about Django.

You mentioned exercise earlier, and I own that switching from alcohol and cigarettes to marijuana midway through your life was hugely transformational for you. Any other secrets to your longevity?

Positive thinking. Do you remember a book by Norman Vincent Peale, “The Power of Positive Thinking”? It was one of the first books I got into. I believe that with all my heart energy follows thought, so be careful what you’re thinking.

Read the entire article in The New Yorker.

By Amanda Petrusich, November 8, 2020

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**Listen to the Editors**

**HearSay Blue** by Bob Slav
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKzWkOlaa8&list=RDAYM69eKzWkOlaa8

**D Plus** by Alex Hecker
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSM7fMG5flM

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**BOLINAS COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Weekly Class Schedule For November 2020**

**MONDAY**
- Release with Shannon
  - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**TUESDAY**
- Elder Diaspora Dance w/ Amber Hines
  - 9:00 am - 10:15 am

**WEDNESDAY**
- Pilates with Lisa
  - 9:00 am - 10:15 am

**THURSDAY**
- USDA Food Bank
  - 12:00 pm

**FRIDAY**
- Pilates with Lisa
  - 9:00 am - 10:15 am

**SATURDAY**
- Ballet w/ Erika
  - 9:00 am - 10:30 am

**SUNDAY**
- Diaspora Dance w/ Amber Hines
  - 9:30 am - 11:00 am

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Call 668-2128. check the Library Marquee. Calendar in BCC. For more info & special events, visit www.bccenter.org.
BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 18, 2020 7:30 p.m.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Notice:
The health and safety of community members, public offici- cials, 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.

   - Update on the Status of the BCPUD’s Water Supply, the Heigh- ted Water Conservation Alert and Community Voluntary Conservation
     Efforts.
   - East Tank Rehabilitation Project.
   - Irrigation Pump Station Replacement Project.
   - Woodrat Reservoir Rehabilitation Project.
   - Alliance of Coastal Marin Villages.
   - Coastal Communities Working Group.

4. Community Expression

5. Proposed Installation of a Stop Sign at Brighton and Park
   Avenues; Proposed Placement of Red (No Parking) Zones
   along Park and Brighton Avenues at the Intersection
   (County of Marin Department of Public Works).

6. Request for Financial Relief from Quarterly Water Bill
   pursuant to BCPUD Resolution 553 – 73 Olema-Bolinas
   Road (N. Franklin).

7. Request for Increase to Solid Waste Disposal Service
   Rates per Section 3 of the Franchise Agreement between
   Recology Sonoma Marin and the BCPUD (Additional Rate Increase Request re: Customers Requesting Third
   Green waste or Recycling Can).

8. BCPUD’s Volunteer Resident Permit Parking Plan
   Committee Update.

9. Coastal Permit Application (Project P2764); Limited Water
   Use Permit Application – 46 Crescente (M. Sullivan)
   (demolish three existing structures and construct a new 2,416
   sq. ft. structure on APN # 193-081-14).

10. Coastal Permit Application (Project P2942); Limited Water
    Use Permit Application – 8 Ocean Avenue (M.
    Casado) (construct a new soldier-pier and tieback system
    to prevent further erosion; scope includes a 73 retaining
    wall and underground improvements on the eastern side
    of the property and a 137-foot retaining wall and
    underground improvements on the western portion
    on APN # 193-172-17).

11. Coastal Permit Application (Project P2688); Limited Water
    Use Permit Application – 72 Wharf Road (College of Marin)
    (demonish three existing structures and construct a new 2,416
    sq. ft. structure on APN # 193-081-14).

12. Announcement of Special (Telephonic) BCPUD Board
    Meeting on December 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. for Coastal
    Permit Application (Project P2853); Limited Water Use
    Permit Application – 31 Wharf Road (Bolinas Community Land
    Trust).

13. Other Business:
   a. Board Committee Reports:
      -- Finance:
      -- Legal:
      -- Mesa Septic, Flood Control and Roads:
      -- Operations:
      -- Park and Recreation:
      -- Personnel: Hiring of Chief Operator: Position
         Description and Hiring Schedule.
   b. Minutes of the September 10, 2020 Operations Committee
      meeting, Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Regular Board
      meeting, Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Special Board
      meeting.
   c. Warrants.
   d. Scheduling of Next Meetings:


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accommodations to access and/or participate in this meeting to please contact the
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before the meeting.

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Before the pandemic I just never realized how much I relied upon the freebox!
However: this crazy year progresses, and I shred through my clothes like tissue paper. So, a few Sundays ago I walked into the Calvary Presbyterian Church for their ongoing, low key, weekend rummage sale...
It’s funny that after 20 years here it was only the second time I’ve gone into this most iconic building. The first time was to pull a friend back out (they were having an episode). Anyway, as rummage sales go this one was miraculous, as I walked out with: a string of halloween lights (never used), a Bolinas surf shop sweater (never worn) and a bottle of Sean Thakery’s wine (never, well you know...) all for about seven dollars!
The rummage sale consists of local donations with the proceeds going towards ongoing repairs to the foundations. It’s hard to believe now but this spot has been subject to flooding. So stop by on the weekend and talk to Pinetree (the tall guy) or Diana. It’s not a freebox, but they haggle.

Peter Axelson

Freight Train

The man that hath no music in himself
Nor is not moved with the concord of sweet sound
Is fit for treasons, stratagems, and spoils;
The motions of his spirit are as dull as night,
And his affections dark as Erebus
Let no such man be trusted. Mark the music

Shakespeare
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