Happy, Happy Birthday

February 17
- Larry Freeman
- Zoro Drux
- Jenny Ulrich

Happy, Happy Birthday

February 18
- Sergio Brady
- Mark Seligson
- Joan Hammerman Robbins
- Tony Onarato
Bountiful Bo-Dana,

Recently I was so lucky as to be presented with one of those hand-stenciled-in-Bolinas Kathleen-StuArt Bo-danas. Very useful in these Covid times. But I was thinking about some other uses as well.

— Covid mask-up and viral screen
— Sleep mask, pull up over eyes and dream away
— Meditation Curtain, pull up over eyes, go in deep trance anywhere
— Romance enhancer, who will it be behind that veil?
— Handkerchief for those unexpected sneezes
— Napkin or drool bib for those juicy fruits like ripe peaches
— Sunblock and screen, no more nano particles in your bloodstream
— Tribal recognition Flag
— Bug screen, no more flies in mouth on your bike ride from mesa to PO
— Face warmer for that cold north-wester on hike to RCA beach
— Air pollution filter for that dreaded trip over the hill
— Voice modulator for people with loud voices
— Cover-up for aesthetically challenged visages
— Festive banner when flying on bamboo pole to dry and to decontaminate
— Cleaning cloth for your glasses when they fog up from wearing your Bodana
— Instant pain relief when rolled up and clenched between teeth during first Covid shot
— Muffler stuffer, for that unexpected hole in muffler on your way to Covid shot
— Dipstick cleaner, when checking oil in car for trip to get tested for Covid
— Halloween costume next Fall, when the pandemic will be long forgotten
And I am sure readers of the Hearsay News can come up with quite a few more.

Tales From the Green Valley.

Imagine life on a farm in rural Wales in the year AD 1620. What would it take to survive, which crafts do I have to master, how hard would I have to work, would it be fun, what would I eat, how would I dress, how would I celebrate, how big would my carbon footprint be?

Well, there happens to be a BBC farm series, called “Tales From The Green Valley”, which will answer all those questions. There are 12 episodes, one for each month of the year (starts in September), in which 5 people live, work, eat, dress, celebrate for one whole year as if it were the year 1620.

You can find it on YouTube, by just typing the name (Tales from the Green Valley episode 1) in the search window.

I saw that series first, because a friend recommended it. Then I searched some more, and there appears to be more! You can go back in time with the Tudor Monastery Farm series, and then before that The Secrets of the Castle series, or go forward in time and go to Victorian Farm, then Edwardian Farm and finally War Time Farm.

A lot of crafts get highlighted: building stone walls, blacksmithing, making lime, making charcoal, thatching roofs, making baskets, working with animals, sheering sheep and weaving wool, butchering, preserving, cider making, cheese and butter making, and lots more. Also we get to partake in ancient rituals and celebrations. Fun and educational. Recommended.

Ed Suij

Community Garden Share Project

Let’s grow together

Many in town are fortunate to have gardens where they grow food and when home gardens flourish they can produce more food than a gardener knows what to do with. But not everyone has access to land, vegetable starts or fresh food. So let’s grow together!

Starting Small

We would like to invite the community to a seedling swap at three locations. Take starts if you need them and leave starts if you have them. You can swing by one location or make it an activity and visit all three! Contact Tristan to learn more tristanconway@yahoo.com.

March 13th 10 am – 2 pm

The BLM kiosk where Birch meets the Ocean

The Scott House Garden at Grove and Alder

The Striped Garage at Elm and Dogwood

Room to Grow

Do you have land but not the ability to tend a garden? Do you have the know-how but don’t have access to land? Chlo is building a cooperative gardening network to match land with people. Contact her at chloemccollum@hotmail.com to learn more.

Share the Bounty

When your gardens explode and you have food to share you can drop off the fruits and vegetables of your labor at one of three future neighborhood garden stands at the locations listed above. We’ll let you know when the stands are animal proof and ready for your contributions! If you would like to create a garden stand in your neighborhood contact Tristan at tristanconway@yahoo.com to be added to the list!

Worried About Water?

It is important to acknowledge our severe water shortage. Many home garden crops can thrive with less water than you think. If you have a water catchment system, great! If not get creative by collecting water used during showers or rinsing dishes. And don’t forget the power of mulching!
BCLT Septic System Upgrade Program

The BCLT is excited to announce that our proposed pilot septic system upgrade program has been approved both by the Environmental Health Department and the Board of Supervisors at Marin County. It has been a long process, and the BCLT wishes to thank everyone involved in making this happen, from our engineers, to EHS staff, to the Planning Department, to the staff at the SWQCB (State Water Quality Control Board) to Dennis Rodoni and his staff, and to Sean Kennings, our planning consultant.

While we have approval now to move forward, we now need to find funding and draw up legal documents. This is going to take a bit of time, but we are hopeful that we can get things started while these details are put into place. What we know so far is that:

- The program will be for only 22 properties at this time.
- The systems used will classified as Tier 2 and will be using a peat moss filtration system on raised gravel with a pre-treatment tank.
- The system allows people to add an ADU of up to 800sq/ft provided there is space on the lot.
- One must be willing to accept a limited water use permit to join the program. The limited use water permit caps your water use at 225 gallons a day, which should be enough for nine people if people are careful and thoughtful with their water use.
- Membership in the program will include annual monitoring and free repairs although there will be an annual fee to be part of the program.
- The program will last for 20 years

What we have not yet determined is:

- Exactly how much each system will cost (we are hoping $45,000).
- What loans will be available
- What the annual fee will be to be in the program (Hoping around $500 which will include repairs).
- The timeline to installation - possibly as soon as this coming summer

In order to try to be able to install these new septic systems this coming spring or summer, the BCLT would like to gather the names of interested property owners and begin preliminary site visits right away. These first site visits will NOT include the engineer nor anyone from the County, but are only to look at whether the site can accommodate the new system and whether it is advisable for the owner to join the program. There may be properties we cannot help. The BCLT and the County want to make sure that no one will be red tagged by entering the program and this initial site visit will help to make sure that won’t happen. This visit will also be a time when participants can ask some of their questions. Once funding is in place and the program is fully ready to launch, there will be a second site visit with an engineer, again, no county staff involved.

At this time, we are asking that everyone who would like to consider joining the program contact the BCLT by calling 415-868-9468 and leaving name and number and expressing interest. Admission will be on a first come, first served basis. If you think you may be interested, please get on this initial list, we cannot take more than 22 participants. We will update the public here in the Hearsay as we have more solid information and are happy to answer questions as best we can in the meantime.

Thank you,
Ariane Dar
Executive Director
BCLT

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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A Meeting of the Finance Committee Of The Board Of Directors
February 19, 2021 2:00 p.m.
270 Elm Road, Bolinas

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 Finance Committee 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.

Agenda

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll.
5. Community Expression.
6. Adjournment.
Lent
by StuArt

In the Christian religion Lent is a period of fasting and penance 40 days in length leading up to Easter Sunday. Lent commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, subsisting on locusts and wild honey.

Lent had meaning for me as a kid. My father was organist and choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church. I sang in the Junior Choir along with my two sisters. We never missed a service or rehearsal.

During Lent there were two extra church services - Tuesday and Thursday. Including Sunday that was three church services a week. That's a lot of church for a kid.

However the church paid the Junior Choir to sing. A Junior Choir member could make $25 for singing all the services during Lent, including the dreaded three-hour Good Friday service and the glorious Easter service.

Lent wasn't fun, but it felt good to be working for God, and making a few bucks.

Growing older I began to use Lent as an excuse to give up things, to fast from over-consumption, to observe more humility and piety.

Just for fun, I chose Elvis as one of my ironic Lenten icons. Did he ever give anything up?

Keith Richards is another ironic Lenten icon. Keith reminds me not to get too pious.

(Check out Keith's skull ring and then turn to page 6)

Today's Hearsay brought to you by: StuArt Chapman, editor Kathleen O'Neill, factotum Deadline Stu, printing

That beautiful, new redwood fence on Wharf Road built by Billy Cummings.
I constantly felt (as I suppose many an ambitious girl has felt) a thumping from within unanswered by any beckoning from without.

-Anna J. Cooper

Womanism (noun) a form of feminism emphasizing women's natural contribution to society (used by some in distinction to the term feminism & its association with white women).

Womanism is a social theory based on the history and everyday experiences of women of color, especially black women. It seeks, according to womanist scholar Layli Maparyan, to "restore the balance between people and the environment/nature and reconcil[e] human life with the spiritual dimension." In 1979, American novelist, short story writer, poet, & social activist Alice Walker coined the term "Womanist" in her short story, "Coming Apart," & her book In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens is also based on her theory of Womanist.

Madam C.J. Walker was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, both political and social activist. She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records. Walker made her fortune by developing & marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company. Known for her philanthropy and activism, she made financial donations to numerous organizations and became a patron of the arts. Walker's lavish estate in Irvington, New York, Villa Lewaro, served as a social gathering place for the African-American community. At the time of her death, she was considered the wealthiest African-American businesswoman & wealthiest self-made black woman in America.

Sadie T.M. Alexander, was the first African-American to receive a Ph.D. in Economics in the United States, the first woman to receive a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the first African-American woman to practice law in Pennsylvania (following in her father's footsteps). Read Knocking down doors: The trailblazing life of Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, Pennsylvania's First Black Woman Lawyer by Lia Epperson

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper was an American author, educator, sociologist, speaker, Black liberation activist, and one of the most prominent African-American scholars in United States history. She helped found the Colored Women's League in 1892 and joined the executive committee of the first Pan-African Conference in 1900. Born in 1858, her books include, Voice from the South, The voice of Anna Julia Cooper and Slavery and the French and Haitian Revolutionists. She lived until 1964.

Florynce Rae Kennedy was an American lawyer, feminist, civil rights advocate, lecturer and activist. Kennedy broadened her scope to include political involvement and battling oppression in a variety of arenas — racism, sexism, and homosexuality. Another of her causes was women's liberation, for all women, not just African-American women. She urged the two races to work together. Color Me Fiat: My Hard Life and Good Times & Notable Black American Women

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is a non-profit volunteer organization for African American women. Its members address common issues in their communities, families & personal lives, promoting gender & racial equity.

"...Black women are the linchpin of leadership continuity among all Black people and understand the need for mentoring that must be nurtured and honed day by day, from one generation to another." ncbw.org

From the Bolinas Anti-racist Column group
- Submitted by Lisa Townsend
I was a lucky guy. 
I spent 3 or 4 years trying to keep up with Arvilla Stevens. She was an incredible musician.

One time we drove from Bolinas to Lodi in her convertible MG naked with the top down blasting the William Tell Overture; that woman didn’t care what anybody thought.

There at the end of our friendship we were both tweaked and dealing with our own personal demons, but that was a very long time ago.

Any bad times are forgotten memories but now I’d love to learn what became of Arvilla.

I’d heard she’d fallen on hard times and her last known address was in San Rafael.

I imagine that she’s no longer with us but if she is, I’d love to reach out to her.

If any of our old friends or acquaintances know about Arvilla, please let me know.

Bradley Paul Williams
Belfast, Maine
oldgrowmedicine@gmail.com
207-323-1965

Sasha Berleman from Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Fire Forward program will speak at Rotary Club of West Marin on February 17, 8:30am zoom (email: annerwm@gmail.com :for zoom invite).

Imagine a North Bay that lives harmoniously with fire and understands its critical role in tending our cherished and beautiful open spaces. Fire Forward, a program of Audubon Canyon Ranch, brings a unique blend of science-based program design and community organizing to our region as it seeks to become a model of fire-adapted communities tending fire-adapted landscapes. More information at: egret.org/fire-forward.

Anne Sands
President Rotary Club of West Marin, 2018-2021

Skull Ring
Ran into Allan Giovanni at the People’s Store and mentioned the pic of Keith Richards with a skull ring.

"Yes, but what a generic skull ring," Allan answered. "He could do better than that. Something like this," and he flashed his latest creation. "Take a look at the backside, there’s another skull with a halo of stars."

Someone put the word out to Keith.
Black History Month for Families; A Few Resources

If you are talking about Black History Month with your family right now please consider these resources below, providing great material for conversation as well as kid’s book recommendations!

https://www.dcareeducators4socialjustice.org/black-lives-matter-week-action

The D.C Area Educators for Justice have great online resources for educators and anyone wanting to cover more of these topics with their kids- including the 13 guiding principles of Black Lives Matters guide for kids.

https://socialjusticebooks.org/freedom-reads/
The Freedom Reads Anti-Bias Book Talks are for parents, caregivers, and educators who may be early in their anti-bias, anti-racist journey.

https://www.theconsciouskid.org/
The Conscious Kid supports organizations, families, and educators in taking action to disrupt racism in young children. It offers book recommendations as well as articles on the subject.

Below is an excerpt of their article How to Talk to Kids about Race, PLEASE read the whole article on their website:

It’s Never Too Early to Talk About Race

As early as 3-6 months, babies notice and respond differently to people based on race (Kelly et al., 2005). By age 3, children categorize and express bias based on race, and may even use racist language intentionally (Van Ausdale and Feagin, 2001). Before your child can talk, they are already learning about the world, and about race, through your actions.

Who is coming over to the house to visit? Who do they see when they are out and about in the neighborhood? What music are they hearing? What kind of artwork is hanging up on the walls? Are the main characters in the books they read predominantly white? How about the shows and movies they are watching? What race is their pediatrician, principal, and teacher?

Be intentional about seeking out, valuing, and supporting creators, authors, colleagues, neighbors, professionals, and educators of color. You can tell kids “Black Lives Matter” and to value “diversity”, but it won’t mean much unless your actions show it.

Silence Reinforces Racism and Racial Bias

Having open conversations with children about race creates opportunities to provide them with accurate information so that when they see stereotypes or hear misinformation, they have their own foundation of factual knowledge and understanding from which to draw (Tatum, 2017). Shaming, shushing, or shutting down young children for asking questions about race, even if they make a comment that is inaccurate or racist, doesn’t make the questions go away, it just means they go unanswered and unchecked (Tatum, 2017).

Teach Kids about Structural Racism

Racism is not limited to the individual choices of “bad people.” It is structural and embedded into all aspects of society, including laws, institutional policies, dominant cultural norms, and our very own consciousness.

Empower Kids to Take Action

It’s not enough for kids to know how to talk about or identify racism, they need to know what they can do about it (Tatum, 2017). Provide children with models and examples of the work that people of all races are doing towards racial equity and start to engage them in actions they can start taking. If they enter their preschool or elementary classroom and see that all of the books only feature white characters, ask them why they think that is, and what might be done to change it.

Actions Speak Louder than Words

Talking to kids about race is a means, not an end. It should be done with a goal of moving towards action and disrupting individual, internalized, and structural racism.

What you say as a parent is not nearly as important as what you do—and everything you do, from where you choose to live, work, eat, travel, shop, enroll your child in school; who you choose to spend time with; and what you choose to read, watch, listen to, play, and buy—are all teaching your kids about race and who and what you value, regardless of what you say or what your intentions are (Hagerman, 2018). More importantly, the actions you take on a daily basis are either reinforcing or disrupting racism. Hold yourself accountable as the primary teacher and model for your children on race and racism. Equity has to become a daily practice in all actions and interactions.

From the Bolinas Anti Racist Column Group
- Submitted by Van Waring
FARMING FAMILY LOOKING FOR NEW HOME.

We would like to raise animals, grow flowers, vegetables, culinary herbs and other food crops. Cabin/Yurt/House with garden space or acreage. 707-683-2369

LA 2/15

SINGLE GUY, LONG-TIME INVERNESS RESIDENT, SEEKING SMALL, QUIET AND IDEALLY MESA-RURAL BOLINAS HOME. Employed full-time in Sausalito, local references available. No pets (cat lover), non-smoker, quiet and excellent tenant. Thanks! Marc @ osheremura@gmail.com

MM 3/3

RENTAL @ $800/MONTH

Studio/room 3/15/21 or ASAP. Will have 10x12 TuffShed also if anyone has land i can install + hookup to utilities.

Rollinsangela787@yahoo.com

AR 3/3

SEEKING: GROUND FLOOR GARAGE OR SMALL WAREHOUSE LIKE SPACE to work on speaker and sound system design projects. Anyone in Bo excited by tube amps and old Altec gear? Would love some audio community in addition to workspace.

Realmsmanifest@gmail.com; 310-429-3461
(Tales of a Gilkes-Bower)

TB 1/30

FOR RENT

BEDROOM AND BATH

For one person. Call 415-868-1782

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HELP WANTED

Seeking a LIVE-IN PROPERTY MANAGER to manage the property at 120 Juniper Rd. This includes housing for up to two people. The right fit is someone who is hard working, reliable, detail oriented, loves to care for people, handy, loves to play in the dirt, and loves Bolinas. Interested? Please email shelby.clarks@gmail.com.

SC 2/26

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We have management, housekeeping and janitorial positions. We maintain strict cleaning protocol for Covid-19 and are enthusiastically an equal opportunity employer. Tenemos puestos de administración y limpieza. Mantenemos un estricto protocolo de limpieza por Covid-19 y con entusiasmo somos un empleador que ofrece igualdad de oportunidades. Please email smileysaloon@gmail.com, or call 415-676-8913 to express your interest and get more information. Thank you! Envié un correo electrónico a smileysaloon@gmail.com, o llamar 415-676-8913 para expresar su interés y obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

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BW 2/13

LOST & FOUND

LOST: RING in the restroom of the Bolinas Community Center. Call to describe 415-450-8362

1/31

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 NMID/ND keychain (little white van). If found, please return to post office or call 98632. Thank you.

X 2/3

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