A Reminiscence of #9 Brighton
By Margot Patterson Doss (Excerpted), 1998
(In tribute to John Doss, MD, RIP)

Three times during our 30-year ownership of #9, the tide has come
up in the basement. Not sewage but seawater. There are photos that
were published in the Independent Journal and the Point Reyes Light, of
tenants leaving the front steps of #9 via canoe. Given three days of
rain at the time of the new or the full moon, flooding can easily happen
downtown if trash is choked into the culvert at Brighton Avenue and
Wharf Road. One time a cast-off mattress caused flooding. Another
flood happened in 1983. We were in Samoa at the time and only learned
of it from news reports. The El Nino of ’98 flood was severe. Water
covered the bottom three steps of the Presbyterian church next door.

Primitive plumbing under Brighton Avenue undoubtedly con-
tributed to the Holinas infectious hepatitis epidemic of 1970. The vector
case happened to be a tenant at the house called Tideside at the beach
end of Brighton located on the stairs that cut up to Terrace Avenue.

Dr Doss’s experience in the Epidemic Intelligence Service of the U.
S. Communicable Disease Center, made it acceptable procedure for him
to pinpoint the location of the cases. There were seven or eight cases
of infectious hepatitis (including me) along Brighton Avenue.

This indicated faulty water mains. Sure enough, sewers and leakage
from sewer to water lines was evident when the U.S. sanitarians checked
it out. As a prudish housewife, from there on, I bought bottled water for
many years. Unlike the present time when, in 170 Holinas merchants
were caged for tourists and resisted the doctor reporting (a he was
required by law to do) the hepatitis cases that came through his office.

John and I had booked a cruise aboard the APL ship SS President
Cleveland to Alaska long before the epidemic, and since we were then
unaware that I too, was a victim, sailed as scheduled. When the ship put in to
Vancouver, we called our four sons to see how they were faring in our absence.

The boys reported they had been wakened that morning by friends
who said, “Hey you guys, come down to the Community Center. They’ve
hung your Dad in effigy on the flagpole.”

Sandy and Jack, two of our sons, hurried around the corner to see.
Sure enough, a figure representing the last tourist business and labeled Dr.
Doss was dangling with a sign from the flagpole. A grimy crowd sur-
rounded it. Verne Bradley, owner of Smiley’s bar at the time, called over
and asked Sandy, “What do you think your old man would think of this?”

“Sandy was always a cool, self-possessed young man. He looked Bradley
in the eye unflinchingly and said, ‘I think my old man would dig it.’

Then the grimly effigy-hangers couldn’t get the figure down off
the flagpole fast enough. Jack barely had time to get a photograph. Mel
War, a journalist friend who, then, had a program on KQED, arranged for
the station to make a presentation of the then play An Enemy of the
People, which dramatizes a similar episode on the other side of the world.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday, November 15
WHITE CAPS LUNCHEON, Rod & Boat, noon

COAST CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES
Live music, food & drink specials, 6–8pm

SHAUN MASON & THE INFINITE HALVES
New band showcase @ Smiley’s, 8:30pm

Friday, November 16
BOLINAS LAGOON ADVISORY COUNCIL
meeting to replace old BLTC, Firehouse, 9am

NEARLY BELOVED rock ’n roll @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm

Saturday, November 17
COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD, St. Aidans, 10am

HAILE CONSCIOUS CELEBRATION 6:30PM
Bobolicious cooking dinner, CommUnity Center

STEFANIE KEYES Live blues @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm

Wednesday, November 21
Poet Bob Holmas in conversation w/ Michael Lerner,
Commonweal, 10am-noon. www.The-New-School.org

Thursday, November 22
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Friday, November 23
JUST FRIENDS @ Smiley’s, 9:30pm, Charlie Docherty
Jerome Bohman, Molly MaGuire, Micheal Pinkham

Saturday, November 24
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
Free samples of Hot Smoothies, Bobolicious, 2–3pm

Sunday, November 25
The Bird that Swallowed its Cage Walter and Aggie
Murch, Commonweal, 2–4PM, register at www.KWMR.o
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Last days of sale and give aways at Healing Arts Store.
Many beautiful items we are giving away for a Song!
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TO THE BOLINAS COMMUNITY:
Ilka Hartmann is having double hip surgery in November.
For when she is out of the hospital I’m hoping several
families/people would be willing & able to cook her a meal
in a dish or two that can be frozen/heated up easily. If you
want to, please call me, Martha Wax, 306-1231, and leave
your number & name. Thank you so much!

BOLINAS - 4:11 pm: A surfer dude
thought he purchased a surfboard from
another dude. The surfboard was stolen
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TODAY’S HEARSAY brought to you by Steve
Heilff, Nanea McAdams, and David Cattell.
Dear Beloved Bolinas,

What a wonderful party!!!, Nov. 10th, (to raise funds for our past-due bills for when I was in the hospital and Magi could not work, as he stayed with me). First of all, we thank Perry Hooper for making all those phone calls & getting it "all together!!!" Then we thank our Great Bolinas Community Center, the veritable "heart" of our town, for providing a space for such a special (and thoughtful) event!

Many thanks to Lia & Randi for running our GCC so efficiently. Thanks to all those helping hands from Jen Meyer, who did "the door" and the flower bouquets with my daughter, Signy. Jill Field (Bo Nursery) who donated ALL the lovely flowers herself, plus the gardenias (donated by Bo Nursery). Thanks to Lou Commons for being the Hostess & Speller for Jen, and Jeff, her husband, for being the "M.C.". Thanks to Suzanne. Bartlome for her stunning arrangement above the fireplace, & Don Smith for providing a fire, in the fireplace, plus HOURS on all the lighting and Zim Caroselli for all the stage decorations. Special thanks for all the FANTASTIC music all night long! And for all the faithful Bar keepers! Magi & I are most GRATEFUL for "lightening our load" at this time and for all the wonderful combined energy of the volunteers and entertainers.

Mary & Magi

Dear Mr. Obama,

If I were president, I would tell people to not talk too much.It wastes time.

I would give the poor people more money so they don't have to look for food in the trash can. I would also give them a house. I'd work really hard so I could buy them a house and give them more food.

If I were the president, you wouldn't have to pay rent. Why you go to the store, you wouldn't have, to pay for sure!

I'd also say to war: no more, no more, no more!

Catherine Galvan, age 82 Chicago

SALLY was driving home from one of her business trips in Northern Arizona when she saw an elderly Navajo woman walking on the side of the road. As the trip was a long and quiet one, she stopped the car and asked the Navajo woman if she would like a ride. With a silent nod of thanks, the woman got into the car. Resuming the journey, Sally tried in vain to make a bit of small talk with the Navajo woman. The old woman just sat silently, looking intent at everything she saw, studying every little detail, until she noticed a brown bag on the seat next to Sally. "What in bag?" asked the old woman. Sally looked down at the brown bag and said, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my husband." The Navajo woman was silent for another moment or two. Then speaking with the quiet wisdom of an elder, she said: "Good trade!"
Richard Brautigan and Bolinas
Skip Moore

Last Sunday was a beautiful day in the San Francisco Bay Area. We decided to take a drive out to Bolinas. It wasn't until we were rounding the bend into this throwback California coastal town that I realized this was once Richard's home. I hadn't been back to Bolinas since the late 70's, so the realization was new to me. I had made it halfway through William Hjortsberg's epic "Juliette Hitchhiker" before I put it down for a rest, and here we were in the midst of where so much of the story comes down.

After a walk along the beach, letting the late October sun and stunning Pacific vistas melt away our urban attitudes, we made our way back into town along Brighton Avenue. That's when the haunting began, like sensing there is someone looking over your shoulder only to glance back quickly to find there's nobody there. I knew we were close. I spotted a bookstore next to the Post Office and walked in seeking advice for my condition by seeking directions to Richard's house. The shelves were stuffed with used books, musty in their intellectual promise. Music played in a nearby poetry room. An empty rocking chair tilted to and fro on the wooden porch. Nobody to be found.

The ghosts of my trepidation continued to haunt me. Further down the road I spotted an old sign reading "Grand Hotel," small lightbulbs dotting the interior of the aged black letters. Below that was a more humble invitation, "Shop and Gallery," surrounded by windows stacked with stuff mined from the Forgotten Works, the lawn scattered with the remnants of prior occupants. I made my way in to find the aged proprietor in conversation with a visitor. I introduced myself as a fan of Richard Brautigan. After I thanked him and turned to go, seeking spirits beyond my vision, he mentioned that Richard owed him $8. When I offered to pay it, he laughed and said at least 5 people already had.

Rather than turning back from where we had come, back toward the house that now had a place, near where I first felt that haunting feeling, we walked down Wharf Road to another old haunt, Smiley's Schooner Saloon. I had a stiff drink, played a game of pool and watched the locals converge to watch the upcoming World Series game on the color television. With the light outside fading, it was time to go. I forgot to ask the bartender if Richard owed him money too.

There were a couple of cars in the driveway, so I cautiously approached, past the formidable barrier of overgrown bushes, the storied house slowly revealing itself to my eyes. I looked up to the top floor, down to the middle floor and was overwhelmed with the tragedy flooding my soul. I retreated, no longer interested in seeking ghosts I could never be strong enough to know.

Driving out of town, we took a left on Mesa Road to take in the sunlit fog slowly splashing against the grassy hills and the sun setting into the mist farther out into the western world. I sought to cleanse my conscience of the frightful phantom images staining my view. It helped. Later, heading back into the twilight of southern Marin County, I realized that the house, that house, is every bit as much a character in Mr. Hjortsberg's account as any person described. I also realized that one should not go unprepared when seeking the ghost of our heroes.

"Dropping out of law school, living in bolinas, and running a dog-walking business are not felonies, the last time I checked," Liz said wryly, "contrary to the impression your sister may have given you. You're a respectable person, work for a living, and you're a terrific woman. They can't do much with that," Liz reassured her, and Coco sighed.
The Bolinas Land Trust in 2012

GUEST REPORT
BY LESA KRAMER

The annual meeting of the Bolinas Community Land Trust (BCLT) was held on October 24, coinciding with the first game of the World Series, so this update is for our West Marin friends that couldn’t attend.

At annual meetings we have our yearly progress in providing affordable housing with our community and hold elections for our board members. I’m delighted to announce that in addition to re-electing Don Deane, Leo Kosterlitz, Megan Matson and Gail Reitano, the membership nominated and elected Atelea Patton and Michele Carroll.

Before beginning, we hosted an informational presentation by Carmen Soruco from Marin Housing’s Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program, which offers low-interest property improvement loans and technical assistance to lower-income homeowners in Marin County for necessary home repairs. Ms. Soruco explained the process of applying for the simple interest 5 percent per annum loan (maximum term of 15 years) and her willingness to provide resistance with the loan process and results, including behavior with the narrating process and locating contractors.

This loan opportunity was a terrific way to start our annual meeting, as the BCLT is aware that we have many low-income homeowners in West Marin who have deferred maintenance issues that could be solved through this program, including upgrading homes for ADA needs, dealing with mold and termites, and many other issues. Making homes safe is the goal of this program. To receive information, contact Marin Housing at (415) 497-2500.

Our organization then proceeded to update members on our yearly accomplishments and future goals—too much information to share here, so I am only going to touch on a few of the highlights and encourage you to visit our website for more information, at www.bolinaslandtrust.org.

Board secretary Gail Reitano invited the announcement of our recent recognition at the National Community Land Trust Convention held this past September in Vermont. Special thanks to Kim Thompson, executive director of the Community Land Trust of West Marin, or CLAM, who attended and was able to share the news with us.

The BCLT was featured in the session “CLTs and Commercial Stewardship” for our mixed-use, transit-oriented model, by presenter Michelle Brown from Burlingame Associates. Mr. Soruco shared this quote for our meeting: “I was delighted to learn about your Bo-Gas property and the accompanying commercial building in the buildings you own along the lovely Main Street, Wharf Road, of Bolinas. In many ways, you all are ahead of the curve nationally. I was pleased to learn of your commitment and your success, not only because it addresses a critical issue but also for Bolinas and its residents but because it also provides a precedent that 1—and the rest of the CLT world—can point to, showing a working example of what possible. Congratulations”.

Ms. Reitano profusely thanked former board president Bruce Bowser and Richard Pfeiffer, and current treasurer Don Deane, who were part of the team that bravely forged the purchases of our two properties, and concluded with acknowledging our “secret sauce”—a community willing to support our mission of affordable housing.

I proudly presented the success of our new internship program. The BCLT recognizes that there are very few professional opportunities for young people in Bolinas. The outcome has been wonderful, as our interns learn new skills, and the BCLT benefits from their enthusiasm and deep interest in serving their community. We have had three interns to date, and are actively recruiting to expand the program, which includes a paid stipend.

I also welcomed our two new locally owned commercial tenants, On Gardens and Tamalpais Surf Club, which join Bolinas Smokin’ Smoothies, Lemonade and Turnips (with Bo-Gas), create a vibrant downtown district for locals and visitors alike. We also held a moment of silence to remember our longtime friend and tenant, Judith Elliott of Judith’s Herbals.

In addition, we reviewed our fiscal and shared that thanks to good management and a very tight budget, we expect a small profit from Bo-Gas to help supplement our income stream, thus allowing us to keep our tenant rents increasing.

Importantly, we talked about the quality of our 24 tenants (living in 15 dwellings), all low-income local workforce and families that have truly helped the BCLT transform downtown Bolinas into a family-friendly destination. Bolinas, like all of our West Marin villages, is the home of diversity. We receive national publicity for visits by a president and the safety of water meters, yet it is the fiberman and artistes, the young families and local working (many of whom have multiple jobs) who define our village and have consistently made Bolinas a better place to live, work and raise a family.

I have proudly served as the part time executive director since 2006. With an amazing support team, we continue to grow our organization, but we could never have these wonderful accomplishments without our secret sauce—our community. Thank you for making 2012 a fantastic year.

Lesa Kramer is the executive director of Bolinas Community Land Trust.
Enchanted by the Sun: The CoEvolution of Light, Life, and Color on Earth

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM (PST)

For 3.8 billion years, life has lived in a bath of solar radiance. The Sun's illumination outlines which objects are appealing, bland, or repellant. Its powers of desiccation, blistering, bleaching, and revelation govern a balance between beauty and danger. Its flood of photons shapes light-harvesters ("eyes"), pigments, and surfaces—stretching planetary aesthetics to include "invisible light" (ultraviolet, infrared, and polarized). From Euglena to Matisse, all creatures dwell in a variety of luminance loci—dramas of biophotic brightness, color mixes, and rebellions against darkness (such as fireflies and luminescent fish). The most recent rebellion has been human-contrived lamps that impact everything from the artistic-military complex (camouflage and mimicy) to the materials, techniques, and display of paintings, electronic imaging, and growing plants.

This 55-minute journey travels from unicells to opal to op-art, with a dose of PR for "planetary color webs" and their influence on awareness, desire, self-direction, memory, contemplation, and curiosity.

Armed with a PhD in Biological Anthropology from Harvard, Peter Warshall has shaped watershed theory and practices, conservation biology, relations with Indian tribes in the Southwest, and refugee activities in Africa. For a decade he was the editor of the Whole Earth Review.

Links and more info on Peter Warshall at LongNow.org

Doors open at 7:00pm, event starts at 7:30pm
at The Cowell Theater in San Francisco

If you'd like a pre-Seminar bite, Greens Restaurant has a happy hour from 5-7pm.
We're also having a reception at the Long Now Museum after the Seminar.

You can follow Long Now on Twitter and Facebook.

by Matthias F. Hansen | February 28, 2012
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Michael Rafferty, Online Editor

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It's the time of year to gather together 7 people who are willing to tend the Spirit House for 2013. Each tender cleans and decorates the space about every two months. The space is tended every week including, providing flowers or a centerpiece and watering the living plants and tree there. This is a great gift to ourselves and the community. Call June @ 9052 or email me at junemcadmams@gmail.com if you are able to be part of this team. Thanks, June McAdams

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