

2016 Recap

At our annual election of officers on 5/10/16 everyone maintained their respective positions (Marcus White, President; Georgia Heid, Vice President; Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Treasurer) with the exception of Celeste Washington, who has taken over the duties of Secretary. The revised by-laws were approved at our 7/10/16 meeting and are posted on our website.

Phyllis reported we have \$6,799 in our checking account. Though this year's activities did not bring in additional funds, we remain in good financial shape thanks to our membership and donations.

Our newly formed College Scholarship Committee, spearheaded by Susan Kelley, is gathering information to formalize application criteria. SBHS has earmarked \$3,000 to fund the first year and the recipients will be chosen from students in the Bolinas-Stinson Beach School District. The application form will be available online, stinsonbeachhistoricalsociety.org, by the end of November.

Archivists Jane Slack and Georgia Heid have been cataloging accumulated collections which are being digitized by Barrie and Tamae. We are now half way through digitizing hard copy documents from community organizations. Celeste is in charge of the day-to-day organization of newspaper clippings. Barrie and Tamae continue to update our website while putting together this and future issues of the Willow Whistle.

As part of our ongoing Oral History Project, Celeste and Barrie recently interviewed Will Pereira (91) who spent much of his youth in Stinson and now lives in Novato. He recalled being taught by Mildred Sadler & Louise Airey in the one-room schoolhouse, clamming on the beach and early storms. Mr. Pereira is descended from a pioneering Marin County family who owned a dairy ranch in the Marin Headlands. His father, a grocer and jack of all trades, drove the Auto Stage Line delivering mail between Sausalito and Stinson, built the Half-way Inn, was one of the original owners of the Surf Club, and ran the Stinson Beach Supply Co.

Our main focus of this year were twofold. On April 1 we celebrated the 100th year of our Post Office and renaming of Stinson Beach from Willow Camp in 1916. The occasion took place on the Village Green. The Parkside Restaurant donated enough pizzas for the crowd of nearly 70 people and our Fire Department donated an inscribed birthday cake. In October we honored local agriculture with the show, **Bounty: Fine Food Production in Coastal Marin from 1834 to 21st Century. Stinson Beach Area Farms and Ranches** in collaboration with the Bolinas Museum and Stinson Beach Library. SBHS hosted a reception and prepared historical background now on exhibit on our historical wall in the Library. October 8, we hosted a reception at the SB Library. Catherine Broomhead of KT's Kitchen prepared a banquet of local cheeses and produce. Apples, from Stinson Ranch trees presumed to be 140 years old, were part of the centerpiece. The "Bounty" shows are still on display at the Library and Bolinas Museum. We encourage you to visit the shows and become acquainted with the historical land uses of this area. *Note to history buffs:* Exhibition chair, Tamae Agnoli, is looking for a detail and design oriented person to help with future projects!

We are sad to inform that we lost hard working member, Shirley Moyce, in May. She was the Historical Society's first official secretary. People will remember her at the community center's door welcoming people with their name tags at our annual events. She worked on digitizing early photo collections and worked as a docent at the library.



Friday, December 9th, from 11:30 a.m.

Come early to celebrate the season and enjoy a little music and conversation with old friends. Rachelle Winterbourne will again put her creative talents to work adorning the Community Center with her festive centerpieces and heirloom tree decorations. Al Engel will be serving up his famous punch one more time to go with an array of hors d'oeuvres. KT's Kitchen will be adding a few surprises to our traditional roast turkey menu. Don't forget to buy your chance to win a raffle prize. Our grand prize is a framed 12"x16" oil on linen painting by Michael Knowlton titled "South Stinson Beach," (a possible collector's item in this age of rising sea levels), and the first prize is a dinner for 4 catered by KT's Kitchen. Luncheon tickets are \$30 and raffle tickets \$5.

We look forward to seeing you! We hope you will renew your membership or become a new member. As always, we encourage your active participation in the Historical Society.





Holiday Raffle

Grand Prize:
Oil Painting by Michael Knowlton

First prize:
Dinner for 4 catered by KT's Kitchen



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FILL in ORDER FORM & MAIL by DEC. 3rd, To: SBHS POB 413, STINSON BEACH, CA 94970

Name(s) _____ Tel. _____

Address _____ Email _____

A. I would like to reserve _____ seats @ \$30 for the Holiday Luncheon \$ _____

I want to reserve a table for 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 12 _____

B. I am buying _____ Holiday Raffle tickets and have filled in the appropriate amount \$ _____
(\$5 for 1 ticket; \$25 for 6 tickets; \$50 for 12 tickets)

C. I want to join the SB Historical Society at the following membership* level:
 Individual \$30 Family \$50 Friend \$100 or more Patron \$250 or more
 Benefactor \$500 or more Special Benefactor \$1,000 or more \$ _____

***Special Member Benefits** **Friend:** listing in the Willow Whistle; **Patron:** listing + complimentary Holiday Luncheon Raffle tickets (value \$50); **Benefactor:** all above + 2 complimentary Holiday luncheon tickets (value \$60); **Special Benefactor:** all above + special gift from the Historical Society.

D. If you would like to make a special donation to the SBHS or volunteer some time to help us with our ongoing Archival Work, please leave your phone number _____

E. ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR ALL ITEMS CHECKED. TOTAL \$ _____

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Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Holidays in History - Excerpted from Allied Arts' Minutes

Sept. 17, 1953: December 5 and 6 was the date decided on for our annual Christmas Bazaar to be held in the Fire House. (Bazaar was moved to Community Center from 1954.)

Nov. 17, 1954: Duce O'Neal spoke of the Christmas Pageant (An enactment of Nativity Scene). It is to be Saturday night, December 18, in front of the Community Center building with the Progressive Club serving refreshments afterwards. Auda Bordanaro has charge of the choral group.

Nov. 18, 1955: Our Christmas party will be a luncheon on our regular meeting date, December 16, at the community Center. Grace Nye and Margie Rosmussen will make chicken pie, Mabel Van Osten to make rolls, and Ruth (Miller) and Hatty (Green) to make the salad. For desert there will be ice cream and cookies. Alice Cavanaugh said she would be responsible for setting tables. (Note: the Allied Arts had purchased and donated sets of chairs and tables, dishes and flatware's to newly dedicated Community Center.)

2016 Historical Society Members

Benefactor: Michael McCone & Charlene Harvey; **Patrons:** Georgia Heid & Mary Belle O'Brien, George & Holly Elwell, Sarah Folsom & Paul Lesniak, Jane & Don Slack; **Friends:** Larry Baskin & Kathlynn Capdeville, Katie Beacock, Ronnie & Larry Ehrlich, Earlene Folsom, Jim & Jane Gillam, Sandra & Rob Guidi, Tom Lambert, Nancy McCarthy, Don & Leslie Melendy, Jim & Suzanne Ritchie, Douglas Schmidt & Stephen Martin, Judy Stemen & Chris Fitting, Peter Wilson & Mary Ann Cobb; **Members:** Tamae & Val Agnoli, Nancy Alfsen, Len & Judy Chapman, Al Engel, Shirley Ertola, Joe & Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Ann Hellman, Tony Hodge, Tommie Jarvis & Charles Lenhoff, Harriet Kossman, Joan Lamphier, Pat Lee, Carol & Ed Leslie, Kevin Lorne, Richard & Molly Lowry, Stephanie MacColl, Morey & Susie Nelsen, Stuart & Lee Pollak, Dexter & Brenda Roberts, Angela Rubin, Jamie & Roscoe Sutton, Sergio & Susy Vergara, Jeff & Ann Walsh, Barbara Ward, Marcus & Catherine White, Peggy Woodring.