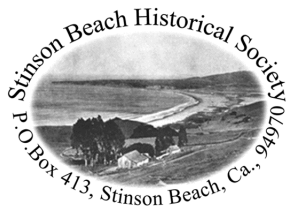


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### *Spring Event Film Screening*

The SBHS is pleased to be a co-sponsor with the Friends of Bolinas-Stinson Beach Library of a screening of the beautiful and thought-provoking film *Rebels with a Cause* at the Stinson Beach Community Center on Saturday, March 29, at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 pm with refreshments provided. As an added bonus some of the original “rebels,” including Gary Giacomini and Huey Johnson, have agreed to attend. Admission is free, but donations are welcome, as are new memberships to our respective organizations.

Produced and directed by Bay Area filmmakers Kenji Yamamoto and Nancy Kelly, and narrated by Frances McDormand, their film honors the individuals who were instrumental in saving our local landscape from rampant development, and in its stead preserving our open spaces for public use and enjoyment. Thanks to the efforts of many determined individuals, plus countless volunteers and grassroots organizations, we now have an 80-mile long park that includes the Point Reyes National Seashore and the GGNRA, with a mandate to protect open space, recreation, agriculture and wildlife. Best of all for our town, we remain a secure oasis within the fabric of this historic park system.

This event will include the announcement of the 2014 SBHS Board Officers. They are: President, Mark White; Vice President, Georgia Heid; Treasurer, Phyllis Fitzpatrick; Secretary, Barrie Stebbings.

Any SBHS member who objects or would like to place another name in nomination may do so by contacting SBHS prior to March 16 via mail (POB 417, SB 94970) or email (stinsonbeachhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

### *Archival Committee News*

As the Community Center Board moves forward with the creation of a Stinson Beach Memorial Garden at the Community Center, an exhibit of the many “Faces of Stinson Beach” is on display in the Historical Corner of the Stinson Library. The portraits range from some of the historical images we have in our archives to a collection of photographs taken by Proctor Jones in the 1980s.

Proctor Jones was a 45-year long resident of Stinson Beach. During that time he was active as a lawyer, photographer, and diplomat (honorary consul general to Tunisia). Despite being a contentious figure, he was elected president of the Stinson Beach Water District in 1970 and later served 3 terms on the SBCWD Board. We hope a visit to the exhibit will evoke some pleasant memories for you.

The Archival Committee has been diligently working on assembling our “map” collection. Our website, [stinson-beachhistoricalsociety.org](http://stinson-beachhistoricalsociety.org), is finally taking shape online. We expect a few more incarnations before it is complete showcasing our Collections.

### 2012 Financial Report

Income:		Expenses:	
Memberships	\$2,025	Holiday Lunch	\$2,747
Donations	1,745	Spring Event	156
Spring Event	401	Digitization	584
Spring Raffle	470	WW Printing	656
Holiday Lunch	2,550	Donations/Gifts	1,450
Winter Raffle	1,185	Raffle Prizes	200
Sales	884	Bingo Prizes	235
Memorials	<u>1,100</u>	Dues to Org	410
		Postage	477
Income Total	\$10,360	2012 Sales Tax	21
		Tax/Insurance	1,550
		Bank Fee	<u>10</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,856</b>	Expense Total	\$8,504

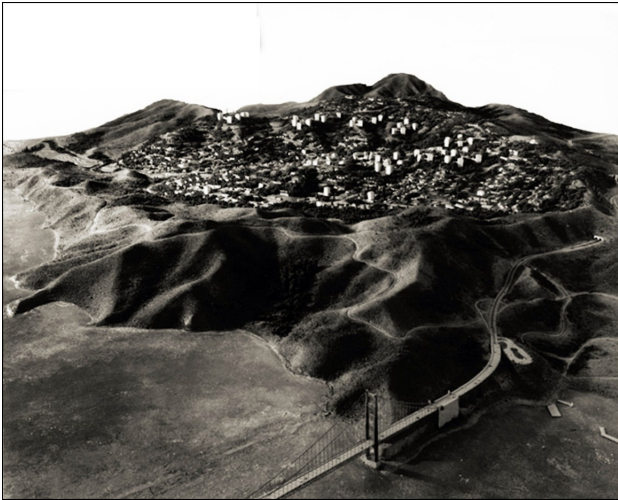
### 2013 Historical Society Members

**Patrons:** Georgia Heid & Mary Belle O'Brien, Michael McCone & Charlene Harvey, Jane & Don Slack; **Friends:** Katie Beacock, Barbara Boucke, Mary Ann Cobb & Peter Wilson, Larry & Hannah Crutcher, Earlene Folsom, Sarah Folsom & Paul Lesniak, Teri Fruchtman, Jim & Jane Gillam, John & Kathleen Hyland, Charles & Mimi Lowrey, Douglas Schmidt & Steve Martin, Judy Stemen & Chris Fitting; **Members:** Tamae & Val Agnoli, Nancy Alfsen, Michael Bernsohn, Carroll & Eli Botvinick, Len & Judy Chapman, Marty Cline & Karen Mercola, Albert Engel, Shirley Ertola, Joe & Phyllis Fitzpatrick, George Flynn, Rob & Sandra Guidi, Stephanie Hextrum, Tommye Jarvis & Charles Lenhoff, Roger Kovach, Stephanie MacColl, Loretta & Ken Mayers, Dennis Mayfield, James Mendell, Shirley Moyce, Morey & Susie Nelsen, Phil & Madelyn O'Brien, Beth Perry, Glenda Queen & Jim Ellis, Anne & Kendrick Rand, Angela Rubin, Sergio & Susy Vergara, Jeff & Ann Walsh, Celeste & John Washington, Marcus & Catherine Azile White.

**Windows into the Past: Looking into the Failed Development Projects**

After World War II and until 1960s, the key word of local government was **Growth**. Here we look at few of the grandiose development projects in our backyard which failed thanks to hard-working conservation-minded people.

**The 2000-acres Marincello Development** in Marin Headlands above the Tennessee Valley was approved by Marin County Supervisors in November of 1965. The development, as conceived, would house up to 30,000 people in 50 apartment towers, as well as hundreds of homes and townhouses, with a mall and a grand hotel at the highest point of the Marin Headlands. (See below )

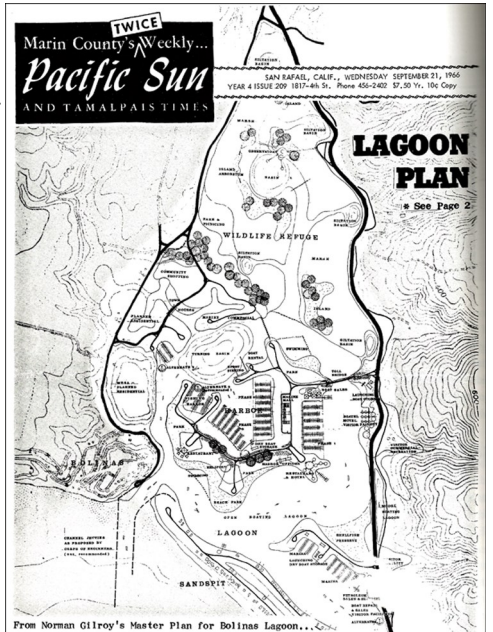


**The Freeway Project** was started in 1958 promising to turn the rural Highway 1 into a freeway. In order to connect Stinson Beach to Muir Beach to Highway 101, it proposed cutting ridges into Mt. Tamalpais, and filling in valleys and the shoreline. To the north, the freeway was to continue up the coastline through Sonoma County.



**1961 Bolinas /Stinson Beach Master Plan**, as adopted by the Marin Supervisors, called for a freeway along the lagoon, a parkway along the ridge, 2- and 5-acre Ranchette home sites on the steep hillside along the Bolinas lagoon, and envisioned a population increase of 22,000. The 2-mile portion, 1800 acres, of the hillside along the lagoon was owned by George Leonard who started buying up available land and the water right surrounding Stinson Beach starting 1957.

**Bolinas Harbor District** obtained a 10-year lease of the 1200-acre lagoon from the State Land Commission in 1959 with plans to dredge a harbor and build a marina. Included was a proposal to create a wildlife refuge on a raised Kent Island, land which they did



not own but thought to gain through a condemnation procedure. In the maneuver known as "The Kent Island Coup," owner Anne Kent sold the island to Audubon Canyon Ranch and the Nature Conservancy who, in turn, donated it to County Wild Life Park. Dissolution of the Harbor District was voted in March 1969.

In all 3 projects our savior was the Audubon Society who purchased some and leased more of the land bordering northern end of the lagoon and provided knowledge and experts to fight and to stop these developments.

**A Bolinas Stinson Beach Sewage Collection and Treatment System** was required by SF Regional Water Quality Control Board in anticipation of 22,000 more people under 1961 Master Plan, as described above, and the SBCWD was created in 1962 in response. Ten sewage studies were made in between 1965 to 1974 and rejected. The final bond election for the plan, which called for the sewage from both towns to be pumped up to the White Gate Ranch site on Panoramic Highway where it would be treated, was ultimately defeated in 1974.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

A. I want to join / renew my membership in the SB Historical Society at the following level\*:

- Individual \$25   
  Family \$30   
  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 \$50); **Special Benefactor**: all above + a special gift from the Historical Society.

B. I would like to make a special donation to the SBHS. Please call me \_\_\_\_\_

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