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Fall 2023

The Livermore Vista Point is part of Old St. Hilary's Preserve and supports unique plants like the endangered Tiburon Jewelflower (*Streptanthus niger*). Photo by Colleen Proppe.

**Life Aboard the Hoo Hoo
Architect Warren Callister
Early Schools in Tiburon & Belvedere**

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October is Old St. Hilary's Month**

President's Corner

It's great to welcome a growing number of visitors to our historic sites. Our docents are at our locations through the month of October ready to present our local history. Our archives are busy with research and donations of historical artifacts under the supervision of Archivist Jennifer Hartung. We have a full schedule of concerts at Old St. Hilary's coordinated by Dave Gotz, Tiburon Town Historian and former Landmarks Archivist. This Fall, third-grade students from local schools will be coming to our sites to experience the rich history of Tiburon and Belvedere.

Congratulations to Jack Fiorito, longtime Landmarks Board Member and 'Captain Jack' of the China Cabin. He has entranced visitors with stories and the history of China Cabin for over thirty years. He is retiring as the China Cabin head docent this fall.

The Landmarks office in the Boardwalk has local residents walking in to volunteer, donate photos, recount history and learn about Tiburon. The next time you are at the Boardwalk, stop by and say "hello".

Patty Flax, our Executive Director, has been seeing to the many maintenance needs of our sites. The Art & Garden Center bunkhouse building had a new porch installed, which adds to its beauty and safety. Working with the Tiburon Fire Department, she oversaw the implementation of their fire safety recommendations. This included improved ventilation and removal of foliage surrounding the chapel to form a buffer.

For China Cabin, the repairs to the doors and walls are taking place this month and will preserve this social lounge and keep it weather safe. This includes refreshing the exterior varnished wood (brightwork). We are working with the Town of Tiburon on remedying roof leaks at the Railroad &

Ferry Depot Museum that showed up during last winter's heavy rains.

The Landmarks matching grant campaign for 2023 has started. With a generous seed match of \$40,000, every dollar raised will be matched up to that amount. The 2022 campaign was very



successful and provided funds for repairs and upgrades to our historic buildings. We look forward to this year's campaign growing even larger.

We have a growing number of events at

our sites, which generate critical funding for Landmarks. Paige Petrini runs event scheduling and operations and she has filled the calendar for this year with over forty events with several more on the books for 2024 and even 2025.

Landmarks is working on board development. We are looking to add expertise in insurance, finance and property maintenance. Our Board meets every other month starting in January. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Landmarks office at 415-435-1853.

As always, we welcome new volunteers. If you would like to be a docent at one of our sites, help in the archives or the office, please contact us at 415-435-1853.

Sincerely,

Phil Cassou

Director's Message

Patty Flax



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Shining Up the Cabin

We recently refinished the brightwork and are beginning to paint the exterior of the China Cabin. In October, six new doors will be installed so that the China Cabin will be in tip-top ship-shape for the winter.

Thanks to the Belvedere Community Foundation and so many of our members for contributing to this important project.



A CONCERT TO BENEFIT LANDMARKS

Join us Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 pm. for The Stinson Family Band at Old St. Hilary's.

These talented local musicians land somewhere in the mix of folk, bluegrass, country and blues with more of an emphasis on the first two.

Tickets are on sale at \$20 for youth/senior tickets and \$25 for regular tickets.

Call the office (415) 435-1853 to get yours before we sell out.



Become a Docent for Landmarks

We are fortunate to have an amazing team of docents at Landmarks. They share our beautiful historic buildings with the public and make history come alive for residents and visitors alike. Docents typically work once a month for three hours or more often if you'd prefer. If you are interested in joining the docent team, please call our offices at 415 435 1853. Openings are available weekdays and weekends.

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Old St. Hilary's



China Cabin

Open Season April - October
Railroad & Ferry Depot
Wednesdays & Weekends 1-4 pm

Old St. Hilary's Sundays 1-4 pm
China Cabin Weekends 1-4 pm
Art & Garden Center
May - October, Sundays 11 am-3 pm

by Walt Johnson

The years from 1890 to 1920 saw Belvedere Cove populated by a large fleet of houseboats. Many of these so-called “arks” served as summer homes and weekend retreats for San Franciscans, for whom Tiburon was only a short ferryboat ride away.

In 1907 my family joined this floating community. In February my grandfather George Harvey, his brother Mel, and their sister Luella’s fiancé Herman Birth all joined the Corinthian Yacht Club, the only such organization on the peninsula at that time. By July Herman was hosting family and friends on his ark and the brothers had acquired a gasoline-powered launch.

Herman worked at his father’s planing mill in San Francisco and the ark was named *Hoo-Hoo*, a 19th-century nickname for a lumberman. The brothers named their launch *Emanon* (“No Name” spelled backwards).

Hoo-Hoo was approximately 45 feet long and 25 feet wide, with a one-story residential section built atop a scow-shaped hull. The living quarters contained a large parlor, skylit galley and dining area, bedrooms, and a water closet. A roofed veranda extended from the hull on all four sides. *Hoo-Hoo* can be identified in photographs by her four flagstaves, skylight, and unique lattice railings.

George, who worked for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, was an aficionado of several popular hobbies of the day. One of these was amateur photography, and dozens of his photographs of life on the ark and around the cove and lagoon are preserved in family photo albums and post cards. These include several rarely documented scenes of the casual and carefree life enjoyed by the “Arkites.”

During summers *Hoo-Hoo* was anchored in Belvedere Cove, near where the San Francisco Yacht Club breakwater is now located. As protection from winter storms, each October the ark would be moved into Belvedere Lagoon and moored along the shore at the foot of Red Hill near the Hilarita dairy (about where the Lagoon Road Tennis Courts now are located).

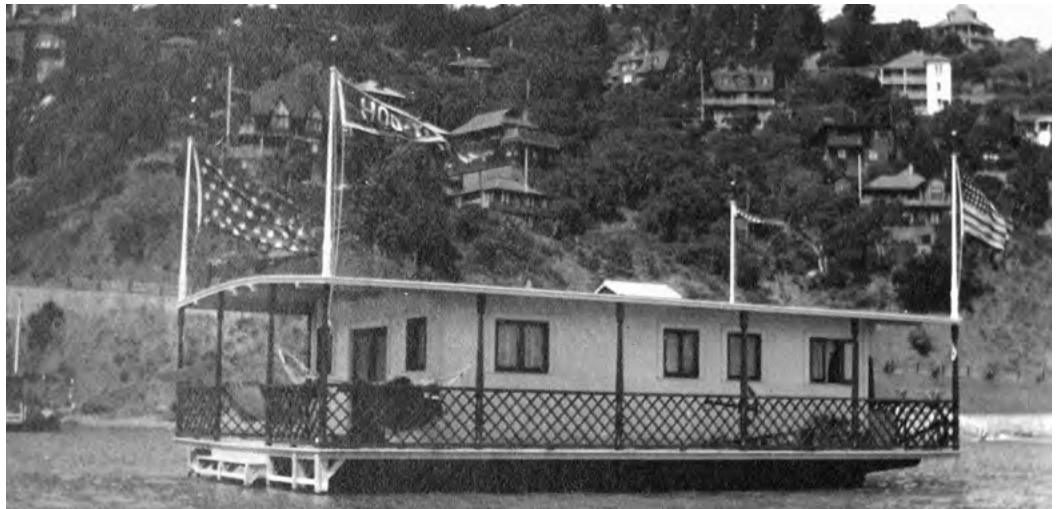
Days on the ark were spent in fishing, swimming, rowing, cruising in *Emanon*, posing for silly pictures, or just relaxing on rocking chairs and hammocks while listening to phonograph records.

SNAPSHOTS OF LIFE ON A BELVEDERE ARK

My grandparents, my great uncle, and my two great aunts all courted on *Hoo-Hoo*.

By 1915 the ark’s owners and all their friends had married and their lives were moving off in different directions. In 1917 Herman sold the ark to farmer Didrik Pedersen of Novato, who moved it to Black Point. Harboring fond memories of the time they had spent aboard *Hoo-Hoo*, both Herman and Luella and my grandparents made a point of visiting the ark in the 1920s and ’30s.

“During the succeeding decades *Hoo-Hoo* was lost to our family’s memory. Then, in 2017, Jenny Montañez, an occupant of one of the several arks at



Hoo-Hoo at her usual spot in Belvedere Cove with Belvedere Island visible in the background. Photographed about 1907, the flags include a private name signal and a jack with 45 stars (used from 1896 to 1908).



A relaxed afternoon aboard *Hoo-Hoo* about 1907. In the hammock are owners Luella and Herman Birth, my grandparents Josie and George Harvey (Luella’s brother), and Betty Harvey (George and Luella’s aunt). Family friend Louis Nordhausen leans on the railing at the rear. Both couples would be married about five years later.



Emanon tied up alongside *Hoo-Hoo* about 1907. Herman stands behind George in *Emanon* while Louis holds a salmon they have just caught in Raccoon Strait. Luella stands outside the galley door.



Emanon alongside *Hoo-Hoo* about 1910. Seated in the stern are Luella, Herman's sister Etta, and Mel's wife Libbie, while family friend May Nordhausen, Mel, and Betty are by the cabin. George and Josie stand by the galley door, near towels drying on the railing.



A light moment aboard *Hoo-Hoo* about 1912. My grandparents, who would soon be married, are playing, while Josie's young nephew Maurice Eliaser, Jr., looks on. A fishing net is draped over the railing and the bare hills of Tiburon are visible in the background.



Black Point, posted a Facebook query seeking information about her residence. An exchange of photographs quickly established that it was *Hoo-Hoo*, and with Jenny's assistance, our family has now been reconnected with the old ark."

Hoo-Hoo now sits on the shore of the Petaluma River, just above the high-tide line. The ark, which retains most of its original structure and even some of its internal finishes, still rests on the barge on which it floated so peacefully in Belvedere Cove over a century ago.

Hoo-Hoo ashore at Black Point in 2017, with blocks supporting the hull (hidden by the vertical fence slats). Largely unmodified, the rear deck has been enclosed and some of the windows and doors have been replaced. [Photo: Jenny Montañez]

Architect Warren Callister: *Passionate Idealist*

By Susan Cluff

For almost 50 years, famed architect Charles Warren Callister (1914-2008), lived and worked in Belvedere and Tiburon, completing more than 400 buildings during his long and storied career. Almost anywhere you go on the Tiburon Peninsula you can see his homes, apartments, churches and shopping complexes -- which don't shout "look at me!" as so many modern buildings do -- but are perfectly set in their surroundings, made of simple, natural materials, and carefully and thoughtfully designed.

"People have accused me of being eclectic," said Callister in a rare *Ark* interview in 1977. "But why not? ... You always have context, you can't escape it!" His fervent ideas about being

attentive to people not just places, taking cues from nature, practicing simplicity and constraint, using utilitarian products and modern techniques pretty much defined the "Bay Area Region Style" for California mid-century design. "You have to find the architecture," he would often say. "You don't come to it preconceived."

Born in Rochester, NY, Callister lived and studied architecture in Texas before serving as a pilot in World War II. Arriving in San Francisco in 1945, he opened a practice with classmate Jack Hillmer -- a time when California's population was booming and new suburbs popping up on every bay and hillside. Somehow, he met Harry

and David Allen of the Belvedere Land Company who told him of their plans to develop a new lagoon neighborhood out of a swampy marsh and build home sites on a steep rocky island with water views. To encourage him to move across the Bay, the Allens offered Callister a rent-free office on Beach Road. It was a symbiotic relationship that lasted decades.

Callister's first project in Belvedere was a new Christian Science church to replace a converted

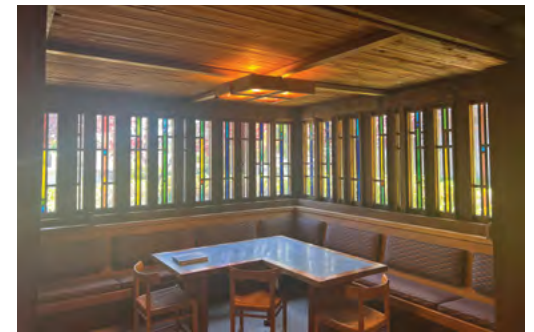
log cabin the congregation had outgrown. The story goes that he arrived in a sputtering Studebaker and borrowed suit and was so nervous, he dropped his sketches. The site was awkward, small, sloped, kite-shaped, across from a community center and fire station and planned park. Inspired by the water environment of Belvedere, Callister designed a simple, stunning concrete and wood building to look like "the bold prow of a sailing ship" with a thin steeple like a mast, using redwood and stained glass for "warmth and cheer" and soft

landscaping that inspired contemplation. In 1952, *Architectural Forum* named it one of the six best contemporary ecclesiastical designs in the country. Soon Callister, working alongside partners



Right: Charles Warren Callister about 1977. (Courtesy, Ark newspaper)

Below: First Church of Christ Scientist in Belvedere is "architectural jewel," with bold concrete piers, warm timbered ceilings and patterned walls of redwood and leaded glass panels creating a magical effect of serenity. Church members thought it quite perfect -- to attempt any change, reads a church report, would be like damaging a great painting or taking liberties with Beethoven. (Jeanne Price)



The bright and cheerful church preschool area downstairs features more colorful stained glass by the Harold Cummings Studio in San Francisco. Callister designed the structures, much of the furniture and supervised the landscaping.



The “Red Barn,” a former Northwestern Pacific Railroad records building that Callister turned into a flexible open office space and one bedroom apartment so he could work and live in it. (Courtesy, Compass Real Estate)

Looking back over Callister’s project papers held at UC Berkeley, it’s remarkable how many notable architects worked for or collaborated with him during their careers. “He was interested in directing the feeling, or orchestrating the group, and getting everyone’s point of view,” former partner Jeff Bischoff told the *Chronicle*. “(It was) more like a creative studio than a business.” Former associates

still tell stories about Friday afternoon parties where everyone gathered outside with French bread, cheese, and a “huge pot of sangria” to talk about art, design, philosophy and life.

Among Callister’s many local projects are dozens of private residences and apartments, Bel Aire School (1958), the Cove apartments (1962), Tiburon Baptist Church (1963), Del Mar School (1964), Granada Elementary (1967), Barn Road apartments (1969), Ark Road apartments (1969), and Farley Place (1989). Elsewhere, some of his more recognized designs include Christian Science Church of Mill Valley (1955), University of Santa Cruz Field House (1955) and Mills College Chapel (1958) in Oakland.

While photographs, sketches and plans tell us something of Callister’s work, they are no substitute for seeing the buildings themselves.



Del Mar School shown here in 1966, looks almost the same today. Opened as a temporary 1-4 grade school in 1961, it became an “intermediate school” for 7th and 8th graders in 1963, and welcomed sixth graders in 1985.

Sadly, many have now been altered beyond recognition, while others are being sold or demolished. Yet there’s a reason that mid-century modern design is once again popular -- it’s an essential part of our Northern California identity and landscape. In telling stories of this golden age of modern architecture in NorCal Mod, architect and author Pierluigi Sarraino urges us to preserve and protect more of these remarkable historic buildings so “their legacy can be part of our past, nourish our present and drive our future.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, Callister never retired from architecture and was still working on new projects when he died at the age of 91. “The whole doing was so enjoyable,” he told an interviewer in 2004. “There’s not a thing I would change.”

With contributions from Jim Allen, Sherry Caplan, Allen Hess, and John Sheehy.



Farley Place was Belvedere’s answer to how to build affordable housing here with 11 senior and disabled affordable apartments. Despite a rock-bottom budget, Callister infused color, pattern and interest into the design with terracotta walls, a decorative frieze, San Francisco-style bay windows and white roof trellises.



These Beach Road apartments built on pilings, with water on five sides and reached by gang planks, are one of the serene marine views seen from Callister’s driftwood-colored Ark apartments across the road. Both projects incorporate features reminiscent of the floating arks that once filled the Bay. (Phil Molten Collection)

John Payne and Martin Rosse, was designing residences, schools, and retail complexes, racking up accolades and awards and getting features in *Architectural Record*, *Architectural Home* and *House & Home* magazine. By the mid-1960s, his firm was operating out of an old railroad shed in Tiburon and employed 50 architects. Always observing, learning, teaching, Callister focused on community planning, using examples of small European villages where homes were clustered, age groups, family sizes and activities mixed, and open and shared spaces fostered community. He incorporated many of these ideas designing Reedlands (1963), the retirement community of Rossmore in Oakland (1964), Heritage Village in Connecticut (1966), and Sea Pines near Hilton Head (1967).

The Early Schools of Tiburon and Belvedere

by Jennifer Hartung

The first school on the Tiburon Peninsula opened almost 150 years ago in 1874 with 31 students – 20 girls and 11 boys. It was a house donated by John Joseph Reed, son of land grantee John Thomas Reed and a trustee of the school. Later Reed built a one-room schoolhouse on his property close to where the train trestle was erected for the railroad in 1884. Reed School, as it was known, operated from 1874 to 1921, primarily for children of the dairy workers.

As Tiburon and Belvedere grew, more schools were needed. In 1889, Tiburon School was established close to town near the railroad's machine shops on property belonging to Hilarita Reed Lyford. In 1892, Belvedere residents formed the Belvedere Educational Association and a three-room structure was built by Belvedere Land Company for use as a school and assembly hall. This school is believed to have been on San Rafael Avenue. (Unfortunately, the Landmarks Archives

Miriam Bradley Grbac (1899-1995) taught at the old Reed School near Belveron in 1920 before moving to Tiburon School in 1922. "There were about eight or nine children. All eight grades.... It was a one-room school house with a potbelly stove where we kept warm. We had to carry water in. The boys would... get a bucketful from the spring at the cow trough at what is now the intersection of Trestle Glen and Tiburon Boulevard... There was a Miss Reading before me and before her, a Miss Hauss. We taught reading, writing and arithmetic." - Oral history, "Both Sides of the Track," 1985.

does not have images of these early schools.)

A few years later, *Sausalito News* reported "The people of Tiburon are badly in need of a new public school house, the present one is very small and is situated in a very undesirable location. At present school children are compelled to cross several railroad tracks, going to and from school, their lives thereby being endangered by coming in contact with moving trains. We hope this evil will be remedied by the School Board of this district."



The imposing two-story Tiburon School circa 1920 with the lagoon and Mt. Tamalpais in the background. The County Road (now San Rafael Avenue) was called "the spit" because it was no more than a dirt causeway separating the lagoon from Richardson's Bay at high tide.



The first Reed School about 1910, located close to where Jefferson Avenue is today. Notice the train trestle in the background.

The issue was resolved in 1895 when Tiburon students were invited to join the Belvedere school. In 1897, *Sausalito News* noted there were about 70 pupils attending classes in "a large commodious school building in Belvedere." But by 1900, both towns were once again making plans for



Class picture from the first Belvedere School in 1897. The adult in the photo is likely Florence Boynton, the longtime teacher who commuted each day from San Francisco via the ferry. We believe this school was located about where the home at 403 San Rafael Avenue stands today.

new schools. In 1901 a new Tiburon School was constructed on Esperanza just below St. Hilary's Church, and in 1904 a new Belvedere School was completed on Bayview. In 1908, the Marin County School Census reported a total of 250 students on the peninsula with 33 students at Reed School, 114 students at Tiburon School, and 103 students at Belvedere School.

Following the closure of Reed School in 1921, the schools in Tiburon and Belvedere continued to grow and evolve. Tiburon School was rebuilt in 1925 and again in 1955-56, eventually closing in 1973. The 1955 Tiburon School building was redeveloped into the Bradley House senior apartment community. Belvedere School was rebuilt in 1940 and, after closing in 1978, became a four-unit condominium complex in the 1990s.

Today, Reed School Union District educates over 1,100 students across three schools. A far cry from the small one room schoolhouse where it all started!



The students and faculty in front of Tiburon School in 1906. Miss Leeds was principle and teacher of grades 5-8, while Miss Dearing taught grades 1-4.



The first Tiburon School was replaced with this stucco Spanish Colonial building in 1925.



The third Tiburon School built in 1955 was used until 1973. The building was redeveloped into the Bradley House senior apartment community. The community was named for longtime teacher and Tiburon native, Miriam Grbac Bradley.

SCHOOL TIMELINE:

1874-1921: Reed School located on John Joseph Reed's ranch (near Jefferson Street today)

1888: Tiburon School established "in a room forming part of a dwelling in the Lyford tract, near the machine shops" (from 1895 article in Sausalito News – Hillary Don)

1892: Belvedere School built by Belvedere Land Company

1895: Students of Tiburon School move to attend Belvedere School

1901: New Tiburon School constructed below St. Hilary's Church

1904: New Belvedere School constructed/finished on Bayview Avenue (per H.D., plans approved Oct. 1900, occupied in 1904)

1925: Tiburon School rebuilt (slightly downslope from the 1901 school).

1939/40: Belvedere School torn down and rebuilt

1955/56: Tiburon School torn down and rebuilt for second time

1973: Tiburon School closes

1978: Belvedere School closes



Plans for the second Belvedere School were started as early as 1900 but the building wasn't completed and occupied until 1904.



The third Belvedere School, seen here in 1944, was surrounded by gardens designed by famed landscape architect Thomas Church. The school was closed in 1978 and redeveloped into condominiums.

Music at Old St. Hilary's



Fundraiser for Old St. Hilary's:

THE STINSON FAMILY BAND – October 29, 4 p.m.

The band is a Bay Area-based Americana music group that specializes in harmony-driven original and cover songs. The group has over 6 decades of combined experience performing in acapella, folk, Latin, bluegrass, funk, rock and country bands, all of which creep into their warm and earthy arrangements. **All proceeds from this concert are being donated to Landmarks for the preservation of OSH.

WILLIAM FEASLEY

November 19, 4 p.m.

Classical guitarist William Feasley will present his unique program entitled *Diferencias* including music from the 16th century Spanish court through the Bach Chaconne.



MUSAE – December 10, 1 & 4 p.m.

Winter program.



NEW WEST GUITARS

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 4 p.m.

The guitar trio featuring Tiburon native Perry Smith, with John Storie and Will Brahm, return to OSH to perform exciting originals, jazz standards and popular covers.



MICHAEL MANRING, LARRY

KASSIN & JOHN R. BURR – March 24 2024, 4 p.m.

As individual players, Manring, Kassin and Burr have all carved out extensive, multi-faceted careers exploring a vast array of musical styles. Together they create intriguingly uncategorizable music that blithely ignores stylistic divisions hemming in jazz, rock, folk, avant-garde, and world music.



MATTHEW MONFORT & SHENSHEN ZHANG

April 21, 2024, 4 p.m.

Ancient Future leader, guitarist Matthew Montfort and Chinese pipa master Shenshen Zhang present Chinese classical music and contemporary compositions.



Did you know?

October is Old St. Hilary's Month

On October 21, 1888, bells rang over the new town of Tiburon and the very first church service was held in the little white chapel now known as Old St. Hilary's. Built for the families of railroad workers and dairy ranchers, the building was designated a historic landmark in 1955, registered by the California Department of Parks & Recreation as a point of historical interest (Marin- 001) in 1968, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2020. Renovation work to repair and paint Old St. Hilary's will start in late fall. To donate to the Old St. Hilary's campaign, please contact Landmarks office or go to www.landmarks.com.

Archives Donations April-Sept 2023

Peter Pike – Watercolor painting by Belvedere artist Miss Elizabeth Sullivan (1873-1958).

Susan Cluff – Map (reproduction) of "Port de San Francisco" c1844 by Eugene Dufлот de Mofras and book "Travels on the Pacific Coast: A report From California, Oregon, and Alaska in 1841" by Eugene Dufлот de Mofras.

Howard Lazar – Photographs of local artist Olive Fetherstonhaugh (1896-1986) from the 1950s and 1960s.

Bel Aire School – Two boxes containing photographs, news

clippings, yearbooks and other items pertaining to the history of Reed Union School District and Bel Aire School.

Robert Lockyer – Two photographs of the ferryboat "Marin" aground in Sausalito in 1977.

Woody Von Lackum – "Barrett" railroad jack.

The Ark – 47 original Jack Keeler cartoons.

Ken and Carol Jesmore – Two vintage framed pictures, one pettippoint purse and two porcelain doll heads for the Depot House Museum.

OLD ST. HILARY'S



I lay in the field.
I looked straight up.
The sky poured down
as out of a cup.

The dried tanned oats
Swayed wildly about,
Played against the wind
Unkindly death to flout.

I peered through the stalks,
An ant at its prey.
On this hill stood a church
Aloft on the bay.

As I walked on up
I saw a narrow white church
built of simple folk wood.
And its sharp gable rose
To a cross topped hood.

Then I saw the windows
or rather just the holes
and knew that time and boys
held little truce with souls.

When I looked over
The moss-covered step
cement not withstanding
A springlet had crept.

Spread out beneath me
an ocean of oats
Dotted with flowers
Like the bay sailboats.

When I awoke hot sun shone.
Treeless, I shivered
Seared clean to my bone.

As I walked on down
The old church sank from view.
Oh! I missed my lover.
Church and I this day did rue.

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Thank You!

Piper Berger for her expertise and the generous gift of her time in the archives.

Peter Brooks and Brooks Tree Care for continued tree work at the Art & Garden Center.

Susan Cluff and Walt Johnson for their excellent contributions to this newsletter.

Dave Gotz for continuing to create a vibrant concert series at Old St. Hilary's.

Thank you to **Colleen Proppe** for the magnificent cover photo of the Jewelflower and Old St. Hilary's.

Dee Wagner Catering for her off the charts cuisine and contributions to our Spring Social.

Landmarks Members' Spring Social

On a beautiful Thursday evening in April Landmarks Members gathered at the Art & Garden Center for a garden social. The gardens were resplendent thanks to the hours of volunteer time spent in them by Peggy Hodge and Suzanne White. A delightful time was had by all and everyone left with posies from the garden. We look forward to next spring's event.



Join the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society

Please join us as a member of the Landmarks Society. Your membership directly supports the preservation of our historic sites and archives and helps to make Tiburon and Belvedere's history a meaningful part of everyday life in our community. You can support Landmarks by making a tax-deductible gift today.



A Pictorial History of Belvedere 1890-1990

BENEFACTOR **\$5,000**

Special Benefits: A private event at Old St. Hilary's, China Cabin or the Art & Garden Center for three hours. A historic print of your choosing from the archives. Four tickets to a future concert of your choice at Old St. Hilary's.

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Special Benefits: A copy of *A Pictorial History of Belvedere 1890-1990*.

FRIEND **\$60**

Celebrating sixty-three years of Landmarks.

All members are invited to our annual Spring Social and receive our newsletter twice a year. Visit the Landmarks' office to pick up your book or tickets to a future concert.



Junior master gardeners in the making – summer 2023.

Ranch Camp at Landmarks

We had four fun-filled weeks of summer camp at the Art & Garden Center organized by the excellent Ranch staff and enjoyed by Tiburon and Belvedere campers. The gardens are better for the children's play, learning and laughter. Thank you to the staff of The Ranch Summer Camp who took great care of the gardens and historic cottage and had a wonderful time with the campers. See you next year!

Swallowtail Flags from Pacific Mail Steamship Company

The swallowtail flag of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. identified the fleet's ships that carried the bulk of trans-Pacific mail, shipping, merchandise, and Chinese workers to California during the 1860s and 1870s. Today, all that's left of this once great paddle-wheel steamer fleet is the first-class cabin saloon of the "S.S.



China," built in 1866 for the San Francisco, Yokohama and Shanghai route. The "China Cabin" on Beach Road, now a National Maritime Monument, was preserved and restored to its former splendor by Landmarks in 1986.

Did you know?

Train Rail Jacks Did the Heavy Lifting

In the early days of railroading, a heavy cast iron train jack like this one was used to lift the train rails to carry out essential maintenance and repair work. Crews had to lift up railroad ties called sleepers to pack in more track ballast (crushed stone, gravel, cinders, sand) between, below, and around the ties to keep the tracks from sinking under heavy loads of locomotives, passenger and freight cars. See this and many other fascinating railroad and ferry artifacts at the Tiburon Railroad & Ferry Depot museum.



A Celebration of Captain Jack

On a lovely evening in September fans and admirers of Jack Fiorito, aka Captain Jack, gathered at the China Cabin to celebrate 30 years of long and distinguished service to Landmarks and our community. We thanked Jack for his countless volunteer hours, for inspiring visitors of all ages with the history of China Cabin, and for being a role model for those of us fortunate to know him. While he is retiring, we look forward to seeing him in the Landmarks office and about town on a daily basis as a day that includes a Jack sighting is always a better day.

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Howell Wells (April 2023)

Joyce was a regular docent at the China Cabin and volunteer with Landmarks. Former China Cabin head docent Jack Fiorito recalls that Joyce felt it her duty to be a docent and to share the local history of her beloved Belvedere where she lived for 68 years. She particularly enjoyed busy days at the China Cabin when there were lots of visitors.



See Tiburon Tommie's Memorabilia in Napa

Remember Mai Tais and zombies? "Tiburon Tommie's" memorabilia including plaster tikis, platters and menus from Landmarks Archives collection

are now on view at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville through December 31. Called "Tiki Dreams: From Far Away Fantasy to Pop Culture Phenomenon", the exhibit explores

how the Polynesian lounge craze in the Bay Area inspired a global art and design movement. Tiburon Tommie's Tiki Lounge and Chinese restaurant opened here on the waterfront on Main Street in 1958 and closed in 1995. nvmuseumyountville.org



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Around the turn of the century Belvedere Cove was filled with arks like the *Hoo-Hoo* - here on a calm day about 1910. Members of the Birth, Harvey, and Nordhausen families are seated at the swimming steps at the front of the ark. The Belvedere Hotel, current site of the San Francisco Yacht Club, is in the distance on the left, while Beach Road and the empty hills of Tiburon are on the right.



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