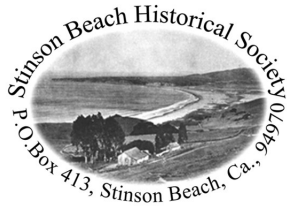


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Bountiful Spring Event

Spring has treated us to a lot of beautiful weather and gusty winds, and the Historical Society hopes to add to this bountiful mix with an insightful evening event on Friday, May 17, which will include two exciting presentations by ethno-historian David Conrad, desserts catered by KT's Kitchen, wine at \$5/glass, and a raffle (details on back).

A Stinson Beach resident since 1967, David is a prize-winning author, Emeritus Professor of History, SUNY Oswego, and has made over 25 trips to Africa since 1991. Specializing in oral tradition, indigenous belief systems, and early kingdoms of the Western Sudan, David regularly returns to his research villages in Guinea and Mali.

His first presentation of the evening will explore "Dancing with D'mba: The Celebration of Female Power, Grace and Mystery in Baga Culture." In Baga society D'mba (the largest mask in Africa) symbolizes the highest ideals of beauty, respect for community and family, proper behavior, and hope for many children. Internationally, it has become a symbol of black pride and identity, as well as emblematic of the relationship of African art to modern art. Its influence can be seen in the works of many modern artists, including Pablo Picasso. Dancing with D'mba is traditionally performed at weddings, funerals, harvest festivals, and at the beginning of the planting season.

David will close the evening with an overview of *Vodun*, the traditional religion that was transported across the Atlantic by West Africans during the slave trade and became popularly known as *Voodoo*. The presentation will introduce us to the slave-trading kingdom of Abomey, the female warriors of the kingdom of Danhome popularly known as "Amazons," and the practice of *Vodun* in the old

slave-trading town of Oudah. *Vodun* is a powerful mix of power, art and religion. Sound eerily familiar?

Please join us at our **Spring Meeting at the Community Center on May 17** and be amazed. Doors to the event will open at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

We will also be electing this year's officers and, as always, value your participation. This year's nominees are: Marcus White, President; Georgia Heid, VP; Barrie Stebbings, Secretary; Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Treasurer. Current members may put forward additional nominees or voice their objection by mail or email by May 10.

Board Activities

Our Oral History project has graduated to videography. We recently taped an interview with Andrea di Marco who gave us a personal perspective into the evolution of the Stinson Beach Water District. We hope to have a web site up and running later this year so everyone will have access to our extensive catalogue of photographs and interviews. Currently, we are accepting bids for a web developer.

As a part of our effort to generate interest from younger members of the community to become involved with our organization, the Board voted to make a modest donation to the Theater on the Lagoon, a youth-centered musical theater group founded by Molly Maguire of Bolinas. Our donation will fund a scholarship for one child to attend a two-week rehearsal camp in preparation for this summer's performances. The theme of year's program is historical characters of West Marin. We encourage everyone to attend a performance and, if possible, help support this worthy endeavor, which offers young people a chance to learn about local history and express themselves creatively.



D'mba Mask, symbol of Guinea National Pride

2013 Historical Society Members

Patrons: Dan & Teri Fruchtman, Georgia Heid & Mary Belle O'Brien, Jane & Don Slack; **Friends:** Barbara Boucke, Linda Devers & Liebe Wetzel, Ginny & Will Felch, Earlene Folsom, Sarah Folsom & Paul Lesniak, Pat Lee, Glenda Queen & Jim Ellis, Thomas & Susan Silk, Judy Stemen & Chris Fitting, Mary Turnbull, Marion Weber, Peter Wilson & Mary Ann Cobb; **Members:** Tamae & Val Agnoli, Nancy Alfsen, Donna Andrews & Terry Bryant, Len & Judy Chapman, Marty Cline, Annie Crotts, Mel & Pam DeWeerd, Albert Engel, Shirley Ertola, Tara Evans & Shane Boyce, Joe & Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Robin Grean, Rob & Sandra Guidi, Anne Hellman, Kevin Hicks & Susan Kelley, Tony & Edie Hodge, Tommye Jarivs & Charles Lenhoff, Lew & Lois Lancaster, Loretta & Ken Mayers, Andy Mendell, Harriet Moss, Shirley Moyce, Morey & Susie Nelsen, Phil O'Brien, Web & Ginny Otis, Annie & Kendrick Rand, Angela Rubin, Enid Stevens, Sergio & Susy Vergara, Barbara Ward, Marcus & Catherine Azile White, John Willhalm,

Windows Into the Past

SBHS digitizers recently uncovered 1950s silent movie footage of activities in our village, taken by Lester Sadler. Among the footage are Easter activities held inside the park. His movie shows an Easter Hat Contest and the children hunting for eggs in the willows. Whoever found the golden egg was the prizewinner. Included in the day's events were a Bubble Gum Blowing Contest and sporting events ranging from Foot Races, Bunny Hop (potato-sack) Races, 3-Legged Races and Baseball Games.



In the 1980s Ed McGillicutty, owner of Ed's Superette's (now Stinson Beach Market), began the present-day tradi-

tion of pictures with the Easter Bunny at the store after the Easter egg hunt.

Lester and his wife Mildred, Stinson Beach School teacher, were one of the most civic-minded couples in town and were instrumental in creating the community we enjoy today. SBHS Oral History Group would like to invite old-timers to view Lester's footage and help us identify other people and events in these movies. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can and we'll begin sleuthing together. You can leave a message at 868-0553.

2012 Financial Report			
Income:		Expenses:	
Memberships	\$1,840	Archives	\$ 173
Donations	2,364	Digitization	1,345
Garden Party	455	WW Printing	427
Cuisine	106	Donations/Gifts	789
Holiday Lunch	1,017	Dues to Org.	295
Raffles	955	Postage	234
Sales	<u>1,030</u>	2011 Sales Tax	36
		Tax/Insurance	<u>1,558</u>
Income Total	\$7,767	Expense Total	\$4,857
Net Income	\$2,910		

***** **Spring Raffle 2013** *****

Grand Prize is a Catered Luncheon for 2 prepared by KT's Kitchen (\$50 value)
 Additional prizes include Gift Certificates from Odyssey Video and The Lunchbox (\$25 value each)
 Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25 or 12 for \$50
 You do not have to be present to win

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ANNUAL MEETING / SPRING EVENT / RAFFLE

- A. I'd like to buy ____ Event Tickets @ \$5 (member); ____ Event Tickets @ \$10 (non-member) \$ _____
- B. I'd like to buy ____ Raffle Tickets @ \$5; ____ @ \$25; ____ @ \$50 \$ _____
- C. 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.

- D. I would like to make a special donation to the SBHS. Please call me _____
- E. Yes, I'd like to help the SBHS by volunteering my time. Please call me _____

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