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Friends and Neighbors
Stinson Beach, CA 94970

Greetings from SBHS President Mark White

As I finish my fifth year as President of the Stinson Beach Historical Society, I am more and more impressed with the dedication of our small but diligent group of volunteers. Tamae, Celeste, Phyllis, Barrie, Chris, David, Katie and Barbara Ward are the real reason things get done. Many thanks to them.

Our **Holiday Luncheon** this year will be on **Friday, December 6**, and we would be most pleased to have you join us again for a truly delectable turkey dinner prepared by KT's Kitchen. Doors will open at 11:30, at which time you will have the opportunity to sample some wonderful appetizers and Al's inimitable punch, while listening to the melodic sounds of Jon Francis and friends. Our honored guest this year is a member of our community who has played a significant role in a multitude of community endeavors. We are withholding our guest's name but we are certain it is someone you will know and recognize as a genuine asset to our town.

Our long-time friend Glenda Queen is donating an exquisite art piece as our raffle prize this year. We've had the fortune of being able to offer items of her work in previous years, much to the delight of the lucky winners, and we thank her for another generous donation again this year.

Also generously giving of their time this year was David Conrad, our resident historian on African traditions, who put together a fascinating presentation of village life and customs in the

IN MEMORIAM

*Gifts have received by
the Stinson Beach Historical Society
in memory of*

JAN DeBEERS
from Tamae Agnoli

EDITH LUNDA HODGE
from Pat Lee

ESTU SATO
from Georgia Heid & Mary Belle O'Brien

PAUL SINGER
from Val & Tamae Agnoli

early kingdoms of Western Sudan. The well-attended event was a testimonial to David's talent and expertise, and has increased the possibility other presentations by David in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 2013 Holiday Luncheon.

Website Update

We had hoped to bring you news of the launch of our website; instead we are only able at this time to offer you a glimpse of what you will be able to access when our website comes online. We retained the services of Kevin Pedersen of Tech-tonics to design the site for us, archivists are responsible for creating the content. This has turned out to be an unexpectedly long and time-consuming process for us as we have over 4800 images and other memorabilia in our collection. We are creating separate exhibits, A to Z, of images to give easier access to your particular interest. We will offer a few items for sale that currently include books, T-shirts, aprons, and photographs. The site will also display a calendar of upcoming events as well as previous meeting minutes. We hope you will find this informative and entertaining. You can keep abreast of our progress by visiting stinsonbeachhistoricalsociety.org.

Historical Corner at the Library

On July 7, a party was organized celebrating 100 years of the Charles Robinson Tract, which created the present Calle and Patio lots along Upton Beach. SBHS was fortunate to receive the map and documents created for this occasion by Toby Bisson, which are now being showcased in the historical corner of the Library. It should be remembered that all the historic subdivisions of this town were done by generations of the Stinson clan. In 1870, Point Reyes rancher, Nathan Stinson, a bachelor, and James Wallace Upton bought 1,720 acres east of the Lagoon. When Upton died in 1873, his widow Rose married Stinson and by the summer of 1880 they started Willow Camp. Rose's son, Archie Upton, established a tent city in 1905 in the area of Calle del Sierra and introduced plumbing and electricity. In 1906, he helped his father-in-law to set up Stinson Beach sub-division #1 on the hill and, in 1913, subdivision #2 in downtown. Later Archie subdivided 58 acres south of the sandspit and in doing so overextended himself. He named it the Charles Robinson Tract, in this father-in-law's name, to keep it out of creditors hands.

2013 Historical Society Members

Benefactors: Georgia Heid & Mary Belle O'Brien, Celeste Washington; **Patrons:** Dan & Teri Fruchtman, Jane & Don Slack; **Friends:** John & Frances Archibald, Barbara Boucke, Linda Devers & Liebe Wetzel, Mel & Pam DeWeerd, Will & Ginny Felch, Earlene Folsom, Sarah Folsom & Paul Lesniak, Charlotte Irvine, Tom Lambert, Pat Lee, Charles & Mimi Lowrey, McPhail Fuel Co., Glenda Queen & Jim Ellis, Douglas Schmidt & Stephen Martin, Thomas & Suzanne Silk, Judy Stemen & Chris Fitting, Mary Turnbull, Marion Weber, Peter Wilson & Mary Ann Cobb; **Members:** Tamae & Val Agnoli, Nancy Alfsen, Donna Andrews & Terry Bryant, Katie Beacock, Len & Judy Chapman, Sandy Cross & Chris Harrington, Annie Crotts, Kevin Donahue, Albert Engel, Shirley Ertola, Tara Evans & Shane Boyce, Joe & Phyllis Fitzpatrick, Jon & Sandra Francis, Robin Grean, Rob & Sandra Guidi, Anne Hellman, Kevin Hicks & Susan Kelley, Tony & Edie Hodge, Tommye Jarvis & Charles Lenhoff, Lew & Lois Lancaster, Orian London, Stephanie Maccoll, Loretta & Ken Mayers, Michael McCone & Charlotte Harvey, Andy Mendell, Harriet Moss, Shirley Moyce, Morey & Susie Nelsen, Phil O'Brien, Web & Ginny Otis, Nancy Overton, Beth Perry, Annie & Kendrick Rand, Angela Rubin, Norm & Eileen Staub, Enid Stevens, Sergio & Susy Vergara, Barbara Ward, Marcus & Catherine White, John Willhalm.



The Stinson Beach Historical Society invites You, Your Family and Friends
To our Annual Holiday Luncheon on
Friday, December 6, at the Stinson Beach Community Center
Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.
\$25 per person

***** **Holiday Raffle 2013** *****

** *This year's raffle prize of a beautiful art piece is being donated by Glenda Queen, Union Street Goldsmith.*
The runner-up prize of a catered meal for 4 is being donated by KT's Kitchen

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Name(s) _____ Tel. _____

Address _____ Email _____

A. I would like to reserve _____ seats @ \$25 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 \$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. 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 \$ _____