



# The Lookout

Muir Woods Park Community Association

[www.mounttam.org](http://www.mounttam.org)

May—July, 2013

415/381-3119

## Fire House Evacuation Drill

On Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, residents of Mill Valley and Throckmorton Ridge took part in a voluntary Wildland Fire Evacuation Exercise.

At 9AM, local sirens were activated, the Telephone Emergency Notifications System called residences, Marin County Sherriff's Department flew overhead with an evacuation message, and over 350 homes had front door notifications. The exercise ended at 11AM.

Agencies involved included; Fire, Police, Public Works, Sheriff, Search and Rescue, CERT, Mill Valley Council and Staff, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Marin Medical Reserve Corp, Local Disaster Councils, and the Marin Humane Society.

The boundary of the exercise incorporated approximately 800 homes. Around 170 residents participated by walking biking and driving to evacuation areas at Old Mill School and Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station.

At the evacuation areas, residents were checked in and asked to fill out a survey about their participation in the drill and their personal and family preparedness. Over 100 surveys were completed and gathered at the evacuation areas will be used to focus on improving public awareness and planning for future events.

Special thanks to those who participated in the exercise, including the Throckmorton Disaster Council. Exercises like these allow everyone the chance to develop better plans in the event of an actual wild land fire.

For more information please contact The Marin County Fire Department. You can also visit disaster preparedness websites at [www.getreadymarin.org](http://www.getreadymarin.org) and [www.wildlandfirersg.org](http://www.wildlandfirersg.org)

- Ben Ghisletta, Interim Senior Captain  
Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station



Photos from those who helped organize and manage the Wildland Fire Evacuation Exercise on May 4th. We even have a young artist who created an image to share with the fire fighters:



Special thanks to Susan Johnson and Faybeth Diamond for their leadership in working with Ben Ghisletta and his team of firefighters!



# GET EMERGENCY ALERTS

Do you live, work, or go to school in Marin County and are you 18 and over?

You must register your cell phone or VoIP phone to receive emergency alerts sent by voice, text, or email.

Landline numbers are listed in our system.  
**Cell phone and VoIP numbers are not.**

Register at [www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org)



Emergency officials use this system to make rapid incident-specific alerts or potentially life-saving instructions to the precise geographically affected area(s).

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## What is Marin County's Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS) used for?

The emergency notification system's primary purpose is to advise you of any situation occurring or about to occur that threatens harm to life and/or property or is deemed dangerous by officials. This may include, but is not limited to extreme weather, man-made disasters, crime, pandemics, hazardous materials incidents, and missing persons.

## What, if any, of my contact information do you already have in the telephone emergency notification system?

The Marin County's Telephone Emergency Notification System (TENS) uses listed and unlisted/blocked landline numbers provided by AT&T and Verizon.

## Why am I being asked to use the Self-Registration Portal?

Many people no longer use landlines and/or rely on their cellphones or VoIP

phones. If you live, work, or go to school in Marin County and are over 18 years old, you may **now** register your cell number (to be called and/or texted), email address or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone number on our secure portal to be contacted in an emergency affecting your Marin County geographic location.

## Can I register more than one address?

Yes, but you must sign up using a different primary email address.

## How do I know the information I provide through the Self-Registration Portal is on a secure website and will remain confidential?

Marin County respects your privacy. Your contact information will remain confidential. It will **never** be sold or released for commercial purposes. Emergency notifications will only be issued to specific geographic areas (depending on need.)



Register at  
[www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org)



## President's Report

Work Day on Saturday 13 April brought forth the largest group of hard-working people and productive labor than anyone can recall. The volunteer laborers worked inside the Clubhouse and outside and included Susan and David Johnson, Harold Dittmer, Chris and Bonnie Mumford, Michele Egan, Bob Graham, and Lynn and Pete Hindley. Special plaudits to Harold and Bob, who toiled until after 4:00 PM, and Michele, who risked life and limb to tame the thistle growth around the upper parking lot.

Clubhouse-based activities included cleaning and organizing the kitchen and its drawers, high dusting, washing the windows, replacing or repairing the Christmas lights inside the building and outside, and painting the siren-controller box. Yard maintenance activities included mowing and trimming the lawn and repairing the edging fence, the above-mentioned thistle removal, weed-whacking many areas around the parking lots, removing the rusted-locked bolt for the flagpole, taking down the plum tree at the foot of the driveway, and removing the basketball backboard that for years had been lying on the ground on the east side of the lower lot. We also arranged for professional trimming or windowing of almost all the oak trees on the property and removal of the resulting brush, by a qualified tree man the following few days, and cutting down many of the unsightly eucalyptus stumps on the Ridge side of the lower lot.

The workers were so enthusiastic that some continued for the next few days, in what one might call "Son of Work Day", with additional trimming of oak trees and weed whacking the lower parking lot.

Many thanks to all the participants for their efforts and the improvements made.

- Peter Hindley

### Board Meeting Highlights

Note: Complete MWPCA Board minutes are now posted online at: <http://www.mounttam.org>

## Muirly Musings from Mia

Lush woods, birdsong, late wildflowers cast the magic of an ancient redwood forest over all who walk among these peaceful giants...consider a special experience and walk from a ridge down into the backwoods and have it all to yourself! now's the time to watch fawns take first



wobbly steps, peek in pools to glimpse elusive baby salmon, witness the forest floor recovery as leopard lily and clintonia bloom here again...if you're lucky you might see an otter!

Other crowd tips: take an early walk (we open at 8 am) and have a cup of coffee with tasty treat at the Trading Company (opens at 9 am) then slip out before the crowds arrive. Encourage your friends and out-of-town guests to take the shuttle on weekends and holidays:

MarinTransit has really expanded the service! Consider volunteering...our small crew could really use your help!

**The BIG NEWS:** Muir Beach will be **closed** from late June through the end of November to continue the extensive restoration work. This year the work will focus on removing the mis-placed parking lot and the new one will be parallel to Pacific Way, also separating the entrance from the local's residential road. Where the old parking lot is will become floodplain, wetlands, creek channel and habitat! Look for new restrooms, a great picnic area, a bridge across it all, a path to the beach sensitively placed to allow dunes to recover.

**Local tip:** for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians you can still enjoy the beach if you approach from one of the area's trails (Dias Ridge, Coastal View, Redwood Creek or Coastal Trail from Tennessee Valley)...please don't try to drive there though AND respect our neighbors (please don't park at Pelican Inn, Golden Gate Dairy or Green Gulch Zen Center) nor park dangerously along the shoulder ....maybe this is the season to discover a new beach (see our website for some suggestions) AND then come back to Muir Beach to witness the awesome transformation.

**A contest:** help us re-name the Ocean View Trail! This historic name is mis-leading and causes confusion.

Please send your suggestion (reasons for your idea are welcome!) to [mia\\_monroe@nps.gov](mailto:mia_monroe@nps.gov) before Summer Solstice.

Hope to see you on a bench or walking the trail, thank you for supporting your local national park!

- Mia Monroe  
Site Supervisor, Muir Woods National Monument  
[www.nps.gov/muwo](http://www.nps.gov/muwo)

## UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES!

### 4th Annual Informal BBQ Sunday, July 14th at noon, MWPCA Community Center

Last year about 60 people enjoyed an informal lunch, doubling the people attending from the previous year...

It's so easy. Just drop by and bring something to share, your own meat for the BBQ, and whatever you'd like to drink. We'll begin at noon and take it from there. For more information, contact Lila Sparks-Daniels at lilasd@aol.com.

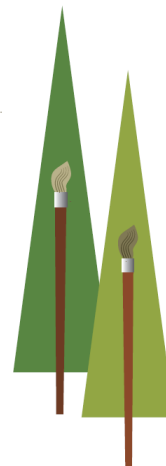


**IF YOU'RE LUCKY  
ENOUGH TO LIVE ON  
MT. TAM, YOU'RE  
LUCKY ENOUGH!**

### Calling All Artists on Mount Tam...and Docents!

We are still accepting artists for our annual Open Studios Art Trail to be held September 7th & 8th with a reception on the 6th.

Not an artist? We still need you! We are looking for volunteers to be "trail docents" - walking guides who will take small groups on the Open Studios tour.



Also, if you would like to host one of our fabulous artists and their work at your home during Open Studios please let us know.

To get the inside scoop call Beverly Anderson 388-2613 or Rhonda Dubin 388-7507.

Visit our website to remind yourself of all the fabulous artists who live right here in the neighborhood:

**Below are some of the dates that have been scheduled for the MWPCA Clubhouse. Make sure you mark your calendars for your favorites:**

Alpine Club Centennial	June 23, Sun.
Informal BBQ at Clubhouse	July 14, Sun.
Jazz Fest & BBQ	October 6, Sun.
General Meeting/Election	November 8, Fri.

Artists of Mt Tam Open Studios	September 7-8
Adult Holiday Party	December 8, Sun.
Children's Holiday Party	After December 20

#### Regular Gatherings:

MWPCA Board Meetings	2nd Thursday most months
Mt. Tam Purls	Last Wed. of the month

## 2013 Muir Woods Park Community Association Membership Information

The Muir Woods Park Community Association (MWPCA) has a long history of improving the quality of community life on the mountain. Formed in 1935 to pressure the county of Marin to pave what is now Panoramic Highway, MWPCA continues as a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California to:

- Promote health, welfare, and public safety and improve the quality of life in the Muir Woods Park community;
- Provide the community with an organized means for group discussion, recreation, and sociability;
- Give all residents of the community, owners and renters alike, a sense of belonging and continuity;
- Take such community action as needed for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

To further these purposes in 2012 the MWPCA took a number of actions including:

- Conducted and hosted activities associated with disaster preparedness as the MWPCA Club House is the local Disaster Shelter;
- Liaised with the Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station on fire prevention;
- Organized free Chipper Days to dispose of green waste;
- Produced the Lookout to keep the community informed and in touch;
- Hosted many community social events including Wednesday evening yoga, St. Patrick's party, summer barbeque, fall jazz fest, and winter holiday parties for both adults and children;
- Supported launch of Artists of Mount Tam events;
- Maintained MWPCA Club House (available at discount rental rate to MWPCA members).

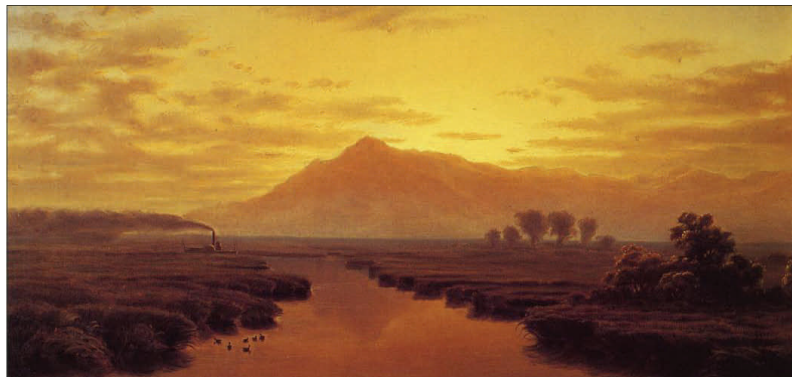
**Membership is open to all.** Voting is limited to member owners and member residents of the Muir Woods Park area whose dues are received by October 1, 2013.

To learn more about the Muir Woods Park Community Association visit its website at [www.mounttam.org](http://www.mounttam.org).

**To participate in the Muir Woods Park Community Association complete the membership form on the [website](#) and mail it with your check to the association (address on membership form).** Be sure to indicate on the membership form where you would like to be involved to improve the quality of life in Muir Woods Park.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this community over the years.

The Muir Woods Park Community Association Board



## If mountains have milestones... This year was a big one for Tamalpais



The years 1912 and 1913 were important for Tamalpais and the Throckmorton Ridge. The Mountain Home and the Tourist Club, both institutions that still grace this neck of the woods, were founded in 1912. So was the Tamalpais Conservation Club, guardians of the mountain.

The next year, encouraged by articles in the San Francisco Evening

Bulletin newspaper, a group of San Francisco hikers founded what became the California Alpine Club in the spring of 1913. A little later that year, a group of hikers who were also thespians first performed the Mountain Play in a natural amphitheater on the slopes of the mountain.

The California Alpine Club was full of young and vigorous men and women; the core group were members of the San Francisco YMCA. They all were fond of hiking and the outdoors—and they still are, 100 years later.

They reached the mountain the usual way in those days—by ferry from San Francisco to Sausalito and then by electric train to Mill Valley. From Mill Valley they trooped up the mountain by the thousands—“multitudes...hordes of hikers” Lincoln Fairley called them in his book “Mount Tamalpais: a History.”

They usually came up the Dipsea Steps and then turned right on the Pipeline Trail (now Edgewood Avenue).

There were so many hikers that little refreshment stands sprang up—a Hiker’s Retreat in Mill Valley—and little stands at the top of the stairs, and along the Pipeline Trail. There was also the famous Joe’s Place, near the entrance to Muir Woods, the Muir Woods Inn, the Tavern of Tamalpais and the West Point Inn.

The Alpine Club hikers soon felt they needed a clubhouse on the mountain, so in 1924 they purchased what is now Alpine Lodge, a stone building on the unpaved Marin View Avenue, now, of course, called the Panoramic Highway.

It was a substantial building, owned at first by a UC Berkeley professor sold it, the story goes, because his new wife thought it was too remote.

The period just after World War I was the golden age of hiking in Marin, with Tamalpais as its centerpiece. Some say as many as 100,000 passengers poured through Sausalito on a sunny weekend, but that number sounds high. Surely, however, there were many, many hikers.

There were many hiking clubs, and hiking was so popular all San Francisco newspapers ran schedules of weekend hikes.

Some of the hikers caused a stir—especially emancipated city girls, who began to think wearing long heavy skirts on the trails was impractical. In 1920, several of the Alpine Club’s women got together and secretly planned a blow for feminism: they changed into breeches and boots to surprise—and dismay—their male hiking companions.

The men “were surprised and upset, to put it mildly,” the women reported. The men were “angry and disgusted with our unwomanly behavior.”

“However, we were not dismayed,” the women wrote and they posed for pictures at the Mountain Theater; pretty young women with bobbed hair, smiling at the camera. “The boys finally relented,” they wrote. How could they not? “Another step taken towards women’s emancipation,” the young women wrote about that summer’s day, 93 years ago.

Of course, the Alpine Club continues to flourish. They have hikes every Sunday starting at 9:30 sharp. And they will celebrate their centennial on Sunday, June 23 at Alpine Lodge with music, displays, coffee, and maybe a glass of wine from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. The mountain community is especially welcome.

There is one other milestone from 1913—that was the year Emile Lapachet, a San Francisco developer first filed his subdivision lot on a part of the ridge he called Muir Woods Park.

- Carl Nolte



## Getting To Know Our Neighbors

### The 500 Block of Panoramic Hwy

By Diane Curtis

For **Karen Bruckter**, refurbishing the Muir Woods Park Community Association clubhouse was therapy. Bruckter, who has lived on Mt. Tam for 37 years, was in the midst of treatment for cancer in 2004 (she has since vanquished the disease) when she was able to fulfill a longtime wish to transform what she described as a “dump” of a clubhouse into an inviting refuge.

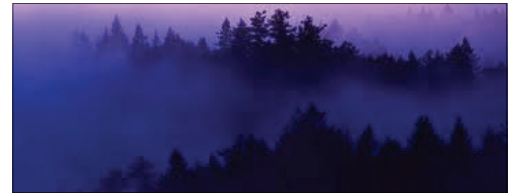


Treasurer of the association at the time, she knocked on doors seeking donations. She solicited the help of residents who might look askance at fixing the dripping faucet in their own house but who were willing to lend a hand for a community project. She went to Heath Ceramics’ “seconds” room, collected colorful tiles for a kitchen backsplash and installed it herself. She made curtains and donated plates and other *objets d’art* for the walls. In a letter reminding residents of a dues deadline, she noted that donations for the clubhouse also would be welcome. Donations kept coming, including a \$1500 check from Supervisor Steve Kinsey that went towards better lighting for the clubhouse. A patio and lawn were added.

“Finally, in 2005, we had a functional place,” Karen recalls, adding that her goal was to make the clubhouse look more like the Tourist Club. Being able to work on remaking the space “made my cancer a lot easier.”

Bruckter, who raised two children on the mountain, was one of four people in the 500 “block” of Panoramic who agreed to be interviewed for the Lookout’s continuing series on the people and neighborhoods of Mt. Tam.

**James Brodale**, a medical artist, has lived on Mt. Tam for 53 years. Even at 86, he still works three days a week, commuting into San Francisco. For a long time, he commuted by the Greyhound bus that started in Bolinas, came over the mountain, picking up commuters along the way, and dropped passengers off in the city. That stopped long ago and he recalls fondly the camaraderie of the people, including the Bolinas bus driver and his daughter, who made the five-day-a-week trek into the city and got to know each other. While there are more people and more traffic than when he and his wife moved to Panoramic (and bought their house for \$40,000), the beauty is undiminished, Brodale says. “I don’t think you could find a place equal to this anywhere in the country – anywhere in the world.” Brodale’s house burned down in 1969. PG&E, he said, “put too much power into the house” during a storm and the television and lights lit up “like searchlights” just before the fire started. He and his wife got out of the house safely. Like a number of houses in the 500s of Panoramic, he looks out to an unobstructed view towards the ocean., including the north part of Muir Woods and Mt. Tam.



**Catherine Nomura** and **Novella Menconi** live in different parts of Panoramic, but their assessment is the same: Living on the mountain is like (or almost like) being on vacation. Menconi, a daily commuter to her job at Macy’s in San Francisco, moved with her husband Angelo to Mt. Tam in 2001. They are both natives of Italy – he from a small town outside Perugia, she from Milan, and they have been in the United States since 1976. “I like everything (about being up here),” says Menconi. “We’re very close to the city but it’s almost like being on vacation, especially when there’s nice weather.”

Nomura is a best-selling co-author (*Unique Ability: Creating the Life You Want* and *The Laws of Lifetime Growth*) and life and business coach who helps individuals and entrepreneurs define and achieve their goals. A native of Toronto who works with companies, around the world, including Strategic Coach, Nomura is on the road much of the year. Coming back to her rental home on Panoramic “feels like I’m on vacation.” She was drawn to Marin after visiting her friend, well-known local Zen teacher Ed Brown. “One of the things I’ve always loved about this part of the world are the trees and the ocean,” Nomura says. She can see the ocean from the top of her driveway and is still delighted that she can walk right out of her house to a mountain trail that takes her through forest as well as open space with panoramic vistas. Wildlife is a treat too, she says, although it can be scary when, as happened to her, an owl flew into her windshield. “I’ve been all over the world and I haven’t seen any other place like this,” she says. “Being in this neighborhood grounds me.”





## Druid Heights - A Bohemian Oasis

By Nancy Klasky Gribler

Half way down the winding road that leads to Muir Woods, one comes across a driftwood sign 'Camino Del Canyon'. This is the entry to **Druid Heights**, an area of the Mountain so steeped in lore that the National Parks Service is considering making it a designated National Historic Place and preserving it for future visits by the public.

On an invited visit, we were able to walk around the properties, meet some residents, be attacked by killer wild turkeys, and truly understand the majesty of the land. The pioneers were architect and wood worker Roger Somers and feminist poet [Elsa Gidlow](#). In the mid-1950's, they began to build several structures serving as the nucleus for the community of poets, philosophers, naturalists and artists.



[Ed Stiles](#), master wood craftsman, builder and furniture artisan, still lives part time in Druid Heights. Stiles tracked down Roger Somers in the early 1960s after seeing a photograph of him in a sensationalist article on the California scene in Esquire. "I was doing my best to avoid military service, going to Dartmouth and feeling like I just didn't belong. I had been making furniture since I was a kid, and I saw a show at the art department with a guy who was a professional furniture maker - he was a craftsman. It blew my mind - this is what I wanted to do. So I took off in my car across America, looking up people who were doing the same thing."

Even though the two met on that trip, it was another four years before Stiles came back to California, newly married to a ceramist, and took over one of Somers structures as a work shop.

By then there were numerous structures on the land, and visitors were drawn to the beauty and serenity, parties and happenings - some magical and some not so much.

Some of the more famous people who lived in Druid Heights were revered eastern philosopher Alan Watts, beat poet Gary Snyder, writer Kenneth Rexroth, working women activist [Margo St. James](#) and best-selling author [Echo Heron](#), who had two stints; in the early seventies and through the 2000's.

Echo spoke warmly while reminiscing about her years at Druid Heights. "I was in nursing school at College of Marin and met Roger Somers' son in a Chemistry class. He invited me up to his house. I remember thinking 'What is this place?', I was wearing my best boots and I slid down the path where I met Roger Somers who sported a full beard and crazy hair. He bowed like a cavalier with a wide gesture and said 'Who is this lovely lady'? I wound up moving to that magical place and living with his son on and off for years. Alan Watts would walk the land wearing a flowing robe with a staff in his hands. It was a wild and wonderful experience, with crazy characters right out of a movie." It was some of those crazy characters that drove some of the inhabitants away, only to draw more people who lived on the edge to Druid Heights.



"I left there for a while, because I became the odd man out", says Ed Stiles. "For a while there were people living there who were not respectful of the community, and it didn't feel safe for my family or some of the women on the land." Stiles was instrumental in helping to bring back a certain order and restore the place to its peaceful origins. Stiles is also credited as being the inventor of the California Redwood hot tub. Visitors were so captivated with his soak, they began to order hot tubs by the score. Stiles' personal hot tub was open to all visitors, and one night he happened upon a lovely woman who he later found to be Judy Collins.



On any given day or night you might have run into Crosby, Stills, Nash and/or Young, Dizzy Gillespie, James Broughton, the Mitchell Brothers, John Handy or Tim Robbins.

Now there are just a handful of people living on the GGNRA land with 'life estates', negotiated with the National Park Service who acquired the land in the 1970's. Those who are intimate with Druid Heights shudder at the thought of it being turned into an 'attraction', but prefer to think that the buildings will sink back into the land, from whence they came.

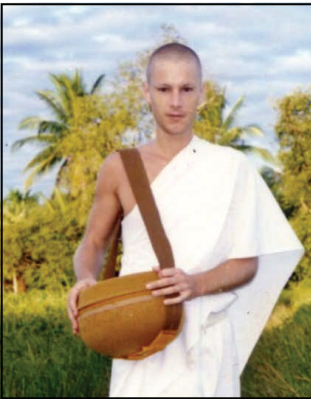
## Sutat: Life of Meditation

I had set out to travel by bicycle from California to the Tibetan Himalaya well over a year ago, when I got very sick and decided to backtrack to Thailand to regain my health. Having spent 3 months there already on this trip, I knew a peaceful place with healthy food, the perfect spot to rejuvenate. The spot was actually the Buddhist monastery where I had done two 10 day meditation retreats.

Thinking that 3 months would be a long time spent in the monastery, I got a tourist visa good for 90 days, and settled in to the daily routine of sitting and walking, meditation and simple chores. At the close of the 90 days, I was feeling stronger, but nowhere near fully recovered, so I traveled to Malaysia and got another 90 day visa; 6 months in a monastery was a long time and certainly I would be busting to get back out on my journey by then. But I wasn't.

I was getting really into the meditation and lifestyle of living in the jungle, and a few monks recommended I visit another Wat, or monastery, on the other side of Thailand, a place designed for non-Thais who wanted to spend more time practicing meditation, or even to ordain as monks. I knew that I didn't want to become a monk - despite the 6 months I'd already spent living a little like one. I was certain that a life without sex, drugs or music wasn't for me.

I traveled by train to the other side of Thailand, a country about the size of France. This Wat was set well off the main road, down a dirt road and into the rice paddies, to the edge of a small forest. A large open air meditation hall and open air kitchen seemed to be the only buildings. There were about 20 monks from about 15 different countries living there.



Most people have the idea, like I did, that a monastery is a group of buildings with a fancy Buddha

image and ornate architecture. These were more similar to giant lean-to's. There was no electricity, and water was hauled from a deep well and carried by hand to the toilets. The bathing area was a slab of concrete with a hand pump and some large jars from which to scoop over your body. The monks lived in 8x8 foot bamboo huts set up on stilts so that during the monsoon, they wouldn't flood.

Morning bell at 3 AM, followed by all the monks meeting for morning chanting at 3:30. Around 4, we sat in silent meditation for an hour or so, until dawn. With the first light, we broke off in to small groups to accomplish different chores, sweeping, dusting, mopping, to prepare for the daily meal. Once it was light enough, the monks wrapped their robes around them and walked silently into the villages in the area for alms round. Monks walked single file, and anyone wanting to donate came out to place a small amount of food in the monk's bowls. Upon returning to the Wat, all of the food is shared equally amongst them for their one meal.

The tradition of alms goes back to the time of the Buddha when monks lived without money or cooking, relying on others to feed them.

After cleaning up from the meal, the monks return to their huts to continue to mediate on their own. In the late afternoon, tea is served, and there is often some instruction from the Abbott, another period of chores, and then it is time for evening chanting and meditation, much like the emending session. The monks then return to their huts around 9 PM.

I spent about 6 months there, following the routine and being a monk's helper, wearing white and with my head shaved. I decided my time would be better in remote rural Thailand studying my own mind, instead of going to college in the States. I determined to spend 2 more years there...

Sutat

Prescription Exercise, <http://www.Sutat.com>

**Sutat continues teaching our evening yoga classes beginning at 6:30 PM every Wednesday at the MWPCA Clubhouse.**


## Current Marin Real Estate Market

We continue to see multiple offers on many of the properties listed. Most of these are selling at above the list price. Inventory has continued to increase in the last few weeks, yet the demand is still higher than the supply. This is the time of year when many people put their homes on the market (spring). We as agents are hoping this trend continues for quite some time to alleviate the frustration many would be home buyers are experiencing.

In the price range between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, sixty-two percent of the homes listed in Marin were in escrow last month. This is an "extreme seller's" market. The percentage of homes in Mill Valley in this price range which were in escrow is 53%, a "strong seller's" market.

If you have questions regarding the value of your home, I will be happy to give you a free market analysis of your property. I will provide you with statistical information and comparable home prices to assist you with any decision making process. This is an excellent time of consider selling your home!

My contact info is just to the right.



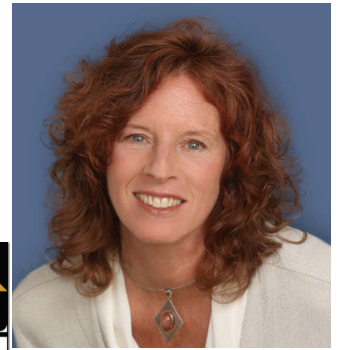
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Thank you, Kathleen, for the quarterly real estate updates and for your description of the current market!



### Kathleen Delehanty-White

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## Real Estate Update


ACTIVE LISTINGS		
192 Adams St.	2BR/1BA	\$ 650,000
39 Castle Rock Dr	4BR/3.5BA	1,395,000
749 Edgewood Ave.	4BR/4.5BA	2,475,000
OFFERS PENDING		
642 Amaranth Blvd.	2BR/2BA	\$ 729,000
SOLD		
4 Sunrise Ln.	2BR/1BA	\$ 753,000
14 Monte Cimas Ave.	4BR/2.5BA	1,539,000
LOTS / ACTIVE		
290 Edgewood Ave.	.173 acres	\$ 199,000
56 Mountain Ln.	.161 acres	198,000
Edgewood Ave.	.57 acres	299,000

# Neighborhood Bulletin Board—Neighbors Contacting Neighbors



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## Other services in the neighborhood:

### Seat Weaving

Linda Sawtelle: 415/806-9936

### Mountain Repair Service

Andy Lillestol: 415/302-7790 Cell

### Computer Services

Peter Spear: 383-1842

### Graphics/Photography/Web Design

Rhonda Dubin: 497-4069

### Recommended non-residents:

**Pineda's trees** at 510/758-1594. Roberto Pineda has a California State License.

**Chris McSpadden** at 707/396-9198 has over twenty years of experience in construction and at one time had his own roofing company.

**Juan Vasquez** at 415/632-0098 for stone walls, steps, and patios

## Marin Village—Independent living at home where we want to be

Jean Sublett has shared information about this organization that provides such services as:

- Transportation assistance
- Link to neighbor volunteers to help with household tasks, computer issues, and errands
- Volunteer opportunities
- Help that is one phone call/one click away

If you are an elder interested in more information, or if you are concerned about some of our aging neighbors and would like to consider volunteering, please contact:

Jean Sublett—383-6743

or

Marin Village, San Rafael

[www.MarinVillage.org](http://www.MarinVillage.org)

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415/457-4633

## New Section: "Neighbor to Neighbor"

For people who want to reach others living here on the mountain:

- Individuals or special interest group (SIG) ideas - like the gardening group Judy Sparks Graham is suggesting; other possibilities:
  - Artists group (see page 6)
  - Knitting (see page 14)
  - Cooking/Baking
  - Play groups
  - Poetry/Creative Writing
  - Book club
  - Dinner parties
  - Hiking
- Articles to exchange or sell
- Special events to announce: art shows, etc.
- Requests

Forward your listings to be included in the next issue to or take a look at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com):

[lilasd@aol.com](mailto:lilasd@aol.com)

415/819-0845 if you prefer to call

To share on the "Neighborhood Bulletin Board," email Lila at: [lilasd@aol.com](mailto:lilasd@aol.com)

## Neighbors

### Peace Corps Volunteers Attention: July 4th:

Join the Thursday Fourth of July Parade in Larkspur/Corte Madera. Meet at 9:00 AM at Redwood High School, 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur. Flags, service country attire, and/or signs are welcome. AmeriCorps, Doctors without Borders, and previous global volunteers also welcome. For more information call: James (Foo) Kennedy at 415/388-3939 or Tom Rutter at 415/446-8819.

### Attention all Muir Woods Gardeners

If you would like to share information about gardening on the mountain, including successes and failures, with other local gardeners, contact Judy Sparks-Graham at: [jsgrlg@comcast.net](mailto:jsgrlg@comcast.net).

### Clubhouse Available for Rent

Rates, rules, forms, calendar and all information about what is included are on the website: <http://www.mounttam.org>. Special member discounts.

### 2013 MWPCA Board Officers

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### Community Calendar

[www.mounttam.org](http://www.mounttam.org)

Every Wed	Yoga	6:30 PM
<b>June</b>		
13	Thurs	Board Meeting 7:00 PM
23	Sun	Alpine 100th
26	Wed	Mt Tam Purls 3:00 PM
<b>July</b>		
4	Thurs	Peace Corps Vols in Parade (See above)
14	Sun	Informal BBQ Noon
<b>September</b>		
6-8	Fri-Sun	Mt. Tam Artists Open Studio Fri PM Sat/Sun All Day
12	Thurs	Board Meeting 7:00 PM