

# BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Belvedere Community Foundation Exists to Sustain the Legacy of Volunteer Public Service and Generosity

## WALK YOUR HISTORY MAKES HISTORY

Photo by: Diane Smith, The Ark



BCF Advisory Trustee Anne Kasanin & Beverly Hopps in period costumes

The Belvedere Community Foundation was proud to contribute \$2500 to a great new community event, Walk Your History, which took place on Sunday, April 5, 2009 in Belvedere and Tiburon.

This free event was led by the amazing steering committee of **George Rodericks** (Belvedere City Manager), **Leslie Doyle**

(Landmarks Director), **Cathleen Andreucci** (Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation), **Dana Thor** (Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation), **Petey Stein** (Tiburon Peninsula Foundation), and **Diana Bradley** (Poster Artist). Walk Your History was sponsored by the City of Belvedere, Town of Tiburon, Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, Belvedere Community Foundation, Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society and Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation.

On a picture perfect day, an estimated 1,000 people enjoyed three walking loops on the Peninsula which were dotted with over 100 volunteers. In Belvedere Park, members of the Tiburon Fire Department barbecued for nearly 600 people who arrived for lunch with their stamped "Passports."

The Belvedere Loop included historic paths and lanes that criss-cross the island and historic buildings like the Casino, the Blanding House, Hill Crest, and the Tuckey House. The Lagoon Loop included historic Richardson Bay Cod Fishery, Hilarita/Net Depot, and Reed Dairy. The Downtown Loop included China Cabin, Ark Row, Main Street and the Railroad and Ferry

Museum. Participants literally ran into historic figures like Sam Vella, a notorious bootlegger, in front of Sam's Anchor Café and the stationmaster at the Donahue Depot who lived upstairs of this building with his family.

**Tracy Cunningham** of Belvedere walked the Lagoon Loop with her husband **Tim** and children, Andrew, Carlyn and James in his stroller. Tracy said, "Walk Your History made me feel proud and happy to live here. The kids loved it! The "Passport" brochure answered questions that I've always had about the Peninsula and now I can refer to it at home."

**Juli Tantum** of Belvedere and her children Lucy, Henry and Charlie, dog Leo, and parents **Annette and Tim Ryan**, also of Belvedere, walked the Belvedere Loop. Juli said, "The event was so thoughtfully organized, classy and friendly from the incredible "Passports" to the costumed docents to the students offering to carry things up the Island stairs. We loved it from beginning to end!"

Many thanks to the wonderful Walk Your History steering committee, volunteers, sponsors and participants!



Rosine Reynolds stands in front of the Tuckey House on Beach Road

Photo by: Diane Smith, The Ark



Steering Committee members Cathleen Andreucci & Petey Stein

Photo by: Diane Smith, The Ark



## BCF WELCOMES ITS NEWEST BOARD MEMBER, JILL EINSTEIN, MD

Photo by: Peter Yolles



Jill Einstein, MD

The Belvedere Community Foundation board welcomes its newest member, **Jill Einstein, MD**. She grew up in Marin County attending schools in San Rafael and Kentfield. After high school at The Branson School, Jill went on to attend

Stanford University and then the Medical College of Wisconsin. An internal medicine residency at California Pacific Medical Center led to private practice in San Francisco. Currently, Jill works part-time as a “substitute physician” for other doctors when they take a leave of absence from their practices.

Jill and her husband **Peter Yolles**, who owns [waterinsight.com](http://waterinsight.com), a water efficiency consulting firm, have lived in Belvedere for seven years. They have two children, Sam who attends Reed School and Amanda who attends Belvedere-Hawthorne Nursery School. Jill and Peter are involved in the Belvedere Sailing Society where they just completed a fun-filled year as Commodores. Jill also serves on the board of the Mount Zion Health Fund, which is a grant-making fund in San Francisco associated with UCSF and the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. She is currently participating in the Wexner Heritage Program of the Wexner Foundation.

Jill looks forward to continuing her community involvement by serving on the board of the Belvedere Community Foundation as chairperson of the community relations committee and editor of this annual BCF Vision newsletter.

The Belvedere Community Foundation also welcomes its newest Advisory Trustees, **Lenny Eccles**, **Nancy Gale** and **Hugh Scott**.

## HELPING PEOPLE MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR CHARITABLE GIVING

by *Thomas Peters, Ph.D., President and CEO,*  
*Marin Community Foundation*

While you may know about the Marin Community Foundation (MCF) because of the Buck Trust, the Foundation’s single largest fund, it may come as somewhat of a surprise that we are also the home of over 300 funds established by individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

In fact, a key part of our mission is to help people who seek a partner to make their charitable giving as effective and satisfying as possible. Many of our donors, which include residents of Belvedere, want to take advantage of the benefits of our signature giving vehicle—donor-advised funds. These enable people to make charitable gifts into an individually named fund and then recommend grants to nonprofit groups anywhere in the world at any time.

Donor-advised funds provide an easy and cost-effective alternative to private foundations, since we essentially serve as the staff of the fund and take care of all paperwork and reporting, and because these funds offer greater tax benefits than private foundations. People who have MCF donor-advised funds are able to learn about community issues and the organizations addressing them and to collaborate with other donors who share their interests. Collectively, those who have established donor-advised funds at the Foundation have given hundreds of millions of dollars to improve lives and strengthen communities near and far.

In the end, we are philanthropic advisors. Our goal is to help make local residents’ charitable giving easy and effective. *If you’d like to learn more about how we do this, please feel free to give me call, or visit our website at [www.marincf.org](http://www.marincf.org).*

*The Belvedere Community Foundation extends a huge thank you  
to the following outgoing board members:*

**Sandy Donnell • Bill Kuhns • Chris Telischak**

*Thank you for all of your meaningful years of service to this community!*

# RICHARDSON BAY AUDUBON CENTER & SANCTUARY GIVEN GRANT FOR BIRD CONSERVATION AND MONITORING PROGRAMS

This April, seven board members of the Belvedere Community Foundation met with **Brooke Langston**, Director of the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, **Marilee Enge**, Audubon/California Foundation Relations Manager, and **Laura Alber** and **Sally Van Ingen**, Board Members of the Center, to learn more about their work and present a check for \$2500 for the Bird Conservation and Monitoring Program. As we stood on the Center's beach on a beautiful spring day and looked out towards San Francisco, we could see the 900 acres of submerged waters protected to provide migratory waterbirds an important feeding area as they travel along the Pacific Flyway. Research on the impact of eel grass and Native Oysters in the bay is ongoing.

On the beach, groups of grammar school students from San Rafael were on a field trip exploring the intertidal zone with Teacher Naturalists. The Center is gearing up for their popular Summer Camp programs. Registration is still open.

Behind us in the 11 acres of uplands, Brooke pointed out the sound of a songbird, one of many birds who grace the shores of Richardson Bay and who will benefit from the \$2500 grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation. The bird banding program helps to monitor the reproductive success and long term health of songbirds.



Standing: BCF Board Members Greg Ostroff, Maureen Johnson, Nena Hart, Roger Felton, RBAC Director Brooke Langston, Jill Einstein, Dennis McDonald, and BCF President Bill Smith. Kneeling: RBAC Board Members Sally Van Ingen and Laura Alber

Photo by: Diane Smith, The Ark

The grant will also help the Center's winter bird monitoring program which provides critical baseline data for scientists and ecologists especially after the Cosco Busan oil spill and subsequent sewage spills in the Richardson Bay. In response to the Cosco Busan oil spill in November, 2007, the Belvedere Community Foundation was pleased to have given a \$10,000 grant to the Richardson Bay Audubon Center.

We are fortunate to have such a gem of an organization in our community. For more information or to volunteer go to [www.tiburonaudubon.org](http://www.tiburonaudubon.org) or call 388-2524.

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## THIRD ANNUAL BLACKIE'S HAY DAY—OLD-FASHIONED FUN FUNDRAISER

Last September, many local families enjoyed the Third Annual Blackie's Hay Day organized by Bookmarks, a volunteer organization that funds in entirety the children's and teen programs of the Belvedere-Tiburon Library. The approximately \$50,000 net raised by the sponsors and attendees of this event was used to procure new books and to operate an extensive array of programs like Baby Bounce and the new Teen Alcove.

The Belvedere Community Foundation donated \$2500 to the 2008 Blackie's Hay Day held at Blackie's Pasture during which 1800 participants enjoyed an old-fashioned country fair with pony rides, ring toss, steer roping, potato sack races and live music.

Mark your calendars for this year's Blackie's Hay Day on **Saturday, September 26, 2009.**

Photo by: Ann Aylwin



Belvedere Community Foundation President Bill Smith with daughters Sophie and Lulu.

## YOUNG PERFORMERS INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR LOCAL STUDENT

Photo by: Leela Pratt



Jessie Land sings at the 2008 Benicia Concerts in the Park Series

**Jessie Land**, a student at Redwood High School, was an untrained singer with good piano skills. Since joining Young Performers International (YPI) over a year ago she has blossomed into an extraordinary talent.

Young Performers International is a nonprofit children's performing arts company which began in 2000 and has now expanded with classes in three San Francisco Bay Area counties with almost 250 students. **Leela Pratt**, a Belvedere resident, is the Founder and Executive Director of YPI. The program builds competence, self-confidence, fulfillment and an open heart in each child.

The Belvedere Community Foundation (BCF) was pleased to make a scholarship grant of \$1,100 to Jessie who is a resident of Tiburon. The grant covered training for Jessie which included weekly classes, four individual coaching sessions with top Bay Area teachers, and monthly concerts. She performed for Bread & Roses, at the San Francisco Public Library, in Justin Herman Plaza and at Yoshi's in Oakland.

Jessie also performed for Bay Area Grammy Winner Carlos Santana who said, "This girl is going places!" At the Annual Meeting and Reception of the Belvedere Community Foundation in November, 2008, Young Performers International introduced Jessie Land who, together with a group of musicians, performed to the delight of the attendees.

For more information, go to [www.youngperformersintl.org](http://www.youngperformersintl.org) or call 415-420-2960.

## BELVEDERE RESIDENTS FARE WELL ON THE FAIRWAY

Photo by: George Rodericks



The 2nd Place Low Net winners included Jim Smith, D.B. Murray, Jack Fiorito, and Bill Wheeler.

The Belvedere Community Foundation was proud to be a Tee Sponsor of the 2008 Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament. The tournament was held on Tuesday, September 10 at Stone Tree Golf Club in Novato and the proceeds benefited the Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Children's Programs.

## SALMON INSTITUTE PLANS STUDENT PROGRAM TO UTILIZE DONATED AQUARIUM TANKS

Photo by: Jill Einstein



Ed Thor (TSI Director and VP of Finance), Andrew Wolf (TSI Intern), and Brooke Halsey (TSI Founder and Executive Director) pose with donated aquarium equipment from the California Academy of Sciences.

The Tiburon Salmon Institute (TSI) received a \$2,500 grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation for the development of a unique educational program for school-age children.

The California Academy of Sciences gave TSI hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of old tanks, pumps and equipment from the old aquarium when it underwent its extensive rebuilding project in Golden Gate Park. TSI plans to set up the tanks at the Romberg Center in Tiburon and have teams of local children run the tanks with Bay species in each tank. Mentorship will be provided by graduate students of the Romberg Center and scientists from the California Academy of Sciences. Brooke Halsey, a Tiburon native as well as the founder and Executive Director of the Tiburon Salmon Institute, says, "Not only will the children learn about marine science, but they will gain invaluable leadership skills."

TSI also runs fish restoration programs and partners with local schools for youth education. Last year the Belvedere Community Foundation donated \$5,000 to TSI to fund the restoration of its fish pens which were destroyed in a storm.

For more information contact Brooke Halsey at [Brooke@tiburonsalmoninstitute.com](mailto:Brooke@tiburonsalmoninstitute.com) or at 415-608-6386.

## BCF DONATES NEW QUATTRO SEE-SAW TO BELVEDERE TIBURON CHILD CARE CENTER

After an electrical fire destroyed the Belvedere Tiburon Child Care Center (BTCCC) on February 22, 2008, the community was pleased to help them celebrate their grand "re-opening" on Saturday, April 4, 2009. The completely new and brightly colored playground includes a four-person Quattro See-Saw donated by the Belvedere Community Foundation.

# CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK 2009 SUMMER LINE-UP

## June 21: Tee Fee Swamp Boogie

4pm to 6pm: *American music at its best...Rock, Blues, Cajun, Zydeco and Country*

## July 19: Rocky and the Revelettes

4pm to 6pm: *Rock and Roll music of the 50s, 60s and 70s the way you remember it*

## August 16: Adler Fellows

4pm to 6pm: *Resident artists of the San Francisco Opera Company*

## September 6:

### 3:30pm: Griffin Stoller

*Belvedere's own Fiddling Champion*

### 4pm to 6pm: Cosmo

*Reggae Rhythms...Back by Popular Demand*

Welcome to the twelfth summer series of the ever-popular Concerts-in-the-Park in Belvedere. The Belvedere Community Foundation has supported the concert program each year with a grant for its line-up of outstanding musical talent. The Concerts-in-the-Park co-chairs are **Ginny Doyle** and **Maureen Johnson**. Members of the committee include **Anne Butler**, **Jack Doyle**, **Nancy Cappelloni**, **Christina Decker**, **Tina Dewey**, **Roger Felton**, **Nena Hart**, **Cissy Kirrane**, **Petey** and **Jeffery Stein**. The 4 pm to 6 pm Sunday concerts are for everyone, so join the fun. Bring a picnic, enjoy the music and get up and dance!

Photos by Jeffery Stein



Concerts-In-The-Park co-chair Ginny Doyle & her husband, Jack, who is also on the concerts committee



Jerry Butler, former Mayor of Belvedere and his wife Anne Butler who is on the concerts committee

## BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Photos by: Diane Smith, The Ark



Left, top photo: Mary Tsolakis, Third Place Winner for "Taut"

Right, top photo: Joan Linn Bekins, First Place Winner for "Beautiful Belvedere Frolic"

Bottom photo: Tess Woodlief, Griffin Woodlief and Celeste Carswell were the Children Winners in the Water, Animal and Close-up categories

The Belvedere Community Foundation is sponsoring the Eighth Annual Photography Contest this fall to celebrate the beauty of Belvedere. Professional and amateur photographers have enjoyed capturing the stunning nature of Belvedere in this annual event. Last year 19 adult entrants submitted 35 photographs. Children entered their photographs in three categories: Water, Animals and Close-ups.

This year's photography contest will be exhibited in the Belvedere-Tiburon Library from **Monday, September 21 to Saturday, October 3, 2009**. A public reception to honor the entrants will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 from 4-5pm when the winners will be announced.

Prizes will be awarded in five categories: People and Animals, Local Landscapes, Close-ups, Local Sports or Action, and Local Humor. A "People's Choice" prize will be awarded to an entry selected by visitors to the exhibit. There will also be a junior contest for photographers from preschool through high school age.

The contest is open to everyone. The photographs must reflect some aspect of Belvedere in color or black & white. There is no fee, but a limit of two photographs per entrant. Size limit is 24" x 24" including mat and frame. All photographs must be framed and ready to hang. **Entries must be submitted Monday, September 21, 2009 at the Library from 1-4pm.**

Contact Diane Rice at 415-518-0095 or [drice@hosielaw.com](mailto:drice@hosielaw.com) for entry forms or questions.

# BELVEDERE'S PAST ON DISPLAY

Maybe you've noticed the recently installed historic plaques around town. **Roger Felton** of the Belvedere Community Foundation and the archivists from the Landmarks Society, **Piper Berger** and **Jim Davenport** found several old photographs depicting Belvedere's early days. To remind long-time residents and introduce newcomers to Belvedere's past, four historical trail plaques were designed in which a narrative gives the historic content of each photograph.

Photos by: Marcia Felton



Roger Felton near the Harry B. Allen Lane up Beach Road.

There are four locations where pictures were found to show "then and now."

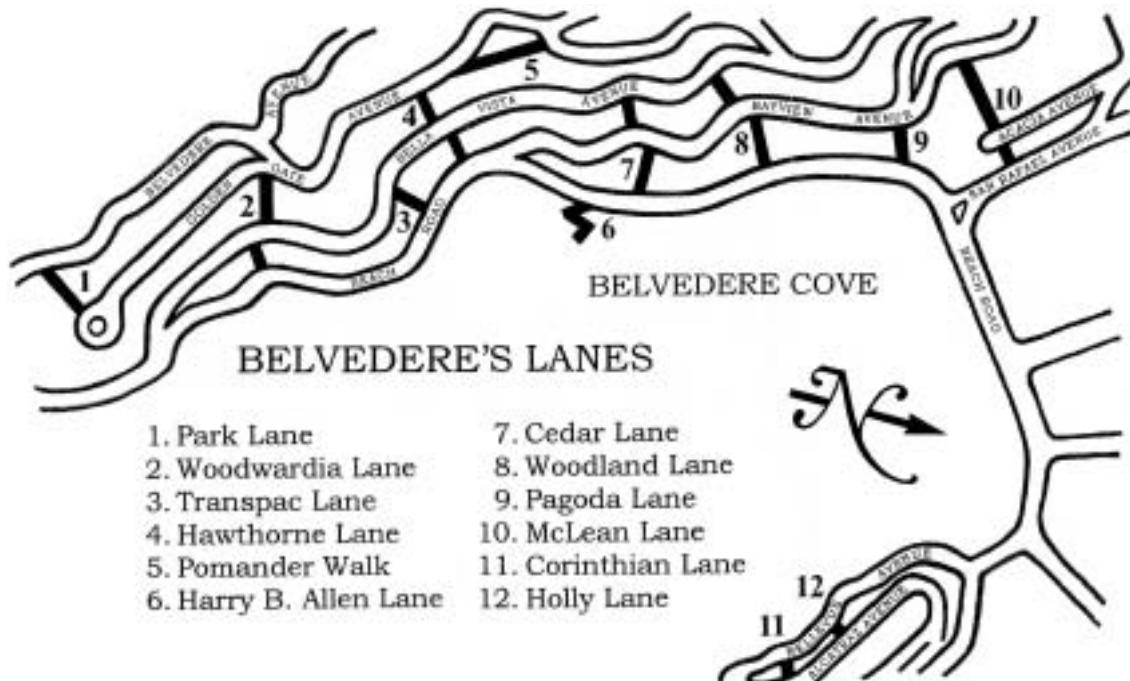
1. On Beach Road opposite Cove Road the plaque recalls the time when access to Ark Row and Tiburon was across a drawbridge connecting Belvedere and Corinthian Islands.

2. At Beach Road and Peninsula Road is a photo taken in early 1900 of some of the first homes on the east side of the island as well as the China Cabin and the Farr Apartments.
3. Near the Harry B. Allen Lane up Beach Road is a circa 1910 panorama of the Cove and beyond. This site gives the viewer a glimpse of how much the Tiburon Peninsula has changed.
4. In Community Park is the fourth plaque with photos of the Lagoon prior to its development by the Belvedere Land Company.

**Roger Felton** was an integral part of this project from selecting the site-specific photographs to writing the copy, designing the panels, and setting the type to working with General Graphics and On Spot Welding. Roger says, "My interest in this project had been longstanding. I felt the project was worthwhile and would be appreciated by the community. I finally had the time to make it happen." Thanks also go to **Marty Gordon**, **Sandy Donnell** and **Chris Telischak** who helped edit the copy.

The plaques are enamel on steel mounted in stainless steel frames for permanence. The project was initiated and funded by the Belvedere Community Foundation. Thanks to the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation and their "Historic Trail" plaques for the inspiration and guidance.

## EXPLORE BELVEDERE ISLAND'S UNIQUE LANE SYSTEM





## ABOUT THE BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### OUR MISSION

- To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere
- To form an endowment fund with contributions from all of Belvedere's citizens
- To provide grants to support projects and volunteers working to enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.

### OUR VALUES

- To sustain the legacy of volunteer public service
- To perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere's citizens.

### OUR COMMITMENT

- To be a vital resource to sustain and nurture Belvedere's rare and exceptional character
- To support the energy and creativity of our citizens.

### IF YOU HAVE A NEW PROJECT IDEA THAT IS IN NEED OF LOCAL FUNDING...

The Belvedere Community Foundation welcomes grant requests for projects that assist in preserving the unique character of Belvedere and enhance the overall quality of life in the community. If you would like to apply for a grant, please download and print an application at [www.belvederecommunityfoundation.com](http://www.belvederecommunityfoundation.com) and mail it to the Foundation.

