

To the Point

Oct.—Dec. 2013

“Hearts of the Dulcimer” Film

The Firehouse Film Series Continues

by Danny Estrella

The next film showing in the Firehouse Film Series is a documentary film about a musical instrument called the mountain dulcimer. This film was made by local (San Pedro Valley) film makers Patricia Delich & Wayne Jiang.

HEARTS OF THE DULCIMER is a feature-length documentary film about the mountain dulcimer boom in the 1970s in California and its lasting impact. Through colorful interviews, rare archival footage, and live performances, HEARTS OF THE DULCIMER gives a firsthand account of living life in the counterculture, following one's passion, and playing and building mountain dulcimers.

The mountain dulcimer originated in the Shenandoah Valley/Southern Appalachian region of the United States around the turn of the 19th century. In the late 1960s, the mountain dulcimer found its way into the California counterculture. It enjoyed a revival in the 1970s, particularly in the Santa Cruz Mountains. To many people, the mountain dulcimer represented something different from mainstream, materialistic, industrial America. Its rustic elegance was appealing.

Breaking from tradition, the mountain dulcimer went through a transformation in both sound and shape in California. The small,



quiet instrument became bigger and louder, and players adopted new genres for the instrument ranging from classical to jazz to rock. This film tells the story of the rise and fall (and potential comeback) of the

mountain dulcimer in California, illustrated by past and present musical performances, and players and builders reminiscing. Included in the film event will be a live performance of music that includes the dulcimer. Patricia and Wayne will host a Q & A after the screening. Please join us at this very special film event at the firehouse. Beverages and snacks will be available for purchase.

The Details:

When: Sunday, Oct. 27

Where: Pedro Point Firehouse,
1227 Danmann Ave.
Pacifica

Doors open at 3:30pm

Music at 4pm

Film at 4:30pm
(film is 67 mins.)

How Much: Tickets are \$15
at the door only

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Upcoming Events

- ♦ PPCA Board Meeting, Oct. 17
- ♦ Halloween Kids' Carnival, Oct. 25
- ♦ Hearts of the Dulcimer Film, Oct. 27
- ♦ Charlie Brown Plant-A-Tree and Wreath-Making Event, Dec. 7
- ♦ Madrigalli Market, Dec. 6 & 7
- ♦ Holiday Caroling on Pedro Point, Dec. 22

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President's Message

by Bruce Ferry

We've had a hubbub of activity down at the Firehouse this last quarter. The rentals have been very busy with weddings, birthdays, and special events as well as the weekly Sunday services by the church group. The Chili Cook-Off was a great success with record attendance and some extremely good chilis as well as excellent weather. Thanks to the crew for helping out, especially



Bill Carey who was able to get us some air time on the local FM radio station! We've also had

several potlucks and a BBQ. If you haven't been to the NextDoor website for our neighborhood, please check it out and join. There are a lot of informative posts including upcoming events, garage sales and missing pets, for example. More than 182 neighbors have joined so far, which is a lot, but I know we've got more than that. It's a great way to get to know your neighborhood... virtually! Go to: <https://pedropoint.nextdoor.com/login> and set up an account! The weather should be shaping up nicely for our October events so I hope to see you soon.

Firehouse Maintenance Report

by Danny Estrella

Last May our crew completed a major upgrade to our lighting system (see the July issue of To The Point). It came at a considerable expense since we installed state-of-the-art LED bulbs. The bulbs cost us nearly \$800. These bulbs consume a third of the energy of an equivalent incandescent bulb and have a life expectancy of 25,000 hours. So we'll be saving money in electrical bills and replacement costs over time.

More Good News

With the help of Paul Leow who helped install the bulbs, we have been granted a rebate of \$307.27 from the San Mateo County Energy Watch Program. That is a big savings for the PPCA and is much appreciated.

Thanks to Sam! Sam Casillas has been trimming the grasses alongside the Firehouse.

Tables Marcia Settel, Bruce Ferry and myself donated new tables to the firehouse.



Here We Go a Caroling

Second Annual Pedro Point Night of Holiday Caroling

This year's Night of Holiday Caroling is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 22 so mark your calendars! We will meet at the Firehouse at 6 pm and start the evening with hot cider and cookies. After our hands and hearts are warmed, we will head into the night with song. Everyone is welcome – children will especially enjoy the old-

fashioned tradition of going from house to house singing holiday songs and carols. Let's hope for an evening of calm, clear weather (last year we were rained out but the 2011 caroling was so much fun!). If you have holiday sheet music with lyrics, bring it. Also, musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments and join in the merriment.



Remember Your Pets with Pet Path Brick at Rotary Plaza

by Ginny Jaquith

Pets are very important to Pedro Point residents so here's a way to celebrate your current pets or remember your favorite pets from the past. Dogs, cats, birds, turtles, you name it! Now you can honor and memorialize any or all of them with their names on a brick at the Pet Path at Rotary Plaza. The Plaza, located at the Pacifica Center for the Arts on 1220 Linda Mar Boulevard, was developed by the Rotary Club of Pacifica as a gift to the community in 2010. Pacificans have been enjoying it ever since and now your pets can be a part of the plaza. Ordering a Pet Path brick is simple online. Go to:

www.pacificarotaryclub.com, click



Pet Path, complete the application form and pay using Paypal. You can also print the form, complete it and send it to the Rotary Club of Pacifica with your check for \$100 payable to PREF and mail to PO Box 1051, Pacifica, CA 94044. In addition, you can pick up application forms at pet stores, groomers and veterinary offices throughout Pacifica.

Up to three lines of 20 characters each can be engraved using laser technology. Their strength and

durability will create a lasting impression and remembrance of your pets on the tiles.

In addition, your tax deductible contribution will ensure that this beautiful plaza continues to be a special part of the community for years to come.

Deadline for ordering bricks is October 30th.

Funds generated from this Rotary project helps to support dictionaries for every third grader in Pacifica, scholarship counseling for high school students and many other Rotary community projects. For questions, order forms or more information about Pet Path bricks contact Ginny Jaquith at 650-355-0805.

Pedro Point Kids 2013 Halloween Carnival & PPPG Update

Pedro Point Kids HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Friday October 25th
6 PM - 8 PM

Pedro Point Firehouse
Donation at Door

ACTIVITIES:
Games & Treats
Special Show
Face Painting
Dance Party

Children of all ages welcome!
Hosted by PPPG & PPCA.

WITH MUSIC

Come in Costume!

Pedro Point Parents Group (PPPG) Update

by Jennifer Hoover

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 25th 6—8 pm for our annual Pedro Point Kids Halloween Carnival. Dress the kids up and come down to the firehouse. Parents and the community are invited to dress up too. Carnival games start at 6 pm and will go for about 30-45 minutes or until the candy runs out so come when the doors open! We will need some volunteers to help in small ways but if you already know you can run a game for 30 minutes or help decorate at 4 pm that day please email me at simplygraphic@comcast.net

Playground Update—On another note, I hope everyone is enjoying the new playground. Every time I'm down there I marvel at what we accomplished as a community and love to see so many kids having fun. Camille and I will be putting a few finishing touches on the playground before the end of the year. Namely the sponsorship plaques and creating signage. It has been brought to our attention that occasionally there are groups of

older kids "hanging out" in the tower, using bad language and creating an intimidation factor with the smaller children. If anyone sees this, please encourage these kids to find somewhere else to play and please respect the equipment. If we all do this consistently hopefully the problem will correct itself. And of course there should be no one in the playground after dark which will be indicated on the new signage.

Welcome Babies—Last but not least, congratulations to the new babies in our neighborhood! We welcome any new parents to join the Yahoo group. In the beginning of 2014, I am going to transition our communication from Yahoo to a sub-group under NextDoor but more details on that to come later. See you around neighborhood. Jennifer Hoover simplygraphic@comcast.net

The Details
When: Friday, Oct. 25, 6 to 8pm
Where: Pedro Point Firehouse
How Much: Donation
Who: Kids of All Ages!

November Potluck—Friday, Nov. 22

The next potluck at the Firehouse will be on Friday, Nov. 22. Watch your inbox for a detailed announcement. Potlucks usually start at 6:30pm. Our potlucks are fun and free! Everyone brings a dish to share. Last names A-H, dessert, I-R main dishes, S-Z appetizer. Good food, good conversation, meet your neighbors, catch up on events, get involved in your community. Questions? Contact *Marcia Settel*: 650-355-8731; gilset1158@gmail.com



Pedro Point Headlands Report

by Lynn Adams

The Pedro Point Headlands stewardship program continues to engage volunteers and make progress at the Headlands. New, simple trail signs have been installed this summer to guide hikers as they explore this pristine, special place so close to the Pedro Point community. In August and September, volunteers removed thousands of small and large pampas grasses from above the green gate area on the old slide area and the North Ridge area where these invasive seedlings have taken hold. They also removed hundreds of French



Photo by Lisa Warns

Broom along with some very large Cotoneaster. Volunteers continue to collect seeds for future plantings from throughout the property for planting this winter on several slopes. Several trees have been removed from the Western Edge to protect the sensitive habitat and coastal bluff

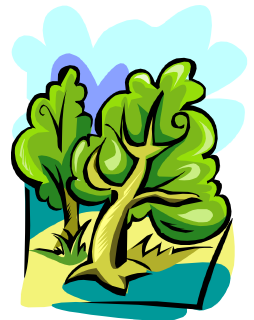
ecosystem.

The 30 plots planted last February on the three Middle Ridge slopes have had a good survival rate through the dry summer. If successful, these plots will create islands of plants to begin healing the eroded slopes.

Future work dates are scheduled for Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 7 - Charlie Brown Holiday Plant-A-"Tree" and Wreath-Making Event. All are invited to join us at 9:45am at the Pedro Point Firehouse on these dates where we load up tools and carpool up to the site. The only legal access into the Pedro Point Headlands is via the green gate off of Hwy 1 just before the tunnel. Parking along the highway by the gate area, while

very limited, is now open except on restoration work days. On the east side of Hwy 1 there is a pullout that can accommodate several cars but it is dangerous to cross the highway.

This stewardship project is directed by the Pacifica Land Trust, Funded by the CA Coastal Conservancy, and supported by the Pedro Point Community Association.



7th Annual Madrigalli Market—Dec. 6th and 7th

Once again, the Firehouse will be transformed into an artisans' craft fair, with gifts ranging from jewelry and ceramics, to paintings, clothing and even some yummy holiday treats! The proceeds from the event will go towards the maintenance of the Firehouse's new community playground.



Perfect Place to Shop for Holiday Gifts!

When: Friday, 4–9 pm and
Saturday, 10 am–4 pm
Where: Pedro Point Firehouse



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PPCA Board Meeting Minutes—July 18, 2013

Meeting was called to order on July 18th at 7:40.

Board members present: Danny Estrella, Breck Hitz, Marcia Settler, Linda Holler, Sam Casillas, Tony Brockman and Bruce Ferry

1. The April minutes were approved.

2. There was no Treasurer's report but Breck reported that we have \$5,000 in the bank plus our June receipts.

3. Committee Reports:

Firehouse: Danny reported about the electrical work that was done, including the installation of the LED lights. We are getting a \$307 rebate for this. There was a plumbing emergency due to a backed up toilet. A workday will be scheduled in the near future as there is always more work to be done. Sam offered to maintain the cutting of the grass.

Events: The next BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, July 21st and will hopefully be as successful as the first. The next big event is the Chili Cook-Off, to be held August 18. A committee meeting is scheduled for July 24 at the pink house.

Volunteers are needed for the PPCA Fog Fest booth on September 28; a sign up list was passed around.

There was no Pedro Point Parents' Group report.

4. Other Business:

The main topic of discussion was the proposed vacating of the right-of-way at the end of Olympian Way, which would potentially allow the owner of the underlying property to build. This request, which the planning department had recommended be approved, has been withdrawn so that the remaining issue for the City Council is the abandonment of the right-of-way for Pompeian, a paper street that has not been built. It is city policy to abandon any paper streets that are not being used. Although it appears that Olympian is no longer under discussion at the city level, concern remains that it will come up again. There is concern about access in case of fire. Neighbors have installed benches at the end of the street and have used it for years as an unofficial park. Members were asked to attend the city council meeting, or at least write to the council members, and make their opinions and concerns heard.

The city's Economic Development Plan was also discussed. The city will vote on the plan in the near future. It will address the issue of the Calson property zoning; the draft recommends that any development reflect the concerns of the neighborhood.

The meeting adjourned on a sad note with a mention of the passing of our kilted neighbor, Hugh Daniels.

Respectfully submitted—Marcia Settler, Secretary

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Agenda for the Oct. 17, 2013 PPCA Board Meeting, 3rd Quarter

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of July 18, 2013 Minutes
- III. Guest Speaker Capt. Spanheimer of the Pacifica Police Dept. – Crime Prevention Techniques
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Balance Sheet, Income & Expenses through Sept. 30, 2013
- V. Committee Updates
 - Firehouse Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Parents Group Committee
- VI. New Business
- VII. Adjournment

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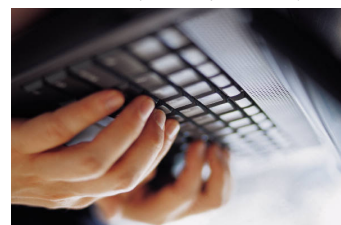
Pedro Point Neighbor

Daniel Kim
Moved in at 110 Kent Rd.

Amelia Gayle Ferry
Born Sept. 11, 2013 to
Cherie Chan and
Bruce Ferry

New Neighbors

We're on the web at:
www.pedropoint.org



**Pedro Point Community
Association
PO Box 951
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Charlie Brown "Plant A Tree" & Wreath-Making Event

The Pacifica Land Trust invites you to their 4th Annual Charlie Brown Tree and Wreath-Making Event. Because of all your help since 2010, our Charlie Brown trees are either too small or too big for most of our homes. However, if you find one that is just right for you, you are welcome to cut it down. But you might have even more fun planting a



"tree" or a native plant. See the recovering coastal scrublands and pitch in to preserve and enhance the integrity of this rich, wildflower-strewn coastal ecosystem and make a family memory. So come hike the headlands, plant your own holiday "tree/native plant" and then make your own wreath or garland while contributing to the Pacifica Land Trust's efforts to restore the Pedro Point Headlands to its full glory,

**Saturday, Dec. 7
from 10 AM to 2:30 PM.**

Meet in Pedro Point's Castle Kitchen parking lot (across from Ace Hardware) where we'll gather and carpool to the Headlands. Wear long sleeve shirts, pants and sturdy boots to walk in the rugged terrain that we'll be navigating. Afterwards, we will have our Charlie Brown wreath-making station with plenty of greens for you to work

with. Make a wreath, garland or door swag. Feel free to bring any ribbons, bows, holiday ornaments or wreath forms to use on your project. We will have some decorating materials available.

Donations to the Pacific Land Trust are truly appreciated and will help preserve, protect and restore these magnificent headlands for us and future generations. Happy Holidays and we hope to see you on Dec. 7th! To learn more about our on-going stewardship and restoration efforts, go to www.pedropointheadlands.org or call us at 650-355-1668.

