

# BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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

## KINDERGARTNERS LEARN ABOUT THEIR REED SCHOOL BACKYARD



Photo by Edith Spindler Mindy Hiatt from the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary teaches a kindergarten class about trees in the Reed Nature Preserve.

With funding of \$1600 from the Belvedere Community Foundation, the eight kindergarten classes at Reed School explored the Reed Nature Preserve behind their school in the fall and spring with **Mindy Hiatt**, a teacher naturalist from the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary.

In the fall, Mindy came to each kindergarten classroom to talk about trees and their parts. She combined this with a visit to the Reed Nature Preserve, so the children could see redwood, oak and evergreen trees in their own backyard. This first visit coincided with the kindergarten's FOSS science unit on trees.

In the spring, Mindy led classes back to the Reed Nature Preserve to teach the children about pollinators and native plants. This 'hands on' spring visit tied in with the kindergarten field trip to the Audubon Center where they learned more about native plants and animals. The Reed students adore this unit and the 'live study' outdoors. *For more information about the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, contact them at [www.tiburonaudubon.org](http://www.tiburonaudubon.org) or 415-388-2524.*

## BLACKIE'S GARDEN FLOURISHES

The most floriferous public garden on our peninsula is without question "Blackie's Garden." The 8000 square foot raised bed, located near the parking lot at Blackie's Pasture, is the result of **Harvey Rogers'** dedication and endless energy. As a Belvedere Master Gardener, Harvey has coordinated over 30 volunteers over the past 12 years to keep this garden beautiful.

Volunteers have helped to plant the 2500 plants made up of 115 species, which are mostly native plants. Not only do the plants at Blackie's need to be drought tolerant, but also colorful and give the passers-by some planting ideas for their own gardens.

The plants are all labeled for identification and there is now a display case on a pedestal at the north side of the garden where Harvey displays educational material that is changed periodically.

Blackie's Garden is a constant work in progress. This beautiful color spot is maintained by local volunteers from the whole Peninsula and funded by the Cities of Tiburon and Belvedere, the Belvedere Community Foundation and the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation.



Photo by Peyton Stein Belvedere Community Foundation board members enjoy learning about Blackie's Garden at Harvey Rogers' 2nd Annual Garden Tour. (l. to r.) Ann Otter, Nena Hart, Roger Felton, Maureen Johnson, Harvey Rogers, and Bill Smith.

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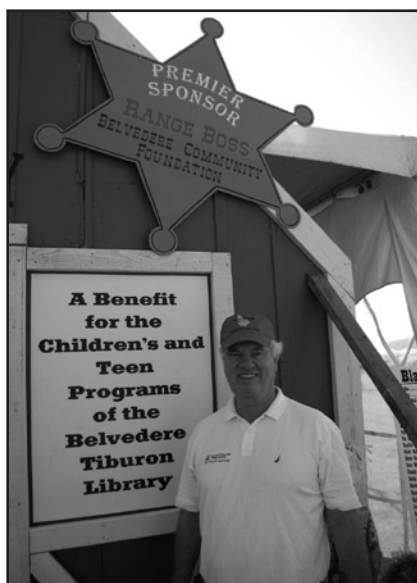
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# FUN FAIR RAISES FUNDS FOR LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS



*Belvedere Community Foundation's "Range Boss," Bill Smith, stands at the entrance to Blackie's Hay Day*

*After getting her face painted, Amanda Yolles of Belvedere takes a turn at ring toss.*



*Photos by Jill Einstein, MD*

The Belvedere Community Foundation was proud to donate \$2500 to the fourth annual Blackie's Hay Day, which is held each September. This annual fundraiser supports the Children's and Teens Programs at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library. Reminiscent of a county fair, complete with pony rides, a petting zoo, toy tractor rides, and a climbing wall, Blackie's Hay Day is hosted by Bookmarks, the volunteer organization which funds in entirety the library's youth programs.

In addition, Bookmarks held a book drive at the event at which over 500 gently used books were collected for the Global Book Exchange. In lieu of gift bags, key sponsors were given the opportunity to host a family in need at the event as a VIP guest. As described by Bookmarks President, **Anne Feinberg**, "Our community has shown such tremendous support for Bookmarks and its efforts over the years that we wanted to find a way to thank them. We also felt it important to extend our outreach to other communities that could benefit from this wonderful generosity."

Blackie's Hay Day is scheduled to take place this year on September 25th. We hope you will help us support this important community event.

## NEW VEGETABLE GARDEN CREATED AT REED SCHOOL

The Reed School Garden was initiated by several parents and Principal **Lexie Sifford**. It was built in collaboration with the local Eagle Scout troop, the school maintenance staff, and parent and landscape gardener, **Denish Wahl**. The \$1,700 grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation helped to purchase materials and plants to create this outside learning environment.



*Photo by Diane Smith Belvedere Community Foundation (BCF) board members (standing, l. to r.) Jill Einstein, MD, Denise Bauer, and Roger Felton stand with Mike Chitwood, Reed School District Maintenance Director and students from the Reed School Green Team in the new garden.*

## THE GUARD CHANGES AT THE FOUNDATION



*Photo by Jill Einstein, MD Outgoing Foundation board members receive plaques commemorating their outstanding years of service at the Annual Meeting: (l. to r.) Roger Felton, Maureen Johnson, and Dennis McDonald.*

The Belvedere Community Foundation extends a heartfelt thank you to the outgoing board members who have each served the Foundation for more than nine years: **Roger Felton, Maureen Johnson, Dennis McDonald**. Thank you for all of your meaningful years of service to this community!

We are also excited to welcome incoming board members: **Frank Greene, Sallie Griffith and Juli Tantum** and incoming advisory trustees: **Larry Colton, Emily Heller, Claire McAuliffe and Tina Setzer**.

# KIDS GET CREATIVE AT CAMP CREATE



Photo by Jill Einstein, MD (standing l. to r.): Gathering around art from Camp Create are Diane Rice of the Belvedere Community Foundation (BCF); Karl Menzel, Junior Camp Director; Nena Hart, BCF; Jo Burnett, vestry member of St. Stephen's Church; Casey Kelly, Junior Camp Director; and Maureen Johnson, BCF; (kneeling): Jeffrey Clawson, former Associate Rector; (sitting) Armani Roots, Junior Camp Director; Jordan Booth, camper; and Mirisa Booth, Junior Camp Director.

The Kenyan word harambee will be heard around Belvedere this summer as approximately 60 campers head to St. Stephen's Church for Camp Create. Started in 1999, the camp is an annual one-week, non-profit arts camp created to bring together children living on the Belvedere-Tiburon Peninsula with children from Marin City and the Canal area of San Rafael. In 2009, for the first time, the camp included children and youth from the Hilarita affordable housing complex in Tiburon.

Many of the underserved children were able to attend camp last summer through scholarships made possible from the Belvedere Community Foundation's \$2,000 grant, as well as funds raised throughout the year.

Each year the camp's theme is chosen from a children's book and woven throughout the week's activities. This year's story, *Mama Panya's Pancakes* by Mary & Rich Chamberlin, was chosen by **Anne Brown**, the director of Camp Create. The story is about a boy who goes to the market with his mother to buy ingredients for pancakes, and invites various villagers to join him along the way. The Kenyan motto harambee means that individuals pull together and contribute to something larger than what they can do themselves.

During the week, campers ages five to eleven are under the instruction of five artists who specialize in working with children. Assisting the artists are a diverse team of twenty teenagers acting as Junior Directors and Counselors, some of whom are from Belvedere and Tiburon.

Camp Create culminates in an evening exhibition and performance that showcases the children's work for family, friends, and community members.

*Camp Create will be held August 2-6th, with the final art show and performance on Friday evening. To get involved for 2010, contact Anne Brown, at [kitchen@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:kitchen@ststephenschurch.org) or call 415-435-4501 x14.*

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## TEENS HAVE FRIDAY NIGHT FUN IN THE ZONE

What to do on Friday night if you are in middle school? Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation may have found the answer. *The Zone*.

*The Zone* is a program for middle school-age youth, offered every other Friday at the Belvedere Community Center. Teens and pre-teens gather to socialize with friends, play video and board games, impromptu games of tag, and watch movies.

The director of the program, **Curt Jackson** says, "It's a great place for the kids to hang out in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. This is the first year of *The Zone*. While attendance has been up to 20 kids a night, the goal is to serve 30-40 sixth to eighth graders per night."

To help achieve that goal, the Belvedere Community Foundation recently approved a \$2,500 grant to the Belvedere Tiburon Recreation for the purchase of additional equipment. The shopping list for *The Zone*



Photo by Curt Jackson Local teens take a break in The Zone

includes a ping pong table, a new game system with games and controllers, a projector to be used to show movies and games on a large pull down screen, karaoke equipment, and some craft supplies – all items that have been requested by the teen and pre-teen attendees.

With even more exciting activities, the hope is even more kids will stay in *The Zone*. For more information, contact Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation at [www.btrecreation.com](http://www.btrecreation.com) or 415-435-4355.



## CONCERTS-IN-THE-PARK HAS A SPECTACULAR SUMMER LINE-UP

**June 20th: Dennis McNeil and Teri Bibb**  
4pm to 6 pm on Father's Day:  
Broadway in the Park  
[www.dennismcneil.com](http://www.dennismcneil.com) and  
<http://Teribibb.com/>

**July 18th: Marley's Ghost**  
4pm to 6pm: Bluegrass,  
Country, Grateful Dead  
[www.marleysghostband.com](http://www.marleysghostband.com)

**Aug. 15th: Tom Rigney & Flambeau**  
4pm to 6pm: Cajun Music  
[www.tomrigney.com](http://www.tomrigney.com)

**Sept. 5th: Dick Bright's SRO Party Band**  
4pm to 6pm after the Labor Day  
Parade: Rock 'n' Roll  
[www.dickbrightssro.com](http://www.dickbrightssro.com)



Welcome to the thirteenth summer series of the ever-popular Concerts-in-the-Park in Belvedere. Each summer the Belvedere Community Foundation is proud to join the City of Belvedere, local businesses and individuals in supporting the four fabulous and FREE Sunday afternoon concerts from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in Belvedere's Community Park. Bring a blanket, a picnic, your family and friends, and have a great time listening and dancing to music from the gazebo.

The Concerts-in-the-Park co-chairs are **Ginny Doyle** and **Cissy Kirrane**. Members of the volunteer committee include **Anne Butler, Jack Doyle, Nancy Cappelloni, Christina Decker, Tina Dewey, Roger Felton, Nena Hart, Maureen Johnson, Petey Stein and Jeffery Stein**. For more information, go to [www.belvedereconcerts.org](http://www.belvedereconcerts.org).



Concerts-in-the-Park Co-Chair, Ginny Doyle and committee member, Roger Felton are all smiles about the successful music series.



Tiburon's Keith Bartel of Keith Bartel Goldsmith and Eva Claiborne of Eva Claiborne Skin Institute enjoy the day.

Photos by Jeffery Stein

## STROLLING MINSTRELS LIVE UP HOLIDAYS ON MAIN STREET



Photo by Valerie Trahms

Members of the Performing Chorus of Young Performers International and their founder and executive director **Leela Pratt** took a break to show off their matching hats, scarves and mittens, which were provided along with their sheet music by the Belvedere Community Foundation with a \$340 grant. These "strolling minstrels" sang holiday music from around the world to create a festive atmosphere as merchants launched their holiday season on Main Street. For more information about Young Performers International, contact them at [www.youngperformersintl.org](http://www.youngperformersintl.org) or 415-420-2960.

# CLICK INTO THE NINTH ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Belvedere Community Foundation is sponsoring the Ninth Annual Photography Contest this fall to celebrate the "Beauty and Spirit" of Belvedere. Professional and amateur photographers have enjoyed capturing the stunning nature of Belvedere in this annual event.

Last year seventeen entrants submitted entries. The Judges were **Nancy Gale, Diane Bradley** and **Ann Aylwin**.

This year's photography contest will be exhibited in the Belvedere-Tiburon Library from Monday, September 20 to Saturday, October 2, 2010. A public reception to honor the entrants will be held on **Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 4-5pm** when the winners will be announced. Prizes (First, Second and Third Place) will be awarded as well as a "People's Choice" prize 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. 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 September 21, 2010 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.*



*Photos by Jill Einstein, MD*

## 2009 ADULT WINNERS AND PRIZES

- First Place:** Joan Sadler, "Untitled"  
**Second Place:** Lita Sonnenberg Wolf, "Floating Jazz"  
**Third Place:** Diane Smith, "Belvedere Butterflies"

## 2009 CHILDREN WINNERS AND PRIZES

- Cayla Mihalovich, "Wistful"  
Nicole Bronstein, "Lovers at Sunset"  
Jennie Scheager, "Flower in my Tiburon Garden"  
Hunter Frenz, "Belvedere Definition 1 & 2"

## 2009 PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

- Jennie Schwager, "Flower in my Tiburon Garden"  
Leela Pratt, "Japanese Painting"

## LOCAL PARENTS LEAD SOUTH OF KNOLL PARK RENOVATIONS

In 2004, **Derice Seid Tao** and **Pam Bonnie**, residents of Belvedere and Tiburon and parents of pre-school aged children, thought that Tiburon's playground needed to be renovated, just as other towns in Southern Marin were working to renovate their parks. At that time, the renovation plans for Belvedere Park were well underway and near completion.

Derice and Pam first asked the Parks and Open Space Commission (POSC) of the Town of Tiburon to review the idea of renovating the South of Knoll Park Leo Tugenberg Playground. **Margo Zender**, a resident of Tiburon, was the original founder of this playground area. After working with the POSC, Director of Public

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## BELVEDERE RESIDENTS TEAM UP FOR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



*Photo by George Rodericks*

Belvedere residents **Jean Cromwell, Dr. Tom Cromwell, Dr. Bruce Sams** and **Janice Still** teamed up for the 13th Annual Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament at Stonetree Golf Resort in Novato. The Belvedere

Community Foundation was one of the organizations that sponsored the tournament on September 8, 2009 with a \$750 donation. The proceeds benefited the Belvedere Tiburon Landmarks Society.



### South of Knoll Park, Cont. from previous page

Works **Pat Echols**, and Interim Director **Dave Bernardi** on the planning, approval and fundraising for the site, the Town Council approved the project in 2005 and construction was completed in 2006.

A second phase was started by Derice and Pam in 2007 to renovate the adjacent school-aged kids playground area – originally funded by **Edward** and **Laleh Zelinsky**. Other Tiburon and Belvedere parents joined the South of Knoll Renovation Committee to help the complete the task: **Felicia Goldstein**, **Claire-Marie Laidley**, **Sunny Lyrek** and **Kaili Pelzer**. The construction was completed in July 2009.

The South of Knoll Park Renovation Committee has raised over \$150,000 to date through commemorative tiles sales and donations, including grants from the Belvedere Community Foundation, Herbst Foundation, Tiburon Peninsula Foundation, the Rockey Foundation, Wells Fargo, Belvedere Land and Laleh Zelinsky. Additionally, the Town was successful in securing a \$12,000 California state grant for the recycled rubber

tire surfacing at the Leo Tugenberg Tot Lot. The total project costs were approximately \$110,000 and \$100,000 for the Tugenberg Tot Lot and Zelinsky Playground, respectively. The Town of Tiburon Department of Public Works contributed a significant portion of the labor for the Tugenberg Tot Lot.



Photo by Jill Einstein, MD      Caption: Pam Bonnie and Derice Seid Tao (far right) teamed up with other local parents, (l. to r.) Kaili Pelzer, Felicia Goldstein, Sunny Lyrek and Claire-Marie Laidley (not pictured) to renovate South of Knoll Playground.

## 2005-2010 BELVEDERE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

Beautify Tiburon Boulevard Committee

Belvedere City Hall: New Flagpole

Belvedere Community Park:

Path Addition

Gazebo Lighting

Belvedere Daffodil Planting

Belvedere Historical Trail Signs

Belvedere Playground

Belvedere Tiburon Child Care Center

Belvedere Women's Forum:

Coffee by the Bay

Newcomer's Welcome Party

Corner Books

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation: Teen Zone

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Foundation

Belvedere-Tiburon Open Golf Tournament

Belvedere-Tiburon Parade Committee

Blackie's Garden

Blackie's Hay Day

Camp Create

Celebrating Ed San Diego

Concerts-in-the-Park

Friday Nights on Main Street

GETREADY94920/Emergency Preparedness

Peninsula Pride

Reed School Nature Preserve/Audubon Education

Reed School Vegetable Garden

Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary:

Oil Spill Clean-Up

Bird Conservation and Monitoring Program

Junior Naturalist Summer Training

Tiburon Art Festival

Tiburon Bicycle Coalition

Tiburon Fire Department

Tiburon Salmon Institute

Tiburon South of Knoll Playground:

Tugenberg Tot Lot

Zelinsky Playground

Walk Your History

Young Performers International



## 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

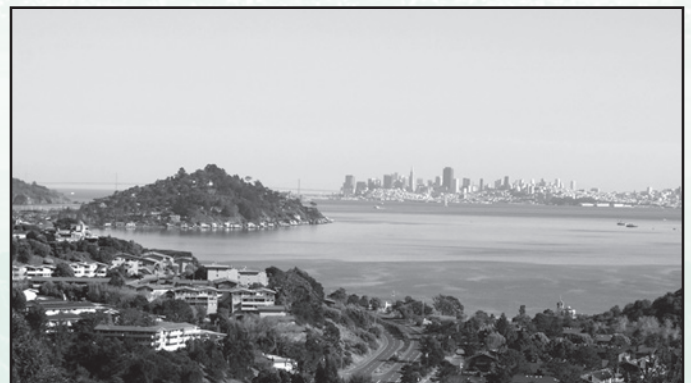
- To sustain the legacy of volunteer public service.
- To perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere's citizens.

### 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 <http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com> and mail it to the Foundation.



*Photo of Belvedere on masthead by Diane Smith*