



Bruce Goldberg Joins in the Bridge Dedication

THE LAGUNITAS ROAD BRIDGE DEDICATION

“THE SUN SHINES ON ROSS”

The March 20th dedication ceremony for our new Lagunitas Bridge was a coruscating event. After a week of worry that rain might dampen the celebration, the sun shone brightly for the festivities. Ross resident



and bagpiper, Miles Popplewell, opened the ceremony with a rendition of Liberton Pipe Band, Approximately 200 people attended with several dressing in period costumes lending an



historic feel to the proceedings. Mayor Chris Martin opened the ceremony with remarks about the history of the original Lagunitas Road Bridge. To everyone's delight he compared the costs of the old and new bridges. Town Council and Staff, as well as the Engineering and Contracting firms who were responsible for the bridge's reconstruction were recognized. The Mayor presented the plaque identifying the historic status of the old bridge. This plaque will be installed at the southeast end of the bridge.

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Colette Reidy, 16 months of age, performed the ribbon-cutting. Her mother, Lesley, and Mayor Martin gave able assistance. The Ross School Chorus sang The Rhythm of Life with lyrics customized for the occasion by Chorus Director and Ross School teacher David Howitt. The Town and The Ross Property Owners Association provided the refreshments of lemonade, champagne and cookies which were served on the Post Office lawn. Attendees received commemorative “Dedication Ceremony” tickets. These are faced with an image of a painting of the new bridge by Ross resident Sally McGivern.



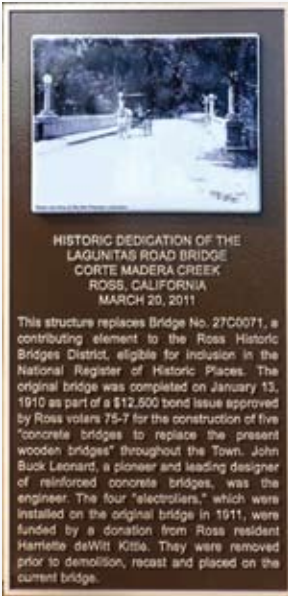
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MISSION

The Ross Property Owners Association (RPOA) has been representing Ross Residents for over 30 years. Our mission is “to provide funds and services for the benefit of the general community of the Town of Ross.” Through the financial support of its members, the RPOA has worked to inform residents of important issues and to contribute to the continual improvement of the community.

The Association holds monthly meetings at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall on the Monday immediately preceding the Town Council meeting. RPOA members are encouraged to participate in our monthly meetings. Issues pertaining to Town matters are discussed, particularly those currently before the Council.



Bridge Plaque

GET READY

Are you ready for a fire, flood or earthquake disaster? Do you have a 10 minute evacuation list?

Organize your neighborhood and take a free 2 hour GET READY program which provides residents with basic skills to survive a disaster. Contact Ross Firefighter Justin Hanson at jhanson@rossfire.org for more information. The GET READY program can also be completed on line at getreadymarin.org.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PROGRAM

At the January 2011 council meeting Town employees Police Officer Kevin McKendry, Police Officer Danny Moy and Administrative Manager Linda Lopez were presented with an award and a small gift in recognition of their five years of dedicated service to Ross.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

ADVISORY DESIGN REVIEW GROUP (ADR)

At the February 2011 Town Council meeting the Council gave commendations to two retiring ADR members. They are Josefa Buckingham and Noreen Slivon who both served from February 2008 to February 2011.



They are being replaced by Peter Nelson and Dean Popplewell. The continuing members are Mark Fritts, Jim Kemp and Dan Winey.

Resolution No. 1644 sets forth the Advisory Design Review process. The ADR provides valuable "customer service" and is also helpful to Staff. The committee gives applicants professional design guidance in an informal setting at no cost to the applicant. Neighbors also benefit from this review process.



ROBERT'S CORNER

Along with the completion of our new Lagunitas Bridge, framed by beautiful magnolia trees, our town also benefits from a new pedestrian path along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Fernhill Avenue and Glenwood Avenue are also graced with 40 new Red Oak trees and 13 Elm trees. Thank you to all of the property owners and citizens that were inconvenienced during the construction and tree plantings.

A special thanks to The Tree Committee. Their hard work included: selecting the trees, sending out notices, contacting homeowners, and

WEEKLY GREEN CAN PICKUP!

Marin Sanitary Service (MSS) is rolling out Ross' first residential food waste composting program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep even more waste from going to the landfill. Twenty percent of the food prepared in the United States each year is thrown out.

Due to the nature of food waste, it must be picked up on a weekly basis. In Ross, bi-weekly green can pick-up will change

to weekly pick-up allowing residents to add food scraps to their green can along with yard waste.

Residents have received a "Food Scraps Guideline". This provides a list of accepted and unacceptable materials. It's very important that you post the list somewhere in your kitchen to keep unwanted materials from being placed into the green can.

Green can contents will be ground up at MSS and then transported to a specialized organic composting site in Zamora, CA. There it's processed using state-of-the-art technology to prevent the release of harmful GHGs.

Please note that 20 gal capacity cans are also available from MSS.

And remember to secure your green can with a bungee cord to thwart rodents!

working closely with staff. Many homeowners on these streets have already adopted the trees in front of their homes in honor of a loved one. Check out the Town of Ross website if you would like to adopt a tree.

Please be aware that these newly planted trees need maintenance. Please water the new trees twice a week, depending on the weather, for the next five years. After five years the trees should be able to pick up enough water from the ground to survive.

Expressing my love for Ross, I am sure that at some point in time you have heard me say, "This is my town." Truthfully, it is OUR TOWN. We create its beauty and we maintain it together. Thank you for helping me, town staff, and the Tree Committee in its stewardship. Nature, open space and our trees are the signature of Ross.

Thank you,
Robert Maccario / Superintendent of Public Works

MERCHANTS' HIGHLIGHTS

TINSLEY HOME AND GARDEN

30 Ross Common

Since October, 2010 "Downtown Ross" has benefited from the store "Tinsley Home and Garden".



Offering both special and stylish items for one's home and garden, as well as professional interior design services, this new merchant is an asset. Tinsley Hutson-Wiley's interiors are a mix

of classic and contemporary styles with "special" items to create an individual look to your home. The store also carries beautiful gift items such as necklaces, candlesticks, pillows, design books, etc.

The store is open Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:00PM.

MISS SARA'S BALLET SCHOOL

23 Ross Common

Miss Sara's Ballet School opened in January for young dancers 2 - 8 years old. Miss Sara is Sara Whittles who taught ballet to children of all ages for eleven years at the Stapleton Ballet School where she especially loved working with younger children. Having trained and danced for 14 years at the San Francisco Ballet, she finally decided to pursue her life long dream of opening a dance school that combines her love for children and ballet.



She remembers her first ballet classes as a very young girl as a special time filled with music, magic, fantasy and friendship. Her goal for her students is for them to experience their first ballet classes in much the same way: that ballet class is a place where every student feels welcomed and valued, and where all are friends and treat each other with kindness and consideration. You may contact her at 450-1425 or info@misssara.com to inquire about class availability and registration.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ROSS SCHOOL'S "BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE" will be held Saturday, May 7th, 9:00-3:00, featuring four gardens. Though the gardens are of various sizes and design, the vivid colors of the flowers are most salubrious. Also featured is the Marketplace, a gift shop with special items for personal, home and garden use. Lunch is available as well as afternoon tea. Shuttle service begins at the Marin Art and Garden Center. Visit www.Rossgardentour.org for more information and ticket purchase.

THE ROSS SCHOOL AUCTION is Saturday, May 14th on the grounds of The Branson School in the new Fine Arts Center. Featuring artwork by Ross School students and local artists, the theme is "Art Gallery". The evening will include cocktails, delectable dinner, live and silent auctions, and music and dancing. Visit www.Rossschool.org for more information.

MARIN ART AND GARDEN'S theatre program features THE ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS with the production of "Quilters" beginning March 17th through April 17th. Performances run Thursdays through Sundays at 8:00 PM.

ROSS VALLEY PLAYERS continues its brilliant and local productions with the play, "Rabbit Hole" beginning May 13th through June 12th.

Also at MARTIN ART AND GARDEN THE GARDEN SOCIETY OF MARIN SPRING SALE will be held April 30th and May 1st from 10:00 to 4:00.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY

RESPONSE TRAINING "CERT"

In the event of a disaster, you can be prepared to help yourself and your neighbors by taking a CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) course. A CERT course will teach basic skills to help you and your neighbors survive a natural or man made disaster or event.

In the Fall of 2010, all Marin County agencies came together to standardize their CERT programs. You may now take a class anywhere in the County and be assured that you are getting the same training and information that all trained CERT personnel receive. The CERT course schedule is available at www.marin-countycert.org. If you have other questions about CERT, you can contact Ross Firefighter Justin Hanson at jhanson@rossfire.org.

Remember to be prepared to take care of yourself, your family and pets for at least 72 hours!

BURNED-OUT STREETLIGHTS

Burned out streetlight bulbs aren't being replaced in a timely manner.

In order for the bulbs to be replaced the Town has to be notified. This responsibility falls to the citizen who notices the outage. No one else is reporting these outages.

Report outages to Public Works Department Secretary Simone Jamotte at 435-1453 x106 or sjomotte@townofross.org. You must provide the pole number, which is located on the pole and ends with a capital "K" and the location of the pole ie. nearest house address. The Town then informs PGE and they replace the bulb.

Since this problem was discussed at the January 2011 Town Council meeting, Simone has reported that between January 25th. and February 3rd., 26 bulbs were replaced.

RPOA Member list 2010

(* Bears)

Anita & Marc Abramowitz *
 William Aitkin & Sara Simmons
 Beth & John Allen *
 Peter & Margaret Allen
 Michael Alvarez
 Liz Amini
 Gordon & Pam Andrews
 Marcella Arana
 James Babcock
 Sonia & Vito Badalamenti *
 Kimberly Quinlan Bakker *
 Benjamin & Eloise Ballard
 John & Michelle Battelle *
 Jerilyn & Cregg Baumbaugh
 Jules & Jody Anne Becker
 Dan & Mia Beckham
 Robert & Loraine Berry
 Tom & Sandy Bertelsen
 Mary Black
 Dick Bobo & Ann Sorgen
 John Boesel & Arianna Van Meurs
 Janine Boneparth
 Ray & Anita Bonneau
 Meade & Terri Boutwell
 Susan Bowman
 Branson School
 Ralph & Kathy Braren
 Jeffrey Brody & Susan McCormick
 Mary Delanty Brown *
 Carla Buchanan
 Kevin Buckholtz & Ruth Krueger
 Bill & Joey Buckingham
 Jim & Mary Buie *
 Tom Byrnes *
 Bill & Jeanne Cahill *
 James & Megan Calhoun
 Lawrence & Marilyn Carr
 Lee H. Carson
 Mrs. Jane Boatner Chamberlain
 Janis & John Chittick
 Jennifer & Samuel Chrisman
 David Churton
 Joe & Janell Ciatti
 John & Jennifer Coan
 Ruth & Frederick W. Coe
 Frank & Ann Cognato
 Susan & Mitch Cohen
 Marc & Leslie Cohodes *
 Kit Cole *
 Colby & Caskie Collet *
 Brian & Marie Collins
 Baird & Danielle Conner
 Bill & Laura Conrow
 Tara Crawford & Chris Frederiksen
 Caitlin Curtin *
 Jon & Catherine D' Alessio
 Tenki T. Davis
 Judith Dawson *
 Joan Dea & Lionel Conacher
 Mohammad Diab & Mary Jane Elliot
 Jon Dickinson
 George Dirkes & Gail Stern *
 Ed & Tia Dong
 Frank & Diane Doodha *
 Edward J. Dubinski
 Patricia Duffy & Les Sherman
 Gordon & June Dunn
 James & Marjorie Egger
 Daniel & Andrea Elkort
 Robert & Gilda Elliott
 William H. & Carmelita W. Ellis *
 Pat & Harold Engle *
 Cynthea Fabian & Robert Bronson
 Melissa Fairgrieve *
 Tom & Ann Fanoie *
 Bob & Chris Feibusch *
 William & Tamara Feigenbaum
 Diane & Jim Felchlin *
 Ken & Thana Fineman
 Tallie & Tom Fishburne
 Josh & Kara Fisher *
 Gilbert & Kelli Fleitas *
 James T. Ford & Marion J. Ford
 William Cash & Shannon Forman
 Lynn & Michael Foster
 Ken Frankel & Susan Nielsen
 Jeoff Franklin
 Craig & Dianne Fruin
 Barbara & Tom Gaffney
 Jane & Lee Gammill
 Ray Leonard Garrison
 Rose E. Gehm
 Wilma Gilbert
 Mike & Susan Gillfillan *
 Nancy & David Gilmour
 Gian & Melanie Giusti
 Harvey Glasser *
 Joy & Bruce Goldberg
 Theo & Kara Goldin
 Jonathan & Donna Goldman
 Charles & Barbara Goodman *
 Mark & Trish Goodman
 Eric & Carmel Greenberg
 Glenn & Denise Greenberg
 Peggy & Richard Greenfield
 Diane Grialou
 Joan & Phil Gross, MD
 John & Linda Gruber
 Margie & David Guggenheim
 Margaret Haas *
 Donna & James Hale
 Richard M. Hall
 Stanley Hall
 Diana Hammer
 Jessica Hart *
 Jeanne & Kent Harvey
 John C. Hau
 Steve Hauser & Elizabeth Robbins
 Frank & Lenore Heffernan
 Leni & Doug Herst
 Robert & Anne Hickey *
 Judith A. Hiltner
 James & Helen Hobbs
 Rich & Kathleen Hoertkorn *
 Rich & Kristin Hogan *
 Stephen & Kathleen Hohenrieder *
 Hank & Beth Holland *
 Nancy Wayne Holter
 Erwin & Eleanor Holton
 Marcel & Liora Houtzager
 Christine Howey
 Kevin & Dyanne Howley
 C. Wray Humphrey
 J. Patrick & Irene Hunt
 Scot Hunter & Mary Lee Rybar
 Frederick A. Huxham
 Judy & Tom Hyde
 Thomas Jackson & Kathleen Grant
 Michael & Barbie John
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 Walter & Anne Kieckhefer
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 Jeffrey & Carol Kuhn
 Monica & Joseph Kwait
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 Nelson & Elisabeth Lampert
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 Lamonte & Regina Lawrence
 Robert & Jennifer Leathers *
 Edward & Karen Lee
 Mark & Tracy Levie
 Jeremy & Charlotte Levin
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 Debbie Matthies
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 Relton & Barbara McCarroll *
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 & Michael Lawson
 Ed & Elizabeth McDermott
 John & Lenora McGeough
 William & Sally McGivern
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 Katy & Francis McGovern
 Bruce & Janet McLellan *
 Leroy & Esther Meshel
 Paige & Chad Meuse *
 Horst & Helen Meyer
 Jim & Joan Mickle
 John & Ellen Miller
 Tom & Joy Mistele
 Doug & Michael Moore
 Amelia & Ken Morris
 Bill & Zee Zee Mott
 Janet & David Mourning *
 Anne Mula
 Alexander & Joohee Muromcew
 Aaron & Mindy Mutscheller
 David G. Nasaw & Carla J. Roth *
 Devlin Nemer
 Bill & Carland Nicholson
 Carol & Steve Nimelstein
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 David Riley & Sarah Friar *
 Kate & Zeb Ripple
 Chris & Stephanie Roeder
 Martin & Betsy Rosen
 Michael & Elika Rosenbaum
 Dan Rosenthal *
 Robert & Alyssa Rothman
 Mary Ruane
 Rus & Diane Rudden *
 Diana Rudsten
 Peter & Sylvia Russell *
 Doug & Maria Ryan
 Brian & Suzi Salmen
 Donald Santa *
 Susan & Dick Schliesmann
 Robert & Elinor Schneider
 Edward & Elaine Schultz
 Charles & Sally Secor
 Bill & Janet See
 John & Elinor Severinghaus
 Bradford & Michelle Shaffer
 Nicole & Andrew Sheehan *
 Carol & Harold Sherley
 Ben & Patti Shimek
 Lyle Shlager & Andria Langenberg
 Martin Shore
 Ken & Judy Siebel *
 Chris & Steve Simpson

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Michael & Marcia Skall	Tom & Pauline Tusher	Phil Wolfson
Paul & Birgit Skoldborg	Art & Sherry Valdez	Ashford & Juliet Wood
Paul & Noreen Slivon	Tahlia	Mike Wood
Bob & Carla Small *	Dirk & Barbara Van Meurs	Timothy & Ashley Wood*
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Kimberly Nunes	Paul Violich *	Wendy McPhee & John Wooster
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Rocky Stich	Jim & Dotty Wells	Cynthia Snorf Zak
Tracy Stott & Richard Torney	David & Kay Werdegar *	Edward & Beatrice Zampa *
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Michael Thoma	Sean Williams *	
Jeffrey & Julie Thomson	Betty Wilson	
Adam & Libby Tracy	David & Iris Winey *	
Patty & Dick Treadwell	Michael & Victoria Winnick *	
Herb & Nancy Tully	Douglas & Nancy Wolcott *	



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MOYA/ROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2011 FIRST FRIDAY FORENOON PROGRAMS AND ANNUAL EVENTS

The First Friday Forenoon lectures are held in the Livermore Pavilion at the Marin Art and Garden Center. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m, and last for about one hour. Following each presentation is an informal “meet the speaker” wine and nibble reception. A donation of \$5 per person is requested.

- MAY 6** THE LIFE OF A WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER Professional wildlife photographer SUZI ESZTEERHAS will give a presentation on her adventures photographing wildlife around the world, and will discuss what it takes to be successful in her profession.
- JUNE 3** The annual MOYA LIBRARY/RHS FUND RAISER—THE REVIVAL OF THE MARIN COUNTY ARTISAN CHEESE INDUSTRY Following the presentation, there will be a wine reception and an alfresco catered lunch around the Memorial Pool. Further details to be announced.
- SEPT 16** The ANNUAL MEETING for all Moya Library/RHS members and their guests will be held in the Livermore Pavillion or around the Memorial Pool. Further details to be announced.
- OCT 7** MARIN MIND/SCAPES A documentary film by MARILYN GEARY and LAURIE THOMPSON, explores the influence of art and nature on the lives, artistic expression and mental well being of eleven Marin County artists.
- NOV 4** LUTHER BURBANK Adele Yare, Docent at the Luther Burbank Home and Gardens will give an illustrated presentation about the stories behind some of Burbank's famous and not so famous plant developments. Sometimes there are stories behind the stories.

For More Information call (415) 258-9595. <http://www.moya-rhs.org>



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



COMMON SENSE

While enjoying our pastoral Common please be responsible for your accoutrements when leaving the Common. Garbage, clothing, dog excrement, etc. need to be picked up before you leave. Let's maintain the "JEWEL" of our town.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Town Hall

RPOA MEETINGS

Held at 7:15 p.m. on the Monday preceding the Town Council Meeting in the Town Hall

TOWN'S E-MAIL

To join the Town's email list and receive Town notices, contact Linda Lopez <llopez@townofross.org>



Please visit RPOA's website to view this newsletter and for more information about our organization:
www.RPOAross.org

RPOA NEWS Briefs

The ELECTION OF OFFICERS took place at the annual meeting in February. **The Board of Directors for 2011:**

President: Diane Rudden; Vice-president: Anne Hickey;
 Secretary: Iris Winey; Treasurer/Membership: Frank Doodha;
 Members-at-large: Cate Babcock and Charlotte Levin

Cate Babcock is the newest member of the Board. Her enthusiasm toward the projects that we are involved with is very welcome.

MEMBERSHIP – The membership solicitation letter was sent in January. Renew your membership using the envelope that was enclosed in the letter. We are looking forward to the same wide community support that we had last year.

The burned out streetlights were brought to the attention of the Town Council by the RPOA during our time on the Council meeting agenda. This resulted in the replacement of 26 bulbs within a one week period. We are pleased to have participated in solving a small problem in town.

The Property Owners Association is assisting Ross Chief of Protocol, Roseanna Lourdeaux, with the refreshments for the Lagunitas Road Bridge dedication on March 20, 2011.

Note: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STILL HAS ONE VACANCY TO FILL



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