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### **Museum Events**

## **Antique Appraisal Day**

**Thursday, April 11 10 am - 3 pm**

**Marin Center Manzanita Room**

**10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903**

\$30 for admittance & 3 items for appraisal

Bring your treasures for an estimate of their value as well as learning additional information about your item.

Purchase timed tickets at [Marin Center](#)



# Walking Tour

*A Marin History Museum Walking Tour*

## Dominican University Neighborhood Historic Walking tour

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2018  
10 am; \$10 fee

**Where:** Meet us in front of the  
Administration Building on  
the Main Lawn, corner Acacia Ave  
and Grand Ave.

Parking available at the  
Conlon Center across the street

**Details:** Tour concludes with lavender  
lemonade at the Meadow  
Lands Lawn



Dominican University of California was founded in 1890 as Dominican College by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael. It is one of the oldest Universities in California. The neighborhood surrounding the university is full of history, starting with its development by William Coleman and Michael DeYoung.

Take a stroll with local historian Marcie Miller through beautiful past and present Dominican Neighborhood and Campus.

Please RSVP: [info@marinhistory.org](mailto:info@marinhistory.org) • [www.marinhistory.org](http://www.marinhistory.org) • 415-382-1182



## Lecture Series



April 25 · 7:00 p.m. · Elks Lodge · 1312 Mission Ave, San Rafael

### **Linda Hepworth, author of *If These Tables Could Talk* and *Turning the Tables* Author Chat and Book Signing**

Linda Hepworth has authored two books about her experiences of waiting tables in local establishments of Marin, *If These Tables Could Talk* and *Turning the Tables*. She spent her time at Le Chalet Basque in Santa Venetia, the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, the Hilltop Café in Novato and Sally Stanford's in Sausalito. Her humor creates a loving and interesting collection of short-story memoirs filled with quirky characters and famous people that continue to make life worth appreciating and chuckling about in the living history of our unique county.

Linda first moved to San Rafael in 1977 and spent 18 years waiting tables at the former Hilltop Café in Novato. These days, she can be found evenings at Chalet Basque Restaurant where she has been a waitress for more than 30 years. She has acquired a reputation for jokes and stories to amuse her companions while they wait for their meals. Pull up a seat and join us for a fun-filled evening.

\$10 suggested donation. Free entry for Elks with ID card.

San Rafael Elks Lodge at Mission Ave at C Street in San Rafael. 1312 Mission Ave.

Look for hidden driveway. Parking  
in the rear of mansion. Follow one-way signs.

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## Feature Article

### Inns of the Past



**"The Country Club" of Bear Valley / 1890**

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poetic in describing the clubhouse's interior as, "equipped with every possible luxury and convenience calculated to either secure the comfort or enjoyment of the members." Membership in The Country Club was initially set at 100, but increased to 125 within two years.

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**Black Point Inn**

The Black Point Inn just west of the Petaluma River was the hub of the North Bay community for close to 90 years. Most sources agree that the first building there was constructed around 1890. Local historians tell the tale of a Norwegian sea captain, who giving up his ocean-going life, beached his boat on the point and built it himself. Originally it was a home, store, tavern and stage coach stop, Over time, the 'Inn' served as the local post office, hotel, saloon and restaurant, church,

railway stop and community meeting house. By all accounts, "Black Point" got its name from the very dark woodland that covered the hills of the point as seen from ships on the bay.

Its location on the river attracted both hunters and fisherman and many began to build summer cottages in the area. There are records of the property being purchased in 1920 by the eventual Mrs. Louis Nave (formerly Mae Miller) who ran the store and served as postmistress until the 1940s. Stories of the Inn, with its secluded location, serving as a 'speakeasy' during Prohibition abound. The store and tavern were enlarged sometime in the 1930s. There were 10 hotel rooms upstairs, a Rosewood bar, restaurant, banquet rooms, post office, and a grocery store on the first floor.

Through the 1950s and 60s the Inn changed hands a number of times but was always a favorite roadhouse-style restaurant that featured live music ("Dick Saltzman Trio – Direct from the S.F. Hyatt Regency!), dancing, and American, Continental and Chinese fare (courtesy of Al & Joe Louie, chefs at the popular 751 Club in San Rafael). Harry Craft's column in the Independent Journal, "Dining Out & Inns", always gave the Black Point Inn top marks for its food, ambiance and service. The much-loved eatery was gutted by fire on April 29, 1976 and never rebuilt. The property is now home to Kelleher Lumber Co. of Black Point.

Photo Source: MHM

By Scott Fletcher

## Community Events of Interest

### **Marin Civic Center Library, California Room**

#### **Waldo Grade and the Golden Gate Bridge**

Join historian and Sausalito resident Mike Moyle to explore this fascinating facet of our local history. The construction of the Golden Gate Bridge wouldn't have made any sense without an equally bold construction project in the hills above Sausalito. The creation of the 3.6-mile Waldo Grade, which runs from the bridge to Waldo Point at the north end of Sausalito, required the excavation of millions of cubic yards of material and the boring of the first of today's two tunnels.

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION OF EVENT: Anne T. Kent California Room Map & Special Collections Annex, 1600 Los Gamos, Suite 182 (Lobby B) San Rafael. For more information on this free event, call 415-473-7419.



**Saturday, April 27 9:00 am Creekside Park**  
**San Anselmo Historical Commission**  
**Stroll Through History Returns for 2019**

Downtown San Anselmo. The tour will highlight San Anselmo's historic Hub, the role of the railroad in the development of town and the changing character of the businesses and architecture on San Anselmo Avenue. Meet at Creek Park and stroll along San Anselmo Avenue. The tour will end at the Historical Museum for light refreshments.

**Friday, May 3 11:00**  
**Moya and Ross Historical Society**  
**Mt. Tamalpais: Three Peaks, Old Trails**

Follow in the footsteps of early scientist-explorers William Brewer and Charles Hoffman with local historian and photographer BRAD RIPPE as they ascend Mt. Tamalpais as members of the California Geological Survey in the early 1860s. Illustrated with historic and recent maps and photographs, learn about this early adventure and other fascinating stories along the old trails of Mt. Tamalpais.

## From the Collection



The Orpheus Grill operated next door to today's Rafael Film Center



throughout the 1920s. When expanding the theater in 1997, a cache of long-forgotten business receipts from the Grill was discovered in an adjoining wall. In 2010, Jeff Craemer donated these receipts to the Marin History Museum.

The receipts record of some of the Marin's businesses of the era including: Marin County Milk Company, San Anselmo Bakery, Larkspur Fruit and Vegetable Store, Frank Spenger Shrimps, Fish & Crabs, Blagg Brothers Coffee, and Lafargue French Laundry.

Shown here, the reverse of two receipts from Herzog's Market. On one, a charming illustration reminds customers to "Phone 43 for Meats"; on the other, a repeated customer service slogan: "Be quick to kick if things seem wrong, but kick to us and make it strong; To make things right gives us delight, if we are wrong and you are right."

A single typed menu, dated March 20, 1925, lists a "special commercial lunch," served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., comprised of navy bean soup, heart of lettuce salad, a choice of entrée, blackberry cobbler, and coffee, milk or tea—all for just 50 cents.

Sources: Marin History Museum, [www.rafaelfilm.cafilm.org](http://www.rafaelfilm.cafilm.org)

## In the News - 100 Years Ago

### *Marin Journal*

April 1919

#### JOIN CANAL PARADE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The citizens of San Rafael will take part in a great parade Saturday afternoon as a demonstration in favor of the success of the special tax election to improve the San Rafael Canal.

Starting at Fourth and E Streets at 2:45 o'clock, the line will march down Fourth street to the Union Depot and countermarch to the Court House, where Congressman Clarence F. Lea will speak on the canal question. In addition to hundreds of citizens and automobiles in line, the parade will be formed of the students of Mt Tamalpais and Hitchcock academies, the Boy Scout, the pupils of the High School and the students of the Grammar School above the third grade.

Every store in the city is expected to close during the parade in compliance with the request of Mayor Herzog.

## **VOLUNTEER JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

We can use your help! Have a little time on our hands and looking to help a local non-profit? Below is a list of some of the volunteer positions we need to fill. Please let us know if any of these look interesting to you by emailing [info@marinhistory.org](mailto:info@marinhistory.org) or calling 415-382-1182. We would love to hear from you!

### **Writer**

We are starting to create a lot of content for our eNewsletters, social media sites, and future traveling exhibitions and publications. If you like to do historical research and write short articles, we could use your help.

### **Editor**

Along with writers, we need editors to give the final article its blessing before it goes to print. This volunteer job can be done from home or on site. Let us know if you have that required eagle eye and grammatical tenacity to tackle this job.

### **Photographer**

Capture the moment for us! Your photos of the Museum's special events and exhibitions will be invaluable for public outreach, future fundraising campaigns and our institution's historical record. We could use your help documenting our history!

**Don't see your area of interest?**

**Call us and we work with you to create your perfect volunteer experience!**

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