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Museum News

MHM's first Annual Summer Awards Ceremony was a great success!



Congratulations again to Laurie Thompson of the [Anne T. Kent California Room](#) for the extraordinary work she has done to preserve and present Marin County's history.

Kevin & Jill McConnell, ably assisted by Mayor Peter Lacques on harmonica, serenaded the attendees with great music under the dappled shade of oak and bay trees.

Michelle & Laurie

Guests sipped the fabulous [Pacheco Ranch](#) wine and chatted while visiting the pop-up museum, dining on terrific food from Lombardi's, and having their tintype portraits taken by professional photographer Brittany Bradly.

Thank you, also, to Herb & Deb Rowland who provided the venue and gave us a fascinating glimpse into the Pacheco & Rowland family's long history in Marin.

A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers supported this wonderful event. Without their help there is no way it would have happened. Thank you to each of you who made this event so peaceful and enjoyable!

Mike Kelly, Kathy Kelly, Traci Dunkel, Constanza Perry
Marcie Miller, Ruth Moran, Andres Stinchfield
Jo Haraf, Mary Obrien, Ray Lorber
Rob Carey, Ann Batman, Melissa Mumbauer
Max Kaufman, Isabella Kaufman

We also thank our sponsors who made this event possible:
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Feature Article

Wildcare: A History of Marin's Wildlife Hospital



Source: Discoverwildcare.org

Orphaned possums, baby hawks fallen out of nests, deer hit by cars, and an injured bobcat with a broken leg are all in a day's work for Wildcare in San Rafael. Last year, Marin's wildlife hospital rescued, treated, and rehabilitated more than 4,000 wild animals and reached nearly 40,000 Bay Area adults and children with wildlife education programs.

WILDCARE TIMELINE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

WILD CARE

Wildcare in San Rafael is one of the world's best **animal rehabilitation centers**. Here's a brief history of how it got started.

1954

A group of mothers opened the **Marin Junior Museum** at the old San Rafael Military Academy gym so families and children in Marin would have a place to go to learn about animals and nature.

1956

St Paul's Church hall is moved to **Albert Park** by Optimist's Club and renovated for museum with help of local residents.

1961

Renamed the **Louise A. Boyd Science Museum**.

1965

Snake and reptile room added to popular live exhibits.

1967

Board starts looking for a bigger home at **Marin Civic Center**.

1970

Volunteers make **classroom visits** with "George the Owl", rescued turtles, rabbits, ferrets.

1973

Plans to move and build more exhibits and hospice space abandoned due to **cost**.

1974

Marin Wildlife Center formed to treat and rehabilitate sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and focus on nature education.

1998

Renamed **California Wildlife Center** as now rescuing wild animals well beyond Marin.

2004

Merged with **Terwilliger Education Center** to provide field trips, training, interactive kits for teachers, summer camps.

2010

Started **fundraising** for a new much larger facility near McInnes Park at old Missile site.

2018

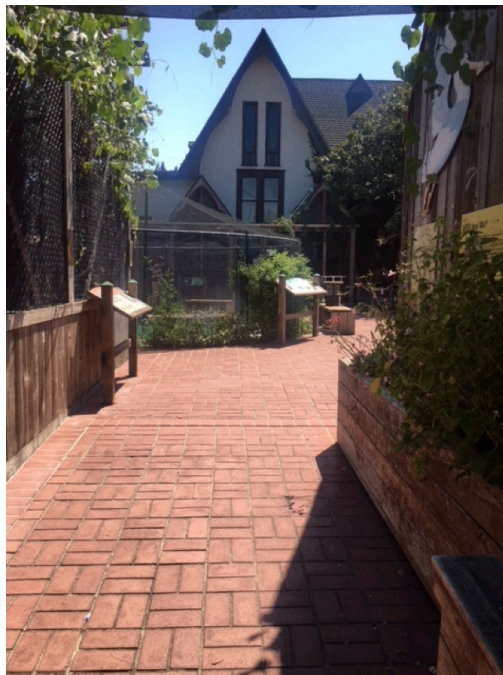
Operating 7 days a week, reaching **40,000 Bay Area children and adults** and treating **4,000 wild animals** (200 species) annually.

It all started in 1954 when a group of parents opened a Junior Museum for children to learn about nature. When St. Paul's Church parish hall was to be torn down, it was moved to Albert Park and renovated into exhibit rooms, live animal displays, and a large meeting room with the help of local residents.



St. Paul's parish hall is behind and right with the peaked roof

Source: MHM



Note Wildcare's peaked roof

Source: Susan Cluff

In 1961, the museum was renamed for Arctic explorer and local philanthropist Louise A. Boyd who was “flabbergasted” by the honor but barely heard over ducks quacking, seals splashing, and shrieks of happy children.



Miss Boyd at the 1961 naming of the Louise A. Boyd Science Museum
Source: Marin IJ

“Everybody loves animals,” trumpeted the *Marin IJ* in 1962. Visitor favorites back then included Teddy the Bear, Easter the Seal, Gordon the Owl, a pair of escaping alligators, some affectionate snakes in the reptile room, and an office parrot that could mimic ringing telephones.

Operating with a handful of trained staff and three shifts of volunteers, the museum put on learning events, organized field trips, and visited school classrooms. Fundraising needs were constant, so neighborhood guilds conducted rummage sales and hosted an annual Festival of Trees decorated with natural materials.

As Marin’s population grew, more hurt and sick animals were brought in for care. So in 1974, the museum became the Marin Wildlife Center, then California Center for Wildlife. In 1994, a merger with the Terwilliger Education Center continued the legacy of naturalist educator Elizabeth Terwilliger, providing hands-on educational materials, training volunteer guides in interactive learning techniques, and running nature camps.



Mrs. T
Source: Marin IJ

While cramped for space in its current quarters, Wildcare announced in May that it would not be moving to a new site at Silveira Ranch. Perhaps history repeats itself. In 1973, the museum had planned to open a larger facility at Marin Civic Center, shelving those plans due to expense.

On Wildcare's website www.discoverwildcare.org, Director Vaughn Maurice promises to "continue to run our amazing programs and keep you updated as we adjust our course" and urges us to write Congress about the effects of oil spills on shorebirds and suggests ways we can mitigate some of the negative effects human lives have on the wild animals around us.

Just another day's work at Marin's wildlife hospital.

By Susan Cluff

Faces of Marin

Louise Arner Boyd
September 16, 1887-September 14, 1972



Louise Boyd signing Fliers and Explorers Globe
at the American Geographical Society, 1938.
SOURCE: Joanna Kafarowski

A San-Rafael native, Louis Boyd is best-known for becoming the first woman to fly across the North Pole in 1955.

Receiving a large inheritance from her parents, Louise began to travel in the 1920s. It was not until 1924, on a trip to Norway, that she saw the Polar Ice Pack for the first time. Captivated by that experience, she joined the efforts to search for missing arctic explorers Roald Amundsen and Umberto Nobile in 1926 and was awarded the Chevalier Cross by King Olav of Norway for her help.

In 1933, 1935, 1937, and 1938, she led and partly financed notable scientific arctic expeditions during which she photographed, surveyed, and collected hundreds of botanical specimens that were compiled in an American Geographical Society volume: *The Fiord Region of East Greenland*. Although the war effort stopped her explorations, she was hired by the United States Army for secret assignments based on her extensive arctic experience and detailed maps.

By Claire Hendren

Elizabeth Terwilliger
September 13, 1909–November 17, 2006



SOURCE: Discogs.com

From the 1950s into the 1990s, Elizabeth Terwilliger led hikes in Marin and taught children and their parents to love and respect nature, to touch it, and to talk to it as if it were an old friend.

“Hello, Mr. Crow,” Mrs. T would call with wide-eyed delight. Nature reciprocated with love and conversation. “Caw, Caw,” Mr. Crow replied. “Please come out, we’d like to meet you,” she’d invite.

Mrs. T was born on Oahu and graduated from Stanford School of Nursing. She is remembered for being a conservationist and trailblazer in nature education. Among her accomplishments, she helped save Angel Island from development and worked to preserve both Marin’s marshes and the Richardson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. In her signature straw hat, Mrs. T taught three generations to love the outdoors. “We take care of what we love,” and she said—and did. Mrs. T died in 2006 at the age of 97, but if you are very still, you can hear her in the breeze, “Mr. Great Blue Heron, where are you?” The bird lazily flaps its wings and takes flight. “I love you, Mr. Great Blue Heron,” Mrs. T sings. Every child lucky enough to remember Mrs. T loves her too.

By Alice Tanner





Alicja, A Wildcare Volunteer

Alicja, an experienced volunteer in the bird room and the clinic, fosters raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and opossums for release back to nature—and works insanely-busy four-hour shifts at Wildcare.

To prevent their animals from becoming tame or dependent, risking their survival in the wild, Wildcare hides their food so they must forage, hazes them (gently) to instill a fear of humans, and keeps young animals with others of their species.

Volunteers serve in the clinic or bird room, prepare food, feed, administer meds, clean cages, muck up, wash dishes, and prepare for the next shift. Meal making involves dicing up defrosted mice and smelt (Yum!), chopping fruit, blending protein slurries, and preparing other delectables. Some birds are on thirty-minute feedings, which keeps everyone scurrying.

Alicja is effusive about her time at Wildcare. “The best part of my job is being able to undo some of the damage that people have done to wildlife—through a bad interaction with a car or spring tree-trimming—giving them the chance to be what they are meant to be.” [DiscoverWildcare.org](https://www.discoverwildcare.org)

By Jean Mansen

Community Events of Interest

Friday, September 7 8:00 pm

Sausalito Historical Society

SHS Exhibit Room in Sausalito City Hall

[“The Sausalito That Never Was”](#)

The next scheduled subject for the SHS Exhibit Room in Sausalito’s City Hall will be: “The Sausalito That Never Was”.

Perhaps a perfect description of what we envision. Of course, the still-born Marincello will be a big part of the story, but we’d like to tell you some things that maybe you don’t know about what might have happened here.

This exhibit will open in September 2018, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Sausalito in 1893.

For more information: sausalitohistoricalsociety.com

Saturday, September 8 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Fairfax Library

The Bolinas-Fairfax Road: 139 Years of History

Historian & Author Brian Crawford shares the fascinating history of the Bolinas-Fairfax Road, built in 1878 to provide Marin with a crucial transportation link across the county. Intimately tied to the history of Marin County and its water wars, the road was rerouted many times as dams and reservoirs were built. It was also the scene of runaway stagecoaches, landslides, fires, earthquakes, encounters with wildlife, and one bizarre holdup. Brian’s illustrated talk features photographs and maps, including materials from the California Room’s unrecorded Marin County Map Collection. Followed by a book-signing.

Friday, September 14 11:00 am

Moya Library/Ross Historical Society

Tom Perry, descendant of James Ross, will share information and photos of his great aunt **ISABELLA WORN** and her sisters. In the early 1900s, the Misses Worn (Bella, Annie & Grace) were renowned floral decorators. Raised in Ross Valley, their artistic expression was featured throughout

high society, including the Palace Hotel, the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition, 1939 World's Fair, San Simeon, and Filoli. We request \$10 at the door for the presentation.

A catered luncheon will follow. Tickets for the luncheon are \$50 per person, including the presentation. Please reserve by September 10. Checks can be mailed to Moya-RHS, PO Box 437, Ross, CA 94957 You can also purchase online on our [Reservation Page](#). For more information, contact Ruth Barton at 415 461-1972

Saturday, September 15
Museum of the American Indian
[Miwok Park, Novato, California.](#)

TRADE FEAST

The featured event at this year's Trade Feast:

- Native American arts and crafts
- Red Voices Intertribal Drum
- Intertribal Pomo Dancers
- Aztec Dancers
- Hula Manu O'o
- Miwok Songs and Stories
- basketry demonstrations
- regalia making
- shell bead drilling
- children activities
- book sales
- tours of the Museum

www.marinindian.com/activities

Saturday September 22 9:00 am

San Anselmo

Historical Commission Stroll Through History

Meet at: Montgomery Chapel (Richmond Road & Bolinas Avenue)

This year the Historical Commission will also sponsor a "Stroll Through History" in one of San Anselmo's oldest neighborhoods—the Seminary area. The tour will highlight the quiet beauty of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, its history and fine architecture. Refreshments will be served along the way. This tour does involve stairs and uphill and downhill walking.

Walks and Talks

Marin History Museum and the San Rafael Elks Lodge Celebrate the 131st Anniversary of Louise Arner Boyd's Birth



Sunday, Sept. 23

Elks Lodge, Magnolia Terrace
1312 Mission Ave., San Rafael

4pm - Party begins with music by Coastal Wreckage

6pm - Estate & home tour led by Marcie Miller. High tea & cake will be served Louise's signature cocktail, "Veslakari," available for purchase

Louise Boyd was an American explorer of the Arctic Ocean and the first woman to fly over the North Pole. She was born to a wealthy family in San Rafael and inherited their fortune in 1920 after which she traveled in Europe.

For more information:
Marcie@marinhistory.org
415-446-8869

Tour provided by "Walking with Marcie"



MHM Speakers Series

The History and Evolution of San Rafael's First Fire Company



Thursday, Sept. 27th at 7:00

Elks Lodge - 1312 Mission Ave., San Rafael

Speaker: Laura A. Ackley

San Rafael's first firemen kicked up dust as they dragged heavy, two-wheeled fire wagons as through the unpaved streets of the small, 800-odd resident town. This illustrated lecture by historian Laura Ackley traces the

history of San Rafael's first Fire Company from those low-tech-yet-resourceful beginnings until today.

Ackley will cover the earliest, all-volunteer San Rafael Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, the fire department's first purpose-built home in the 1895 San Rafael Town Hall and its subsequent move to the then-high tech Fire Station 1917. She will also depict the progression of San Rafael's firefighting equipment—from manpower to horsepower to “auto-trucks” to a fire rig called “Snorkel.”

Using many rare images, she will also describe the many modifications that allowed the 1917 Mediterranean-Revival station to remain in operation for an entire century, as well as the next steps in the evolution of San Rafael's original Fire Company.

Historian Laura A. Ackley's book *San Francisco's Jewel City: The Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915* won the Gold Medal at the 2015 California book awards. She will have copies on hand to sell and autograph after her talk.

\$10 suggested donation Free entry for Elks with ID card
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New Feature on Marinhistory.org

Several of our talented authors have written articles on a particular facet of Marin history. These articles are now appearing on the MHM website for your Fall reading enjoyment.

WANTED:

Model ship builder or appraiser to value MHM's model of the NWP Sausalito Ferry. If you have experience in either of these areas, the Museum could use your help. Please contact Collection manager, Heather Powell at Heather@marinhistory.org

The NWP Sausalito Ferry will be on display at the Sausalito Historical Society,
420 Litho St, Sausalito, CA 94965, weekdays, 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM



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 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.

Heavy Lifter

We need a few strong individuals to help move heavy shelving units within the Collections Facility. If you have few hours to spare during the week and could help us move our shelves, we would love to hear from you.

Special Event Assistant

If you enjoy hosting or attending a well-planned party, you'll be a natural at during the Museum's special events. We would love to see you help create the party, greet guests who attend, and keep that friendly and festive feeling going for the whole evening.

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!

Are you a student looking for community service hours? Know a student who needs hours before graduating? The Marin History Museum is a 501(c)3 and can grant students their community service hours. Let us know and we'll take care of it!

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Please call for an appointment

415-382-1182

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