West Marin Fund grants for youth involvement in non-profits

The West Marin Fund (WMF), a foundation organized to serve the communities of coastal West Marin, has announced its second round of grants. The awards go to twenty non-profit organizations and total nearly $30,000. The grants support projects that involve local youth in the work of non-profits—from internships and youth-oriented services to opportunities for young people to become community citizens and philanthropists. Grants ranged from $751 to $5,000.

“The West Marin Fund hopes that these grants will teach young people about the critical role nonprofits play in serving the communities we live in,” said Board Chair Harriet Moses. “We want to give them the opportunity to work with a local nonprofit and feel the satisfaction of providing needed community services. The proposal we received represented a great diversity of approaches to youth involvement, and we expect they’ll all help to develop young leaders and future nonprofit board members.”

Among the grantees are:
- West Marin Community Radio station KWMR, which was awarded a $4,000 grant for a DJ program to train youth in professional communications and public engagement.
- Bolinas Community Land Trust, which was awarded a $2,000 grant for a fundraising apprenticeship program, training youth about both community service and fundraising for nonprofits.
- Turtle Island Restoration Network, which won a $1,500 grant toward coordinating a student scientist intern program.

Bolinas theater for youth

The Baker Elementary School is pleased to announce its first summer musical project for 2012 with “The Little Mermaid.” The musical, written and directed by Michele Smith for ages 8–15, will be the show’s first original musical about life in Bolinas during the 1870s. fence-building called Jigging Sticks. Students will help write the musical, as well as design and make sets, dance in character development. The show will be presented on Saturday, June 16 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 17 at 2 p.m. at the Baker Woman’s Club. For information and to reserve tickets, call the Baker Elementary School at 669-0285.

Point Reyes Music Center

The Point Reyes Music Center Music Party on May 26 will be held at the Point Reyes Schoolhouse. The event will feature a private concert by The Point Reyes Music Center, a special performance by the Schoolhouse Band, and a mini-concert by the Schoolhouse Band. The party will also feature a silent auction of local art, handmade crafts, and other items. For more information, visit the Point Reyes Music Center’s website at www.pointreymusiccenter.org.

Bolinas photographer wins Pickle Jones grant

By Jennifer McFarland

The Pickle Jones Foundation, established by the late Mill Valley photographer Pickle Jones, has named photographer Geller as the third recipient of a grant from its Visual Action Support Program. The program supports promising emerging and established artists living in Marin County. Photographer Geller will receive a grant of $2,000.

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