

Around West Marin



Madeline Hope, Willow Dawson, Marlowe Ural, Gabe Ural, Anais Nagel, Willow Wallof with Chris Eckert holding a large mock-up of the real check for \$2000 granted to TBYC-YIP (Tomales Bay Youth Center-Youth in Philanthropy) by the West Marin Fund. Members are also known as Yipsters, and their goal is to create a zero-waste school at West Marin Elementary. Photo by Linda Petersen

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 \$50,000. The grants support projects that involve local youth in the work of nonprofits—from internships and youth-oriented services to opportunities for young people to become community citizens and philanthropists. Grants ranged from \$750 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 Moss. "We want to give them the opportunity to work with a local nonprofit and feel the satisfaction of providing needed community services. The proposals 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 project to train youth in professional communications and public engagement.
- Bolinas Community Land Trust, which was awarded a \$2,000 grant for a fundraising apprentice 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

Theater on the Lagoon is pleased to announce its summer musical project for 2013 will be *Jugville: The Musical*, written and directed by Molly Maguire for actors ages 8-15. The show will be an original musical about life in Bolinas during the 1870s (when Bolinas was called Jugville). Students will help write the musical, as well as design and make sets. Daily activities include acting, singing, dancing, art, history and character development.

Camp will meet the following dates: June 13-14 (Th-F) 10-3; June 17-20 (M-Th) 10-3; June 24-26 (M-W) 10-3; June 27 (Th) 10-1. Dress rehearsal will be Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Performances will be Friday June 28 at 7 p.m. and Sunday June 30 at 5 p.m.

Contact Molly with questions: mollymaguire@mc.com, 868-9358. You can download an application for the camp and for scholarships here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/m8vyz442kku4dk8/Jugville%20Application.pdf>

Jugville: The Musical is supported by generous grants from the Bolinas-Stinson Beach Library Improvement Society Grants Program, the Stinson-Bolinas Community Fund, and the Stinson Beach Historical Society.

Point Reyes Music Center Music Party on May 26

Special performances this spring will be offered by our Adult Chamber Music Class, African-style Drum Class, Magic Flute Music Store Jazz Ensemble, The iPad Composer's Spectacular Suite, and the Switcho-Chango Duo (I just made that up) from Nicasio.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Point Reyes Music Center Music, upstairs at Cowgirl Creamery and, weather permitting, on the Livery Stable Green (with thanks to Marshall Livingston). 8 young students will perform.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. At Magic Flute Music Store Stage (Northgate One Shopping Center, the small strip mall with Big Five on the end, not the large Northgate Mall) in Terra Linda. 6 adults and young musicians.

You are welcome to perform at both locations! (You are also welcome to attend whether or not you are performing - as part of our music community.)

Please bring your favorite cookies. I will bring cups, napkins, and apple cider. Cheers! -Joyce Kouffman

Bolinas photographer wins Pirkle Jones grant

By Jennifer McFarland

The Pirkle Jones Foundation, established by the late Mill Valley photographer Pirkle Jones, has named Bolinas resident Eli Geller as the third recipient of a grant from its Visual Artists Support Program. The program supports promising emerging and mid-career artists living in Marin County. Photographer Geller will receive a grant of \$25,000.

The PJF Visual Arts Support Program grant aims to recognize, encourage, and nurture artistic imagination and drive, commitment to the creative process, aesthetic standards, and artistic potential.

Upon notification of the grant, Geller

wrote, "I am completely amazed and filled with gratitude by this opportunity. This is a monumental affirmation as an artist. I am looking forward to a wonderful year as a photographer, and to cultivating and expanding my universe in art and life."

After a 2013 sold out show at the Gospel Flat Farm Gallery in Bolinas, Eli made the decision to pursue photography full time. He was inspired to be an artist after watching a film about the life and work of Ansel Adams. This led to his discovery of and dedication to the alternative photographic process called "lith printing". He notes, "The process allows me to express the numinous, mysterious beauty that I see. I am especially moved by the raw, untouched natural world. Every 'lith print' is one of a kind, through them I am constantly reminded of the tremendous beauty that surrounds and enfolds us, and that Nature is the greatest artist of all."

Jennifer McFarland is Director of the Pirkle Jones Foundation.



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