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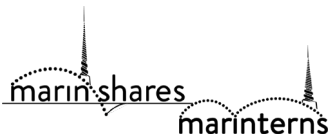
Board Lauds Honorees

The Marin County Board of Supervisors has honored 139 volunteers and interns who made big impacts and completed their service. Board members passed individual resolutions of commendation on August 10.

Honorees served in 14 departments in a range of roles. Of the total, 101 were Marinerns who learned about careers in law, public health, agriculture, library services, and more. The 38 MarinShares volunteers included a Marin County Parks volunteer who contributed for 44 years, plus several who served more than two decades. To see honorees' names, visit the [county newsroom](#).

Where Are They Now?

Marise Thadani was an undergraduate student intern with the Health and Human Services Department's Prevention Hub in 2012. She has continued in the health field and is beginning her second year of an online master's in public health program through the University of South Florida. Marise lives in Marin and works full time for the California Department of Public Health.



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Surveyor Finds Facts on Historic Maps

By Natalie Dybeck

The Marin County Free Library's California Room is full of significant collections, including 30,000 historic maps and surveys with an extensive unrecorded Marin County Map & Survey archive dating from 1849 to 1988.

Each week, MarinShares volunteer **Phil Danskin**, a

professional surveyor, serves several hours with the California Room archive, finding maps requested by other surveyors.

He scans, re-files, and emails the maps as part of his triple role as a volunteer map archive docent, researcher, and cataloguer. While this may sound mundane to an outsider, it is no easy feat—and the findings could lead to big changes for a home or town.

"Finding what was asked for is sometimes the most difficult part," explained Phil. "I've discovered duplicates, misindexed maps, and maps not in the best shape. And it's challenging to create a file for big tube maps, which are much too big to scan."

When not volunteering, Phil is a self-employed land surveyor running a father/son business in Marin, and an active member of the Marin County chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association.



Phil Danskin

PHOTO COURTESY OF PHIL DANSKIN

Phil's interest in surveying began early. "In high school I wanted to fly. And the opportunity [to learn surveying] presented itself when my flight instructor built an airport in Sonoma," he reminisced. The instructor asked Phil to help and "that was my first experience in surveying."

His career took him from flying over land to surveying properties in Marin County. He even made headlines in the Marin IJ. A special one was "Stake Upsets Old Lot Lines," when Phil discovered something that questioned modern-day property boundaries.

"While employed at Joseph Grippi & Associates, I discovered a survey stake that was set in 1888," he said. "There is a water cave for a spring that served the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo. I searched with a metal detector and came upon an old buried barbed-wire fence." Phil removed two remnants of intersecting fencing and dug down about

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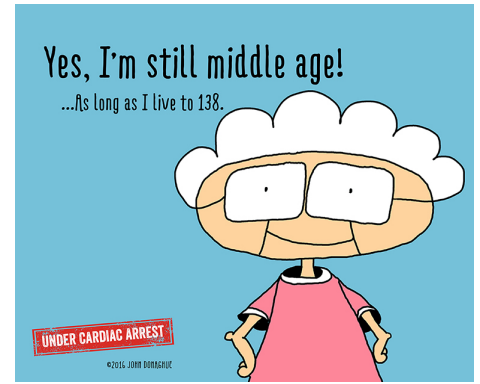
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18 inches. The 1888 field notes described a clump of stakes, with “one marked AWF,” Phil said. “I found the stub of the stake, and a 1900 mint-condition dime buried there! Like a surveyor long ago said, ‘I’ll give you a dime if you find the right stake!’”

For Phil, the most rewarding part of volunteering in the California Room is “finding a map or field notes that are key to resolving a boundary.”

“Phil’s expertise as a surveyor and his connections to the field, literally and figuratively, are key to creating accurate metadata,” said Phil’s staff supervisor, Librarian **Carol Acquaviva** of the California Room staff. “We are incredibly lucky to have someone with his specialized knowledge helping us provide access to this one-of-a-kind collection.”

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CARTOON BY JOHN DOMAGHUE

Intern Team Celebrates Service



PHOTOS BY JOY FOSSETT



Interns from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) Office held a fun sendoff last month.

There was cake (see inset) and departing intern Julia, who has completed her internship, received a certificate of appreciation. Julia is headed to Monterey for two weeks of training, then will be in Washington, DC for the fall semester on a prestigious Panetta Institute for Public Policy Congressional internship. As part of the Congressional internship, she is assigned to work with Congressman Raul Ruiz’s office.

Who's New & Welcome!

Adam Almedilla (San Anselmo), Student Service Intern, Fairfax Library

Stephanie Alvarenga Lopez (Hercules), Telehealth Nursing Student, Health & Human Services (HHS)

Esdras Alvarez (Alameda), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Jiramane Apiwansri (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Monika Barta (Walnut Creek), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Jake Blazona (Ladera Ranch), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Oscar Bomse (San Francisco), Student Service Intern, Fairfax Library

Jessica Calderon (Vallejo), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Alexandra Capulong (San Francisco), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Eli Carter (San Francisco), Student Service Intern, Fairfax Library

Stuart Dake (Novato), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

Luis Dominguez Xala (Berkeley), California Public Health Corps Trainee, HHS

Karen Dozer (Mill Valley), Friends of the Family Volunteer, HHS

Marlene Edwards (Antioch), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Dustin Ercolano (San Francisco), Post-Bar Intern, Public Defender's Office

Corin Fritz (Sonoma), Workplace Coach, Fairfax Library

Jonelle Gantan (San Francisco), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Adriana Garcia (San Rafael), Title IV-E Intern, HHS

Alicia Garcia (Glendora), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Simin Ghahghahi (San Jose), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Rebecca Gilbert (Mill Valley), Social Work Intern, HHS

Lizbeth Gonzalez (San Rafael), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Jana Graham (San Rafael), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Madison Hassett (San Rafael), Law School Intern, Public Defender's Office

Cameron Henn (Kentfield), RxSafe Marin VISTA Intern, HHS

Andrew Hom (Dublin), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Priscilla Hopkins (San Rafael), Senior Peer Counselor, HHS

Eddie Lam (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

George Lan (Fremont), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Andrea Lane (Sausalito), Nursing Student, HHS

Julian Lavares (Vallejo), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Taualee Lepolo (San Rafael), Workplace Coach, Fairfax Library

Larry Lewis (Mill Valley), RACES/ACS Volunteer, MCSO

Natalya Liauw (San Lorenzo), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Siqi Liu (El Cerrito), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

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Kimberlie Manuel (San Rafael), Nursing Student, HHS

Priscilla Martin (San Pablo), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

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Morgan Olson (San Rafael), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Sarah Onsoe (Chino Hills), CAPA Nursing Student, HHS

Tulsi Patel (San Rafael), Nursing Student, HHS

Veronica Ponce (San Pablo), Child Welfare Intern, HHS

Larissa Ramirez (Richmond), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Sholeh Salimi (Oakland), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Alaiyah San Juan (Millbrae), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, Point Reyes Library

Kathleen San Pedro (Vallejo), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Ruth Santiago (American Canyon), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Joanne Savet (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Andre Serita (San Jose), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

Naomi Smeby (Antioch), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Sara Soto (Corte Madera), Nursing Student, HHS

Thomas Strada (San Rafael), RACES/ACS Volunteer, MCSO

Edie Stubblefield (San Rafael), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Alexa Sullivan (San Rafael), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Heather Tasselmyer (Petaluma), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Dietetic Intern, HHS

Abigail Rose Tecson (San Jose), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Marise Thadani (Larkspur), Epidemiology Intern, HHS

Aishwarya Thakur (Fremont), Graduate Clinical Training Intern, HHS

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Gregg Turner (Mill Valley), Newsletter Photographer, Human Resources

Sonia Valencia (Suisun City), Nursing Student, HHS

Reagan Vandeburg (Turlock), Law School Intern, Public Defender's Office

Stella Vazquez (Fairfax), Teen Shelver, Fairfax Library

Connor Vilter (Novato), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Fayez Vuong (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Veronica Wagner (Corte Madera), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Eliza Warde (Forest Knolls), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, HHS

LaToya Webb (Concord), Child Welfare Intern, HHS

Tariq Williams (Pinole), Student Service Intern, Fairfax Library

Ian Woo (Castro Valley), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Kristen Yang (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Felicia Yee (Castro Valley), Literacy Tutor/Reading Buddies Intern, South Novato Library

Stephanie Yu (San Francisco), Telehealth Nursing Student, HHS

Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing involvement.

37 YEARS

Karen Berke (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks (Parks)

25 YEARS

Ralph Lunan (San Rafael), Office of Emergency Services Volunteer, Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

23 YEARS

Jo-Ann Giunti (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

20 YEARS

Cathy Day (San Anselmo), **Melanie Facen** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

19 YEARS

Madelon Van Lier (San Rafael), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

18 YEARS

Kathleen Holland (San Rafael), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

17 YEARS

Zerene Soans (Novato), **Connie Tellep** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

16 YEARS

Craig Mirkin (Corte Madera), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, MCSO

13 YEARS

Jillian Robinson (Fairfax), **Carol Sheerin** (San Rafael), **Joel Toste** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

12 YEARS

Gayanne G. Enquist (Inverness), Library Assistant, Inverness Library

Marge Jackson (Novato), Usher, Cultural Services

11 YEARS

Mary Anderson (Tiburon), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

Paul Hinz (Novato), RACES/ACS Volunteer, MCSO

10 YEARS

Karen Hege (Greenbrae), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteer, MCSO

Steve O'Keefe (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

Alice Rivas (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

Michael Yuan (San Rafael), Marin Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, MCSO

9 YEARS

Elizabeth Hannon (Novato), **Ruth-Louise Moran** (San Rafael), **Deborah Salisbury** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

8 YEARS

Ted Kreines (Tiburon), **June Miller** (San Rafael), Marin Civic Center Tour Docents, Cultural Services

7 YEARS

Annemarie Ambuehl (Novato), **Sue Derana** (Novato), **Deborah Gregor** (Novato), **Mary O'Hara** (Novato), **Daina Vitols** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

Patrick Murphy (Novato), Financial Abuse Specialist Team Volunteer, Health & Human Services

William Schimpf (Petaluma), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteer, MCSO

6 YEARS

April Forsythe (San Rafael), **MB Fribley** (San Anselmo), **Mary Miller** (San Rafael), **Claire Taylor** (San Rafael), Marin Center Ushers, Cultural Services

3 YEARS

Ruben Diaz Escobar (Novato), Spanish Tutor, Novato Library

Charles Viebrock (Novato), English Tutor, Novato Library

2 YEARS

Haven Allard (Berkeley), **Justin Buzon** (Novato), **Todd Law** (San Rafael), **David Levine** (San Rafael), **Christopher Wand** (Tiburon), **Erik Zech** (Larkspur), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteers, MCSO

Matthew Baldwin (Nicasio), **Sebastian Bellingham** (San Anselmo), **Mikaila Levine** (San Rafael), **Drake Miller** (Mill Valley), **Emma Nathanson** (San Geronimo), **Kai Tuffo** (San Anselmo), **Scott Van Hooser** (Tiburon), Marin Search & Rescue Youth Volunteers, MCSO

Afsaneh Bohlouli (Mill Valley), Graphic Design Aide, Corte Madera Library

Spencer Michels (San Anselmo), Marin Civic Center Tour Docent, Cultural Services