

# Kings Mountain ECHO



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Dear Neighbors:

School is out! We've graduated nine remarkably articulate and poised young persons from Kings Mountain Elementary School. The fact that these guys are well prepared for their next big educational adventure was abundantly clear to all who attended graduation. This issue contains our story about this memorable event. Principal Diane Siegel's moving tribute to the students, parent volunteers and the mission of Kings Mountain School is not to be missed.

Kick off your summer at the KMA BBQ & Classic Car Show on July 9th. Free to all, this is the place to meet & greet neighbors over food and fancy car fun. Also, check out our Garden Club tips as you pump up your time in the yard. Most of all, it's time to plan for the Kings Mountain Art Fair on Labor Day Weekend!



For 53 years, Art Fair has been the grand finale of summer on the mountain. Art Fair Chairpersons have been busy for months. Now it is your turn to sign up for the plethora of jobs it takes to ensure a successful fair. Check out the job descriptions needing volunteer staffing and contact the listed chairperson. Sign up for the KMES Cookie Baking on August 27th too. It is a blast to be part of the amazing assembly line that KMES parents have perfected over many years. Note too, that the deadline for Mountain Folk Art applications is July 3rd.

Most of all, be aware that the vibrancy of our community depends on your participation. Art Fair proceeds fund the maintenance of our Firehouse/Community Center and our vitally important Volunteer Fire Department. It also provides annual program enrichment grants to KMES. Happy Birthday to Zanette Cornman; 102 years old on July 6th. Zanette was part of the first KMES Cookie Bake and Chaired the Art Fair "Poster Posse" for about 20 years. Happy 4th of July to Everyone! Take careful heed of the Fire Danger tips provided in this issue. Our beautiful neighborhood is dry and we all must be alert during this fire season.



Warm regards,  
Sam & Eileen

*King's Mountain Association*  
presents

# CLASSIC CAR & BBQ

**JULY 9, 2016**  
**10-3 PM**

**Bring your vintage car or motorcycle!\***

KMA will provide the BBQ meat, corn on the cob, salads, bread, and drinks.

Last name A-M: Appetizers to share

Last name N-Z: Desserts to share



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*Don't Miss*  
**KMA Classic Cars & BBQ**  
Saturday, July 9th

**S**ummer on the Mountain always kicks off with the Kings Mountain Association BBQ. A tradition for decades, the Summer BBQ is free for everyone. It is always delicious, and provides a great way to meet and greet neighbors before folks scatter on vacation. A "Classic Car" display added to the fun last year was a hit and a new tradition was born. This year will again combine a festive feast with a Classic Car Show. Here is what Event Chairperson Ingrid Hegerberg said about the inaugural show:

"We had approximately 14 cars of different makes and years. In addition, we had a few motorcycles. Fred aka Red Fred brought his vintage Indian bikes and they were awesome! Basically, anything that was vehicle oriented including vintage trucks and a vintage street racer were on display. Everyone who came by had the opportunity to talk to each participant and vote on his or her favorite. The one who got the most votes went home with a handmade trophy made by our then KMA board member, Bob Moriarty. The winner thought that it was the best trophy he had ever received. Including the very tasty BBQ, we had the best of both worlds. Non-car enthusiast and the car lovers interacted and it was a beautiful thing to see."

This year's event offers even more diversity for neighbors to enjoy. The show portion is shaping up to be bigger, and will include classic cars, motorcycles, dune buggies and even a display of vintage toy cars. Everyone is invited to stroll the car show from 10-12 in order to meet the owner/collectors of the show vehicles. Awards for 1st through 3rd place winners (handmade by Bob Moriarty) will be given at 12:30 officially starting the BBQ. Our hard-working KMA Board Members and their "foodie" volunteers will have a delicious BBQ of meat, bake beans, corn on the cob, salad and beverage available to enjoy all afternoon. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors according to your last name: A-M=appetizers; N-Z=desserts

The KMA Classic Car & BBQ starts at 10:00 am and runs through 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 9th. KMA Vice President, Ingrid Hegerberg, will be Chairman for the second year. She suggests you "can stay all day or if you're not a car fan, just come by around Noon. The participants in the car show may leave their entries till the very end, just for bragging rights!"

Ingrid is still taking show applications and wants more of you to enter interesting vehicles even if they are not in running condition. Last year's show had a car brought by trailer and you can do the same. If you have a "classic vehicle" to enter or need more information, call Ingrid at 650-766-4433 or email her at [ihegerberg@gmail.com](mailto:ihegerberg@gmail.com) before July 9<sup>th</sup>. Vehicle registration the day of the event will take place between 9 am - 10 am

Ingrid's goal is to make the Classic Car & BBQ the second biggest annual event for our community in addition to the upcoming Art Fair. Everyone please come!



## **KMA Board Meeting Minutes** – June 8, 2016

**Call To Order:** Sybil Plank called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

### **Attendance:**

Board members present: Sybil Plank, Kathy Shubin, Linda Gang, Ingrid Hegerberg, Eric Soult, Sam Penman and Kate Rouch.

**Secretary's Report:** No formal May minutes as meeting was conducted as part of the Annual Dinner.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Gang presented the Treasurer's Report updated with most Annual Dinner expenses, and membership dues and donations. Report was approved.

### **Public Notices Received by KMA:**

No public notices.

### **Old Business:**

#### **New Comers packet**

The New Comers packet is updated/completed and available in PDF form. 10-20 hard copies will be printed. To be circulated via the Yahoo group, on request, and when residents join the KMA and provide an email address. Review annually and distribute accordingly.

#### **Annual Dinner**

Linda Gang is certainly leaving us in a blaze of glory. Her efforts for the Annual Dinner made this another true KMA festive event. A massive thank you to all who helped or attended, contributing to a wonderful evening.

#### **Board Member Update**

Kate Rouch was successfully elected to the KMA board during the Annual Dinner. Jennifer Newhart has agreed to replace Linda Gang.

- **Website**

No new status. The search is still underway for a suitable volunteer(s) for this role.

**New Business:**

**Summer Party**

The KMA annual Summer BBQ/Car Show will be held at the Community Center on July 9, 2016 from 10am to 3pm. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm. Flier previously approved.

**KMA Board**

A review of events and forums. Monthly meeting changed to the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Positions held for the following year as follows:

President – Sybil Plank

Vice President – Ingrid Hegerberg

Secretary – Kate Rouch

Treasurer – Pending

**Walk Ins:**

No walk ins.

**Next Meeting:** July 12, 2016 at 7 pm at the Community Center. **Everyone is welcome!**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Community Volunteer Wanted! Do You Have Web Site Development Experience?**



Our Community needs a volunteer to take over the **Kings Mountain Online** web site. The developer of the excellent community resource, Werner Glinka, has moved off the mountain, so we are looking for someone to

take over the maintenance and further development of the site.

We have plans to expand it to incorporate several other community web sites that are currently independent, which will make it the "go to" place for all things Kings Mountain. The volunteer should have some web development experience. The site is written in the content management framework Drupal (<https://www.drupal.org/>). The good news about this is that the volunteer doesn't have to update the site every time someone wants to post a new article or calendar event. However, this does mean the volunteer needs to learn Drupal, a useful programming language. Werner has graciously offered to help the new volunteer to get familiar with Drupal, the KMOL site, and help as much as he can from afar.

If you are interested in the job, please email Rocky at [rockmore79@gmail.com](mailto:rockmore79@gmail.com) for more information or to discuss.



**Inside the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade**  
**By Steve Johnson**  
**July 2016**

## **My Memorable (Emergency) Calls**

First, congratulations to our new firefighters: Andrew Dellinger, Sean Fender, Jon Curcio, Ann Gabrys, Nick Kromat, Kelly Sanderson, Mario Miu and Anders Holvick-Thomas. They now have the basic skills and have already responded to both emergency and fire calls.

Emergency calls are the subject of this and a few future articles. For a Firefighter, a “call” starts when your pager goes off and signals an emergency – primarily fires and rescues. The pager gives you basic information – type of call and location, not much more. Here is a list of some of my most memorable emergency responses, including my first call. I’ll talk about some of these in the next few months.

**Rescue Calls:** Bicyclist over the cliff, 6 teenagers over the side, the “Onstar” rescue, 40 something kid fell off a swing and broke his leg, Helicopter rescue at Skeggs Point, the “can I give you a hand” overturned vehicle accident,

**Fire Calls:** The Huddart Park Fire, the Roman candle fire at Purisima Creek, the asphalt fire on Skyline, the “let’s get outta’ here” call, and the Porsche vs. power pole vegetation fire, “Bullets over Skyline” vehicle fire, fireplace/chimney fires (several)

**Storm-related calls:** Trees down (various roads), snow-covered trees down, power lines down, tree on top of propane tank, and many more.

**My First Call:** It was around 7 PM on a weeknight. We were in the middle of a remodel and the workers were just leaving. My pager goes off: “Vehicle Accident with injuries, 12200 Skyline Blvd. Rescue 56, respond code 3.” That’s my house! I put on my turnouts and headed up the driveway. One of my workers had turned onto Skyline just as a motorcycle was heading south at 70 miles per hour. The cycle T-boned my worker’s car (hit the side of the car head-on.) Two guys were lying in the driveway, one in obvious pain. I made sure everyone was off the road, except for the worker’s vehicle, which was stalled in the middle of Skyline. I tried to think what to do next, but this was my first call! I examined the more serious patient, who appeared to have a broken leg. Fortunately, the Rescue and Engine 56 showed up, and the more experienced firefighters showed up and took over. I think I ended up doing traffic control and putting out flares for the rest of the call. Both patients survived and were taken off in the ambulance. My worker’s car was totaled. But I survived the first of about 500 emergency calls I responded to over the next 20 years.

**Tip of the Month:** “PulsePoint” is an app for Iphone and Google Play. It will tell you where the nearest AED is in your area in San Mateo County. It also lists the emergency calls in progress in the County, as well as logs of previous calls.



**WILDFIRE IS COMING...  
ARE YOU READY?**



**MAINTAIN DEFENSIBLE SPACE**

**ALERT: MILLIONS OF DEAD TREES MEAN INCREASED WILDFIRE THREAT.**

Protect your family, home and property by creating and maintaining defensible space now.

**BEING READY—WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS**

Being Ready for wildfire starts with maintaining an adequate **defensible space** and by **hardening your home** by using fire resistant building materials. **Defensible space** is the buffer you create by removing dead plants, grass and weeds. This buffer helps to keep the fire away from your home. Hardening your home means using construction materials that can help your home withstand flying embers finding weak spots in the construction, which can result in your house catching fire. It takes the combination of both Defensible space and the hardening of your home to really give your house the best chance of surviving a wildfire.



**Please visit this web site to read and understand important information about getting your Kings Mountain home ready for wildfires: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/>**

**Kings Mountain Fire Department Fights Grass Fire on June 12 2016**



Responding to the fire call: Pat Jones, John Curcio, Nick Kromat, Ann Gabrys, Matt King, Sean Fender, Kelly Sanderson, and Chief Jim Sullivan.

Photo by Bill Goebner



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**MINUTES OF THE KMVFB MEETING ON June 14th, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:** Frank Adams, Hiep Ho, Jon Fredrikson, Bill Goebner, Hank Stern, Joe Rockmore, Tim German, Carrie German, Craig Culver, Jim Sullivan, Steve Johnson, Anna Roesch, Tim Naylor, Darrin Jewell. Julia Simmons.

**Board president Jon Fredrikson called the KMVFB Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.**

*There were not enough members present for a quorum of the Annual Membership Meeting so a meeting of the Board Members was held.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Hiep Ho reported that the May 2016 minutes were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Julia Simmons discussed the financial activities in May 2016.

**BUILDING MANAGER'S REPORT:** Cheri Buffa reported (via email) that in May 2016 there were the following uses of the building:

Exercise/Dance Classes	12
Monthly Community Board Meetings	6
KMVFB Training & Maintenance	4
Community Events/Parties	1
Private Events/Parties	2
<b>TOTAL USES FOR THE MONTH</b>	<b>25</b>

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** For May 2016:

Medical aid	11	Vehicle accident	3
Public assist	2	Firefighter standby	1
Vehicle fire	0	Smoke check	0
Structure fire	2	Vegetation fire	1
Hazardous materials	0	Rescue	0
Cover assignment	0	Alarm sounding	1
Water tender group response	0	Trash fire	1
<b>TOTAL # RESPONSES FOR THE MONTH</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>AVERAGE # OF RESPONDERS</b>	<b>5</b>
Number of incidents with no Volunteer response:	3		

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW WEBSITE/WEB MASTER:** Joe Rockmore is still searching for a person who would take on this role. Anna Roesch volunteered to assist Joe in finding more leads.

**RESCUE TRUCK REPLACEMENT:** Per Jim Sullivan, there have been no new developments on this matter.

**VERIZON TOWER LEASE EXTENSION:** Bill Goebner is still following up this item.

**COOK SHACK REPAIRS:** Jon Fredrikson reported that the cook shack repairs as proposed by KMAF were approved by the Board via email in May 2016.

**WI-FI GIFT FOR ART FAIR:** The KMFVB received two special donations designated to improve the Wi-Fi capacity during the art fair. The Board approved these donations and their special designation.

**DECK REPLACEMENT:** Tim German discussed the selection of contractors for the side deck repairs. Tim recommended that we approve Tower Construction for the job. Tim will contact these contractors and will try to get the repairs done before the art fair this year. Hiep Ho agreed to assist in preparing the construction documents if necessary. Darrin made a motion to approve a budget of \$10K for the construction service. Valerie Trenter seconded. All approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GENERATOR MAINTENANCE:** Bill Goebner discussed ways to deter rodents from getting in the generator. Options included building a concrete pad, putting up fence.

**DEAD OAK REMOVAL:** Carrie German presented a bid to remove eight dead tan oaks from the property. Joe Rockmore made a motion to approve a budget of \$3K for the service. Darrin seconded. All approved.

**ELECTION OF BOARD NOMINEES:** Bill Goebner proposed these 2 nominees to fill the vacant positions in the Board for next term:

1. Anna Roesch
2. Tim Naylor

Jon made the motion to approve the nominations, Darrin seconded; Board approved and appointed the nominees. Terms will begin in July.

**FIRE CHIEF ANNUAL REVIEW:** The Board praised Chief Jim Sullivan and the Fire Department for their hard work throughout the year. In particular, the Board thanked Chief Sullivan and Assistant Chief Hank Stern their remarkable achievement in recruiting and training of eight new volunteers.

**THANKS TO OUTGOING MEMBERS:** The Board gave thanks to outgoing members Craig Culver and Hiep Ho for their time of serving their terms with the Board.

**OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR AUDIENCE:**

Anna Roesch presented archived documents including old deeds, original architectural plans of the community building which had been collected by her late father Don Roesch. All of those papers will be retained and archived in the community storage.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 pm. NEXT MEETING: July 12th, 2016**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Hiep Ho / Secretary

## Kings Mountain Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony

June 9, 2016

The school motto, *"It Takes a Mountain,"* was fully apparent as nine 5<sup>th</sup> Graders took their final walk across the playground to emerge as middle schoolers following a moving and memorable Graduation Ceremony. Kings Mountain School families, friends, neighbors, the entire KMES student body, teachers and staff, Cabrillo District Assistant Superintendent, John Corry and Cabrillo Board Member Freya McCamant packed the KMES All Purpose Room to cheer on these accomplished graduates:

Camryn Marie Bye

Trevor James Coruccini

Diego Ivan Davisson

Corinne Kai DuBose

Ella Virginia Ebert

Scarlett Annais Glazebrook

Quentin Oliver Meza

Luke Douglas Polonchek

Taj Christopher Polonchek

Principal Diane Siegel began the special day with a moving tribute to the extraordinary members of the 2016 class: their character, kindness, leadership, academic achievements and contributions to the school mission. The full text of her eloquent remarks is on the next page.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Maile Springer, then envisioned the 2036 reunion of these classmates at the Mountain House Restaurant. Each had achieved amazing fame in diverse fields but had remained fast friends for 20 years and returned to the mountain often. Fourth Grade Students then stepped up to the podium to describe one graduate whose special qualities had made them especially important to him or her. Finally, each graduate said farewell, describing friends, teachers and experiences he/she will always remember about Kings Mountain School.

The 3rd Annual Princess Barbie Hutton Outstanding Character Award was presented to Cami Bye, whose classmates and staff chose to recognize her for her amazing compassion and honesty.

Along with graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders, KMES presented a rose to graduating parents who had long provided volunteer hours and support to the school. Moving on to middle school with their last KMES graduate, some had been a school family for 8-10 years. They included Elmasa & Ernesto Meza, Tefanney & Jeff Ebert, Angela & Jokim Bye, Cheryl & Vince Coruccini, Linda & David Davisson, Imee & Anthony Dubose.

Special Recognition went to Cheryl Coruccini and Angela Bye. Cheryl organized and upgraded the school library and served as volunteer Librarian for nine years. Angela Bye received an honorary Doctor of the Mountain for her uncountable volunteer hours across all committees, events and programs. Maria Polonchek's interview of Angela for The Echo is reported on the following pages.



## Principal Diane Siegel's Commencement Address to the 2016 KMES Graduates

Good Morning Fifth Grade Class of 2016. Today is your day! Welcome Kings Mountain School families and friends. This is a special day indeed! Fifth graders, you did it! Parents, you did it! Fifth graders, your families are very proud of you today. Look at them, they are beaming with pride. Kings Mountain School staff and teachers are beaming with pride. I am beaming with pride. At our little school, we all feel a part of this moment.

Each graduating class is special and leaves behind lasting impressions. This graduating class has done the same. I have had the good fortune of working with them, stepping into the classroom unexpectedly and am always struck by their kindness, caring nature, and smarts. The nine graduates before us have been outstanding role models and leaders for younger students. They are models of kindness, inclusiveness and leadership.

- You requested a Second Step-Problem solving poster be displayed on the playground and used it to solve problems that arose during recess. You modeled empathy, self-control and problem solving to the entire school.
- You researched, planned, and initiated a recycling program, held an assembly to teach the school the importance and how to recycle and followed through with it throughout the year. You walked the talk, as they say.
- At the end of the year, you held an assembly about healthy eating. What you may not be aware of is the impact you have on younger students. They do listen and look up to you. A parent came up to me and told me how their child said that bread was bad for you and they need to stop eating too much of it.

Now graduates, you begin your journey toward middle school. You sit before me as very soon to be 6th graders, I ask you to spend some time this summer thinking less about the beginning of middle school and more about the end. What kind of person do you want to be when your three years are over? What kind of experiences do you want to have had? How would you like to be described at your 8th grade graduation? Bring all you have learned at Kings Mountain School to Middle School and at graduation you will hear your classmates, teachers and principals describe you as kind, thoughtful, persevering, fair, and successful...just as we see you today.

When you go to middle school, work hard. Try. Take risks. Decide now that...

- You will have courage,
- You will offer empathy when someone needs it,
- You will work hard and persevere
- You will do things that bring you joy,
- You will have many different kinds of friends,
- You will slow down when you need to,
- And as you enter Middle School, Mrs. Bolton would say, "Smile and say Hi"
- Finally, always remember, at the little school up on the mountain, we are all cheering you on!

As part of the Kings Mountain School mission, as a community, we chose to develop students with a sense of personal responsibility; that respects all others and practices good citizenship. Congratulations to all of you, teachers, staff, families and the entire KMES community; together these students leave our school with those very qualities. Most of all, congratulations Graduates and your parents! And happy summer to you all!

## An Interview with Angela Bye at KMES Graduation

by Maria Polonchek

One morning, in the beginning of June, I found myself moved to tears when my twin sons, along with seven other 5th graders, proudly graduated from KMES in a thoughtful and fun ceremony. One of their classmates was Cami Bye, who won the annual award for "Outstanding Character," an especially meaningful designation, as it's voted on and decided by her peers. Cami's mother is Angela Bye: some of you may know her as Vib's Gade's daughter-in-law, Joakim Bye's wife, or Tanner and Cami's mom. After moving to the mountain two years ago, I've come to know her as my friend and a great source for all things KMES. As she has now graduated along with her daughter, I wanted to catch her for a few minutes to ask her some questions about the school:

Angela, congratulations on having two children make it through elementary school! I have to say, the graduation ceremony surpassed my expectations. It was really special. I have a feeling a lot of that is due to the rituals and traditions passed down from parents like you. **How long, exactly, have you been at this school? What traditions at the school are your favorite?**

*I have been a parent at KMES for the last 8 school years. There are so many traditions that are dear to me, but if I had to just pick a couple I would say they are the school's involvement in the Art Fair via cookie sales and Face Painting, and of course the Autumn Affair. Participating in the annual cookie bake with fellow KMES parents and alumni and members of the Kings Mountain Community gives the start of the school year such a special feeling. And seeing all of the school children and families pulling those wagons, cleaning trays, selling ice cream, and socializing with friends, is something I'm always so proud of. The Autumn Affair is an event that will always be dear to my heart. I always hoped that it would become the event that would bring the community together on an annual basis for a fun night of togetherness and celebration; a night that people wouldn't want to miss. I look forward to attending as a guest!*

Your husband, Joakim, grew up on King's Mountain and is a KMES alum. **What are some things that have changed since he was a student? What are some things that have stayed the same?**

*One of the most obvious things is that he rode a school bus to KMES.*

**You've already had one child, your son, graduate from KMES to Cunha Middle School in Half Moon Bay. How was the transition for him? Do you have any advice for parents like me who are looking towards this transition?**

*Oh, boy, well... it was tough for him. Academically, he was very well prepared and did very well. In fact, just a few months ago he thanked me for sending him to KMES because he said that he felt like it set him up to be successful at Cunha. But Cunha is a big school. He and 14 of his classmates joined over 700 students. So the transition to the larger environment can be hard. My best advice is to get your kids involved in as many activities as you can down in Half Moon Bay so that they can build relationships from an early age with kids that they will go to Cunha with. The more familiar faces they see when they walk into a classroom, the easier it will be for them.*

You've volunteered so much time to KMES. You've been on KMAP (the parent-organization), Site Council, driven for field trips, organized events, and for 8 years, chaired one of the biggest fundraisers of the year, the Autumn Affair. **What has being this involved over so many years meant to you?**

*For me, being involved with my children's school was never a question. I grew up with a mom that was very involved and I know how much I liked having her there. When Tanner started Kindergarten, I was lucky enough to have an opportunity to accept a job, which allowed me the flexibility where I could be very involved. The amount of volunteer work that I have done has*

been exhausting at times (namely the Autumn Affair), but it has been well worth it. People talk about purposeful life and making a difference, and finding a way to do that. Volunteering at KMES has been my opportunity to make a difference in the education of our community's children.



**Angela Bye**

**Are you glad that it's all over and you don't have to volunteer at KMES anymore?**

*I was asked that question a lot during the last couple of weeks of school, and although I did have some bouts of "senior-itis/5th grade parent-itis", the short answer is: No. Seems funny right? Most people would say, "thank goodness I don't have to do THAT anymore." But the truth is, I love that little school. I will miss the teachers and staff, the familiarity of the environment, the parents working together for a common goal, and so much more. This last year in particular was a great year, with a lot of positive energy from parents and staff.*

You and I have talked about the sense of belonging we've found in this wonderful community.

**What do you like about it most? How does the community make a difference for this little school?**

*Oh, where to start...I grew up in a small town where everywhere you went, you saw somebody you knew; where the vast majority of the kids went to their neighborhood school. And I loved that, I got used to that. I left the small town for college in San Diego and grad school in Tucson, and I liked that too. I moved to Kings Mountain because I got a job at SFSU and Joakim grew up here, so here is where we landed. Living on Kings Mountain has given me that small town feel that I loved growing up in, and am so happy to raise my children in, but it is also close enough to be in the big City or suburbs when I want to enjoy that too. But Kings Mountain is so much more than the "small town feel", it is a place where you feel like everyone is family.*

*The community makes a difference for the school in the most obvious way of course, through the very generous funding given every year through the Art Fair. But just as important is how much the community members give individually to school endeavors. I am always in awe of their generosity. They always seem to rise to the occasion, whether it is through the annual cookie bake, or donating items to the Autumn Affair, or attending the Autumn Affair, or showing up to scoop ice cream, or sending in direct donations, or even showing up to school board meetings to fight for the school. It really is heartwarming to see how this community steps up for the school. Recently, I led a fundraiser for my son's baseball team, a dinner hosted at the Kings Mountain Community Center. My fellow committee members still say, "You have the best neighbors." They too were in awe of the generosity of the people of Kings Mountain.*

Thanks for your time, Angela. Have a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Art Fair with an armful of cookies!

Editors Note: Angela Bye was awarded the "Kings Mountain Honorary Doctor of the Mountain" degree at the KMES Graduation ceremony. It read: *This degree is an acknowledgement of all your time, effort and enthusiasm supporting the success of our students, serving on KMAP, SSC, field trip chaperon, event organizer and so much more! It is not only what you have done, but how you have gone about doing it. You are a model of caring, compassion and inclusion. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.*



Celebrating 53 years  
1963-2016

LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
SEPTEMBER 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **Please volunteer to work at the 2016 Art Fair!**

Many of you have expressed a desire to volunteer for this year's **Art Fair**, but you were not quite sure what was involved in the actual jobs. Here are detailed descriptions of areas where we need **you!**

You can sign up for as many jobs or shifts as you would like. Just please keep track, and try not to double book yourself!! It can get busy; if you signed up for T-Shirts and Cook Shack, too...we will have to find a replacement, very quickly.

*Please feel free to invite new neighbors, friends and relatives to come and join in the fun.*

**Your community needs you!**

Any questions...please feel free to call me or email me...

Patty O'Connell 851-8947 [OConnells@msn.com](mailto:OConnells@msn.com)

# ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JOBS YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR...***

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE:**

**THALEA & DAVID TORRES**

**851-1197**

Volunteers are needed to welcome our artists and to help direct them to their spaces. Help is needed on Friday afternoon September 2nd from 1:00 pm in the afternoon and on the first day of the fair...on September 3rd, at 7:00 am in the morning. So, whether you are a “night person” or an “early morning person,” there is a place for you on the Welcoming Committee!



**ARTIST REGISTRATION:**

**PAT WURSTER**

**851-2272**

Another great way to get acquainted with the artists. Volunteers are needed on Friday, September 2nd from 1:00 pm in the afternoon and Saturday morning, September 3rd from 7:00 am until about 9:30 am. Once again, a great job for night or morning people!



**KIDDIE HOLLOW:**

**PAT MANN**

**851-3598**

If you don't like getting your hands dirty with paint, glitter or glue, this may not be the place to volunteer. But if you like to put smiles on the faces of multitudes of children, this is the place for you! Kiddie Hollow is designed to give kids a place where they can have fun away from the breakables while their parents browse (and hopefully buy!) Kiddie Hollow does have a youth group helping, but we can always use extra volunteers. Two-hour shifts would be welcomed but not necessary.

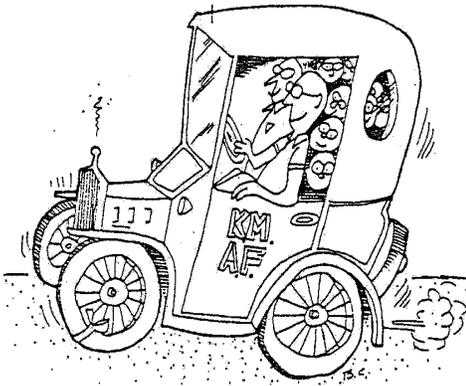
Also, if you have small children and want to volunteer for the other areas, your children are welcome in Kiddie Hollow so that you can serve the Art Fair.



**SHUTTLE RIDERS:**

**NICK KROMAT  
HANK STERN**

**529-9833  
851-3437**



This is a great way to meet hoards of people waiting just to see you! We now have professional shuttle drivers, due to liability concerns, but we put a volunteer rider on each shuttle. The riders help people on and off, and answer questions about the Fair and generally “sell” the Fair to customers on the shuttles. Riders are needed for 2 hour shifts on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

An ideal job for people oriented, fun-loving, relaxed types. Bring your sense of humor and spread good cheer to the customers riding the shuttles!

**COOK SHACK aka GRILL 56:**

**CINDY PHELPS**

**851-4157**

**BREAKFAST & LUNCH CREW:** The Art Fair food service needs YOU to help us feed the hungry masses (and the volunteers as well!!) Your help is needed for both Breakfast and Lunch. Jobs: servers, grill masters, food prep, cashiers, condiment set up, coffee servers, bunner/baggers, tray washing, ice cream monitors, and light clean up chores. Every job is important (and we have lots of them)- so please sign up for as many time slots as you can manage. There are 3 shifts per day from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Have loads of fun working with other friendly and energetic folks and meet your neighbors. Let’s make this another memorable Art Fair on Kings Mountain!



**T-SHIRTS & COMMEMORATIVES:**

**THARUNA**

**529-9241**



This is a great volunteer position for those that like to be in the shade, need to rest their feet now and then, want to be close to the beer booth, and like to chat with the fair participants. Shifts are Sat/Sun/Mon: 9:30-11:30am, 11:00am -1:00pm, noon-2:00pm, 1:00 - 3:00pm, 2:00 - 4:00pm, 3:00 - 5:00pm.

**BEVERAGE/BEER BOOTH:**

**DENNIS RUBY**

**851-2111**

**dmruby@comcast.net**

Beverage Booth Servers are needed for each of the three shifts each day of the Art Fair at both of our scenic locations. If you like people who are, or think they are, “the life of the party”, we have a position just for you. The only qualifications for the job are a desire to pour beer, wine, soft drinks and waters if under 21; a smile and a sense of humor is nice, but not necessary. Basic addition and subtraction are optional as long as all errors favor the house. Salary paid in kind, but if under 21 limited to soft drinks and water.



**BOOTH SITTING:**

**JEANNE & SARAH CARLSON**

**773-3865**

**jeanne@carlsonadvisors.com**



”Give the Artists a Break!” As a booth sitter your job is to give the artists a chance to take a break and stretch their legs, or to run and get lunch or a cup of coffee for them. This is a wonderful chance for you to meet the artists and learn about their craft. It’s also a fun and relaxing way to meet the artists at the same time. They are extremely grateful for this service that you can provide.

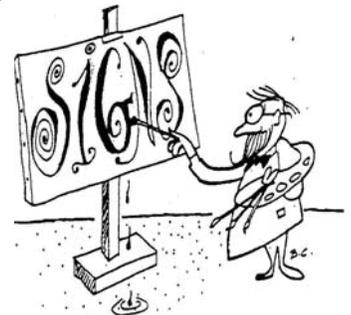
**SIGNS & GRAPHICS:**

**KATRIN GOSLING**

**gosling.katrin@gmail.com**

If you’re looking for a graphic design, reprints, art for an Art Fair logo, or in need of a sign for your Art Fair section call this number. Volunteers are welcome to help hang signs on the Friday before Saturday’s opening.

*New signs must be ordered two weeks before Art Fair dates.*



**PUBLICITY:**

**MARIA KING**

**851-4843**



You can do your part before the Kings Mountain ArtFair begins. We need help putting posters up throughout the Bay Area. You can sign up with the Poster Posse. You can put them up in an area where you work or play or go to school. The placement of posters before the fair can be one of the most rewarding. This all volunteer crew is responsible for getting the word out to other communities before the fair. You will be armed with thumbtacks and tape to spread the word. Please give us a call.

**INFORMATION CENTER:**

**STACY MCCARTHY-RABIN**

**529-3455**

[smccarthy@skylineg.com](mailto:smccarthy@skylineg.com)

**VALERIE TRENTER 888-6930 [valerie.trenter@cbnnorcal.com](mailto:valerie.trenter@cbnnorcal.com)**

If you like people, this is a fantastic place to be. Think of yourself as a KM ArtFair Community Ambassador and host, greeting guests, answering questions about the Fair and about living on Kings Mountain. You'll help guests who lose their way, get separated from friends and family, need an ATM and lose or find keys, cameras, and purchases. Volunteers needed Sat, Sun, Mon, 9-12, 2-3 and 3-5.



**ART FAIR ZERO WASTE PROGRAM**

**Ken McIntire**

[callippe2@comcast.net](mailto:callippe2@comcast.net) **851-5935**

**Linda Hennessey**

[lindahennesseyroth@gmail.com](mailto:lindahennesseyroth@gmail.com) **397-1616**

If you love our Green Mountain environment, this is the job for you. Sign up for a shift or two helping fair goers direct their waste materials -- discarded resources -- into the proper bins with an eye towards a "Zero Waste" Fair. As a Zero Waste Volunteer, you will help Fair participants to sort the "resources" as they are discarded in the bins, and to carry over and empty the resources into the larger dumpster size receptacles as the small bins fill up. Sorters and carriers are both needed, and not everyone has to do both jobs. You will also offer guidance to other Art Fair Volunteers about how to sort these resources, including Boy Scouts, elementary school students, and adults who will be clearing trays from the food service areas. High School Students earn community service hours while helping the environment.

You will be given an orientation and also a small reference guide to help you prep for your role

Please feel free to invite new neighbors, friends and relatives to come and join in the fun.

You can sign up for as many jobs or shifts as you would like - just please keep track and try not to double book yourself!

**Your community needs you!**

# MOUNTAIN ARTISTS

## APPLICATION

### KINGS MOUNTAIN ART FAIR - LABOR DAY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 3, 4 & 5 2016

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND FEE:

1. Must be a **current** Kings Mountain resident ( geographical area by Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Brigade District ) or
2. Must be a **“childhood resident”** of Kings Mountain **whose parents are currently Kings Mountain residents**. A childhood resident is one who grew up on Kings Mountain or currently either:
  - a. A full time student ( on actual dates of the Art Fair ) Name of school \_\_\_\_\_  
Proof of current student status ( **photocopy of student identification card covering The period of the Art Fair** ) must be attached to application.
  - b. **A member of the Military or National Service**. Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
**Proof of current military or National Service** (photocopy of identification card covering the period of the Art Fair ) must be attached to the application.
3. Must be handmade goods only.
4. Submit a \$45.00 entry fee with this application ( Make checks out to Mountain Artists.

A 10% donation of your sales will be given to the Kings Mountain Community

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Artwork/Craft you are entering( you may wish to submit a photograph)

Price Range of Goods \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Submit your application and entry fee to:

Bow Sterger  
13902 Skyline Blvd  
Woodside, Ca. 94062

Application due date is July 3, 2016

Notification of acceptance/non-acceptance  
will be mailed out by July 11, 2016

Any questions: email to [mysticmoonbs@comcast.net](mailto:mysticmoonbs@comcast.net)

## Kings Mountain Garden Club Tips

A beautiful summer has begun on Kings Mountain and it is a perfect time for gardening. Our Garden Club president sent The Echo this tutorial advice that can bring you beautiful long term rewards.

**Understanding the Benefits of Garden Mulch** By [Steven A. Frowine](#) and [The National Gardening Association](#) from [Gardening Basics For Dummies](#). Using mulch is a good gardening habit but not mandatory; the benefits, however, make it worth the effort. A really good job of mulching your garden usually offers these benefits:

- Inhibits weed germination and growth. (Weeds are not only unsightly, but they also steal resources from desirable garden plants!)
- Holds in soil moisture, protecting your plants from drying out quickly
- Moderates soil-temperature fluctuations (This benefit is especially valuable during that turbulent-weather period in spring when you don't want your plants to be stressed.)
- In cold-winter areas, protects plant roots from winter cold and helps prevent *frost-heaving*, in which plants are literally pushed out of the ground by the natural expansion and contraction of the soil as it cools off and heats up
- In hot-summer areas, helps keep plant roots cooler
- Depending on what you use, adds a bit of welcome nutrition to your garden as it breaks down

The "right" or "best" mulch to use depends on your climate, the part of the country you're in, and the part of the yard you're using it in. Some mulches are free, while you can purchase others locally. Experiment to find out what you and your plants prefer. Popular options are:

**Table 1: Comparing Mulching Options**

Type of Mulch	Advantages	Concerns
Grass clippings	Is cheap, readily available, and easy to apply	Decays quickly, so you must replenish often. If you use weed killers on your lawn or nitrogen-heavy fertilizer, it may adversely affect other parts of the garden; can turn slimy if you apply more than an inch or so at a time; if the grass goes to seed before you cut it, the grass seeds can germinate in your garden beds (yikes!)
Wood or bark chips	Looks neat and attractive; stays where you put it; is slow to decay	Pine bark mulch is fairly acidic, which you may or may not want for your garden; if you apply too deeply (over 3") or apply a deep layer up against tree and shrub trunks, you may create a hiding spot for a bark-damaging rodent, especially during winter
Decaying leaves	Smotheres weeds very well; helps hold in soil moisture	Is not especially attractive; if it contains seeds, they can germinate and become a weed problem; if the leaves are soft, like maple leaves, the mulch can mat; if it's acidic (oak especially), it can lower your garden soil's pH
Compost	Is free and plentiful if you have your own compost pile; adds nutrients to the soil as it breaks down	Makes a good place for weeds to take hold; fresh compost (especially if it contains manure or grass clippings) can burn plants

Type of Mulch	Advantages	Concerns
Peat moss	Looks neat and tidy; is versatile — also functions as a soil amendment	Can be expensive; if dry, will repel water; becomes crusty over time
Straw	Is cheap and easy to apply	Is so light it can blow or drift away; may harbor rodents, especially over the winter months; isn't very attractive for ornamental plantings
Hay	Is cheap and easy to apply	May harbor rodents, especially over the winter months; isn't very attractive for ornamental plantings; probably contains weed seeds!
Gravel, pebbles, or stone	Has a nice, neat look (though not "natural"); is easy to apply; won't wash away easily and will last a long time; doesn't need to be replenished over the course of a season in colder climates	Can allow weeds to sneak through; provides no benefits to the soil
Landscape fabric (garden plastic, black plastic)	Keeps weeds at bay; holds soil moisture and warmth in	Watering and feeding is hard (you need to cut openings for plants); can be difficult to apply unless you're doing an entire area at one time; isn't very attractive
Rubber (shredded recycled car tires)	Very long lasting, available in many colors, looks like shredded wood mulch	Can smell strongly of rubber; provides no nutritional benefits to the soil

**Join the Garden Club!** Meetings are open to all interested neighbors, but you must be a member to attend the upcoming Garden Club luncheon at a lovely Kings Mountain yard and patio.

DATE _____	 <p><b>KINGS MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB</b></p>
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
_____	
TEL. (Optional) _____	Make checks payable to KMGC
E-MAIL (Optional) _____	Send completed form and fee to:
ANNUAL Fee: \$10 per Household	Kings Mountain Garden Club 12200 Skyline Blvd. Woodside, CA. 94062 Questions? Please contact Lance Fung: <a href="mailto:lance@fungcollaboratives.org">lance@fungcollaboratives.org</a>



**Come help support Kings Mountain Elementary School!**

Be part of the fun as we roll, pound, bake, wrap and box 4,000+ giant 8-inch cookies on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am-3 pm.

Come to the **Wedemeyer Bakery**, 314 Harbor Way, South San Francisco. You'll be helping our school bring in much needed funds for supplies, staff support and classroom enrichment programs.

All family and friends are welcome! (Especially Dads!)

RSVP to Brenna: [kmescookies@gmail.com](mailto:kmescookies@gmail.com)

Wear closed toe shoes. Pizza served!



## July 2016 Kings Mountain Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 ECHO Deadline 10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga	27	28	29	30 5:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training	1	2
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10 10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga	11 6:00pm - 10:00pm Kings Grove BOD	12 7:30pm - 9:00pm KMFVB Board	13 7:00pm - 9:00pm KMA Board	14 5:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training	15	16
17 10:30am - 11:45am Gentle Hatha Yoga	18 Cleaning	19 7:00pm - 8:00pm KM Park Water Board	20	21 5:00pm - 10:00pm Fire Dept. Training	22	23
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