



Seacliff Improvement Association Summer 2012

*Come sow your wild oats and native plants
With us next month at the
Seacliff Improvement Association
2012 Annual Dinner*

October 27, 2012, 6 pm - 9 pm
Seascape Golf Course
610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos



Our Guest Speaker:

Former Seacliff Resident and Landscape Architect, *Sally Stoik*

Sally will share her experience and knowledge of gardening in Seacliff
including: Natives, Drought Tolerant Plants, Edibles,
Lawn Replacement and more!



Door Prizes Galore...
Including Beautiful
Hidden Gardens
Centerpieces featured
by our speaker!

Dinner this year includes:
Tasty Appetizers
No Host Bar
Grilled Duo Buffet - \$25.00
Includes: Grilled Chicken & Tri-Tip
Green Salad, Pasta Salad
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Dessert
Coffee, Hot Tea & Iced Tea



Musical Guest:
Guitarist
Ken Constable

Reservation Form for the dinner and Membership Renewal on Page 6
RSVP by October 15, 2012
For more information call Rebecca Downing: 688-4142

2012 Beautification

Award Winners

Niki Derby

Thirteen members of the Beautification Committee had fun this summer nominating and then selecting this year's winners. Each homeowner received a \$25 gift certificate from Hidden Garden Nursery and a sign for their front yard showing the Seacliff community that they won. Congratulations to all!

I would like to thank Cheryl Barte, Cathy Patton, Deb Murray, Margaret Kotsi, Coni Hendry, Karen Grellas, Jivan Dhaliwal, Linda Campopiano, Martha Johnson, Pat Norton, Esther Maxey and Sharon Vaughn for being on this great committee.

Happy gardening and see you all next May!



522 Gertrude – Marianne and Curt Olin

They've owned their cute cottage for 12 years. Behind the white fence, they pack a whole lot of plants, including apple trees given to them by a neighbor, a Japanese maple, roses, grapes, Peruvian lilies and much more. Their cute front porch is the perfect place to sit, sip a glass of wine and enjoy their yard.



510 Margaret – Felipa and Roberto Diaz

When the Diaz's bought their house in 2001, it was old and dilapidated. The front yard consisted of "dirt." Slowly they've remodeled the inside, put on a new roof and painted the exterior. The front yard now has a lawn surrounded by bushes and flowers, with a cute arbor to welcome visitors.



308 Coates - Marty Vaden & Jennifer Astone

Marty Vaden has lived in his 1960s home in Seacliff for 20+ years, and his wife - Jennifer Astone for the past 10 years. Marty has redesigned a good portion of their charming home inside and out. The outside renovations include a new front porch, back patio, surrounding wooden fence, roof, planters, shingle siding, and a tinted concrete driveway.



Before... and After!



110 Santa Clara – Mary and Joe Watson

Mary and Joe have owned their home since 1983. Two years ago, they remodeled their lovely two-bedroom, one bath home. This spring they decided to tackle the front yard. With the help of Sally Stoik, landscape architect, and Coastal Evergreen, the landscaping company, they now have a beautiful, easy care garden including succulents and sedums, kangaroo paws, salvias, blue oat grass and much more.



103 San Benito Avenue - Nancy Finley and Steve Zlatunich

After moving in five years ago, Nancy and Steve have completely remodeled their two-story home including a kitchen renovation upstairs, and they turned the downstairs into a yoga studio. When they first moved in, the entire yard was covered in ivy. They have an organic vegetable patch with strawberries, kale, chard, blueberries, tomatoes, zucchini, coastal blackberries, and so much more.



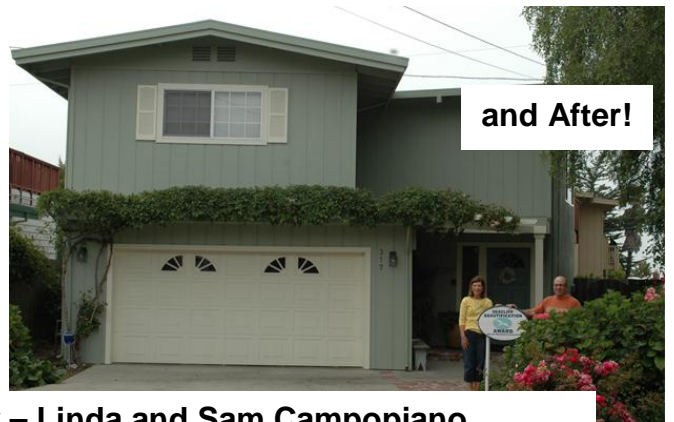
328 Seacliff – Mark Parreira and Matt Dunn

Mark’s family has owned the house since 1949. Mark and Matt made it their home seven years ago and have been improving it ever since. Gophers loved their front lawn, so Mark hand dug it all up, replacing it with a wonderful little garden jam packed with flowers and vegetables. For such a small area, they have a lot: tomatoes, carrots, peppers, beats, beans, cauliflower, leaks, and broccoli. Also Japanese boxwood line a path to the front porch bordered with beautiful dahlias.



610 Middlefield – Margit Forsberg

Swedish-born, Margit has a little bit of Sweden right here in Seacliff. Swedish design is reflected on the inside of her bungalow. She’s owned her home for about 25 years. Over the years, she replaced the flooring and windows, painted, added the cute white fence. She also replaced the lawn with easy, drought tolerant plants.



317 Park – Linda and Sam Campopiano

Linda and Sam bought their home in 1997. It certainly didn’t look like it does today. They’ve enclosed the carport, remodeled the inside and planted a lovely, “easy to care for” garden. A Cecil Bruner rose creeps up and over the garage trellis. Hydrangeas, Santa Barbara daisy, bergenias mingle amongst the rugosa roses on the fence and carpet roses scattered throughout.





Top Dog:
Jasper Olaf
Owners:
Michelle
and Nathan
Luedtke



**Top Dog
Junior
Division:**
Charlie
Owner:
Sophia Allen



**Most Like
Their Owner:**
Latte
Owner:
Judy
Campion



Best Dog Group Entry:
Fiona, Grover & Ollie
Owner:
Harbinson
Crook



**Judges Zach Friend, Mary Chikis, Ben Strock, Dan Harper
and Margaret Kotsi struggle to select the winners.**



**Most Original
Costume:**
Simon
Owners:
Cliff and Terry
Bowen



**Best
Performance:**
Buddy
Owner:
Sarah Waite



Best Dressed:
Moxie
Owner:
Ireland Murray

Seacliff Village Improvement Projects Hit a Snag

Will Roblin

Village residents encountered new obstacles on the path to some long-awaited improvements earlier this month when the County Public Works Department discovered that, just two weeks prior to construction, the portion of the design on State Park land had moved forward without securing an easement. Additionally, the parallel project of undergrounding of utility poles in the village also proceeded without the advance work of securing all easements. While responsibility for these oversights varies, the association is pressing all parties to quickly resolve these issues.

How do easements through State Park land hold up sidewalks in the village? Construction needs to begin at the lowest part of work and move upward. Any trenching, installation of pipes and utilities must precede sidewalks and landscaping. It is unclear whether some phase of the work can occur to allow undergrounding to proceed in the village on county streets while the easement issues on State Park land are resolved.

County Public Works and State Parks also recently found that they were not in agreement on the street design for the village side of State Park Drive. The two parcels involved are located along the east side of State Park Drive and include the corner “triangle” and the dirt parking lot at the corner of State Park Drive and Santa Cruz Avenue. State Parks would like to integrate the entry into the park with the county’s plan. Conceivably, this design re-do could occur during the resolution of the easement issues to avoid a double delay. Association representatives are actively working to assist State Parks and the County toward a resolution that serves visitors, and Seacliff residents and businesses.

Seacliff Mural Project

Cole Strickland

The association has embarked on a new and ambitious endeavor, one that will enhance Seacliff and Aptos and allow its historical significance to be viewed by locals and visitors for many years to come - the Seacliff Mural Project.

This newly formed committee of the Seacliff Improvement Association will create the organizational framework necessary for this ambitious project. Project organizers will locate potential sites and develop a concept for each mural. We seek volunteers to work on site selection and preparation, mural themes, event planning and promotion. The mural project coordinators hope to join talented artists, business owners, local schools, and residents together to create the murals to enhance and beautify our coastal community.

A field trip to Watsonville is planned to tour the Historic Label Art Murals in Watsonville: We will meet in front of Forget Me Not Clothing and Manuel’s Mexican Food Restaurant, near the triangle at the entrance to Seacliff Beach on September 29th at 9am. Carpools are welcomed and encouraged, as well as a good pair of walking shoes. Walking tour guides will be provided. Please RSVP by September 22nd to the Seacliff Improvement Association: info@seacliffimprovement.org



Seacliff Improvement Association Annual Membership Renewal and Dinner Registration

Please print:

Name(s): _____

Seacliff Address: _____ City: Aptos State: CA Zip: 95003

Mailing Address if different: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail Addresses (for SIA alerts & news): _____

Please send my Quarterly Newsletter via E-mail: (check here)

We do not give out membership lists or phone numbers except to a fellow member for valid membership purposes. If this policy does not provide sufficient privacy, please check either of the following two choices:

- Consult me before giving out my address or phone
- Do not give out my address or phone number

We need your help to successfully implement our programs and events.

Please sign me up to volunteer for:

- Annual Fundraiser
- Community Emergency Response Team
- Maintaining Gardens
- Beautification Committee
- Dog Parade

Dinner Registration Due by October 15th!

**Mail your form and check to the:
Seacliff Improvement Association
P.O. Box 533
Aptos, CA 95001
Thank you for your
membership!**

2013 Annual Dues:	\$ 20
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Additional Donation:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50
_____ Number of Dinner Guests	
Total Dinner Reservations (\$25 each)	\$ _____
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Total Enclosed:	\$ _____
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Make your check payable to the: Seacliff Improvement Association	
Dinner Guests:	
Name	
Name	
Name	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2012
January 1, 2012 thru August 31, 2012

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (1/1/2012)	\$20,229.74
INCOME:	
Donations	145.00
Membership	3,484.99
Human Race - Net	1,990.15
Other Income(Dog Parade)	186.67
TOTAL INCOME	5,806.81
EXPENSES:	
Web Host and Domain	107.40
Newsletter Publishing	1,458.87
Postage	108.00
Mini-Park Maintenance	266.38
Park Strip Maintenance	382.12
Insurance Expense	569.00
Beautification Awards	200.00
Other Expenses	453.07
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,544.84
ENDING CASH BALANCE	\$22,491.71

Board Service Rocks!

Our board of directors loves getting to the heart of what matters to our village. If you are one of those people who believe in giving your time and expertise to your local community, we need you! We have three openings for 2-year terms on the board beginning in January 2013. If you are interested in participating as a board member, or wish to nominate a member to the board, please write to: info@seacliffimprovement.org

Welcome New Members!

Mike and Jill Baldwinson
Bradley and Marie Booth
Sam and Linda Campopiano
Patricia DeCuir
Kevin and Carol Hall
Pam Hubbard
Nick Nichani
Julie Robinson

*We thank all 307 members
for your continued support!*

Many Thanks!

Mary
Gibbs



I wish to thank all of the residents of Seacliff who have donated plants, bulbs and mulch to further enhance the garden strip on Seacliff Drive around the State Park field. The garden is now in full bloom and very colorful thanks to all of the contributors!

CERT Meeting Announcement

Mary Edmund

All CERT qualified individuals are invited to the next CERT quarterly meeting on October 27th from 3 to 5 pm, just before our annual association dinner, at 308 Park Drive. Watch for a future email with the agenda.

Classes for CERT certification will begin again in late winter. Those who have already expressed an interest will receive an email with information. If you would like to be included, please email: medmund4@gmail.com



Mona Daniels, John Horvath, Scott Bagley, Mary Edmund, Ron Joseph and Jack Cheney of the Seacliff CERT team show off their designer outerwear at the Dangers in Paradise event. Join CERT and you may receive the same.

Seacliff Improvement Association
PO Box 533
Aptos, CA 95001-0533

Mark Your Calendar:
SIA Annual
Dinner
October 27th
Details Inside...

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Write to us at: info@seacliffimprovement.org

Community Contacts		
Sheriff's Sub-Station Rancho Del Mar Center	Sergeant Paul Ramos	662-0690
Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Desk	(need location, color, make, model & license plate)	454-3139
California Highway Patrol	24 Hour Non-emergency - for cars blocking the road	796-2160
Aptos/LaSelva Fire District	Fire Chief, Jeff Terpstra	685-6690
Santa Cruz County Offices	2nd District Supervisor, Ellen Pirie	454-2200
California State Parks	Sector Superintendent, Pajaro Coast Sector, Kirk Lingenfelter	429-2881
	Seacliff Supervising Ranger, Kevin Best (Dogs off-leash, dead animals, etc.)	685-6442
	Seacliff Park Maintenance Supervisor, Jeffrey Long	475-0164
Aptos Chamber of Commerce	Executive Directors: John and Karen Hibble	688-1467
Graffiti Abatement Project	Larah Connell	427-0462