

The Ghost Says Boo!

This year’s Halloween production “The Ghost Says Boo” was a real haunted treat. Set in a haunted house and a graveyard, the cast did a wonderful job learning their lines and sticking to a rigorous rehearsal schedule. Mike Harris, as the lead, performed with ghostly glee as he tried to figure out how to scare the Bland Family—Kyle Quick as Norman and Sharon See as Norma, with “kids” Anayely Costanza and Bob Lara.

The play was performed twice so that everyone could have an opportunity to see it. The clients enjoyed performing as well as watching. “The Ghost Says Boo” was written and produced by Peter L. Konicek, and set design by the multi-talented Tim Park. It’s available as a Radio Drama, email pete@marinventures.org for a CD or mp3 file.



Mike says Boo!



Mike and Greg enjoying their ride with Cheryl.



Cheryl from Marin County Cycling Without Age gave us Halloween rides. Alex and Anayely having fun!



Chrissy always loves dressing up.

SAVE THE DATE!

Art & Wine Social

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Join us for a silent auction, 3 course dinner, premium wines, fabulous artwork, live music and an inspiring program.





Marin Ventures Out & About!

Some may ask, “what’s in a name?” but at Marin Ventures, our name is important to us. As a community integration day program, the daily promise of venturing out into the community represents the opportunity for meaningful community engagement, learning, and social interaction, and is therefore central to our mission. Fund-A-Need donations the 2017 Art & Wine Social last spring were targeted to support these efforts, and everyone has been enjoying the ability to try new experiences, or keep up with long-time favorites.

This summer, Marin Ventures groups crossed the bay to visit both San Francisco and Berkeley. In San Francisco, we visited the scenic Presidio, where all involved had a great time bowling, visiting the interactive Presidio Visitors’ Center, and enjoying the view during a picnic lunch at Crissy Field. Crossing the San Rafael Bridge, we traveled to Rasputin’s Music in Berkeley, where clients picked out CD’s to bring back to Marin Ventures for all to enjoy.



Eric working out.

Elvis and the Beatles were two of the favorites, and some of our group were caught dancing in the aisles at Rasputin’s, prior to having lunch on the bustling UC Berkeley campus nearby. Closer to home, we are pleased to have a renewed relationship with the Mill Valley Community Center, where clients have access to a lovely indoor pool, as well as use of the exercise equipment on the fitness floor. A different outing is popular with the many animal lovers among us: at our weekly visit to Jessica’s Haven, clients have the opportunity to pet, play with, and care for small dogs in their rescue program, and can even learn some new skills at the same time.

We look forward to additional possibilities, as we continue to venture out and engage in the community in new and meaningful ways. Thank you to all who help make this possible!



Susan is ready to bowl a strike!





FAME! Artists Travel for Show

On September 28, Creative Arts Director Tim Park attended the first Fostering Art and Microenterprise (FAME) show at the California Disability Services Association annual conference with staff Maria Sanchez and artists James M., Peter T. and Johanna A. Our Creative Arts Director helped shape the event as a member of the steering committee and designing the event logo. Marin Ventures artists, along with 50 individuals from organizations all over the greater Bay Area, displayed and sold artwork, crafts, and microenterprise wares in the ballroom of the Walnut Creek Marriott. James drew on paper, while Peter and Johanna worked on paintings live during the event.



James, Maria, Tim, and Johanna are "FAME-ous"

They were some of the only people there actually creating art during the event. The works of several Marin Ventures artists were displayed. Our staff and clients enjoyed meeting the people from other organizations, sharing ideas and opportunities for art and music events. We hope to travel to the FAME show next year, when the CDSA annual conference will be in Anaheim.

Kindness Rocks!



"The Kindness Rocks" project is a worldwide movement to spread kindness. The philosophy is that a simple message at just the right moment can change someone's entire day...outlook...life! In the month of October, the clients came together and painted rocks with inspiring messages. Once completed, the beautifully crafted rocks were dropped off in various locations in Marin. They were left at the following places, for people to find and be inspired: Target in San Rafael, Vintage Oaks Shopping Center, Civic Center Lagoon & Park, TJ Maxx, China Camp, and Toys R Us. We enjoyed this project very much!



Jennifer H shows off her rock.



Greg D. made two!



Jock concentrates on his messaging.



Anayely likes the project.



❄️ Marin Ventures Annual Picnic ❄️

On Friday, July 14, 2017, the 28th Annual Marin Ventures Picnic was celebrated with the theme “Carnival.” The theme set the tone and spirit of the event which reflected the colorful and flamboyant costumes worn by the staff and clients. The weather was beautiful and the staff set up mini-cabanos to shelter participants from the sun. As usual, we experienced a tremendous turn out for the event which was highlighted by the wonderful hamburgers and salads catered by our local neighbors “Rocky”s Meats.” Marin Ventures has always been lucky to have

compassionate and energetic volunteers; this year was no exception because several friends and family members of Marin Ventures participants and employees graciously donated their time to this successful event. In addition, we had a special attraction at the picnic. Cheryl Longinotti, of Marin County Cycling Without Age, provided rides on her bicycle rickshaw. All in all, the Annual Picnic captured the spirit and enthusiasm of everyone involved with the success of Marin Ventures.



Terry Nevin, RN with Tim.



Eric waits on his hamburger.



Katheryn loves the photo booth.



Mike and Jessica get a ride from Cheryl Longinotti.



Johanna tries her luck.

January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017 Donors



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Marin Ventures relies on our donors to fund those program activities which we cannot fund due to our regulations. We started an Admissions Fund in 2017 for those donors who want to give directly to an identified need—activities in our local community which have a charge or entry fee. This includes bowling, swimming, museums, movies, kayaking, horse-back riding, and Marin County Fair admissions to list some of the favorites. We also rely on fundraising to provide some extras for our staff—one example is our upcoming Holiday Breakfast, a great party they all enjoy. We have an amazing and hardworking staff who support our participants with compassion and commitment.

You can use the included envelope to donate or by credit card online at www.marinventures.org. Thank you for giving!



Vera as the Bubble Lady entertained us at the picnic.



Backstage at the play. James, Greg L. and Julia Ann waiting for their dance number.





Our garden flowers on display at our picnic.



David and Yuri shooting some baskets.



Bobby with his Kindness Rocks.



Enjoying the day!

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