



# Kent Woodlands Journal

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The monthly newsletter of the Kent Woodlands Property Owners Association

## President's Note

### It's Wildflower Season Again!

If you've been hiking recently, whether it's on Mt Tam, Mt. Burdell in Novato, or Ring Mountain in Tiburon, you know it's wildflower season. If you see a wildflower, how can you find out its name? At this time last year, I consulted with Mary Gilardi, who is an expert on local wildflowers. Mary is a longtime resident of Kent Woodlands, having moved here in 1984. Many know her as the former art teacher at Bacich Elementary School, where she taught art for twenty years. Mary loves wildflowers and has been putting her considerable artistic skills to good use on local botanical projects to catalog them.

Mary has been involved in a project called "Florilegium of Mt. Tam," an ambitious project of the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists. Their work will be exhibited at the Marin Art and Garden Center in Fall 2021. The exhibition will be held in conjunction with the American Society of Botanical Artists 24th Annual International Exhibition. It will be a collection of botanical drawings and paintings of plants growing on Mt. Tam. There are 1,200 species of plants that are native to Mt. Tam, according to Mary, including endangered plants and rare plants found only on Mt. Tam.



### Apps For Identifying Wildflowers

Here are mobile phone apps which can help you to identify the wildflowers that you see:

- **iNaturalist** – This iPhone/Android app helps you identify plants, flowers, etc. when you are out on the trail. Take a photo and upload it into the app. Powered by crowdsourcing a community of 400,000 scientists and naturalists, plus artificial intelligence technology, iNaturalist is a joint initiative by the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society. The only drawback is that results are not always immediate.
- **PlantSnap** – This iPhone/Android app helps you to identify plants, flowers, etc. when you are out on the trail. As with iNaturalist, you take a photo and load it into the app.
- **FlowerChecker** – This iPhone/Android app helps you to identify plants, flowers, etc., when you are out on the trail. Like iNaturalist, you upload your own photo to the app and it is crowdsourced to an international team of Scientists and Naturalists who will respond within twenty-four hours.

### Hikes

There are many sources of information about great hikes in Marin, such as the popular book, *Hiking Marin: 141 Great Hikes in Marin County*, by Don and Kay Martin. But the best source of hikes to see wildflowers is Wendy Dreskin, via her weekly column in the MarinIJ. Here's a link to one of her recent columns: [www.marinij.com/2021/04/18/marin-hike-remote-gary-giacomini-open-space-preserve-an-unexplored-gem/](http://www.marinij.com/2021/04/18/marin-hike-remote-gary-giacomini-open-space-preserve-an-unexplored-gem/).

— Ann Peckenpaugh Becker, President

*The President's Note is intended to build community by spotlighting local residents. It is not an endorsement by the Association of any commercial product or service.*

*If you know of a Kent Woodlands resident who would be a good subject of a "President's Note," let me know by sending an email to [info@kwpoa.com](mailto:info@kwpoa.com) with "Possible subject of President's Note" in the subject line.*



WEBINAR

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**FIRE SMART  
LANDSCAPING**

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Did you miss this fantastic webinar from FIRE Safe Marin? Visit their web site to view the recording, as well as previous webinars in their “Living with Fire” series.

**[firesafemarin.org/living-with-fire](http://firesafemarin.org/living-with-fire)**

## *A Reminder About Noise*

Please remember that KWPOA has rules regarding various types of noise in our neighborhood:

**Construction-related activities** — Construction noise is allowed only between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. No construction is allowed on Sundays, state or national holidays.

**Leafblowers and other power tools** — As above, use of these tools is allowed between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and should be avoided completely on Sundays.

**Music and other sound equipment** — Noise from amplified sources (stereos, televisions, musical instruments, etc.) is not allowed after 11:00pm or before 7:00am.

**Barking:** Residents must take reasonable steps to prevent dogs from barking and making noise that disturbs and annoys neighbors any time of day. Incessant barking is expressly prohibited.

For complete noise rules, please visit:

**[kwpoa.com/noise-rule](http://kwpoa.com/noise-rule)**

## *KWPOA is Hiring!*

KWPOA is actively looking to hire a part-time Hazard Mitigation Specialist as a consultant to help our neighborhood in the areas of:

- Defensible Space and Home Hardening Best Practices
- Disaster Preparedness
- Evacuation Preparedness
- Related Communication and Outreach
- ...and much more!

If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about this role, please email us at **[info@kwpoa.com](mailto:info@kwpoa.com)** for the full job description.



Visit **[marinwater.org/conserve](http://marinwater.org/conserve)**.

## Architectural Applications: May 2021

**Please note:** This newsletter is your **official notice** from the KWPOA regarding property improvements submitted for approval by the Architectural Committee. Please review this section very carefully as some planned development may affect you. Note that Architectural Committee actions are not final until ratified by the Board of Directors.

### ***THIS MONTH'S ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW MEETING: May 18, 2021***

**Important Notice:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, AC meetings will be held via video- or teleconference until further notice. Please email [mbarber@kwpoa.com](mailto:mbarber@kwpoa.com) for participation instructions. As this situation continues, it may be necessary to reschedule or change the format of AC meetings. Accordingly, please consult the KWPOA event calendar at [kwpoa.com](http://kwpoa.com) for any meeting changes.

Property Address	Applicant	Category/Project Description
<b>New Applications for May</b>		
Walker	81 Kent	C-4 Significant Changes in Appearance
Gallardo	110 Idlewood	C-1 Minor Changes
Doner	340 Crown	C-4 Significant Changes in Appearance
<b>Applications Approved in April</b>		
Unkrich	69 Rock	C-2 Minor Additions
Fair	234 Evergreen	C-1 Minor Changes
<b>Open Enforcements</b>		
14 Madrone (enforcement on hold)		
421 Crown (enforcement on hold)		
<b>Exempt and Administratively Approved Applications</b>		
Burke	341 Evergreen	Window Replacement
Shultz	135 Crown	Solar
Pfendler	6 Turnagain	Materials Replacement

**ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Ann Peckenpaugh Becker (Acting Chair and Board Representative), Bruce Raabe, Cori Snyder Schuman, Julie Johnson, Tom Nicholson

**AC COORDINATOR:** Michael Barber ([mbarber@kwpoa.com](mailto:mbarber@kwpoa.com))

**MEETINGS:** Held via tele/videoconference on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** To be noticed in the newsletter and placed on the agenda, COMPLETE applications must be received by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the preceding month (or the Friday prior if the 21<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday). All calls concerning Architectural Committee matters should be directed to Michael Barber at the KWPOA office at 415-721-7429 or via email at [mbarber@kwpoa.com](mailto:mbarber@kwpoa.com). Materials and applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 404, Kentfield 94914, or delivered to the office by appointment only.



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## Regular Board Meeting

Thurs. May 27, 2021 - 6:00PM via videoconference.  
 Contact [jwilliams@kwpoa.com](mailto:jwilliams@kwpoa.com) for log-in information.

- Call to Order
- Public Comment
- Approval of April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- AC Report and Ratifications
- Road Improvements for Pedestrians
- Exterior Paint: Proposed Addition of "Lighter Earth Tones" to Approved Color List - Discussion and Related Votes
- Fire Safety Report
- Officer Reports
- County Update
- Social Events Update
- Administrator's Report
- Next Regular Board Meeting Agenda
- Adjourn and Reconvene in Executive Session

### Executive Session Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Approval of April 22, 2021 Executive Minutes
- Enforcements and Legal Matters
- Personnel
- Adjournment

*(This is a preliminary agenda. Final agenda will be posted at our office 96 hours prior to meeting.)*

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