

FACES OF BODEGA BAY

Meet Adrianus Gerardus Maria Boudewyn

by Janet Moore



Adri Boudewyn has a special connection with Salmon Creek. He smiles as he describes the uniquely tight-knit community filled with friendly, active and caring residents, many whom have become his best friends. Adri and his wife of 60 years, Waltrut, became Salmon Creek residents 30 years ago and share time between their coastal home and one in San Francisco.

Born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, in 1938, Adri says that his is a "classic immigrant story". Growing up in Curacao and Canada, and guided by the Dutch cultural mores taught to him by his father, Adri approached the world being

industrious, punctual, respectful of elders, a good listener and of tidy appearance.

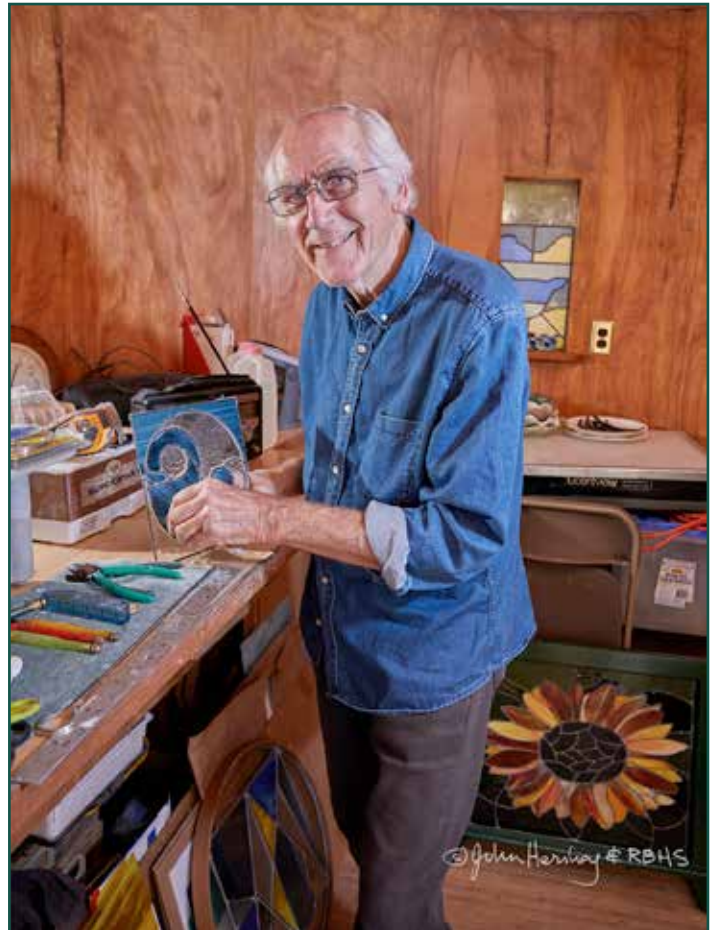
He was hired by The Ottawa Citizen newspaper (Canada) when 15 years old, he says, because he showed up promptly for the 6 AM interview. His interviewer was an 81 year old retired British Army major who did most of the talking because Adri's English was limited. He got the job as office boy on the night shift. Two years later he was promoted to reporter and the rewrite desk. By 1960 Adri was the youngest accredited reporter covering then President John F. Kennedy's visit to Canada.

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Thus was the start of Adri's award-winning career in communications and public relations with organizations including California Bankers Association, Bank of America, California Assembly Republican Caucus, Cunningham & Walsh Advertising and Public Relations Agency and the California Milk Advisory Board. The "California Happy Cows" campaign was his project as Communications Director and then CEO of the latter. Along the way he received a BA in Political Science from SF State University, helped raise a family with Waltrut, and acquired his US citizenship in 1979.

Adri retired in 2001 with a desire to undertake 3 specific hobbies; tap dancing, welding and creating stained glass. He tried them all yet it was the stained glass that ultimately appealed to him. He loves to cut glass and the more intricate the better. He can be found working in his studios (here and SF) creating special fine art pieces for friends and family. Adri also contributes his time to community organizations including Rancho Bodega Historical Society as past president and chair

of the 200-year anniversary celebration of Bodega Bay's historical Port Rumyantsev. The Bodega Bay community is quite fortunate to have such a talented and kind person as Adri Boudewyn. --June 2019 ■



A regular appearance in our quarterly newsletter, The Faces of Bodega Bay is a photojournalistic record of people in our town: school kids, surfers, shop owners, fishermen, restaurant workers; a whole gamut of people who live and work in Bodega Bay and help make it the wonderful community that it is. These "environmental portraits" portray the subjects in their natural environment, capturing their character and telling their story through their surroundings.

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