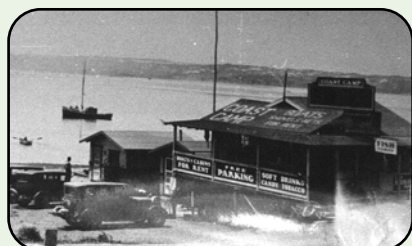


RANCHO BODEGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DID YOU KNOW? Coast Camp



Louie's Wharf was a commercial wharf. It is the site of the beginning of the Bodega Bay tourist industry, as early as 1926 with a refreshment stand, called "Coast Camp".

Louis Asman owned the wharf and started the party boat industry. Mitch and Wanda Zankich built the restaurant on the water after a 1960's fire.

The 'High Tides' on the right and the 'Low Tides' in the background, offered Bodega Bay visitors a choice of chowder and fishing ambiance in 1963.



For nearly a century, the Wharf at the Tides has served local fishermen. Today, Bugatto's-family business continues the tradition adding the famous restaurant, beautiful gift shop, Italian specialty & retail fish market and 76 gas station.

Annie Mary Katherine Bridget Theresa Murphy Springer

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One year ago, we joyfully celebrated the local Aries' birthdays at our local treasure, The Casino. Annie (Mary Katherine Bridget Theresa) Murphy Springer turned 87 on Apr. 13, last Easter weekend. She almost made it, by about a month, to her 88th birthday. Bold and fierce like her personality, she passed away suddenly on Mar. 10 from a very fast-acting leukemia.

Springer always loved gathering people together. Each year on her birthday weekend, she would have a potluck and insist on reverse gift-giving. She made a game of it, and everyone at her party would end up taking a gift home. She was actually planning her own "celebration of life" so she could participate in the festivities before she made her leave. Unfortunately, she was not able to stick around for this occasion.



Annie Springer is well-known in this community for her activism, organizational aid, legacy of Bodega's "Big Event," and much more. Her purple-tinted watercolor paintings are easily recognizable across the county, representing the Bodega area and beyond.

With the sad passing of Annie Murphy Springer we learned that her legacy extends beyond her wonderful art and passionate support of the Bodega community. RBHS was thrilled to learn that Annie left a financial legacy to the Rancho Bodega Historical Society. Her generous \$1,000 gift is so profoundly appreciated as an acknowledgment of the good work we do to further our mission to preserve and share the history of the Rancho Bodega area, as well as a challenge to use the funds in the best way possible to advance our mission. The RBHS Board welcomes suggestions of how Annie's gift can be used. Additionally, if you are interested in adding RBHS as a beneficiary of your estate plan and have questions about how this is arranged, please contact Robin Rudderow, RBHS@BodegaMoon.net. RBHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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Once the chief of the Bodega Volunteer Fire Department from 1979 to 1984, Springer helped the area through its worst-ever flood in January 1982 and remained a spokesperson for Bodega. She accomplished a lot in Northern California, working to create positive change in her communities. She retired into artistry. Throughout her life, she wore many different (purple) hats.

A fun fact about Springer is how her Irish temperament gained her honorary status with the Oakland Ramp Rats, the local motorcycle club, when she stood up to the Hells Angels gang that was threatening the minority community's efforts. She was a woman who fearlessly got what she wanted and stood up for what was right.

She was a near-lifetime neighbor who was ever-present, whimsical, artistic, playful, creative, and full of childlike joy. She is dearly missed by all of us who knew and loved her. Her artwork will undoubtedly be appreciated for countless years to come. By her side until the end was Diane Masura, who wrote a detailed obituary. You can find this and more at www.anniemurphyspringer.com.

My heart is heavy knowing Annie Springer has left us. She is done creating art, she will never again sing those boisterous tunes, she can't crack her suspenseful jokes, and her purple flair will dissipate. This loss will take time to process and recover from. We will remember her through memories and by looking at her beautiful artwork. She left quite a mark. ■

ANNIE MURPHY SPRINGER

All four grandparents from Tralee Ireland, Annie was born in Boston Massachusetts April 13, 1935. A graduate from Simmons College Boston in 1956, she taught a year in Goodland, Indiana while getting her Master's Degree from Purdue University in 1959. She obtained a life teaching credential from California Community College Hayward.

The Ford Foundation Model Project employed her as Program Developer for Native American, Black, and Hispanic community-based organizations. From 1968 to 1971 she was Training Chief for the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and traveled all western states including Hawaii and Alaska with the Model Cities Program.

She settled in Bodega California with her beloved husband David Springer in 1971, designing and building their house together by hand. In 1979 she became one of three women Fire Chiefs in the nation and served while teaching management courses at Sonoma State University and at the National Fire Academy in Maryland and co-authoring currently-used courses and textbooks.

Annie wasn't all work and no play, however. She had a long-standing friendship with Duke Ellington. After retirement she became known for her watercolors and watercolor classes and she created a video series on PBS called "The Wonders of Watercolor" demonstrating plenaire painting at local sites.

