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SERVING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO FOSTER INDEPENDENCE, DEFEND DIGNITY, AND REALIZE EACH PERSON'S FULL POTENTIAL

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE ON SCHEDULE!

Our drier than normal winter was good news to Tony DiGiorgio and the construction team working to complete The Cedars' Ross Campus renovation.

Framing has now reached the second floor and the roof is going up on the former Collins-Tappendorf Hall. Underground plumbing on the first floor has begun and the elevator pit is being constructed.

The estimated completion date for the entire project is September 1st with a grand opening celebration slated for the Fall.



HELP COMPLETE THE ROSS CAMPUS: *Buy a Paving Stone*



Attractive, customized bluestone pavers (\$500 each) surround the new Fountain of Cedars Life. These are available for a limited time only.

FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS, we've been renovating The Cedars' hundred-year old Ross campus. As we enter the final phase of the Campaign for the New Cedars, we invite everyone to join us in completing the finest facility of its kind in the nation. While few of us are able to dedicate a building, many of us are anxious to lend our support to this historic project that will benefit future generations of Cedars' residents.

HONORING OUR PAST • PAVING OUR FUTURE

By purchasing a (limited edition) bluestone marker for \$500 or a brick paving stone for \$100, you will commemorate our past and pave our future,

while honoring or memorializing a loved one or someone who has enhanced life at The Cedars of Marin.

The form to order your paving stone will be arriving in your mailbox. It's also available on our website, www.thecedarsofmarin.org. Please reserve your paving stone today and help us complete the Ross Campus.

PROFILES IN Spirit Tony Hyde

Featured at **Marin Open Studios, May 5 & 6**

Cedars resident Tony Hyde has been a working artist for 15 years and has recently been winning awards in local juried exhibitions. At the upcoming 14th annual Marin Open Studios, May 5th and 6th, 2007, Tony's vibrant mixed media artwork will be featured. His unique style has a tribal, atavistic feel with imaginative faces and creatures done in colored pencil, watercolor, and oil pastels.



The Cedars' Victory Center for Arts and Communications enables artists with developmental disabilities to find their artistic voice and vision and to share it with the greater community. Visit Victory Center, 2 Kensington Road in San Anselmo, to view the work of Tony Hyde and several other award-winning artists, May 5th or 6th, 11am to 6pm.

CEDARS' LEGACY CIRCLE MAKES ITS DEBUT

Nearly 50 years ago, when Hal Hyde and his family realized the extent of their son Tony's challenges, there were few places to turn for help. Because the Cedars of Marin has provided Tony with a good life and a loving home, the Hydés have named The Cedars of Marin as a beneficiary of their estate. Hal now chairs The Cedars' Legacy Circle, a group whose purpose is to raise awareness of and encourage planned giving to The Cedars.



Planned giving refers to the naming of a non-profit organization as beneficiary in wills, trusts, insurance policies and other such instruments. Hal, and others in the Legacy Circle, want to ensure that

other adults with developmental disabilities will be able to thrive at The Cedars as their loved ones have.

These days, Hal's son Tony has found a new sense of creative self-expression at The Cedars' Victory Center. Please read about his work at Marin Open Studios in the adjacent article.

We're honored to share the names of the first members of the Legacy Circle: Hal Hyde, Stuart Leeb, Bob and Margaret Sideroff, Jefferson Rice, Douglas Adams, David and Mary Barter, and Fred and Helen Schwartz.

To learn more about The Cedars' Legacy Circle and planned giving, please contact Hal at 831-722-3206 or halhyde@ucsc.edu.



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CEDARS Clients Teach THOUSANDS at FARM DAY

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, the University of California Cooperative Extension has organized Farm Day, where over 2500 students and teachers gather to learn about agriculture and natural resources in Marin County.



The Cedars of Marin's Textile Arts Center is a beloved participant in the annual Farm Day festivities, teaching everyone about natural fibers and the life cycle of textiles. This year's exhibit included flax plants, silk worms, and cocoons. Our angora rabbits made a big hit with the children and Jim Alpers and Nicole Lipton demonstrated how labor intensive it is to groom these bunnies. TAC's Cathy Crum carded wool to prepare it for the spinning process and Trudy Castle demonstrated spinning. Sheila Caramucci and Deborah Cooper

showed countless students and teachers how to weave, while Piper Curtis handed out TAC-made cotton bookmarks.

"It's an energizing day for everyone," said Connie Pelissero, Director of The Cedars' Textile Arts Center. "It's great to see our participants sharing their knowledge about textiles with all the students and teachers."

Creators of *Blackie: The Horse Who Stood Still* Visit Ross Campus

John Peterson was one of many Cedars' residents excited about the recent visit of (his former sister-in-law) Paige Peterson and Christopher Cerf, co-creators of the new children's book "Blackie: The Horse Who Stood Still". The heart-warming story about the beloved mascot of Tiburon tells the story of the horse who became a rodeo champion and a legendary environmental crusader, while devoting himself to standing still.



*In a pasture in Kansas one early spring morn
A horse quite unlike other horses was born.
His coat was coal black so they named the horse "Blackie,"
And before very long folks found out he was wacky!*

Chris Cerf, Sesame Street composer-lyricist and record and TV producer, wrote the biography-in-verse and Paige Peterson, designer and stylist, painted the lyrical illustrations. While visiting Cedars, Paige and Chris read from the book and delighted residents by singing funny songs.

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SAVE THESE DATES!

The first three weekends in May will be rockin' for Cedars' residents.

MAY 5 & 6 Marin Open Studios 11am to 6pm
The Cedars' Victory Center for Arts and Communications
2 Kensington Road, San Anselmo

MAY 12 Marin Human Race 8:30am
Awards ceremony 10am

Support The Cedars' Textile Arts Center
Marin Center Fairgrounds and Lagoon

MAY 19 North Coast Special Olympics
College of Marin
835 College Avenue, Kentfield

Cedars Family Assoc. meeting
12-1 pm, TB1 Bldg.

Easter Seals Spring Formal
6-10pm, Embassy Suites, San Rafael

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