

Update on Organ Blower Installation

Louis Patterson of Schoenstein Organ Builders has been to the church to survey the premises and take the measurements for the installation of the new blower motor in the room behind the Sanctuary. Timelines have been established for installing and updating the electrical elements. Jack Bethards, President of Schoenstein reports that the installation spot looks ideal and should work very well.

Based on the survey, the church received updated costs for the purchase of the motor. Obviously, there have been some price changes since last April, but we are still pretty close to the original quote. The delivery cost of the blower is now \$9,745. Schoenstein estimates the cost of installation at \$5,230. If they are able to do it for less, they will pass the savings on to us. The survey, which was quoted at \$650, only cost \$520. The electrical work will be done by Chris Reimer of Valley Electric and those costs are additional..

The blower is built to order and is now in the process of being manufactured. The blower, by the way, has two motors, one for basic pressure and one for a step up to the required high pressure. We have chosen a single phase model as we do not have three phase power in the building. The church has received written requirements for the new organ blower installation which includes space prepa-

ration and electrical specifications. Our electrician, Chris Reimer, in addition to receiving the written specifications, has been in telephone contact with Schoenstein for his part of the work.

The new blowers will be housed in a single enclosure 3'-6" wide by 3'-6" deep by 3'-0" tall that will be placed in the storage room behind the Sanctuary along the outside wall where the existing blower is located. A wind line will come out of this new enclosure, run parallel to this same wall and then go through a new opening in the floor and attach to the existing wind line. Once the new enclosure and blowers are in place, Schoenstein will coordinate with Reimer for the best location for the magnetic starters, disconnects and any other equipment in the room.

Schoenstein is tentatively scheduling the blower installation for the week of March 22 and will confirm this as the time gets closer. They anticipate two days at the church to complete the work.

Census 2010 Now Hiring

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census with pay starting at \$20/hour. To schedule an eligibility test call 866-861-2010. You may download an application form and other valuable information at www.2010censusjobs.gov. Brochures in Tam Hall.

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Sunday Morning:

9:00 a.m. "The Unexpected Word" Class, Foster Room
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Nursery Care for Infants & Toddlers, Nursery Program for Children in Preschool through Third Grade, Children gather in the Chapel
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Tamalpais Hall

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Thursday Lenten Book Discussion

During Lent you are invited to join the discussion of *Confessions of an Eco-Sinner: Tracking Down the Sources of My Stuff* by Fred Pearce. (Available in paperback at local bookstores and online.)

The first gathering was held February 21 with discussion on Chapters 1 through 11.

“People talk a lot about carbon footprints. But our personal footprints are much bigger than that. And they are social as well as ecological. The trouble is that in our charmed world we know little about what our footprints are. It all happens so far away. The people and the pollution that sustain us are invisible to us.

“ . . . My purpose in writing this book was to discover the hidden world that keeps us in the state we have become accustomed to . . . I have traveled the world to find out where the cotton in my shirt comes from, the coffee in my mug and the prawns in my curry, the computer on my desk and the phone in my hand . . . to find out who grows or mines or makes my stuff, and where it goes when I finish with it . . . to find out whether I should be ashamed of my purchases . . . or proud to have contributed to some local community . . .”

(Fred Pearce)

The group will meet in the **Foster Room at 7:30 p.m. two more times during Lent.**

Mar. 11: Chapters 12 through 20.

Mar. 25: Chapters 21 through 29.

You may read the book from cover to cover, or a few chapters from each part. Each chapter is a 5 to 10 page adventure to a corner of the world many of us have seen only briefly or never imagined. Come join the discussion on one, any or all dates.

Conversation: How to Start a Worm Bin

Worm bins provide a great way to reduce your household garbage and turn your food scraps into super soil. You can use the soil as fertilizer for your household plants, or for your vegetable or flower beds. Worm tea is also a by-product of the process, and is used as an organic fertilizer and foliar spray. Worm bins are simply a way to compost in miniature. They don't require pitchforks and muscle to turn a pile, and in general are much easier to create and manage than a compost pile.

Join Barbara Strader, on **Sunday, March 7, at 11:30 a.m. in Tamalpais Hall** for a conversation on the whys and hows of starting a worm bin. It's easier than you may think!

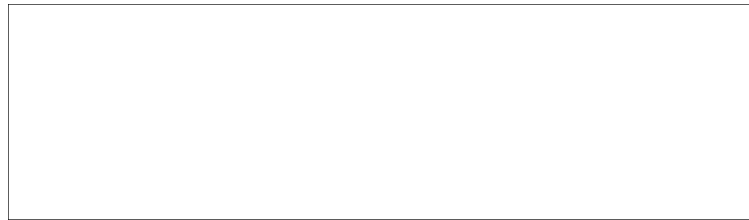
Barbara's love of gardening began at the knees of her British immigrant grandfather who cultivated a classic English flower and herb garden in his small backyard in suburban Detroit. During her annual two-week summer visits, she would follow him around the garden as he tilled the soil, grew asters, trimmed spent blossoms and told her stories inspired by the flower fairy illustrations of Cecily Mary Barker .

Barbara became a Marin Master Gardener in May 2009 after completing an extensive 18-week training course. Marin Master Gardeners focus their training and volunteer projects on the following principles: sustainable landscape practices, feeding our neighborhood and creating local food sources, as well as training people to promote youth gardening. There are a myriad of volunteer projects in the county in which Master Gardeners participate. Barbara particularly enjoys volunteering at the Novato Farmer's Market Information Stand and at the information Help Desk in the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) office in Novato, answering questions, researching and diagnosing plant problems, and giving horticultural assistance to home gardeners who phone, email or come in with plant questions and problems. This spring she is also a "Desk Tutor" for the new class of Master Gardener trainees.

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Upcoming Church Events

Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Discussion Group: Connections, Tamalpais Hall
“We must learn to . . . recognize the interconnectedness of all living creatures, and to respect the value of each thread in the vast web of life. This is a spiritual perspective, and it is the foundation of all Green politics” (Petra Kelly).
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary (Newcomers welcome)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
Child care for children 4 and under, Nursery
- 11:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, Tamalpais Hall. All are welcome.
- 11:30 a.m. Workshop: Conversation with Betty Young, Director of Native Plant Nurseries GGNRA
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

This Week

- Mon., Mar. 1, 4:30 p.m. Keneth Kiyija Task Force Meeting
- Wed., Mar. 3, 12 Noon Triple C Lunch and Program, John Norall

Coming

- Sun., Mar. 7, 9:00 a.m. Discussion Group: Food and Farming
“Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.” (Michael Pollan)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Third Sunday in Lent
- 11:30 a.m. Workshop: Conversation with Barbara Strader,
Creating a Worm Bin
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Carol Schmiedel
- Mon., Mar. 8, 12 Noon Of Good Report Newsletter Deadline
- Wed., Mar. 10, 11:45 a.m. Men’s Lunch, Moylan’s, Novato
- Thu., Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m. Lenten Book Discussion, Confessions of an Eco-Sinner: Tracking Down the Sources of My Stuff by Fred Pearce