

## Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing involvement!

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| <b>25 years</b> | <b>Madeline Rethmeyer</b> , Consumer Mediator, District Attorney's Office  |
| <b>18 years</b> | <b>Cynthia Wood</b> , Senior Peer Counselor, Health and Human Services (HHS)   |
| <b>17 years</b> | <b>Ralph Lunan</b> , Office of Emergency Services Aide, Sheriff  |
| <b>12 years</b> | <b>Alfred Ardelle</b> , Patient Advocate, HHS; <b>Virginia Dziomba</b> , Patient Advocate, HHS   |
| <b>11 years</b> | <b>Bob Deutsch</b> , Patient Advocate, HHS   |
| <b>10 years</b> | <b>Leslie Miller</b> , <i>Frankly Speaking</i> Proofreader, HR; <b>John Sullivan</b> , Marine Patrol, Sheriff; <b>David Williams</b> , Docent, Civic Center Library  |
| <b>9 years</b>  | <b>Mary Melissa Grafflin</b> , Tutor, Juvenile Hall, Probation Department  |
| <b>8 years</b>  | <b>Catherine Gowdy</b> , Docent, Civic Center Library  |
| <b>4 years</b>  | <b>Bob Crankshaw</b> , Tour Docent, Cultural Services; <b>Gyanne Enquist</b> , Assistant, Inverness Library; <b>Owen Henry</b> , Intern, Community Development Agency; <b>Stephen Shimm</b> , Library Beyond Walls Researcher, Point Reyes Library   |
| <b>3 years</b>  | <b>Albert C. Burnham</b> , Mediator, DA; <b>Kevin Cushing</b> , Shelver, Novato Library; <b>Marie Fitzgerald</b> , Administrative Assistant, HR; <b>Ken Gosliner</b> , Mediator, DA; <b>Joan Gosliner</b> , Mediator, DA; <b>Lynn Merlo</b> , Children's Library Aide, Civic Center Library; <b>Susan Orma</b> , Receptionist, Legal Self Help Center; <b>Charles James Wallace</b> , Mediator, DA; <b>Belinda Zell</b> , Shelver, Stinson Beach Library |
| <b>2 years</b>  | <b>Don McMurtry</b> , Shelver, Corte Madera Library; <b>Vince Simpson</b> , Bailiff, Superior Court  |
| <b>1 year</b>   | <b>Jennifer Crumb</b> , Office Aide, HHS; <b>Liz Robertson</b> , Event Coordinator, HR; <b>Sangeetha Sridhar</b> , Tutor, Novato Library; <b>Duy Vu</b> , Mental Health Intern, HHS  |



### Volunteer Notes

#### Calling All Crafters

Are you a creative crafter? Civic Center volunteers and student interns are invited to be vendors at the county's Employee Craft Fair Thursday, November 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Café. Crafters must make their own wares. Space is limited, so registration is first-come, first-served. To apply, e-mail fair coordinator Liz Robertson: [LRobertson@marincounty.org](mailto:LRobertson@marincounty.org). The Board of Supervisors is sponsoring the annual fair.

#### Report Time Online!

Leave paper timesheets behind! See Page 2 for how to report your hours online.

#### Holiday

County offices will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

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# The Volunteer View

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## Monica Fabio's organizational skills benefit two county commissions



Monica Fabio

**Monica Fabio** began serving as an administrative aide intern with the Human Resources Department's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) division in November 2012. After completing her academic internship, she has continued to volunteer. Her efforts help both the Human Rights and Marin Women's commissions, which receive staff support from the EEO division. "I assisted with the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards dinner, the Teen Girls Conference, and the Women and Money Conference," she said.

Monica applies her organizational skills to update commission websites, create flyers, keep guest lists, and collect ticket payments. She also assists during commission events, which engage and inform hundreds of community residents. She values the opportunity to "gain experience in a professional setting."

During her internship, she served 20 hours a month while earning college credit at Dominican University. She graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology and plans to apply to graduate school next year. Monica said, "This past year I worked closely with one of my professors to create and conduct my first research project. This gave me the confidence to pursue graduate school. The hardest part of getting a PhD is writing a dissertation; the research experience was training in order to accomplish my goals."

A member of Psi Chi, an international honor society for psychology students, she was honored to present her senior thesis, "Burnout as It Relates to Degree of Life Satisfaction, Perceived Stress and Perceptions of Professional Success," at an academic showcase at Dominican. She also presented at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research at the University of Wisconsin and at the Western Psychological Association's annual conference in Reno, NV.

Her supervisor is EEO Senior Secretary **Jaime Powell**. "Monica is an invaluable volunteer," Jaime said. "Her assignment includes a wide variety of tasks. What makes Monica such an asset is that she is willing to learn anything. She isn't afraid to dive into any task, whether big or small. She is extremely bright yet never too proud to ask questions. Monica's dedication is evident and her continuous positive attitude is contagious. She is an amazing volunteer!"

By Barbara Webb

## Who's New & Welcome

**Jessica Phillips**, Grant Writer Intern, Marin Housing Authority  
**Christina Lutz**, Attorney, DA's Office  
**Christopher Rodgers**, Juvenile Hall Tutor, Probation Department  
**Jonathan Fisher**, Shelver, Inverness Library  
**Edward Molnar**, Technical Writer Intern, Department of Public Works  
**Alissa Gay**, Investigative Aide Intern, DA's Office

**Jasmine Carver**, Epidemiology Intern, HHS  
**Sarah Shepherd**, Shelver, Fairfax Library  
**Julie Anne Sajewski**, Shelver, Novato Library  
**Daniel Johnson**, Court Processing Assistant, Courts  
**Anh Trong Ho**, Shelver, Marin City Library  
**Ricardo Garcia**, Shelver, Novato Library  
**Russell Wirth**, Legal Support Intern, DA's Office  
**Matthew Friedman**, Legal Support Intern, County Counsel's Office

### It's time: Report your service hours online!

Civic Center volunteers and student interns who have signed up in our new software system may now report service hours directly to the system.

Here's how to get started: Go online to <https://ec.volunteernow.com/custom/1433>. Log in with the User ID and password you created earlier. Then follow the four steps below. **Please note:** To use the system to report your volunteer or internship hours, two things must be in place. You must have created a User ID and password and filled in the mandatory fields AND our staff must have connected your profile to your current assignment(s). If you have trouble or a question, please e-mail [AERola@marincounty.org](mailto:AERola@marincounty.org) or call us at 415-473-7407 during business hours. Thank you for contributing your time and skills!

**STEP 1**  
**Log in with your User ID and password.**

**STEP 2**  
**Select Report Service/Hours.**

**STEP 3**  
**Do you have more than one assignment? They should be listed in the drop-down menu. Click on the assignment for which you wish to enter time. If the box is blank, call us: 473-7407.**

**STEP 4**  
**Record hours for each day you served. Click OK. That's it! You may sign in and report as often as you like. At the minimum, be sure to fill in your hours at the end of each month. No hours for a particular month? Report zero, please.**

## Marian Blue serves from SoCal as electronic services intern



Marian Blue

Using technology, Civic Center Student Intern **Marian Blue** serves the Marin County Free Library from 500 miles away. Marian is interested in everything related to libraries. She will earn her master's degree in library and information sciences from San Jose State University this fall. For academic credit, "I volun-

teered nine hours a week in the technical services division," she said. "It was a great way to gain experience and an opportunity to learn what an electronic services librarian does. Though it was a virtual experience, I was part of the team that oversees all aspects of library and computer services, including support for the automated library system."

Working online, Marian helped develop and implement several projects, including the library website and a staff site. She also developed training materials for staff and publicity for patrons. "It's been one of the best professional experiences I've had," Marian said. "I've created web pages for the summer reading program, produced video tutorials on e-book checkout, edited staff

materials, and posted the summer reading reviews."

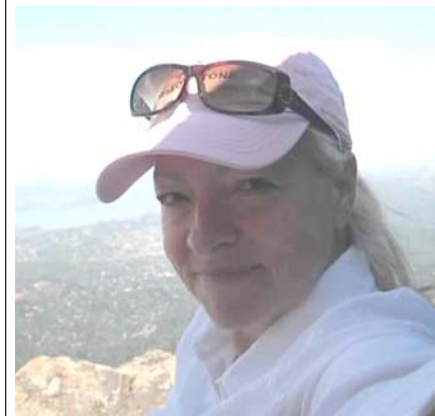
Marian's academic internship was completed in May, and she continues to serve. Marian lives with her husband and three children in Oceanside.

Her supervisor is **Amanda Jacobs Foust**, the county's electronic services librarian, "who has taught me how best to use my education and skills. She is really great to work with," Marian said.

Amanda said, "Marian is enthusiastic and consistently delivers high-quality work that provides patrons with increased access services. It is truly a pleasure to continue to work with her."

By Barbara Webb

## Colleen Fulkerson finds serenity in fire lookout duty



Colleen Fulkerson

Volunteering atop Marin mountains provides Civic Center Volunteer **Colleen Fulkerson** a peaceful balance to her demanding career as a legal assistant. Since 2009, she has spent one weekend a month during fire season as a Marin County Fire Department lookout.

During a weekend volunteer shift,

Colleen watches for fire from a high perch. Lookout towers are on Mt. Tamalpais and Mt. Dixon. Using a special tool called an Osbourne Fire Finder, she constantly scans for smoke columns. Twice a day she checks the air temperature, wind direction, wind speed, and general conditions, then radios the information to the fire dispatch center at the Woodacre Fire Station.

"I have found peace and beauty on these weekends," said Colleen, who considers her mountaintop weekends a private retreat. During off-duty hours, she washes the lookout windows, reads, listens to classical music, and hikes the mountaintop. She stays in contact with her supervisor, Fire Engineer **Don Keylon**, via phone and e-mail.

"Colleen does her job plus a little

more," said Don, who coordinates the lookout team. "She leads the way and raises the bar."

Colleen lives in Antioch. She has seven children -- and 12 grandchildren, ages 3 through 17.

Growing up in Idaho, Colleen hiked and camped with her family. "I saw fire towers there and was always fascinated by them," she said. "When I saw the volunteer lookout opportunity online, it seemed a natural fit." She has visited Peru, India, and Nepal and looks forward to more travel with her significant other, Wendell Pells. They love the outdoors and most recently hiked in Zion National Park. Her favorite hike continues to be a spot in the Yellowstone back country.

By Shirley Trimble